

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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**Marymount Parish Center**  
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**Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
And  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Articles and announcements  
must be submitted to the office in writing  
by Noon Monday.



**Pastor**  
Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

**In Residence**  
Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

**Pastors Emeritii**  
Msgr. Alexander T. Kulik  
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

**Deacon**  
Joseph F. DeVizia

**Parish Secretary**  
Theresa Talacka

**Business Manager**  
Suzanne Cosgrove

**Director of Music**  
Andrea Yorkonis

**Liturgy**  
Noah Klinges

**Director of Religious Education**  
Diane Lakkis

**MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday evening: 4:00 pm  
Sundays: 9:00 am & 11:15 am  
Weekdays: 7:00 am (Rectory Chapel)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45  
Before Daily Mass or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
You must be registered in the Parish for six months. Arrangements for the Baptism must be arranged by the parents. All sponsors should be carefully selected and must be at least 16 years of age. Non-practicing, fallen away Catholics are not eligible for sponsorship, even if they are close relatives or friends. The Sponsors are required to bring a letter of eligibility from their Church.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**  
Couples planning a wedding must contact the rectory six to nine months before the date. Couples are obligated to follow Parish Policy and are required to attend the Diocese Pre-Cana Program.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SICK CALLS**  
In case of serious illness or advance age, please call the parish priest. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.



We are now on Facebook  
[@olohweb](https://www.facebook.com/olohweb)

**RCIA**  
*(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)*  
Adults interested in becoming Catholic and have not received First Eucharist or have not received Confirmation should call the rectory. Program runs from September through Pentecost.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Classes are held in Marymount Parish Center on South Hancock Street September through May. Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**NEWCOMERS**  
We welcome you! Register in the parish office Monday through Friday during office hours. If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the office concerning your move.

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702





**Sunday, September 6**

10:30 AM Eleanor Kuboski - Daughter,  
Mary Ruth

**Tuesday, September 8**

8:00 AM - John & Eleanor Zierowicz - Daughter,  
Mary Ann

**Friday, September 11**

8:00 AM - Steffie Babinski - John, Mary & Nancy  
Lynch

**Saturday, September 12**

4:00 PM Regina & Joseph J. Sobeck - Joseph  
& Johanna Sobeck

**Sunday, September 13**

10:30 AM Joseph & Bernadine Saduski -  
Richard & Karen Daywood

**WELCOME BACK!!** - This week we will resume Masses on the Weekends and during the week. The weekend Masses will be celebrated on **Saturday at 4:00 pm as before scheduled. Confessions will be offered from 3:15 to 3:45 pm. On Sunday one Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am.** This change is due to the pandemic. Hopefully we will resume the original schedule after the pandemic. **Two daily Masses will be celebrated on Tuesdays and Fridays, they will be at 8:00 am. This is a change from 7:00 am.** This is a more reasonable time for our parishioners. **All Masses will be held in the main church to satisfy the safe distancing.**

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** In Memory of John & Nellie Kinsel - By Daughter, Geraldine Revitt

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES:** In Memory of Stephen & Emilie Hertely - By Family

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b>	\$4,202.00
<b>STEWARDSHIP:</b>	\$420.00
<b>PETER'S PENCE</b>	\$555.00

**REFLECTION**

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we will indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we will be held accountable (see the first reading). If we take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that too is a sin (the second reading). Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support. How? First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is unloving and uncaring. Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent. And if that fails, we try again with still more backing. When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He still chose to die for them.

**FALL RAFFLE** - To date we have received about a dozen prizes for our raffle. It's a great start but we would like to have at least thirty. Theme baskets and Christmas items are also accepted. Without the Turkey Dinner we really need something to compensate for it. Bring them to the Church or office during office hours. Thanks to those who have made their donation.

**REMEMBRANCE OF ABORTED CHILDREN**

The Diocese of Scranton will participate in the eighth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, September 12 when Pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 60 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization 1973. Diocesan observances on September 12 will include a Memorial Service for victims of Abortion to be held at 11:00 am. At Mount Olivet Remembrance Day for Abortion Victims Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton. The Pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of the Unborn," located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies.



### **PIZZA SALE**

Social Concerns will be selling Pizza (Sanitary Bakery) on October 3rd. Beginning this weekend, you can order at the Church doors or call the rectory. \$10.00 a box. More details to follow.

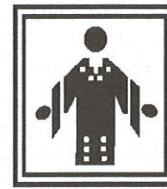
### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

You are reminded that only those persons, who are registered as members of our parish and identified as such by being on our envelope and mailing list, are considered parishioners of Our Lady of Hope. It is expected that members of this parish will participate at Mass here on a regular basis and contribute their fair share to the support of the Parish. The fact that you may live locally or may have attended school here years ago or received the sacraments here, or your family "used to belong" does not make you a member of our Parish. Please remember this fact when seeking sponsor cards, baptisms, planning weddings, etc. We open our arms to you if you want to be a member, but you must be open to the responsibility which such membership challenges you to. Please feel free to call us or drop by the office during office hours if you wish to become part of our parish family.

### **ALL CCD TEACHERS/VOLUNTEERS**

A very important meeting Sunday, Sept. 6th following the 10:30 am Mass. Please make every effort to attend. We are facing a very challenging year and need all your involvement. Call Diane Lakkis @ 570-814-2567 with any questions.

**CCD NEWS:** We are planning to return to in-person classes for our CCD program on October 18. Registrations will be held on September 26-27 and October 3-4 following Masses at the Marymount Center. Fee is \$25.00 per family. We will also be adding a web based program for those uncomfortable and in case of a total shutdown. We are hoping to add some computers and internet service to our facility which comes at an extra cost. If anyone can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, call Diane Lakkis @ 814-2567.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Let us begin with this passage from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me. (Col.1:26-29) Happy Labor Day to each of you! I pray that you are able to relax and take it easy from your daily jobs and earthly duties that God calls each of us to. Labor day is about more than backyard cook-outs, days off of work and school, and the last day for the outdoor pools to be open. Labor Day originated in the US as a day to honor and celebrate the spirit of the Labor and trade organizations as well as the workers and their families. This day is a good day for all of us to be thankful for our jobs and the work that God calls each of us to. While this is certainly a day of rest from our physical earthly jobs, we should never take a break from our spiritual duties. Saint Paul writes about the reasons for which he labors and struggles, it is not for himself, but rather for others. Saint Paul says the reason for which he labors is to proclaim Christ to all, to teach them His ways and His word, so that one day with God's grace everyone may be presented perfect in Christ. Saint Paul labored and struggled in order to build up the people of God, to grow, nurture and help those who were in need of God's love. Saint Paul labored to bring Christ to everyone he could. We too would do well to follow His example. While we may rest today, let us never rest from spreading the good news and from bringing Christ to all those that we are called to. Father above, we thank you and praise you for the gift of this day, Lord, thank you for our jobs and for the work that you are calling us to now. Lord help guide us and strengthen us in this world, so that we may be your perfect servants at all times. Lord, all good things from you, and we pray that You will help make us good lights in this world and that we may help share your good news with all those we can. We pray for all those who are unemployed and for all those searching for jobs. We ask this all through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**