

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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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 (Main Church)

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

Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister

Rev. Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti

Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon

Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary

Jean Behm

Business Manager

Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music

Andrea Yorkonis

Liturgy

Noah Klings

Director of Religious Education

Diane Lakkis

OCIA**(Order 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)

All Souls' Day



Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

8:00AM Ernest Jendrzewski - Family

Remembrance Mass/All Souls Day

4:00 PM Tom & Peggy Madigan - Son, Tom & Cathy

Sunday, November 2 All Souls Day

10:30 AM All Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, November 4

8:00 AM Robert Delescavage - Joseph Hayes

Friday, November 7

8:00 AM Maryanne Charnichko - Christian Women

Saturday, November 8

4:00 PM Ronald Rydzfski - Wife, El & Sons,
Ronald & Rodney

Sunday, November 9

10:30 AM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4512.00
<u>Loose</u>	264.00
<u>World Mission</u>	60.00
<u>Dues</u>	182.00
<u>Charity</u>	76.00
<u>Fuel</u>	1,129.50
<u>Taxes</u>	213.00
<u>Insurance</u>	299.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	501.00
<u>Care & Education of Priests</u>	150.00
<u>Cemetery: Holy Trinity</u>	25.00
<u>St. Mary's Maternity</u>	147.00

Ministry Training

If interested in ministry at Our Lady of Hope, please call the Parish Office with your information so we have sufficient materials, and attend one of these sessions:

- **Initial Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC):** Tues, Nov 4, 9:00am, or Sat, Nov 8, 10:00am
- **Initial Altar Server training (youth and adult):** Thurs, Nov 6, 7:00pm or Sat, Nov 8, 9:00am
- **Lector, contact the Parish Office to schedule**
- **Refresher Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** all EMHCs need to attend one session, Sat, Nov 8, 3:00pm or Sun, Nov 9, 9:30am. We will Commission you at a Mass on Christ the King.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of November the request is **Coffee and Creamer**. Thank you for helping

November 2, 2025

Fall Raffle

Our Fall Raffle this year has an excellent array of prizes including beautiful baskets, generous gift cards, and much more. The 1st prize is \$500 in cash. Hopefully, all our parishioners have received their raffle tickets. If you have not received them or you are interested in obtaining more to, please call or stop by the rectory. All of our prizes were donated so the money we bring in is all profit for Our Lady of Hope Parish. With the approach of winter and the heating costs rising for both the church and rectory, the money will definitely be put to good use. Please consider buying the tickets yourself or sell them to family and friends.

Toys for Tots

Over the years, we've learned there are LOCAL children who have NEVER had a visit from Santa. They are reluctant to even send a letter to the North Pole because they don't want to be disappointed. The United States Marine Corps has for many years stepped up to help Santa give these children a happy childhood through their **Toys for Tots Campaign**. Last year's catechumen, Sergeant Abraham Rubalcava, USMC, has asked us to support the Marines this year. We are placing collection boxes near the entrances to the church, and hope and pray you will place new, unwrapped toys in those boxes. Remember *whatever you do - even to the (poorest) among us - you do for ME*. This year, think about giving Jesus himself a Christmas gift. That's exactly what your support will mean. Let's FILL those boxes and give Jesus - and deserving but anxious children - a very Merry Christmas.

Christian Women to Meet

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, November 19th, in the rectory at 6 PM. A service will take place in remembrance of deceased members. This meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Planning will continue for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Sunday, December 7, at The East Mtn/Holiday Inn, 600 Wildflower Drive, Wilkes-Barre.

All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting and members are asked to bring their own drinks.

Family In Need

Girls Clothes Sizes 6/7, 7/8, and 10/12
Girls Shoes 13, 1, and 4
Boys Clothes Adult Small and size 12
Boys Pants 12/14
Boys Shoes 9, 5, and 4
Gently Worn Coats-Shoes-Clothes

Items can be brought to CCD or dropped off at the rectory.

Novena Changes

Our Lady of Hope will not conduct the novena to Saint Anthony typically held Oct-Dec. We will do the Christmas Antiphons beginning December 17th with a mass each day.

Scripture Reflection

Jesus told his disciples, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Today we mourn all those who have died, especially those we love, those who are close to us. But we indeed are comforted: by our memories of them, by sharing our grief with our loved ones, and by our faith, which tells us that death is not the end. Their souls are in the arms of God, forever comforted from the suffering and hardships they faced in life. Our faith in the Resurrection allows us to be pilgrims of hope in this life, placing our trust in God's love and mercy.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

In Scripture, even in the face of rejection, blasphemy, and idolatry, God is nothing other than faithful to his chosen people. If God can be steadfast in these moments, then he will also be faithful to us when we seek him in our own time. Jesus promises that all who come to him will be raised on the last day. On All Souls' Day, we remember this promise with our own loved ones in mind, asking that God shows them mercy - as we know he desires to. In praying for the dead, we trust that out of love and in response to our faith, God will raise us all from death into eternal life.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

I wear a deacon's ring almost every day. It's funny, the first time I saw a deacon's ring was at a Christmas party for our deacons. At that party, my wife and I sat at a table with our own Deacon Steve and his wife - and the ring was on Deacon Steve's finger. I talked about this ring all the way home - and my wife surprised me by gifting me with one to wear. I wear it because, as a deacon, living my ordination should not be a "weekend thing." As was explained to me repeatedly during my five-year formation, the Sacrament of Holy Orders makes an indelible mark on the soul of every priest and deacon. That indelible mark, however, is INVISIBLE. Being human, I feel I need gentle reminders of my role as servant. My ring reminds me whenever I reach out to anyone, with hand and heart, I should always be cognizant that I have asked that my hands become Christ's hands in this world. They are meant to do GOOD THINGS. But ordination does not mean only priests and deacons should let love be at the core of who we are. We are all called to be Christ's love and Christ's hands in this world. And that will never be made stronger - or more important - just by wearing a deacon's ring. It's a call we all receive.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

Why do we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls' Day (officially, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed)?

We begin November with these two special days to remember those who have gone to eternal life: the Saints in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Church Suffering). During our earthly life we are the Church Militant because we fight the spiritual battle against evil. We are members of the Communion of Saints. The Old Testament speaks of the Saints. For example, "The Saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever and ever." (Daniel 7:18). "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them." (Wisdom 3:1). The Saints pray for us and we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We work with God in His work of redemption. How do we do that? We pray for others and for the world as Jesus does for us. We learn how we are co-workers with God whenever we hear a homily at Mass or when we read the works of the Church Fathers and scholars, explaining the Scriptures and their meaning in our daily lives. While the Scriptures speak often of those in heaven being "asleep," this "sleep" refers to the physical body, not to the soul. If souls were "asleep" in death, unable to praise God or to experience His Love, how unjust would that be? To show the importance of these days, the Church made All Saints Day a Holy Day of Obligation, and in 1915, the Pope gave priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls' Day. These Mass intentions are for: a particular intention; all the faithful departed; and the Pope. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue after our daily Masses until 9:00 AM and on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Please join us.

