

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.

In Residence
Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

Pastors Emeritii
Msgr. Alexander T. Kulik
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon
Joseph F. DeVizia

Parish Secretary
Theresa Talacka

Business Manager
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 (Rector's 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.

ANOINTING 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 16**

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

Monday, February 17

7:00 AM Joseph J. Dotzel, Sr. - Family

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 AM Jenny Buczynski - Mary Frances Buczynski

Wednesday, February 19

7:00 AM Helen Juskiewicz - Family

Thursday, February 20

7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Sestak - H. Jewell

Friday, February 21

7:00 AM Frank Sartorio - Tom Ellis

Saturday, February 22

4:00 PM Jeannie Scupski - Shirley Klauss

Sunday, February 23

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Elgonitis & Carey Families - Family
 11:15 AM Sister Ann Patrice Wassel - Marie Bozentka & Family

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: Stanley Wielgopolski - By Wife, Ann & Family

SACRED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of John Richards - By Mother

BLESSED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of Ted & Marge Rakowski & Andy Malak - By Donna Malak

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$4,420.07
LOOSE: \$277.00
CEMETERY: St. Mary's Maternity) \$523.00
CEMETERY (Holy Trinity) \$310.00
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Eastern and Central Europe

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 were sent out. Make your returns as soon as possible.

SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

The Jewish religious authorities of Jesus' day were often literalists in their interpretation of the Law of God. Jesus, however gave a deeper meaning to the Law. He placed His focus on the goal of the Law: Love. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that we fail to fulfill the Law when our so called obedience isn't motivated by love. Jesus completely fulfilled the true meaning of the Law. In doing so, He took upon Himself our disobedience and died for us in the most generous gift of love. As His followers, we also are to be generous with love. Obeying all the commandments, truly obeying them requires loving God with our whole heart, all the time, and loving others as ourselves. Jesus explains how to transform literal interpretations of God's laws into the Law of Love. In each example, He shows that we are to choose the most loving approach to every problem, no matter how difficult. His first topic is anger: Sinful anger is judgmental and we are judged by this sin, Jesus provides the remedy: God and do whatever is necessary to be reconciled. This, He points out, is even more important than worshiping God. How genuine can our worship be if anger has replaced love in our hearts, since God is love? Another example is lust, which is a counterfeit of love because it treats others as objects. And divorce from a valid marriage is a failure to love as Christ loves, who taught that love makes sacrifices and endures hardships. Remarriage, He says, furthers the sin because it's unloving to the spouse of the original union. Jesus extends this teaching to every area of life. Breaking an oath is unloving. Lying and never intending to keep the commitment is unloving. In fact, the entire Sermon on the Mount, of which this Gospel reading is a part, explains how to love.

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE (POLAND, SLOVAKIA AND LITHUANIA NEXT WEEKEND) - Many of us claim our heritage to these nations. Whatever our background, however, these countries were bashed by communism for many years, crippling but not destroying the Catholic faith of many. They really need financial assistance. Priests need to be trained, Churches need to be built, the morale of those persecuted needs to be uplifted. Please make a sincere and thoughtful contribution next weekend.

PASTOR AWAY - Father Terry will be away for the next two week and weekends. We are fortunate to have the services of Father Bob Sickler who will celebrate Mass, any funerals and will take hospital visits (if called). Also our secretary Theresa Talacka will be away for a week. The office will still be open all week, but official parish requests should be made when she returns.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father, Giver of Life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which the nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders, especially our President. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our Land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death". Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PARISH LENTEN OUTREACH FOR THE POOR

Next weekend the insert will list the requested items for each weekend during the Lenten Season. Your participation has been wonderful over the years. This year we added a new item, **SOCKS**. This is a big need for many homeless. Ash Wednesday is on February 26th. The first request will be the following weekend. The first weekend request is Crackers (any type).

PIZZA SALE - Social Concerns Committee will have their Pizza Sale. The Pizza is provided by Sanitary Bakery. Orders for the pizza are being taken until the deadline, February 21. 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.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (St. Aloysius Church) Altar & Rosary Society will have their Annual Spaghetti Dinner, February 23 from noon to 4:00 pm in the Padden Hall (Cafeteria), 143 W Division Street, Wilkes-Barre. Adults \$8.00, Children 6 - 12 \$4.00 & Under 6 are free.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT- The Office of Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:30 am and end at 2:30 PM. Catherine Butel, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life will lead the Retreat with the theme "Radiate Christ." The day will include the 12:10 p.m. Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass and lunch will be served after Mass. The fee is \$30.00 which includes lunch. To register: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/ash-Wednesday-retreat/>

ANNUAL DAY OF MOURNING MASS FOR THE UNBORN on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Pittston. Rosary at 2:30 pm followed by Mass celebrated by Rev. Joseph Sibilano at 3:00 pm..

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Well this Monday, February 17th, is President's Day. On this day we remember all those who served as president of our Country, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. When I was a kid I could list by memory all the presidents in a row. I was always fascinated with the presidency. But I never wondered about their religion. When John F. Kennedy became president, the fact that he was a Catholic was a big issue. All Catholics were encouraged to vote for him because he was one of us. It surprised me that Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson had no religious affiliation. All the rest claimed to be Christian although they were really atheist (i.e. Taft). Does it make any difference to you if a President claims some type of religious affiliation? Presently, President Trump is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. There is some doubt if he does practice it. A recent survey shows that many Americans care about their leader's faith. For instance, half of all American adults says its important for a president to share their religious beliefs. And more people now say there is "too little" religious discussion by their political leaders (40%) than say there is "too much" (27%) Those candidates for the presidency in the next election has Joe Biden as a Catholic; Bernie Sanders is a non-practicing Jew; Elizabeth Warren was raised a Methodist and Pete Buttigieg is Episcopalian. Does it make a difference to you what religion they practice, because one of them may be our next president? No matter who it may be, he or she, they must be respected and prayed for. Regardless of our political stance hopefully Christian values play a part in your decision. As Catholics we have a powerful voice, let's support one in line with our values and beliefs.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN of Our Lady of Hope will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. All Women of the parish are invited to attend.

LOTTERY WINNERS

Feb.5	114	
Feb.6	658	Dorothy Faymore
Feb.7	822	Ruth Wren
Feb 8.	437	



EVERY WEEKEND BEFORE MASS WE REQUEST SOMETHING TO FEED AND HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE WITH A LENTEN SACRIFICE.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION ON TOP OR IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR RAILING.

SUGGEST ITEMS

FEBRUARY 29 & MARCH 1: BREAD, CRACKERS (E.G. GRAHAM, WHEAT, SALTINE)

MARCH 7 & 8 PASTA: (E.G.) MAC & CHEESE, DRY OR CANNED SPAGHETTI)

"SOCKS FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN"

MARCH 14 & 15: PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

MARCH 21 & 22: CANNED GOODS AND/OR BABY FOOD (E.G. VEGETABLES, FRUIT, TUNA, ETC.)

"UNDERWEAR FOR ALL MEN, WOMAN AND CHILDREN"

MARCH 28 & 29: CONDIMENTS (E. G. SALT, MUSTARD, KETCHUP)

APRIL 4 & 5: CANDY OR ANY ITEM TO FILL A CHILD'S EASTER BASKET.

REMEMBER THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING
ANYTHING DONATED DURING THE SEASON OF LENT WILL BE GRACIOUSLY AND GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED.
THANK YOU.

"WHATSOEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE, YOU DID IT FOR ME"
MATTHEW 25:35

OUTREACH TO THE POOR AND HUNGRY
OF OUR COMMUNITY
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH