

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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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.

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Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

Pastors Emeritii
Msgr. Alexander T. Kulik
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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.

ANOIDTING 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

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, February 9**

9:00 AM Peggy Jones - Melissa Myers
 11:15 AM John & Ann Gill - William P. Wolf

Monday, February 10

7:00 AM Rebecca Shubilla - Barry & Deborah Wilent

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 AM Regina D. Olenik - Ella Mae Wilent

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 AM James Ruth - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, February 13

7:00 AM Janice Motovidlak - Family

Friday, February 14

7:00 AM Berth Pytell - Husband & Family

Saturday, February 15

4:00 PM Charles Marshall - Daughter, Carmella

Sunday, February 16

9:00 AM Stanley Wielgopolski - Wife & Family
 11:15 AM Ted & Marge Rakowski & Andy Malak - Donna Malak

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: David Richards, Sr. - By Wife, Theresa

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$4,012.00
LOOSE:	\$370.00
CLERGY:	\$362.00
CHARITIES:	\$517.00

SOCK HOP - SOCK IT TO ME - One of the items we will be requesting for our Lenten Outreach will be socks. This is one of the major needs for the homeless. We haven't decided which week yet. However, think about socks especially for men. Thank you.

PIZZA SALE - Social Concerns Committee will have their Pizza Sale. The Pizza is provided by Sanitary Bakery. Orders for the pizza will begin this week. Ash Wednesday is February 26. Pizza will be ready for Friday, February 28th. \$10.00 per box.

PARISH FISH FRY - Our parish will have a Fish Fry take-out Dinner on April 3rd. Fish, Mac & Cheese & Cole Slaw for \$9.00.

SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

Jesus tells us: "You are the salt of the earth." What does it mean to be salt? Think about what salt does. It adds flavor to foods that lack sufficient taste. Jesus also raises the point that if we lose our flavor, how can it be restored? The answer is: Only by letting God renew us. In your baptism, you were made flavorful, alive with God's love, peace, joy, etc. Fruitful Christians are those who evangelize by adding the seasoning of God's life, God's love, peace, joy, etc. to the lives of the people around them. But beware of trying too hard! What happens when food is over-salted? It tastes horrible. No matter how good our intentions might be, if we come on too strong, we do more harm than good. People are much more likely to turn to Jesus if they first experience His love from us, and His peace in how we treat them, and His joy in the way we live our lives. They need to discover that Jesus loves them just the way they are that He is gentle but sincere when inviting them to grow spiritually, and that He can help them turn hardships and troubles into blessings and joys. Jesus also tells us to be a light that others cannot help but notice, but not a light that blinds. To flavor the lives of others with the presence of Jesus, we have to let His light shine in us. We have to be so lit up by Christ that others cannot help but notice. Additionally, Jesus says that we have to be a city. We cannot evangelize alone. A "city" is a group of Christians: a parish, a family, a church organization. Being Christian means being in community. When our light is joined to the light of others, our collective glow is much more effective in revealing Christ to the world. Why? Because non-believers learn that the love of Christ is real when they see us living in love with each other: unconditionally, generously, with a servant's heart (See 2:42-47). We are the light of Christ for each other. We are seasoning for each other. Without each other, our light dims, our flavor fades, and we become useless to God's kingdom.

"PACZKOWY "PRE-LENTEN RAFFLE" - The prizes are always great. The drawing and raffle will be held on Saturday February 22 in the Marymount Parish Center. Raffle tickets will be sent soon.

PRAYER FOR THE LOSS OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Dear Lord, I come to you right now because I am dealing with the challenge of the loss of my wife/husband. I ask that you bring relief from my sadness. Will you lessen those painful feelings and thoughts because you are my refuge and strength and very present help in time of trouble. Thank you, Lord for hearing my cry. Amen

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - It's celebrated this Sunday February 9, 2020. This year's theme is "Stories from the Domestic Church." We recognize all in our parish who are married, especially those celebrating an anniversary. The great theologian/pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing to a young bride and groom from his prison cell in Nazi Germany in 1943, "It's not love that keeps your marriage alive. It's marriage that keeps your love alive." They say personally that married folks have more happiness, more lifelong love, longer lives and better health.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children they may rejoice in the gift of your blessing. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MY VALENTINE JESUS

Jesus doesn't give chocolate hearts in boxes of delight, instead He always lets me know I'm precious in His sight. He doesn't send out pretty cards trimmed in shades of red, instead He gave His life for me. His precious blood was shed. He doesn't give me teddy bears that whisper "Please be mine", instead He gave His heart to me. I wear it all the time. He doesn't give me roses, pink, for all the world to see. Instead He gave me eternal life, That's good enough for me.

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED - Instead of lighting a votive candle, consider having a Mass said for a loved one or a special intention. If our number of intentions discontinue, it may put the celebration of daily Mass in jeopardy. This is a serious request as a Mass intention seems to be devalued in recent years. Consider having mass intentions included in your will. The greatest prayer is the Mass above all other devotions or sacramentals.

NITE AT THE RACES -On Saturday, February 22, 2020 Saint Andre Bessette Parish, Madison Street, Wilkes-Barre will hold the "Races". Admission is \$5.00. It will be conducted in the Church Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Post time is 7:00 pm.

OUR PARISH'S NITE AT THE RACES is scheduled for Saturday April 18, 2020.

RESPECT LIFE BANQUET TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17TH

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life invites you to the 35th Annual Respect Life Banquet on Monday, February 17, 2020, promptly at 6:00 pm at the Woodlands, Route 315, Wilkes-Barre. Our featured speaker is Becky Biter of "Undefeated Courage". For reservations, mail \$35.00 to: PHL, 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. (Deadline for tickets: February 12th) No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, contact the Pro-Life Center: 570-826-1819. Thank You.



FROM THE PASTOR

This coming Tuesday, February 11th, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is designated as the **WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**. Every weekend in the Prayer of the Faithful, we pray for all the faithful, we pray for all of our parishioners who are sick, especially those in hospitals, nursing homes and those homebound. A number are visited by request or by word of mouth on First Friday weeks. Father Terry visits over thirty shut-ins. This special day was started by St. John Paul II, who as we know was a beautiful witness to the redemptive power of sickness and suffering that is united with the Cross of Christ. He associated it with the Feast honoring Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes and her apparitions in France. So we call upon Mary and ask for intercession for all those who are suffering in body, mind, spirit or soul, those who are sick and those who are disabled; those facing any disease and those facing terminal illness. We also pray for those who work in the ministry of care and service to the sick and the elderly. We invoke Mary today to help us, because we know she has a mother's concern for us and she always pays attention to her children's needs. It's a beautiful truth, that wherever we are, the Mother of Jesus is there for us. Mary tells us to turn to Jesus in our weakness and burdens, in our time of trouble. Jesus was moved with compassion for the deceased and dying. And then in His own suffering on the Cross, Jesus entered into our pain and suffering. And He shows us that we will never be alone when we suffer. Those who are afflicted can join their sufferings to Christ's suffering on the Cross. If you are in good health try to go out yourself and care for those in need, especially the sick. Let us ask our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope to bring healing and peace to all those who are sick, and may she help them to bear their sufferings in Christ. And let us ask our Blessed Mother to inspire the healthy and strong with the sick and the weak.

LOTTERY WINNERS

Jan. 29	915	Joseph Wassel
Jan.30	867	Theresa Talacka
Jan.31	487	
Feb. 1	540	Joseph Wassel