

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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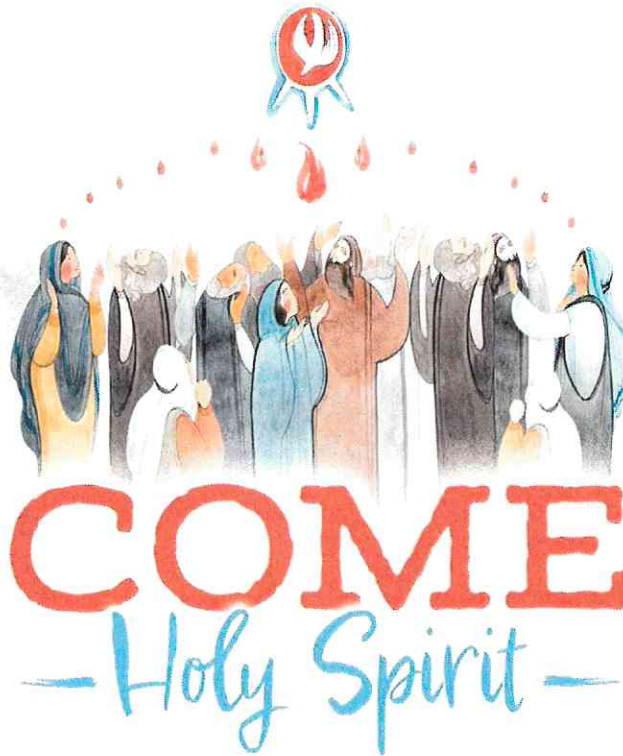
Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday
8:00 am (Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
After 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 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.

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 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

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Director of Music
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Director of Liturgy
Noah Klinges

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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 am - 11:00 am

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
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Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23 Vigil of Pentecost

4:00 PM Joseph Pekol - Theresa Britt

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

9:00 AM Vincent Aleo - Wife & Family

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 AM Stella Krakowski - Son, Albert

Friday, May 29

8:00 AM Bob Polachek - Wife, Theresa

Saturday, May 30

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 31

9:00 AM Stanley Wielgopolski - Wife, Ann & Family

Paschal Candle - For living and deceased members of the Tomasura and Tometchko families

Votives

Sanctuary Candles - In Memory of Vincent Aleo
By Wife & Family

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Rosalie Reiss	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka

Memorial Day

This Monday, May 25th, is Memorial Day. On this holiday we honor all military men and women who died while serving our country. Father Mark will celebrate mass at 10 AM at St. Mary's Maternity Cemetery in West Wyoming.



St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of June the request from the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen is **Coffee and Tea**. Thank you for your generous support of the Kitchen. God Bless You!

Weekend of May 17th

Sunday Collection	\$
Portion going to the Diocese	
Remaining at OLOH	\$

Praying To Our Blessed Mother

During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited every Saturday before the 4:00 PM mass (beginning at 3:30). Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother with this beautiful devotion.



Requesting Mass Intentions

Our 2027 Mass Book is available for scheduling mass intentions. We are required to have a mass intention for "the People of the Parish" once each week. We also have to hold a few open days so when a parishioner passes away there is availability of a 30-day mass. Therefore a parish family will now be limited to 4 masses per year - 2 weekend masses and 2 weekday masses. This is standard practice in most diocesan churches.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet for May this Wednesday, May 27th, at 6:30 PM in the rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Reservations will be taken for the annual Mother's Day Dinner to be held on their June meeting night, Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:00 PM at R & D Catering in Hanover Township.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Lady of Hope Parish has a dedicated group of women that meet every Monday from 12:30 to 3 PM in the Rectory. They crochet or knit prayer shawls, baby afghans, and hat, scarf, and glove sets to be given to those in need in our community. New (and inexperienced) members are always welcome. Materials and people willing to teach are available. Anyone who would like a prayer shawl or those interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry can contact Helene Jewell (570-823-1800) or Mary Ruth (570-301-2509).

Costello Scholarship

The Costello Scholarship Program will award up to two scholarships of up to \$4,000 each to one male and one female. Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates or college undergraduates who reside within 30 miles of Scranton. They also must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year. To learn more visit: scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/Costello/ Deadline to apply is June 3, 2026 4:00 PM ET.

Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery, DC

There are still several seats available for our parish pilgrimage on Wednesday, June 10th, to the Franciscan Monastery and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in D.C. The cost is \$75 which includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies on the way home and driver gratuity. Final date for reservations and payment is June 1st. Please contact Theresa Lisiewski, 570-862-6298, for more information.

