

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)



Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister

Reverend Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti

Reverend John S. Terry, M.Div.

Reverend Theodors L. Obaza

Parish Secretary

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Director of Liturgy

Noah Klinges

Director of Religious Education

Diane Lakkis

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.

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM Mary & Edward Klosowski – Son, Edward

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM John & Jean Castellino – Family

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 AM John, Joseph, Robert & Jerry –
Sister, Margaret Molitoris

Friday, October 2

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM Koval Family – Mary Ruth

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM Andrew Polifko, IV – Grandparents,
Michele & Andy

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 27th – October 3rd

Sanctuary – Peace in our World

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Weekend of September 20th

Sunday Collection	\$3,890.00
Portion going to the Diocese	25.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$3,865.00

September 27, 2026

First Friday

This Friday, October 2nd, is the First Friday of the month. There will be an 8 AM mass with Benediction and Novena to the Sacred Heart.

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 host a **Cash/Gift Card Bingo**, on Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Ave Maria Hall. Admission is \$20 in advance - \$25 at the door. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Andrea Grella at 570-606-7463 for reservations.

2026-2027 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Each year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal unites all the parishes of the Scranton Diocese as one diocesan family, a community of faithful Catholic women and men, investing in a shared commitment to stewardship and service. Through gifts of all sizes, thousands of faithful people answer **Our Call to Serve**.

This Saturday/Sunday we celebrate Commitment Weekend. There are pamphlets at all entrances showing examples of the ways in which the Annual Appeal funds are used, and there are in-pew pledge envelopes to take home. We have so many things to be thankful for, please consider supporting this worthwhile appeal.

Healing Mass to be Held on September 27th

A Celebration of Healing Mass will take place at the Oblates Seminary Chapel this Sunday, September 27th at 2 PM. The Mass will include a healing anointing for participants. Rev. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ, will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy.

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Reflection

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us give God thanks for second chances. All of us fail sometimes, maybe quite often. But this does not mean that we are condemned forever, unable to overcome our faults and past sins. We are constantly invited to repent, seek forgiveness, and change our behavior. Saint Paul, who knew a thing or two about doing all this, calls upon us to reject selfishness and instead look out for the interests of others. Let us pray today for a change of heart that will lead us to more closely follow the road to God's kingdom.

Blessing of Animals

There will be a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 4th, at noon in the parking lot.

Respect for Life Sunday

Next Sunday, October 4, is Respect for Life Sunday. There are several prayer services/masses planned.

* There will be a prayerful commemoration at the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of the Unborn", located at the top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton at 2:00 PM. All area faithful are invited.

* There will also be a mass observing Respect for Life Sunday at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hughes St, Swoyersville, at 8:30 AM followed by a Holy Hour. Benediction will be at 10:30 AM. This is sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

Franciscan Afternoon Retreat

All are invited to an afternoon spiritual retreat hosted by the Secular Franciscans of the **Order of Holy Dormition Fraternity**, Sunday, October 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at St. John Bosco Parish, Sugarloaf.

Retreat Leader is Fr. Brian W. J. Clarke. This retreat is free and open to all.

Suggestions

Deacon Steve is looking for suggestions on ways to use the Stewardship Campaign Funds



*Now You Know...
From the PLC*

What do we believe about angels?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 328-336) provides our teaching about angels. The existence of spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture calls angels is a truth of our Faith. The angels are messengers and servants of God. Angels have intelligence and will. They are personal and immortal created creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures. Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation. They announced this salvation and have served God in the accomplishment of His Divine Plan. For example, angels closed the earthly paradise, protected Lot, saved Hagar and her child, stayed Abraham's hand against Isaac, communicated the Law, led the People of God out of Egypt, announced births and callings, assisted the prophets, and much, much more. From its beginning until death, every human life is surrounded by their watchful eye, care, and intercession. Beside each believer stands a guardian angel as protector and shepherd leading that person to eternal life. Angels cannot perform miracles. Some of their works which seem to be miraculous to us can simply be them acting according to their nature. For example, they can move at the speed of thought since they have no bodies. This can seem as a miracle to us, but for them it pertains to their nature to do so. If an angel does perform a miracle, it is only because God has worked it through them. We need to pray to our guardian angels.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

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

St Joseph's Table

For the month of October, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Coffee, Tea, and Creamer**. God Bless You for helping others!

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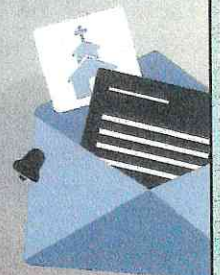
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