



OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH

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December 29, 2024
Feast of the Holy Family

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 28

4:00 PM - Mass +Brenda Marie Garber

Sunday, December 29

10:30 AM - Mass +Paul Metrocavage

+Alma and +Gerard Haile

Members of Our Lady of Hope and
St. Patrick Parishes

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 AM - Mass - Members of Our Lady of Hope and
St. Patrick Parishes

Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM - Mass +Bernice, +Benjamin and +Victor
Hynoski

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM - Mass +Ramona and +Paul Wislock
11:00 AM - +Robert Searls

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM @ Mother Cabrini
Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM @ St. Patrick

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 6:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church
Holy Day: 12:00 PM - OLOH Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15PM to 3:45 PM

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Call the parish Office

Our Lady of Hope Staff

Friar Nicholas Spano, OFM Conv.....Pastor of Our Lady of Hope
Friar Timothy Geiger, OFM Conv.....Parochial Vicar
Deacon Bob Wislock.....Pastoral Associate
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Mary Gillam.....Religious Education
Brady Collins.....Custodian
Bonnie Bailey.....Custodian
Tom Golumbfskie.....Custodian
Daniel Thomas.....Music Director



Holy Hour

Wednesdays
12:00 Noon

Holy Spirit Chapel

In the Parish Office Building
863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township



Ministers Schedule

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 AM

Lector: K Wislock

Minister: Deacon

Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM

Lector: T Golumbfskie

Minister: Deacon

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM

Lector: P Sosnoskie

E Minister: C Sosnoskie

10:30 AM

Lector: B Leonhardt

Minister: Deacon

God's Plan for Giving

12/15/2024

Offertory Collection \$3728.00

12/09/24/ - 12/15/24 Online Giving - \$703.55

\$4807 is needed each week to meet our \$250,000 Offertory budget for the year. Our Offertory collection for 12/01/24 was \$375.45 under budget.



Religious Education

Religious Education Class will resume on Sunday, January 5 at 9:45 AM in the Parish Center



St. Anthony Candle

Special Intention



Infant of Prague Candle

Special Intention



In Loving Memory

+Dorothy Balchunas

By

Diane Kovack

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for all who are sick, hospitalized, or undergoing medical tests especially:

Connie Yucha, Gene Snyder, Christine Noll, Mike Noll, Chris Zalewski, Jake Ozga, Francis Koczur, Kim Plasters, Victor Sassani Jr., Shelly Little, Rosemary Rogowsky, Ramona Cambria, Patti (Hoffman) Pantalone, Brian Shaffer, Jack Dougherty, Sue Zarski, Don Blessing, Lorretta Buggy, Shawn Minnier, Mike Orleski, Cassie Bennett, Jay McAndrew, Marie Kosmer, Kathy Lenig, Debbie Christian, Gary Snyder, Vincent Makowski, Courtney Shirmer, Thomas Purcell, Lottie Reiprish, Sharon Eby Johnson, Al Zawalick, Ryker Lenker, Mike Wehr, Joanne Scotko, Patty Bohaczyk, Sue Berger, Linda Venn, Vince Wargo, Randy Taylor, Mike Deptula, Michael Tetkoskie, Kathy Hoffman, Pamela Siren, Lorraine Schenewerk, Debra Heitzman, Peggy Snyder, Darrell, Kenny Arbogast, Eddie Linkus, Raymond Varney, Corey Sosnoskie, Dixie Reed-Kovack, Aubrey Rutkowski, Elizabeth Hudson, Sherry Dampman, Hilda Valenskie, Noah Fletcher and Jake Temple.

To submit the name of an individual in need of prayers for the bulletin prayer list, please call Rose at 570-648-4432, or email at rzawalick@hbgdiocese.org.



Christmas Office Hours



Our Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1 for the Christmas Holiday. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2 at 9:00 am.

Holiday Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 31 - 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Hope

Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00 AM

Matthew 25 Collection

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 Matthew 25 collection with their financial gifts and spiritual support. Because of the remarkable support from the faithful, more than \$375,000 in donations have been collected by the Diocese! Our parish retains 25% of what was given by our parishioners to use for food, clothing, and shelter needs here at the parish. The remainder is awarded to community organizations throughout the Diocese to be used for their efforts to eliminate hunger, provide clothing for those in need, and offer shelter to those who face homelessness. To learn more about the collection or to make a gift to the Matthew 25 collection, please go to <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/giving/matthew25/>.

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Happy New Year!

Deacon's Corner

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This Sunday, December 29, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. On this feast day, we offer our families to God for His blessing and His protection. The Holy Family provides a beautiful example to inspire and encourage us in our daily life.

As the "domestic church," we look to the Holy Family as a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted one another as God's gifts, and raised their Son in human and divine wisdom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds all parents that we have a **responsibility to give good examples to our children as the Holy family did, by creating a home where love, tenderness, forgiveness, respect, and service are the rule (CCC, 2223).**

On this day, may we pray for God's grace to care for one another in our families, and for our parish family, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen. (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 325)

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Through the Mass, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based program, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their significance. This study of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for the Holy Eucharist.

Program dates: Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Snow date: April 8 if needed

Place: Our Lady of Hope Hall, 863 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township

Time: 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Cost: \$15 includes textbook and workbook; checks made payable to Our Lady of Hope

Facilitator: Deacon Bob Wislock

Register: Visit or call Our Lady of Hope (570-648-4432) or St. Patrick (570)797-8251) parish offices Monday – Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm. The deadline to register is Tuesday, January 14.

Thank you to Henry Sherupski for his \$5000 donation in memory of his wife Mary Lou.

Jubilee Year

The year 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, as proclaimed by Pope Francis. A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

On December 29 2024, the Diocese of Harrisburg will hold a special opening Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Attendees will gather at the St. Lawrence Chapel and process to the Cathedral for Mass.

Jubilee Indulgence: Special graces for the forgiveness of sins are made available during the Jubilee Year. The faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence – remission of all temporal punishment (time in Purgatory) for sin– by meeting the normal conditions (confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions, and no attachment to sin) and by participating in one of the following activities:

- **Pilgrimages:** The four major basilicas in Rome are the main pilgrimage destinations, but pilgrims may also go to the Holy Land, their diocesan cathedral or other officially designated locations.
- **Pious visits to sacred places:** At these locations, the faithful are to engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, among other spiritual practices.
- **Works of mercy and penance:** The faithful are to perform the spiritual or corporal works of mercy or carry out works of penance, such as abstaining from meat on Fridays.
- **Holy Doors:** The pope opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the beginning of each jubilee year. Passing through the holy doors symbolizes the pilgrim's journey of conversion.
- **Papal Basilicas:** The pope will open the Holy Doors of the four main churches (called "major basilicas") in Rome: St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.

Our Lady of Hope Church has been designated as an official destination to visit for obtaining the Plenary

Evangelization Meeting

Our next Evangelization Meeting will be held on January 7 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Come join our team and bring your ideas!



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