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Reflection

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to his disciples when he assured them that he would not leave them orphans. We are not left orphans either, as the Holy Spirit descends upon us in Baptism and remains with us forever. Throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit guides us along the path Jesus left for us and flows through us to bear fruit in the world. As we sing in the sequence, may the Holy Spirit bend our stubborn wills when we resist God's will and guide us when we go astray, in order to bring us joy that never ends. Amen. Alleluia!

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

When Jesus stood amid the disciples at that first encounter reported in today's Gospel, he did not accuse them of abandonment during his passion. Nor does he show signs of anger or resentment for the way he had been treated. Instead, Jesus offers a rather unexpected greeting: "PEACE." There are times when we want to show that we have the upper hand. We want to prove to others that we were right and they were wrong. We want to come out on top. But this isn't the way of Christ. Fully aware of all that had happened to him, including deception and desertion, Jesus offers us another way. Let's pray for the courage to follow HIS way.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

When I was an employee of King's College, I organized a fundraising campaign that placed brick pavers around the center of Monarch Court. Each was engraved with the name of a donor, or someone the donor chose to honor as a perpetual reminder of gratitude to King's. Trouble was that the "perpetual" part was over-billed. Winter chemicals took their toll and many had to be re-engraved. Forever, it seems, only applies to God - and to each of us when we ultimately find ourselves in his presence. Once we are in God's kingdom we will never have to worry about being displaced in a form of heavenly urban renewal. That should be a comfort to us. Our life on earth is fleeting. I remember when I was six thinking it would be several lifetimes before I could drive. Now I am very nearly seventy-five and laughing about how naïve I once was. But faith tells me when my time comes, I will never be six again waiting for adulthood. We all will one day stand before God and if we've been good enough, we will be with him for eternity. And that sounds like a sweet deal to me and certainly worth the effort.



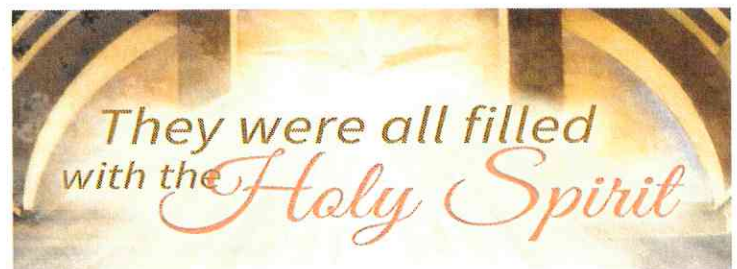
Now You Know.... From the PLC

***Happy birthday to the Church
on this Feast of Pentecost!***

As you know, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It signifies a whole new life for the People of God. The Holy Spirit came into the Church to guide Her in Her mission. It is the same for all those confirmed. The Holy Spirit comes upon them in a special way to make them strong and perfect Christians and witnesses to Jesus Christ. At a World Youth Day the Pope provided four key items that help us gain insight into how to be Christ's witnesses. First, get to know Jesus. Don't just learn about Him, build a personal relationship with Him. Second, pray. Take time to pray to Jesus, to have a conversation with Him. Be humble and listen to Jesus tell us His plans for our lives. Third, keep the commandments. We do that by knowing and doing what we ought to do. When we stumble, we know Jesus will always have our back. He is always there to support us. Fourth, use the Gifts of the Spirit to serve others. When we do, we have the freedom to love God and love neighbor. I tell those to be confirmed, their parents, and their sponsors that Confirmation is not a graduation. It is a time when God gives them the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so they can live out their vocations and be what God has called them to be. We need to pray for them and for ourselves so we can be strong and perfect Christians and witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve



Catholic Women's Conference

The **Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference** will take place on the Marywood University campus June 5-6, 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together for spiritual renewal and fellowship. For information go to www.cwcnepa.com.

Orpheus Choral Society Spring Concert

The Orpheus Choral Society of the Wyoming Valley, under the direction of Gabriel Jenceleski and accompanied on piano by Susan Lauer, will present its Spring Concert at St. John the Evangelist Church on Saturday, May 30th at 2:00 PM. The program will run approximately 45 minutes and include beloved religious, secular, and patriotic selections. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration

The Diocese of Scranton is hosting a Eucharistic Adoration for young adults on Thursday, June 4th, at 7 PM at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. There will be praise & worship music, along with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. A social and snacks will follow.

St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 11 this Tuesday, May 26th, at 5:30 PM.

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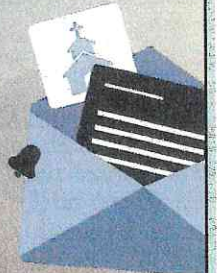
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