

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office

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Marymount Parish Center

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Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline

Articles and announcements
must be submitted to the office
by Noon Monday.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 10:30 am

Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday

8:00 am (Rectory Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

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 advanced 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.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love; committed to Jesus Christ and to His Gospel; to grow in our love for others as Jesus loves us. Through the prayerful intercession of Mary, our Patroness, we seek to live in unity and hope as we strive to assist those in need through our good works, sacrifices and stewardship.

By celebrating the Mass and Sacraments, by providing various opportunities for Catholic Education, by calling forth more of our members to ministries and service, we seek to help one another grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey together towards the complete happiness that awaits us in Heaven

Pastor

Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

In Residence

Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon

William Behm

Parish Secretary

Jean Behm

Business Manager

Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music

Andrea Yorkonis

Liturgy

Noah Klinges

Director of Religious Education

Diane Lakkis

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not received First Eucharist or 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 9:15 am - 10:15 am

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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

22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



Sunday August 31

10:30 AM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

Tuesday September 2

8:00 AM James Wasilewski - Mr & Mrs Robert
Reilly

Friday September 5

8:00 AM David Talacka - Dolores & Joseph
Liscosky

Saturday September 6

4:00 PM Joseph, Frances, & Christopher Jacobs
- Dave & Barbara Jacobs

Sunday September 7

10:30 AM Michelle Marie Starzecki– Paul S Marko

Sanctuary Votives– End to Gun Violence

Weekend of August 17th

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$5,321.50
<u>Loose</u>	232.00
<u>Dues</u>	798.00
<u>Holy Day</u>	830.00

Weekend of August 24th

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4192.25
<u>Loose</u>	208.00

SPECIAL NOTICE - To safeguard your offering, please mark your amount on the envelope, especially the special envelopes - Fuel - Air Conditioning, Taxes, Insurance, etc. We appreciate your cooperation to give you proper credit.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of September the request is **Condiments or Non-Dairy Creamer**. Thank you for your donations. God Bless you for helping.

Interested in Joining our Parish - Membership forms are available at all the entrances. If you would like to become a member, please take a form with you, fill it out and return it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket. **Our Lady of Hope welcomes you!**

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE - Have you made your donation? This is crucial as it substitutes for a summer festival. We are in serious need of reaching our goal of \$25,000.00. Some have been most generous. To date we have received \$19,950.00. God bless you. Please know how much we need this so as to address our significant financial responsibilities. Thank you.

First Friday Visitation

This Friday is the first Friday of the month. Visitation to those who are shut-ins and requested Holy Communion will be this week. Anyone who would like to receive, please call the rectory. Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction will follow the First Friday mass.

Prizes for Fall Raffle

Our Raffles have been very well received and supported. We have received several donations but we need many more to put together an excellent ticket. Consider putting together a nice basket e.g. a wine basket, household basket, an entertainment basket, etc. Gift certificates are a great idea as well. The summer is going by fast, so please help and drop them off at the rectory or church.

CCD (Religious Instruction) 2025-2026

We will begin our CCD classes on Sunday, September 14, at 9:15 AM., in the Marymount Center. If you have not registered yet, you can do so that day. Registration fees are \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Contact Diane Lakkis at 570-814-2567, with any questions.

Pizza Sale

The Social Concerns Ministry is having a pizza sale in support of their many projects. Orders will be taken until September 14th, before and after all weekend masses. The pizza is from Sanitary Bakery and the cost is \$11.00 per box of 12 cuts. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Pick up will be September 20, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Marymount Parish Center. For further information, or phone orders, please call Denise Carey 570-239-4649.

RCIA - Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Have you not received any of the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation)? Call Deacon Bill or Jean Behm at 570-991-0984.

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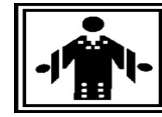
Scripture Reflection

This weekend we recognize and honor all those who work. There is a dignity in work no matter how humble the task or job may seem or whether it is paid or not, and all who work or are looking for work are celebrated on Labor Day. As we gather today around the table of the Lord, we hear Jesus teach guests also gathered around a banquet table of the importance of humility. May we approach both our work and the eucharistic table with humility, recognizing God's grace in making us worthy of both.

What I would like you to THINK about

Jesus makes several points in today's gospel - but there is a common theme between them: the ways we conduct our human relationships are not the ways of heaven. It's normal, even good, to be hospitable to friends and family, and to enjoy THEIR hospitality in return; this is part of how communities are built. But these little social exchanges do not make us into who we're meant to be. For that, we have to go a step further, offering more radical hospitality to those outside our usual circles - and ESPECIALLY to those who will be unable to repay us. In doing so, we mimic the extravagant self-gift of God, who always gives us more than we deserve and more than we can ever return.

Deacon's Corner: Jean and I celebrated our 51st Wedding Anniversary the other day. I remember helping to plan our wedding (but remember, I was ONLY the groom) and deciding on the seating arrangements for the reception. We also had a hand in planning when each of our children were married. All these times are "chores-and-a-half" deciding who can sit together. We assume if we place the right people together, the reception will go off without a hitch. All too often, we go through life thinking the same thing. We decide on who are friends are, whose company we can enjoy, and who we can associate with. These types of decisions may work for us in the short-run, but they do not reflect appropriate visions of followers of Jesus Christ. We are called to "love one another" as God loves us. Not some of us, but ALL OF US. We should never even think that some are more worthy of our friendship than others. In the words of the hymn, "We are called, we are chosen, we are Christ for one another." We must always remember this: we will NEVER look at anyone who was NOT made in God's image. Each of us is an equal child of God, and that makes us all brothers and sisters. Let's try our best to live in the truth of that statement.



FROM THE PASTOR

Throughout the coming month of September, parishes encourage their members, new and old, to exercise their stewardship with their time and talents. Here at Our Lady of Hope Parish, we are blessed to have a number of our parishioners who have been actively involved in various parish ministries. Blessed with different qualities and giftedness and prompted by the Holy Spirit, they step forward and give their time and talents to enhance and promote the mission of our parish community.

We have gone beyond the days of "PRAY-OBEY-and-PAY".

By nature of our Baptism we all have a role to play to build up the Kingdom of God here in this little vineyard in the Diocese of Scranton. Consider being an *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*-whether here at our services or bringing Communion to a shut-in or local nursing home.

Altar Servers-both adult and young-are helping assist at mass and special occasions.

Readers of God's Holy Word help to proclaim God's wisdom and message of love and salvation.

Cantors-Leaders of Song-Folk Group Singers really help engage us to worship with heart and song.

The Social Concerns Committee promotes charity, acts of service and participation in making us more aware of how to help promote justice and peace, especially for the least of our brothers and sisters.

The Shawl Ministry team touches the lives of those experiencing health problems/the loss of a loved one and even an infant who passed on.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor-in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your name. We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to You, until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom, as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever-Amen.