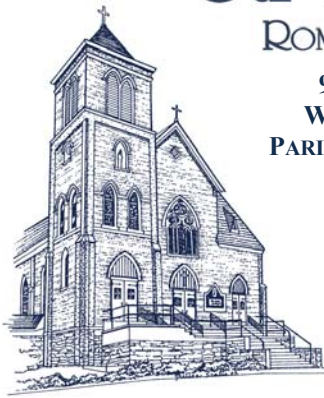




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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday:	4:00 pm	Our Lady of Hope (<i>Confessions 3-3:30</i>)
	6:00 pm	Chapel of the Assumption (<i>summer schedule</i>)
Sunday:	9:00 am	St. Ann's (<i>Confessions 8-8:45</i>)
	11:00 am	Our Lady of Hope
Weekdays:	9:00 am	Our Lady of Hope (<i>Monday—Friday except Wednesday</i>)
	6:00 pm	St. Ann's (<i>Wednesday</i>)



Eucharistic Adoration: St. Ann's: Sun. 10:15am-6pm; OLH: Mon. 8am-Tue. 11:00pm, Wed. 8am-10pm, Thu. 8am-Fri. 6pm; and before Masses. **Devotions:** The Holy Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, 30 minutes before all Masses.

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The sacrament of God's loving mercy, healing and sanctification: Mon.-Fri. (except Wed.) 8:00-8:30 am

(Our Lady of Hope) & after Mass

Wed., 5:00-6:00, 6:30-7:00 pm (St. Ann's, before & after Mass)

Fri., 3:00-5:45 pm (Our Lady of Hope)

Sat. 3:00-3:30 pm (Our Lady of Hope)

Sun., (St. Ann's) 8:00-8:50 am, 3:00-5:30 pm

(Also available after weekday Masses and by appointment)

Baptism

Usually scheduled for midday on Sundays. Please see Father to schedule an appointment for a simple preparation program.

Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate this sacrament are kindly asked to see Father after Mass at least six months prior to the proposed date so that initial interviews & sacramental preparations can be made.

Anointing of the Sick

Please see Father after Mass if you are expecting to undergo surgery or are seriously ill so that we might gently & prayerfully celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

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If you would like to discern a priestly or religious vocation, please call Father's residence. Also see: www.AlbanyVocations.org



CHAPEL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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PASTORAL REFLECTION

Jesus breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (John 20:22-23)

On this Sunday, 50 days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost, the day that Christ in heaven pours out the Holy Spirit abundantly into the hearts of believers; as St. Paul says, “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5) And “because we are dead or at least wounded through sin, the first effect of the gift of love is the forgiveness of our sins.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 734) So before Jesus pours out His Holy Spirit on the Church (His “Body”) He first breathes the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, the “Head” of the Body, so that they can be His instruments of forgiveness, healing, and revitalization of the wounded (and even dead) members of the Body of Christ.

This healing takes place at Baptism and, for sins committed after Baptism, sacramental Reconciliation and Penance (confession). The pouring out of the Holy Spirit happens especially during the sacrament of Confirmation, which roots a person more deeply into Christ and into His Body, the Church. Confirmation roots us more deeply in being children of God who cry out to Him as our Father, and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us, such that we receive a special strength to spread and defend the Christian faith by word and action, being unafraid to speak boldly and publicly the holy name of Jesus and never to be ashamed of His Cross. (CCC 1303)

On that note, it is timely that our Bishop has just written a letter that reinstates the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, beginning on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (the Masses on June 5-6 for that Sunday; please see the letter included in this bulletin or at the weblink from the RCDA.org homepage). There is still a dispensation (exemption) for those “who are sick or who are at risk, or who care for those who are sick or at risk, or those who experience a significant anxiety or fear of getting sick from being in a public setting.” Let’s pray that our people may return to the Lord for the forgiveness of their sins and to the Holy Mass, for the great gift of receiving His Body and Blood as divine food, which unites us to God and makes us holy as the Lord our God is holy.

Peace in Jesus
through Mary,

Fr. Rudolph R. Jones

“Today, the majesty of God is surrounding me...I am thoroughly enwrapped in God. My soul is being inflamed by His love. I only know that I love and am loved. That is enough for me. I am trying my best to be faithful throughout the day to the Holy Spirit and to fulfill His demands. I am trying my best for interior silence in order to be able to hear His voice.” (Saint Faustina, Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul, n. 1828, her last entry into the Diary, shortly before her death)



SUNDAY MASS SHOWN “LIVE-STREAMED”

The Holy Mass is shown “live-streamed” online on our [YouTube channel](#) and our [Facebook group page](#) (see olhstann.org) on Sundays at 9:00 am.

