

Our Lady of Hope Parish

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

VISION STATEMENT

Faith-Family-Friendship

Casting a wide net to gather as many people as possible for the Kingdom of God.

MISSION STATEMENT

To be a welcoming community that encourages and empowers our family of believers to use their gifts and talents to be active, intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Closed Wednesday

Bulletin Deadline

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.
(Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

After 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 Diocesan Pre-Cana Program.

ANointing OF THE SICK and SICK CALLS

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Parish Life Coordinator. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister

Reverend Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti

Reverend John S. Terry, M.Div.

Reverend Theodors L. Obaza

Deacon

Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary

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Director of Music

Andrea Yorkonis

Director of Liturgy

Noah Klignes

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 the Church Parish Hall
Sundays, September to May.
Grades K-8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM Yucknavitch Family – Rose Jagodzinski

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Marymount High School Class of 1959
- Joe Rudawski

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 AM Anna & Stephen Omasta – Daughter,
Lorraine

Friday, September 18

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM Carolyn Jendrzewski – Rick, Judy,
Rosalyn, Richard & Sydney Partington

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM Leonard Przywara – Wife

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday Masses until 9:00 a.m.,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Votives

September 13th – September 19th

Sanctuary – In Memory of Deceased Members of
Marymount Class of 1959 By Joe Rudawski

Blessed Mother – In Memory of Dominick Procida,
Frances Zinich & Anita Barbano
By Carolyn Graziano

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

Deacon Joe DeViszia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Pat Kinsman	Carol Aten
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Mary Greenburg	

September 13, 2026

Farewell Deacon Bill

This is Deacon Bill's last weekend with us. May we remember him in our prayers as he begins his new assignment at St. Nicholas – St. Mary Parish. Although he will be just across the bridge, he asked that his cell number be shared. It's 570-991-0984. Remember, love never dies. We will keep a piece of him with us – and he will keep a piece of us with him... forever. Blessings!

AED & CPR Courses -All Are Welcome

Come join us for a FREE AED/CPR training to be held in our Ave Maria Hall this Friday, September 18th at 5:30 PM. We are grateful to have Margaret Austin, RN and Julia Carey, PA-C leading this training. Sign up sheets are at the church doors or call the rectory.

CCD

CCD will resume classes this Sunday, September 13, following the 9AM Mass in the Church Lower Level. Have a GREAT year!

Finance Council Meeting

Our Lady of Hope Parish's Finance Council will meet Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the rectory.

Mass Intentions

Just a reminder – Weekday masses will end beginning October 6. There will be First Friday masses celebrated at 8:00 AM on the first Friday of the month. Each parish family is limited to 2 weekend masses per year. However, families can request additional masses with the understanding that those masses will be sent elsewhere to be celebrated by other priests.

Save the Date

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will be hosting a **Cash/Gift Card Bingo**, on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Please support our Christian Women in their efforts to help our parish. More information will follow.

Catholic Men's Conference

The Diocese of Scranton will hold the 11th Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, October 10, 8:00-3:00, Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. Register at: www.BeACatholicMan.com

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflection

We are reminded today of how important it is to forgive one another. When Peter asks Jesus how many times he needs to forgive someone, Jesus tells him not seven times, but seventy-seven times. He is essentially saying that there is no limit that should be put on forgiveness. After all, the Lord forgives us all constantly. And we need it! It's the least we can do to forgive someone who has hurt us. Let us call to mind our own sins and our own need for forgiveness even as we consider those to whom we should offer that same gift.

What I want you to PRAY about: I ask you to give some thought to just how you live as God's chosen. I'm a huge fan of Henri Nouwen, and he suggests we do not always treat OTHERS as God's beloved because we refuse to recognize our own "belovedness." As we go through this week, let us intentionally take moments to bask in how much God loves us. If we honestly examine his love, let's pray that we can slowly begin to share that same love with others.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

We hired a company to take down a large tree in our backyard this spring and prune the trees that surround our house. Unfortunately, the guys who were working saw a small tree growing in our mint invaded Pachysandra bed and cut that tree at its base. That small tree was an American Redbud I had planted a few summers ago. I did everything but sing lullabies to this tree every night for those two years. I thought all was lost. But then I was cutting the grass about a month later and saw a stem and leaves coming from the stump. That little tree now stands over three feet tall and seems to grow another inch each week. A Redbud has heart shaped leaves and watching this tree spring back to life reminds me that when all seems lost, life and love go on. May we never give up hope even when all hope seems lost. May we never forget that God makes all things possible. And let us always know that while we see death as a finality, it is a NEW BEGINNING. That insight is a gift from God.



*Now You Know...
From the PLC*

Is there a "statute of limitations" regarding the confession of sins?

When people confess their sins in the Sacrament of Penance, they are forgiven from all the sins they have committed since the last time they participated in the Sacrament of Penance. Since it is not possible to remember every single venial sin, it is sufficient to confess non-mortal sins in a general way. This could be statements such as, I am guilty of gossip, or of anger, or of inattentiveness in Mass or personal prayer. Penitents are required to specifically state all mortal sins in kind and number. This could include saying, "I committed the mortal sin of looking at pornography three times." Or "I have had intimate relations with a person other than my spouse." If a person fails to mention a mortal sin, as long as it was not intentional, the Sacrament of Penance is valid. When a person recalls they forgot to include a mortal sin, they should confess it as soon as possible. In cases where a person commits a mortal sin and intentionally fails or refuses to confess it to the Priest in the Sacrament of Penance, the confession is invalid and absolution is not granted. This affects all subsequent confessions until the problem is resolved by the person confessing the mortal sin(s) committed in kind and number. To be clear, our memories fail us at times. It is only when people refuse to confess mortal sins they know they have committed, that the confessions are invalid. In cases of recovered memory, penitents need to bring their sins to the Sacrament of Penance. Remember, God already knows our sins.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

St Joseph's Table

For the month of September, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Baked Beans**. Thank you for remembering the homeless and hungry in our community. God Bless You!

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