

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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**Marymount Parish Center**  
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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

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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-Canva 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 23**

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

**Monday, February 24**

7:00 AM Thomas Paul Mahoney - Daughter, Colette

**Tuesday, February 25**

7:00 AM Anthony Prushinski - Family

**Wednesday, February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM Stanley Orbik - Wife & Children  
 5:15 PM David Ermish - Family

**Thursday, February 27**

7:00 AM Theresa Racis - Bernadette Gdovin

**Friday, February 28**

7:00 AM Joseph Barnoski - Jeanette & Deborah Yaskus  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 29**

4:00 PM Joan Hertely - Cousin, Norbert Falkowski & Wife, Patty

**Sunday, March 1**

9:00 AM Joseph Shubilla - Mike & Sue Havrilosin  
 11:15 AM Martha Lock - Christian Women

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES:** In Memory of Albert Graziano, Carmella Altavilla, and Raphael Procida - By Carolyn Graziano

**SACRED HEART CANDLES:** In Memory of Ceil Falchek - By Niece, Nancy

**BLESSED HEART CANDLES:** In Memory of Stanley Orbik - By Wife & Children

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** Eastern and Central Europe

**SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE**

What a Pre-Lenten offering! Many of us would not be Catholic today if not for our forefathers. Regardless of our backgrounds, we all know the devastation done to the Catholic Faith by Communism. They need our help badly, let's not let them down. Be kind, be generous.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door. In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his oppressor's clan. So God gave His people a law that brought them closer to love: if someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair. When Jesus came onto the scene, He raised the standards: if someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love. When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and His love. But if we give them love, we give them God through a back door. This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love, even if only from afar, we bring God and His healing into the situation. If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him and as an act of generous love, give him more! I know it doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says is right. Divinely right. If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more. This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil. This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love, complete, unlimited, merciful love.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 A.M. and 5:15 P.M. The blessing and distribution of ashes will follow the brief homily. Blessed ashes are available for those unable to attend. When you bless someone with the ashes, marking one's forehead, use the traditional prayer, "Remember man/woman that you are dust and to dust you will return".

**EUCCHARISTIC WAY OF THE CROSS** - Every Friday, beginning this Friday, we conduct this unique way of the Stations of the Cross. We encourage you to walk with Deacon Joe or Father Terry as they move from station to station. The service concludes with the blessings of the Blessed Sacrament. It starts at 5:30 P.M.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITATIONS** - This week Father Terry will make the rounds visiting those shut-ins whom have requested Holy Communion. He visits on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The latter day he goes to Wilkes-Barre Township. Please notify Father Terry if you want a visit or if you are not available. Thank you.



**PIZZA SALE** - Social Concerns Committee will have their Pizza Sale. The Pizza is provided by Sanitary Bakery. The pick up for the pizza will be Friday, February 28, 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. at the Marymount Parish Center.

**PARISH FISH FRY** - Our parish will have a Fish Fry take-out Dinner on April 3rd. Fish, Mac & Cheese & Cole Slaw for \$9.00.

**LENTEN OBLIGATIONS** - Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. The U.S. Bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.

**TUESDAY "SHROVE" TUESDAY** - Commonly known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, this Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been traditionally spent feasting (especially on pancakes). It is also called "Shrove Tuesday", recalling the tradition of going to confession. The word "shrove" comes from "shrive", the English word for confessing one's sins and receiving absolution. In fact, there was a custom of Churches ringing the "shriving bell" on this day. The goal was to start Lent with a clean soul and repentant spirit.

#### **REACHING OUT TO THE POOR PARISH LENTEN SACRIFICE PROJECT**

The insert in last week's bulletin details the requests for the weeks of Lent. This is a free donation. Place your donation on the altar kneelers. First week, February 29 and March 1: Bread, Crackers (e.g.) Graham, Wheat, Saltine).

**LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS** - Once again, we are providing free of charge, these booklets to help you during the season of Lent to prepare for Easter. They are: **LENTEN BLESSINGS** by Fr. Joseph Sica, **WE JOURNEY TOGETHER** By Alice Camille; for families only. **DAILY GRACES** by Connie Clark, and for children - **ALLELUIA JESUS IS RISEN** by Anne Newberger.

**LIGHT IS ON** - Throughout all Monday evenings before Holy Week, confessions will be heard from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed in exposition. Benediction will conclude the services. There will not be a Penance Service scheduled here. Take advantage of this opportunity.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Finding Your New Heart During Lent.** The word "convert" means to "change", or "transform". Think of returning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's grace. "A New Heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh". (Ezekiel 36:26). **A New Heart.** God desires our conversion more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, He pursues and draws us to Himself. Conversion begins by offering Him our whole heart so He can remake it as His own. **Break the Heart of Stone.** There can be no healing or conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship. **A New Spirit.** When we have a soft and tender heart of flesh, we are able to receive God's holy will. Our new spirit requires renewal every day. Daily prayer, frequent confession and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love.

#### **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

The sixth Annual Catholic Men's Conference theme is "Called to Fatherhood". It will be held April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Conference runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (includes Adoration and Confessions), Closing Mass at 1:45 p.m. Rosary at 7:15 a.m. Registration/Morning Coffee 7:00 a.m. and features three outstanding speakers. \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 04/01/20, Students \$15, Priest/Deacons FREE).

Register on line at [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com). Or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check (payable to "Diocese of Scranton") to: Office for Parish Life Diocese of Scranton, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503 Attn: Men's conference, Also put Men's Conference on the memo line of the check.