



***Holy Name of Jesus Parish
and Holy Rosary Parish
Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús
y la Parroquia del Santo Rosario***



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

213 W. Green St.
West Hazelton, PA 18202
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 12:00 PM Spanish

No Set Office Hours

Please leave a message and it will be returned ASAP

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

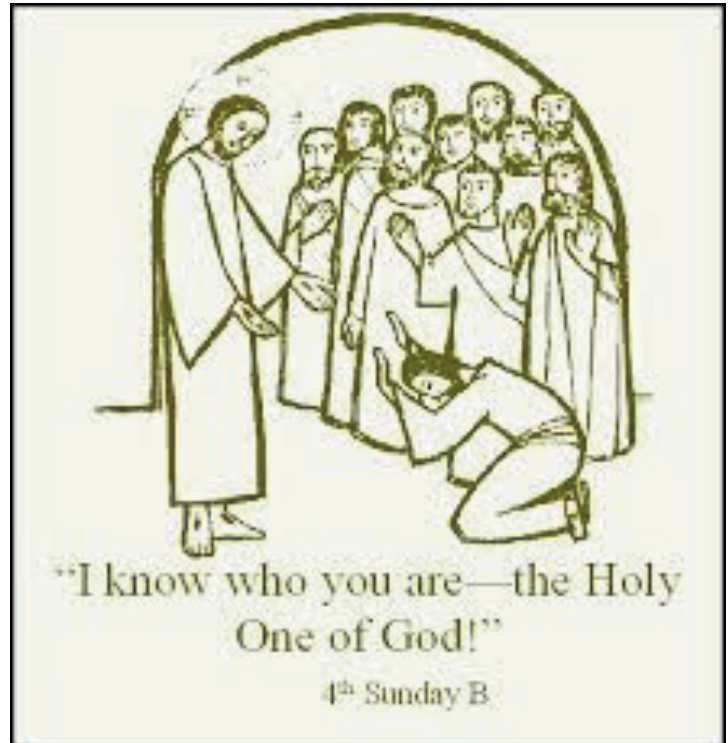
Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Weekday;
Tues, Wed, Thus, Fri 12:10 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Thurs. 9 am—5 pm

Our Mission

We, the community of Holy Rosary and Holy Name of Jesus Parishes, are committed through our Baptism to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our own times and place. As God's family, we are committed to living the Gospel through the celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments, faithfully presenting and living the teachings of the Church, and to love as Jesus loved, especially in regard to the poor, the needy and the troubled.



Parish Clergy

Deacon Vincent M. Oberto

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Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Sergio Leon Pamplona Henao

St Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Dear Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish,

Dear Parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish,

It is with great admiration that I address this letter to each of you who make up the parish communities of Holy Name of Jesus and Holy Rosary. I thank you for your commitment to live the Gospel of Jesus, and for your willingness to serve your brothers and sisters as generously as you have for many years.

I write today to inform you that your pastor, Reverend J. Duane Gavitt, recently requested – and upon the advice of medical professionals, I have granted – an early retirement due to reasons of health. Father Gavitt has generously served many parish communities in the Diocese of Scranton over his 40 years in ministry and I am so thankful for his leadership, pastoral presence, and faithful service. While his retirement might seem unexpectedly abrupt, I ask that you join me in praying for Father Gavitt in the weeks and months ahead.

Please also know that I have been praying for both of your parish communities. Over the last several years, I know you have had several pastoral changes and that is always difficult. As you are aware, for the last several years, our diocese has engaged in the *Vision 2030 Pastoral Planning Process* to address many priority drivers that are impacting our parishes, always with the goal of supporting and sustaining vibrant parishes. It is in this context that prayerful consideration has been given to all possible pastoral leadership responses for Holy Name of Jesus and Holy Rosary parishes.

Realizing that the appointment of a full-time Pastor is not currently possible, further exploration has been made into the possibilities which can best affirm the unique identity of your parishes and best position your communities to continue to grow and develop in the ways that you feel called.

One model of pastoral leadership which we have successfully adopted now in at least five parish communities over the last decade presents itself as a response well-suited to your parishes. When there is an insufficient number of priests to serve every parish individually, Church law allows a Bishop to appoint a person other than a priest to provide the primary leadership in a parish and to attend to the pastoral care of the community. The “Parish Life Coordinator” model of parish leadership allows for a deacon, vowed religious, or lay person to serve in this capacity, while a priest is also appointed to serve as the Sacramental Minister.

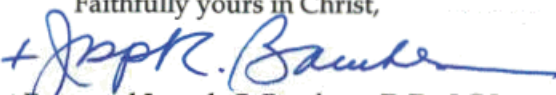
After careful consideration, consultation with my Administrative team, and interviews with all persons directly involved, I am making the following appointments for the pastoral leadership and sacramental life of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and Holy Rosary Parish:

- Deacon Vincent M. Oberto, Parish Life Coordinator
- Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Sacramental Minister
- Rev. Michael J. Piccola, Priest Moderator

Deacon Oberto has faithfully served the Church for nearly a decade – and I have every confidence that he will be able to help your parishes build up God’s Kingdom in the greater Hazleton area. For more information on the roles and responsibilities of a Parish Life Coordinator, I encourage you to read the information sheet provided along with this letter.

I look forward to joining with your parish communities for the celebration of Mass on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, and 5:15 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, for the Installation of Deacon Oberto as your Parish Life Coordinator.

May God continue to bless Holy Name of Jesus Parish and Holy Rosary Parish and each one of you!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



New Pastoral Ministry Team

**Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton
& Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton**
Effective Jan. 27, 2024



PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR **Deacon Vincent M. Oberto**

Deacon Oberto is a familiar face to the faithful of both of our parishes. In 2015, upon his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, Deacon Oberto first began serving the Holy Rosary Parish community in Hazleton, and later expanded his assignment to serve the Holy Name of Jesus Parish community in West Hazleton upon the linkage of our parishes.

Deacon Oberto and his wife, Susan, live in Drums. He is thankful to Bishop Bambera for the opportunity to serve our parishes in this expanded role and looks forward to collaborating with the laity to build up God's Kingdom.

The Code of Canon Law recognizes that there exist parish situations in which the ministry of a permanent pastor may not be possible. Canon 517 §2 states that, because of a lack of priests, a Diocesan bishop may entrust the pastoral care of a parish to a deacon or some other person who is not a priest. Recognizing that the administration of the Sacraments requires the ministry of an ordained priest, a Priest Moderator is assigned to work in cooperation with the Parish Life Coordinator.

The roles and responsibilities of the **Parish Life Coordinator** include:

Ministry of Word (Proclamation and Teaching; Religious Formation and Evangelization)

- Facilitates lifelong faith formation, in collaboration with parish catechetical leaders
- Supports the full implementation of the processes for Christian Initiation, evangelization outreach and religious education for Sacramental preparation
- Provides leadership for spiritual growth and renewal through opportunities as retreats, faith-sharing groups, and community prayer

Ministry of Worship (Prayer, liturgy, Sacramental preparation and follow-up)

- Assists in planning and coordinating weekly liturgies, in collaboration with the Sacramental minister, including the training and scheduling of liturgical ministers
- Provides regular pastoral leadership presence at Sunday parish liturgies
- Deacon Oberto, as an ordained minister, serving as a Parish Life Coordinator, has the ability to regularly preach the Word of God at Mass, serve as an ordinary minister of baptism, witness marriages and preside at Christian burials
- Coordinates the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments according to Diocesan guidelines

Ministry of Service (Outreach and Social Concerns; Social Justice Formation)

- Oversees visitation of parishioners who are sick, homebound, persons in distress and new families
- Provides guidance, support, and referrals as needed for persons seeking assistance with moral issues or personal decisions
- Fosters formation for social justice and call the community to social action
- Monitors implementation of all Diocesan policies and practices regarding Safe Environments

Ministry of Community (Welcome and Inclusivity; Building Community Life)

- Provides ministry of personal presence to the parish and local community
- Promotes family-friendly community building activities and a welcoming spirit among staff, volunteers and parishioners
- Collaborates with ecumenical and civic groups

Ministry of Administration and Leadership

- Hires and supervises parish staff; motivates, screens and prepares volunteer ministers
- Oversees management of parish operations, buildings and grounds
- Works with Parish Finance and Parish Pastoral Councils to support the parish mission
- Facilitates effective communication through all appropriate media

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PAROCHIAL VICAR (ASSISTANT PASTOR)

Rev. Sergio Leon Pamplona Henao

Father Sergio will serve as **Parochial Vicar** (Assistant Pastor) for Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, and Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton. He began serving in the Diocese of Scranton in 2023. He was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Medellin, Colombia where he had previously served as Pastor of Our Lady Consolatrix of Carpinello Parish from 2011 to 2020.

Prior to arriving in the Hazleton area, Father Sergio was living at Saint Matthew Parish in East Stroudsburg and ministering to the Spanish-speaking community in the Poconos.

In order to facilitate Hispanic ministry programs and planning for Deanery, Father Sergio will be residing at Annunciation Parish in Hazleton.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER

Rev. Connell A. McHugh

Father Connell McHugh will serve as **Sacramental Minister** for Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, and Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton. A Sacramental Minister is a priest who assists a parish by celebrating Mass, sacraments and providing other designated priestly ministry in collaboration with the Parish Life Coordinator and Priest Moderator.

