

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 (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.

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, January 19**

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
 11:15 AM Health of Dave, Robert & Paul Richards - Mother

Monday, January 20

7:00 AM Edward Loncoski - Michael & Phyllis Jacewicz

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 AM Irene Brozowski - Malarkey & Napakora Families

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 AM Rebecca Shubilla - Carl & Karen Krutski

Thursday, January 23

7:00 AM Anthony English, Sr. - Sons

Friday, January 24

7:00 AM Regina D. Olenick - Arlene Deleman

Saturday, January 25

4:00 PM Frank E. Buczynski - Family

Sunday, January 26

9:00 AM Billy Danowski - Danowski Family
 11:15 AM Margaret Zasada - Mayor Carl Kuren

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: World Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES: In Memory of Mary Bunsick - By Daughter, Janiece DeMuro & Family

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$4,130.57
LOOSE:	\$248.00
CHRISTMAS	\$330.00
INITIAL OFFERING:	\$156.00
MAINTENANCE:	\$990.00
CEMETERY: (St. Mary's Maternity)	\$393.00
CEMETERY: (Holy Trinity)	\$167.00

PLEASE NOTE: We are running short on Mass intentions for daily Mass. Instead of a candle, a Mass has far more benefit for the soul than a candle.

SUNDAY'S REFLECTION

In every Mass, the presiding priest says the words of John the Baptist that are quoted in today's Gospel message: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world". To which we reply: "Lord I am not worthy, but say the word and my soul shall be healed." This healing began at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite if we had a sincere attitude of repentance. With this healing, we receive Jesus in all of His humanity and divinity. With this healing we leave Church ready to be like John the Baptist, testifying by word and by the way we live that "Now I have seen that Jesus is the Son of God." Is Mass that kind of experience for you? All parts of the Mass contribute to this. Jesus is present in the community as we unite in song. Jesus is present in the Penitential Rite, listening to our sincerity, Jesus is present in the Liturgy of the Word, broken open like bread to nourish our faith, and when the homily is poor or absent, His spirit preaches to us privately (straying thoughts are often an action of God). And Jesus is present in all the prayers: the ones we offer and those of the clergy. All of Mass is meant to transform us, prepare us, and send us out from Church as witnesses of the true presence of Christ in our world. Like John the Baptist, we can say "I did not know Him." In other words: "I saw only bread and wine" and "I was sinful and didn't realize the damage I had done" and "I was wounded and did not know how to be healed. And like John we can add: "Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed to me the presence of my Savior in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit gently exposed my sinfulness and gave me help in overcoming them. The Holy Spirit leads me to the resources that are healing my wounds."

FEAST OF ST. SEBASTIAN
PATRON OF ATHLETES

This Monday January 20th, is his feast day and a favorite one for our pastor, Father Terry. He traditionally has presented his medal and a prayer card to those in athletics. He was a martyr of the early Church (C300). As his life was drawing to an end the great, St. Sebastian compared himself to a boxer or runner. Sebastian was truly an athlete of God as he demonstrated the virtues of strength, stamina, perseverance and courage in the face of adversity. If you want to be a great athlete you must endure suffering.

St. JOSEPH'S TABLE - For the month of January, the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is requesting **HOT CHOCOLATE MIX**. This will help warm up those who are homeless and in need of a decent meal. Your response to this appeal is one of the best in our area. God bless your generosity and warm hearts.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - His excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton and Office for Parish Life wishes to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14th. The event includes a 2:30 pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your Pastor before March 12th.

RETRouvaille

We are working to bring Retrouvaille back to the Diocese of Scranton in 2020! A Retrouvaille Weekend has been scheduled for May 29-31, to be held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. If you or any other Retrouvaille couple you know would like to assist with the nuts and bolts of restarting the ministry, help is needed. To learn more about attending the weekend, or to learn more about helping to bring this weekend to life, contact Phil & Sue Milazzo, philmilazzo@outlook.com 631-338-5413 or Jen Housel, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213x1104

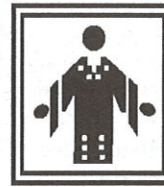
HOMEMADE PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET DINNER

St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring this dinner on Sunday, January 19 from Noon to 3:00 pm in the Church Hall, 33 Manhattan Street, Ashley. Plenty of parking behind the Church. Adult 3 piggie dinner \$12.00; Adult 2 piggie dinner at \$10.00 and child 1 piggy dinner at \$5.00. Eat in or take out. Tickets will be sold at the door, if available or call Bonnie @ 570-474-1031 or the rectory @570-825-6664 for tickets.

PRAYER AGAINST RACISM & PREJUDICE

Help us to not participate in any racial acts against our brothers. Clear our minds of all negative thoughts, free them of any racial injustice that may cause them bondage, break every chain! Diminish all separation of skin colour in our land. Help us all to live in peace and harmony with one another. Remind us that all are created equally and we are all children of Your Mighty Kingdom.

This Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This day not only honors his legacy but reminds us that we are responsible to promote, teach and live the American Dream.



FROM THE PASTOR

Thursday, January, 16th, is designated as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In 1973 Catholic politicians were unanimous in their condemnation of Roe v Wade legalizing abortion rights. Republicans, Democrats; it didn't matter. On the question of abortion, Catholic legislators stood with the Church. Throughout the 1970's that unity began to crumble. Former Pro-Life Democrats including Ted Kennedy, Joe Biden, John Kerry and Mario Cuomo became pro-choice. They got theological cover from Father Robert Drinan, a lawyer, a Jesuit and a Congressman from Massachusetts. He agreed, when elected, with the Supreme Decision arguing that while he found abortion personally reprehensible, he believed it legally necessary. Other Catholic politicians soon followed, taking Drinan's argument as their own. For years, the Jesuit religious superiors tried to persuade him to step down concerned over the scandal and confusion generated by his pro-abortion views. Only in 1980, however, when Pope John Paul II authoritatively forbade priests from holding political office did Drinan retire from political life. As a writer and professor at Georgetown University Law Center, however, he continued to expound his theories on law and abortion. Although he led countless humanitarian missions to Latin and Central America during his 27 years at Georgetown, Drinan's enduring legacy remains his tragic contribution to the abortion debate. Since 1973, 58,586,256 abortions have been reportedly performed in America. Every year in America there are over 3,000 every day. Worldwide every year there are 40 - 50 million abortions which is about 125,000 abortions per day. Pray to God that this violence against the innocent unborn will be legally stopped.

LOTTERY WINNERS

Jan. 8	219	Jay Snee
Jan.9	508	Dave Talacka
Jan.10	066	
Jan. 11	167	