WEEKLY CONFESSION QUOTATION



“The devil does not bring sinners to hell with their eyes open: he first blinds them with the malice of their own sins. Before we fall into sin, the enemy labors to blind us, that we may not see the evil we do and the ruin we bring upon ourselves by offending God. After we commit sin, he seeks to make us dumb, that, through shame, we may conceal our guilt in confession.” -St. Alphonsus Liguori

Please see front cover for times of healing.

WEEKLY ADORATION QUOTATION



“When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength.” -St. Mother Teresa

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OUR ADORERS’ TESTIMONIES

“I began going to Adoration because it is just a small way of giving back for all the blessings I have received. I could never do enough. I love my God with all my heart and soul.”

GOSPEL READING: MAY 23, 2021 PENTECOST SUNDAY

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:19-23)

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you always: the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, since it neither sees him or recognizes him; but you can recognize him because he remains with you and will be within you." John 14:16-17



For Divorced Catholics

Catholics who are divorced and remarried are encouraged to worship God at Mass on a weekly basis and to participate in parish life. If they are living a chaste life, they can also receive the sacraments, such as Penance and Holy Communion. They are invited to meet with their parish priest who desires to help and guide them in living their Christian life. Please call Father Torres at the parish or chat with him after any Mass to make an appointment.

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The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

- Romans 8:26-27



Thank You for Your Work in Our Church Gardens

Thank you to: Bill and Nancy Gordon for replanting and tending the flowers near the flagpoles, in the Prayer Garden, and along the sidewalk towards the back of the church; Susanne Grady for planting the flowers in front of the church; and to Ann Coulter, Ken Blanchard, Martin & Tammy Rocque, The Beatty Family, and all those who helped anonymously and are known to God.



Sacrificial Giving

MAY 13, 2021 ASCENSION COLLECTION

Our Lady of Hope: \$356.00
 Our Lady of Hope Online: \$122.00
 St. Ann's: \$72.00
 St. Ann's Online: \$15.00

MAY 16, 2021 REGULAR COLLECTION

Our Lady of Hope: \$1,375.00
 Our Lady of Hope Online: \$618.00
 St. Ann's (weekly avg. for 5/9-5/16): \$585.00
 St. Ann's Online: \$382.00

OTHER ITEMS

St. Ann's (Monthly): \$469.00

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UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Weekend: May 22 & 23 Central & Eastern Europe Collection

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

2020-2021 Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the 2020-2021 Diocesan Appeal! If you have not yet donated, please prayerfully consider what the Lord is asking you to give for ministry and service to our Diocesan Church. You can also pledge or contribute online through June 30, 2021! Go to donate.thediocesanappeal.org.

Our Lady of Hope (Goal: \$22,070.00)
 Pledged so far (72%): \$15,908.03
Balance needed: \$6,161.97
 # of gifts to date: 51
 Average gift: \$311.93

St. Ann's (Goal: \$14,098.00)
 Pledged so far (45%): \$6,225.80
Balance needed: \$7,872.20
 # of gifts to date: 18
 Average gift: \$345.88



CORPUS CHRISTI

On June 6th, St. Ann's Church will host a breakfast outside in the pavilion, catered generously by Ginny Rae's Catering, immediately following the Corpus Christi procession. We look forward to a beautiful celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Please join our procession and breakfast immediately after Mass.

Dear Our Lady of Hope Parishioners,

The Whitehall Community Food Pantry thanks you for the donation of toiletries. Items such as these are needed and appreciated, but our budget doesn't stretch to purchase them. Your thoughtfulness will brighten the lives of many.



ADDITIONAL MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

(not included on previous list)



In Memory of: Bernice Cook, Gladys Cook, & Nellie Coryer

In Honor of: Carol Heffernan, Florence Jarvis, Gay Jarvis, Katie Jarvis, Alexandra Bisol, Grace Cook, & Christine Bisol



CHURCH BBQ FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #276, who sponsored the Church BBQ at the Canal Festival last Saturday, May 15. Thank you also to the American Legion who generously did the cooking, set-up, and clean-up. Special thanks to American Legion members: Richard Martel, Ken Blanchard, Bones Jones, Jr., Wayne Watson, Josh Jones, Bommer Marr, William R. Jones, Mike Donaldson, Brian Davis, Dennis Downs, Deb Blanchard, Martin Rocque, and Mike Rocque. A total of \$1,400 was raised for the church (including the cost of the food which was \$556). Thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful fundraiser!

MOM'S (MOTHER OF MERCY) KITCHEN

On Wednesday, **May 5**, MOM's (Mother of Mercy) Kitchen volunteers prepared and served **77 meals**.