Working in collaboration with the Parish Life Coordinator and Priest Moderator, the responsibilities of the Sacramental Minister include:

- Providing for liturgical and sacramental needs of the parish communities
- Working with parish liturgy leaders in planning and conducting liturgies
- Providing the ministry of personal presence and hospitality

Father McHugh is the Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd Parish, Drums, having served that community for more than a decade as both Pastor and Assistant Pastor. A native of Hazleton, Father McHugh was ordained to the priesthood in 1972 and has served many other parish communities, including Scranton, Dunmore, White Haven, West Hazleton, and Conyngham.



PRIEST MODERATOR

Rev. Michael J. Piccola

Father Michael J. Piccola will serve as **Priest Moderator** for Holy Name of Jesus Parish, West Hazleton, and Holy Rosary Parish, Hazleton. A Priest Moderator is a priest appointed with the powers and faculties of a pastor to supervise pastoral care provided to a parish by a Parish Life Coordinator in accordance with Canon Law.

Working in collaboration with the Parish Life Coordinator and Sacramental Minister, the responsibilities of the Priest Moderator include:

- Meeting regularly with the Parish Life Coordinator to ensure adequate familiarity with the life of the parishes and to discuss any needs
- Ensure implementation of all relevant Diocesan directives and church teachings
- Represent the parish in juridical and canonical affairs, in collaboration with the Parish Life Coordinator

Father Piccola has been serving as pastor of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Hazleton, since July 2010, and is also currently serving as Dean of the Hazleton Deanery. A native of Hazleton, Father Piccola was ordained to the priesthood in 1978 and has served many parish communities, including Drums, West Pittston, Harding, and has extensive experience in education, having served as principal of Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston for six years, in addition to other Catholic schools in Towanda and Carbondale.



Spanish Mass
7:00 PM
Thursday &
12:00 PM
Sunday's Holy
Name of Jesus

Miraculous
 Medal Novena
 HR Tuesdays
 after Mass &
 Saturdays
 before Mass
 HNJ.

The Rosary
will be said
Wednesdays
at Holy
Rosary in the
Chapel at
6:00 PM



Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Holy Rosary

Saturday 3:30 AM - 3:50 PM

Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday 3:30 PM - 3:50 PM

Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK 

Tue	Jan. 30	12:05 PM	HR	Violet Nicholas by Joe & Rosemary Zanolini
Wed	Jan. 31	12:05 PM	HR	Judy Tomaino by Mike & Joan Brugger
Thu	Feb. 1,	12:05 PM	HR	Stephanie Karmonick by M/M Matthew Lazar & Family
Thu	Feb. 1,	7:00 PM	HNJ	Spanish—Enferma by Mervin Urena
Fri	Feb. 2	12:05 PM	HR	In Honor of Martin Carreras by Lew & Cece Correale
Sat	Feb. 3	4:00 PM	HNJ	Michael Novitsky by Alberto Saulo
Sat	Feb. 3	4:00 PM	HR	Brandon Cann by M/M Joe Wargo & Son
Sun	Feb. 4	9:00 PM	HR	Loretta Cherasaro by Nieces & Nephews
Sun	Feb. 4	10:00 PM	HNJ	Veronica Monoski
Sun	Feb. 4	11:00 PM	HR	Adam & Angeline Sabatella by Joan, Corinne & Jim Sabatella
Sun	Feb. 4	12:00 PM	HNJ	Spanish—Difuntos by Soila Garcia

Holy Rosary 50/50 Rolling Raffle

(Drawings are held Tuesdays)

The winning number drawn on Tues Jan. 16th was 402, the winner won \$1,822.50

Sanctuary Candles at Holy Rosary
for the week of Jan. 29 to Feb. 4

IMO Sr Joan Marie Cherasaro
 IMO Caqrl Paltjon by M/M Richard Smith
 IMO Dennis Seburn by Sisters-in-law
 IMO Diane M Cherasaro by Sisters-in-law
 IMO Adam & Angeline Sabatella by Joan
 Corinne & Jimmy

Hosts and Wine at Holy Name of Jesus

Intention	IHO Bob & Florence Nauses 64th Wedding Anniversary
Offered By	
Sanctuary	Candles—August
Intention	IMO George & Lottie Bunk
Offered By	Children

Mass Attendance

Jan 20-21

4:00 PM HNJ	71
4:00 PM HR	153
9:00 AM HR	103
10:00 AM HNJ	59
11:00 AM HR	127
12 PM HNJ	No Mass
(Spanish)	

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