

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 evening: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am

Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday

8:00 am (Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

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 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.

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

Parish Secretary

Jean Behm

Business Manager

Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music

Andrea Yorkonis

Liturgy

Noah Klings

Director of Religious Education

Diane Lakkis

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 Marymount Parish Center on South Hancock Street Sundays, September through May. Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love; committed to Jesus Christ and to His Gospel; to grow in our love for others as Jesus loves us. Through the prayerful intercession of Mary, our Patroness, we seek to live in unity and hope as we strive to assist those in need through our good works, sacrifices and stewardship.

By celebrating the Mass and Sacraments, by providing various opportunities for Catholic Education, by calling forth more of our members to ministries and service, we seek to help one another grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey together towards the complete happiness that awaits us in Heaven

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
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1st Sunday of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29

4:00 PM John Paul Yuknavich - Sister & Brother,
Mary Joy Allen & Jerry Yuknavich

Sunday, November 30

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 AM John F. Quinn - Daughter, Sue,
Lisa & Richard

Friday, December 5

8:00 AM Ronald Royek - Anita & Rick Sirak

Saturday, December 6

4:00 PM Mooneen Bielecki - Husband, John

Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM Peter & Patricia Smeraglio - Family

Votives

Sanctuary - In Memory of John F. Quinn and Children,
Pat and John - By Sue Cosgrove & Family

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVisia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Helen Novak	

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (current and new, who have completed training) will be commissioned this weekend at the Saturday mass at 4pm or on Sunday at the 9 am mass.

Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue after our daily Masses until 9:00 AM and on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM. Beginning this Thursday, December 4th, confessions will also be heard during the Thursday Holy Hour, 6-7:00PM. We hope this addition will make this sacrament even more accessible - and LOVED.

Just a Reminder

At all masses during Advent, the Apostles' Creed (page 10 in the Breaking Bread missal) will be recited instead of the Nicene Creed.

November 30, 2025

First Friday Visitation

This Friday is the first Friday of the month. Visitation to those who are shut-ins and requested Holy Communion will be this week. Anyone who would like to receive, please call the rectory. Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction will follow the First Friday mass.

OCIA

We are pleased to announce we now have three people in our parish program. Our most recent Inquirers, Brian Magness and Amy Michaels, participated in the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and now join our Richard Partington as Catechumens. Please keep Richard, Brian, and Amy in your thoughts and prayers.

Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration

Diocese of Scranton is holding a young adult Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, December 4th, at 7:00 PM at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, along with Praise and Worship Music - followed by Social and Snacks.

Toys for Tots

Our **Toys for Tots** boxes will be collected December 10th. Please consider donating if you have not already done so. There is a great need for donations for older children. Please help us to provide a very Merry Christmas for many deserving children.

Christian Women

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will celebrate Christmas with a Luncheon on Sunday, December 7th at 1 PM at The Holiday Inn, 600 Wildflower Drive, Wilkes-Barre. Cost is \$25. To make a reservation contact Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925. Transportation is available if needed.

Bring the Little Children to Me

Beginning in Advent, children age 3 through 6, will be invited to leave mass before the readings for an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. They will return to us before the Offertory. This will be during the Sunday (9AM) Liturgy. We see this as an opportunity to welcome children's participation leading to a life-long journey of faith. We also hope this will encourage families to come to church.

Our Church Calendars

Our 2026 church calendars are here. They are available near the entrances to the church. This year they are compliments of **Jendrzewski Funeral Home** and **Nat-Gawlas-Jordan Funeral Home**. We would like to thank both of them for their continuing support of Our Lady of Hope Parish.

Scripture Reflection

During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world - and our hearts - throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

As we enter into Advent once again, we are NOT preparing for the coming of the Christ Child; that already happened more than two thousand years ago. Rather, in Advent, we break our normal routine and move into heightened alert to perceive more intensely the ways in which Emmanuel, God-with-us, is moving us toward that vision of peace and unity that Isaiah so eloquently describes in the first reading. The prophet dreams of how people stream toward the city of peace, all dwell in unity, swords are beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, and there is no more training for war again.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

How many of us diligently prepare for a trip - you know, when we are getting away for a few days of rest and relaxation. Now personally, I love BEING away; I strongly dislike PREPARING for the trip. What are you wearing in the car? Long pants or shorts? What about if we go out for dinner? Invariably I tell my wife, "Just pack what you think I will need." She does - and also invariably at least once during the trip I'll ask, "Where is my ___?" And guess what - it wasn't packed, and I am the first to admit, it's MY fault. All too often we rely on others to anticipate our needs. Even though it is OUR OWN welfare we're talking about, we rarely take responsibility. I can't help but wonder if this same attitude drives our daily lives, too. Even when we are not planning a trip we should all be anticipating that final journey, you know - the one that leads to a personal encounter with God. It's easy to pawn off responsibility to others. Hey, that's Father's or Deacon's responsibility. Sure, we go to mass every weekend, but preparing ourselves to meet our Creator should mean more than that. We should be developing a RELATIONSHIP with God, especially by searching for him in the face of others, and by saying, "I'm sorry" when we've offended him or them. Remember this is an excellent "spiritual GPS." But like the one in our cars, it only works if we turn it on.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

Do priests remember the sins we confess in the Sacrament of Penance?

It helps to know that priests hear many confessions. And the details of who said what blur pretty quickly in their memory. While some voices are more recognizable than others, in most confessions, the priests are not aware of who is speaking, unless of course, the screen is not in use. It is also true that priests hear just about everything in confession, and very little shocks them or stands out. This is sad and actually a danger since even serious sins can become normal conversation. Priests can, at times, seem to minimize the serious nature of many sins given the frequency with which they hear things. This is surely helpful in not remembering what the penitent says, but can hinder deep and more serious advice. Remember, too, that priests go to confession. This helps them remain humble when hearing confessions. Every priest takes the complete secrecy of the confessional very seriously. God provides His priests with grace to keep the Sacramental Seal of Confession. The proof of this is that the violation is unheard of. We can conclude that our priests, even if they recognize our voice, or if we are seated openly, during our confession, are probably not going to remember the specifics of our confessions. It's a combination of poor memory, volume, routine, and grace. Our Lord and the Church strongly encourage us to confess our sins. God wants us to repent so He can forgive us. He does this exceptionally well through His priests. Go now as we begin Advent and this new liturgical year! *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Security Committee

Bishop Bambera has issued a directive that all parishes must establish a Security Committee. Leading this committee will be our PLC, Deacon Steve Frye. The following people have volunteered to serve as advisors: Deacon Bill Behm, Jean Behm - parish secretary, David Jacobs - facilities and maintenance, Joe Brozowski and John Bilski - security and law enforcement, Diane Lakkis - religious education, and Julia Carey - medical. Thank you to these volunteers. Their willingness to help our Parish is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Table

For the month of December the request is for **Canned Fruit and Canned Vegetables**. Thank you for remembering those in need.

