

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.

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Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

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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, November 24

9:00 AM Victor Tarutis - Len & June Swida
11:15 AM Thaddeus & Julia Ostrowski - Daughter,
Theresa Richards

Monday, November 25

7:00 AM 36th Wedding Anniversary of Ron &
Rosalie Reiss

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 AM Angela & Walter Page - Stella Page &
Patti
5:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Novena

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 AM Lottie Savitski - Children

Thursday, November 28 -THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 AM Casimer (Mike) Wajda - Wife, Sophie
& Family

Friday, November 29

7:00 AM Mary Nguyen - Family

Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM John B. Waltos - Sister, Regina
Buczynski & Family

Sunday, December 1

9:00 AM Elizabeth Franckowiak - Husband
11:15 AM Catherine Braden - Son, Bruce

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: - In Memory of Jerome Page -
By Mother

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: -
Campaign for Human Development

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Thanksgiving is memory of the heart.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, you created us in Your image, desiring us to be united in a loving community. You give us each a family to help us grow and learn to love You and each other, so that one day we may be perfectly united to You in Heaven.

Help us to discover and live the vocations to which You are calling us. Give us the grace to support each other in this discovery, to promote each other's well being and happiness, knowing that we are happiest following Your call. May this family imitate the unity of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so that each member might be a shining witness to the world of Your love. Amen.

ADVENT PROJECTS

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS - We will be collecting items for the homeless shelters during the Advent Season. There will be large Christmas Stockings hanging in the Church for you to drop in a donation of socks, underwear, hygiene products (trial size) etc.

TEEN TREE - A Tree with paper ornaments for you to pick with specific requests such as T-Shirt, Hair Dryer, Curling Iron, Hoodies, etc. for a homeless teen. Just pick an ornament by December 22 for delivery to the Homeless Shelters. No need to wrap. The tree will be lit and decorated with paper ornaments on November 30 for the 4:00 pm Mass. Thank you to all parishioners for your continued support and generosity to all of our Social Concerns projects.

NEXT WEEKEND

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

What a wonderful way of thanking God for His blessings than to be a blessing to others. We see poverty all around us. There are many simply trapped in this unfortunate situation. Helping people to help themselves is really what this collection is all about. Hope is a terrible thing to lose. Look at the homeless situation in our country. They need more than a handout, they need skills and the opportunity to have a life on their own. Please consider something to bless others.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE -Throughout the month of November, the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is requesting **COFFEE**.

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND TOY DISTRIBUTION

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, a program of Catholic Social Services is once again teaming up with local parishes and the United States Marines "Toys for Tots" for this year's Christmas Toy Drive. This year's registration for **Toys and Food for Christmas will be held at St. Mary's (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), 134 S. Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre on: Monday, Nov. 25th - 10 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. Children up to age 10 are eligible. Parents should bring the following: 1) Photo ID of Parent or Guardian, 2) Original Birth Certificates for each child and 3) Proof of address - such as a recent utility bill.**

Food Distribution will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre on Monday, December 16 from 10 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm
Toy Distribution will take place at St. Mary's (Our Lady of Fatima Parish), 134 S Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre on Monday, December 16 from 10am - 1pm and 3 pm - 6pm.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF TOYS!!!

To donate toys or new outerwear for the children, please contact Dianne at 570-406-9843. They can also be dropped off at the Kitchen from 8 am - 1 pm daily. If the Church or organization has a large quantity of donations for the drive, contact Dianne prior to 12/10 to arrange for delivery or pickup.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA - As we get close to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have a lot to be grateful for and have prayerful wishes for God's help. Maybe we need a miracle. There is no greater saint to intercede on our behalf than the great Anthony of Padua. Those afflicted with cancer reach out through St. Peregrine for strength and healing. Come and join us then at our novena on every Tuesday evening before Christmas week. It starts at 5:30 pm. Be blessed with the relic and join in humble petition for your needs.

PLEASE NOTE: HOSPITAL VISITATIONS - Call the rectory if someone is in need of a visit from Father Terry. Many times the hospitals and nursing homes don't inform us. Nursing homes never let us know. So, once again, please notify the parish office. Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - We are gradually approaching 50% of our goal of \$40,000.00. Many have pledged and many have not yet done so. We're counting on all of our parishioners to make some donation. Personal letters have been sent out to encourage you to do so. We've done it before, so let's do it again.

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Just recently a major gathering of Bishops discussed the situation of the Catholic Church in the Amazon Region of South America. There was the topic of the shortage of priests in that area. Should (married men be considered to be ordained priests? Should priests be allowed to marry?) And how about women? Can women be ordained deacons? Well, the reaction to these questions was met enthusiastically by some and not so by others. Both sides had their point. The poor Pope has to deliberate about this matter. A married clergy (like in the European Ukrainian Church) would be a great idea for the Amazon, some feel. But what would be the repercussions to the universal Church? The German Bishops are all for it. They say "it is urgently, necessary and indeed essential". We already allow any married Non-Catholic Ministers who become Catholic priests to function as Catholic priests. The laity have no problem with that! Conservative, (i.e. traditional Catholics) believe "celibacy is a living gift of a man to the Church and should be the norm. Besides there is the practical matter of finances. How can a parish finance a priest, wife and family? Who pays for the children's education, insurance, etc.? Does the wife have to work? What about a divorced priest? So what do you think? Many say yes, many say no! It depends upon the priest himself to decide? Personally it does resolve a priest's need for love and support. It could backfire, too! It may help to avoid the scandalous activity with minors. Although priests are only 4% of that problem. Whatever, the Church must look to the future. The Church has its problems, today, in many parts of the world due to a priest shortage. What does God tell us to do?

CRAFT & GIFT FAIR - On Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday November 24, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm; a Craft and Gift Fair will be held at St Maria Goretti Parish Center in Laflin, PA. 25 Vendors - Specialty Basket and Gift raffle. Food stand. Too! Free admission.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

• Is 11:1-10

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

• Psalm 72

Justice shall flourish in his time and the fullness of peace forever.

• Romans 15:4-9

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another. Welcome one another, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

• Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Vision 2020

Seeing a Future Full of Hope

DECEMBER 2019

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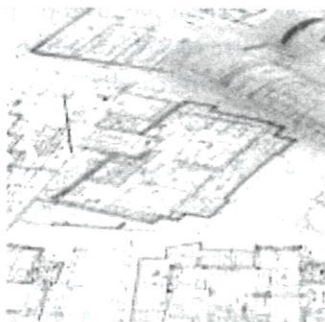
Shaping a Blueprint for the Future of the Diocese

In today's homily for the Second Sunday of Advent, Bishop Bambera explained to us that it is time for the whole Church of Scranton to take a good look at the life of our parishes and to project a future vision in response to God's call today.

Your Pastors have taken first steps in this conversation in recent deanery meetings, and now it is essential to broaden this conversation to include all of the faithful.

Bishop Bambera pointed out to us the reality of change in our world and in our local communities, and so we know that we will continue to face and

respond to change within the church. "I'm inviting all of the faithful," he said, "to simply focus on how we best engage the mission of



the gospel in these changing times." Some of these changes include shifting demographics, differing attitudes about formal church participation, and diminishment in numbers of ordained priests

available to serve as full-time pastors.

In the coming year, then, Bishop Bambera is asking us to continue working together to fashion a "blueprint" if you will—a pathway for our local Church, tailored to each deanery and to each parish—for how we will meet both the challenges and the opportunities we will face in the next ten year period.

In his homily he stressed that, "while every parish is similar in what it is being asked to do and to be, each parish will respond to this process in ways that are unique to its situation and circumstances."

Rooted in the Vision of Servant Leadership

Excerpted from Bishop Bambera's 2011 Pastoral Letter, Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered

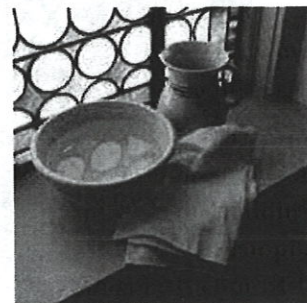
When we assume that our journey of faith is just about personal holiness and generosity alone, we forget that the mission of Jesus is to bring the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. We forget that there is one God and Father of us all. We neglect a critical mystery of faith that in giving we receive; that in dying to self we are born to eternal life. We need to **return ourselves to this larger view of our communion and mission:** a vision of life together that restores our sense of being part of something larger than ourselves and greater than our personal inadequacies. Let us together serve the mission of Jesus Christ to gather the scattered back into God's loving embrace. This mission is not our own, nor is the power to achieve it. Let us rely on the power and grace of the promised Spirit of Jesus! My brothers and sisters, once we begin to appreciate that we are loved by God, the desire to embrace the life of the One who loves us also begins to grow. The Lord's challenge to us who receive His very body and blood is that we allow our lives also to be broken and poured forth in loving service of our sisters and brothers.



Planning Guidance for Each Deanery

Guiding the overall process are these planning assumptions as common elements across the Diocese:

- The benchmarks for vibrant parishes are in accord with the vision expressed in Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Letter, especially *pages 7-13*;
- In every local circumstance, efforts are made to best utilize the particular ministry gifts of the clergy and, at the same time, to mobilize the gifts of all the baptized;
- Each deanery blueprint implementation is unique, and may consider such questions as: number of worship sites, Mass schedules and wise investment of resources;
- No deanery is planning in isolation – the circumstances in one may occasion change in another;
- Parish pastoral plans are respected and help to inform deanery level plans;
- Recommendations from deaneries or parishes are brought to Diocesan review;
- Parishes in linked relationship, sharing a Pastor, will be given additional planning support to evaluate and craft the best path forward;
- Every parish calls forth those individuals whose capacity for pastoral leadership could be developed through vocational discernment for priesthood, religious life, lay ministry or permanent diaconate.

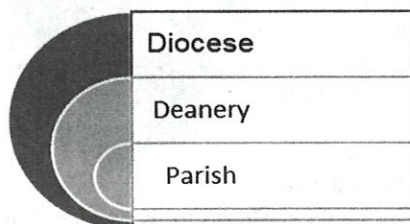


We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

Questions for Reflection and Dialogue

1. Bishop's pastoral letter, quoted on reverse side, says parishes need to "return to a larger view of our communion and mission." What would this look like for us? What would we be doing differently? How would this help us respond to the kind of changes in church and society which Bishop mentioned in his homily?
2. The Advent gospels challenge us to keep our eyes on the goal of our journey — to make God's vision of a world of peace and justice even more true and visible in our part of the world. What will happen to this mission of the church as we have fewer priests to serve as full-time Pastors?
3. What could the members of our parish do to prepare for the reality of additional change in pastoral leadership in the coming years? How can we work with neighboring parishes to sustain the life and mission for which we are baptized?

What is a Deanery?



The Diocese of Scranton includes 118 parishes in 11 counties of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania. These parishes are grouped geographically, for collaboration and mission effectiveness, into 12 Deaneries. Each deanery may have 8-12 parishes. The Pastors and PLCs serving in a given Deanery select one from among themselves to serve as the local leader, or Dean. In the Diocese at present, the Deaneries are:

Carbondale	Honesdale	Stroudsburg	Scranton
Sayre	Williamsport	Wilkes-Barre	Hazleton
Pittston	Clarks Summit	Dunmore	Kingston