MOM's Kitchen serves dinner every **Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Hope Parish Hall**.

Feeding the Hungry....in Body & Soul



WELCOME

We would like to welcome all those to Our Lady of Hope and St. Ann's Church. To those of you who are joining us after an absence or for the first time, we are truly glad to see you. We hope that you will consider being a permanent part of our parish family. We hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to seeing you again. From all of us, **WELCOME HOME!!!**

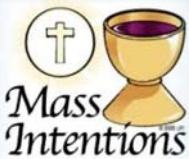
Mass Intentions

Sat 5/22, 4:00 pm	OLH	Maurice Rocque (30th Ann.) by Carol Rocque & Family Vera Walkup by Gail Plescia & Nancy Gordon
Sun 5/23, 9:00 am	St. Ann's	Lorraine Carbotti by Daughter, Toni Linda Foran (Ann. of passing) by her children
Sun 5/23, 11:00 am	OLH	People of the Parish
Mon 5/24, 9:00 am	OLH	Peter Hurley by Mark & Maureen Kelly
Tues 5/25, 9:00 am	OLH	Alan Trevellyan, Sr. by Michael & Kathy Putorti
Wed 5/26, 6:00 pm	St. Ann's	Jimmy Linehan by Francis
Thu 5/27, 9:00 am	OLH	For the living intentions of Aubrey Crosier by Emily
Fri 5/28, 9:00 am	OLH	Daune & Huzzy Martell by Eileen Rozell
Sat 5/29, 4:00 pm	OLH	People of the Parish
Sat 5/29, 6:00 pm	Chapel	Thomas Rizzo by Dave & Toni Richards
Sun 5/30, 9:00 am	St. Ann's	Brian Dorsey by The Dorsey Family Rey Torres by Marion Raino
Sun 5/30, 11:00 am	OLH	Francis Norton by Pat & Family John Millett by Carol Rocque & Family

MAY PRAYER LIST

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
ILL IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS:**

Cathy Aiken, Sandy Aiken, Betty Aldrich, Ron Austin, Sr., John Barber, Albert Battease, Bruce Battease, Alexandra Bisol, Logan Blanchard, Ian Boule, Paul Boule, Terry Boule, Rosa V Cervantes, Marita DeGraff, Al & Betty DeLuca, Helen Donaldson, Rev. Robert Donnelly, Orion Antony Durant, Betty Jo Fears, LoraLin Fioretti, Robert Gendron, Lori Granger, Crystal Greenwood, Sibyl Haley, Mark Ives, David Jarvis, Katie Jarvis, Stacy Jones, Antoinette Kelly, Gail Knapp, Andrew Krzys, Terry LaChapelle, Jim Lafayette, Andrew Lechner, Azelie Lechner, Bennett Lechner, Jay Lloyd, Carol Marx, Kym Huntington McLean, Craig McGinnis, Sharon Mickel, Nicole Moser, Dick Newell, Anne Dunbar Nichols, Kathleen Paige, James Parrott, Gracelyn Pippo, Bruce Plantar, Pope Benedict XVI, Kevin Porter, Bobby Putorti Jr., Katana Sanchez, Mikey Sexton, Jeff Sparks, Patricia Sparks, Dennis Swartz, Rachel Traver, Anne Trevellyan, Connie Trevellyan, Jo Twyman, John Ward, Maddox White, Christine Gaylor Williams, and Patrick *(a little boy)*



MASS STIPENDS


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FAITH FORMATION

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 23

- ♦ St. Ann's - 10:00-11:15 am
- ♦ O. L. of Hope - 9:30-10:45 am

There will be no classes next Sunday, May 30 (in honor of Memorial Day).



HOLY COMMUNION

If we are ever unable to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (either because we are physically unable to be at Mass or are spiritually not in a state of grace), we can ask the Lord to make a ***"spiritual communion"*** such as the following:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun 5/23	St. Ann's	Adoration for Vocations, 10:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (confessions 3:30-5:30 p.m.)	Fr. Torres
Sun 5/23	OLH	Faith Formation, 9:30-10:45 a.m.	Emily Skovira
Sun 5/23	St. Ann's	Faith Formation, 10:00-11:15 a.m.	Debbie Morris
Wed 5/26	OLH	MOM's (Mother of Mercy) Kitchen, 4:00-6:30 p.m., Parish Hall	Jim & Mary Simonson
Fri 5/28	OLH	Adoration for Vocations, confessions, 3:00-5:45 p.m., (Benediction at 5:45 p.m.)	Fr. Torres



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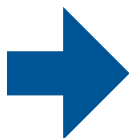
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