

# 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 (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, January 26**

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

**Monday, January 27**

7:00 AM Helen Scutch - Family

**Tuesday, January 28**

7:00 AM Al Bogusko - Charlotte Andr

**Wednesday, January 29**

7:00 AM Frank J. Pekol - Family

**Thursday, January 30**

7:00 AM John Sedeski, Sr. - Matt Franckowiak

**Friday, January 31**

7:00 AM Joanne Marie Smith - Bob & Theresa  
 Youngblood

**Saturday, February 1**

4:00 PM Sister Ann Patrice Wassel - Sister Mary  
 Beth S.S.CM & Paul S. Makuch

**Sunday, February 2**

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 11:15 AM Martha Lock - Jerome Lock

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES:** Special Intention

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** \$3,201.85  
**LOOSE:** \$166.00  
**DUES:** \$3,275.00  
**CHRISTMAS:** \$125.00  
**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Health  
 Care & Education of Clergy

**BLESSING OF THROATS**  
**FEAST OF ST. BLASE**

Next Sunday is the feast day of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed after all Masses next Saturday and Sunday.

**PARENTS MEETING -**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The date is still being determined. First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020.

**SUNDAY'S REFLECTION**

Who's troubling you? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isaiah in the first reading. Because of Jesus Christ, the people you know who are living in darkness have seen the light that will heal them. Who is making no effort to get out of their sin-induced misery? Who is overshadowed by the demons of spiritual death and destruction? Whose stubbornness is causing you great anguish? Through your prayers and faithful love, Jesus has been revealed to them. Even as they fight against this truth and hide from Him, the great light of Christ cannot be turned off. Soon or eventually this will cause great rejoicing, not only for you, but for those who are being rescued. Elsewhere (Luke 12:49-50), Jesus expressed His feelings about people who live in darkness: "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Thus, He knows your anguish and shares it, but more deeply and fervently. He is doing more than you know, more than you can imagine, to accomplish the victory for which you've been praying. He is doing everything possible, as well as the impossible, to bring it to fulfillment. Pray that Divine Providence will use the bad consequences of each person's stubborn rebellion to draw them to Himself. Pray that God will use others to bring them into His light. Pray that God will work in His own way to dissolve their spiritual rebellion. Pray that after their conversion they will spread the light of Christ powerfully. And pray that their conversion will be deep, definite and permanent. We don't pray to change God's mind; He's already working to bring the light of Christ to people who live in darkness. We pray to place these people into His arms, since they're not doing it for themselves.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITATIONS** - All those on our visitation list for the reception of Holy Communion for the month of February can expect Father Terry to come next week at the usual times. If you will not be available, please let Father Terry know.

**IMPORTANT MEETING**  
**BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE**

Those who are willing to serve on the committee representing our parish are asked that they attend a meeting to be held at the rectory on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Bishop's proposed plan for our deanery and its future. Later on, sometime in March/April, these representatives will gather with other parish representatives at a place TBD. The cooperation of our local parishes is very important. Five and/or ten years will go by quickly and we need to have an appreciation for the future. Members of Parish Council and Finance Committee are also invited. The parish will be given a report on these deliberations.



**HOLY REDEEMER**

Holy Redeemer High School Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night and Interview Scheduling for incoming Freshmen will be held Monday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the McCarthy Auditorium. (Snow date: Tuesday, February 4). Freshman interviews and class scheduling will be conducted February 10, 11, and 13 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. "Shadow Days" are now being scheduled. Call the Guidance Department (570) 829-2424 to spend a day as a ROYAL!

**WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Makoa M Quiacusan, Kekoa Zachariah Quiacusan, Makanalani Grace Quiacusan, Kalinoa Eugenio Quiacusan, Allena Blue Ivory Banks, Sapphyre Rayne Banks. God bless these beautiful little ones, Mary our Holy Mother Mary, their Guardian Angels and the Good Lord watch over them on their journey of faith.

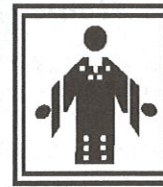
**PLEASE NOTE:** We are running short on Mass intentions for daily Mass. Instead of a candle, a Mass has far more benefit for the soul than a candle.

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR LENT:  
JOURNEY TOGETHER IN MINISTRY 2020**

The Office for Parish Life will be holding "Preparing Our Hearts for Lent: A Journey Together in Ministry" Retreat. This is a retreat for DREs, Youth Ministers, Pastoral Associates, Participants in Lay Ministry Formation and anyone engaged in Ministry of the Word and Lifelong Faith Formation who will gather for prayer, reflection and fellowship. The retreat will be held at the Holy Transfiguration Center, 1000 Seminary Rd., Dalton, PA. The retreat begins on Friday evening, February 7th with arrival between 5 - 6 p.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8th. The cost is \$100 and includes the retreat program, meals and lodging. Father Michael Bryant will be the retreat facilitator. Please register by January 29th. The link to register is <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/preparing-our-hearts-for-lent-journey-together-in-ministry-retreat-feb7-8/>

**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.

**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.



# FROM THE PASTOR

This year, Catholic School's Week will be celebrated from January 26th through February 1st. The theme is "**Catholic Schools: Learn, Service, Lead, Succeed**". Quite frequently I meet those who graduated from Marymount High School. It's been closed for a long time but has fond memories of the days spent there and the good Bernadine Sisters who taught there. Sometimes some ask if they could walk through it. Some trophies of by-gone sports accomplishments are displayed in the enclosed case near the main entrance. I'm sure there are many like myself that have had the experience of a Catholic Education. We certainly took those days for granted. But fortunately we still have a Catholic Grade School near by and a Catholic High School. They exist not just for the academics and sports but hopefully for an understanding and appreciation of their Catholic Faith. A faith that impresses their minds and reaches their hearts. I have to say that the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius and the Jesuits who taught me for many years helped me realize my vocation in life. I'm very conscious of the responsibilities parents play in their child's development. They have an awesome challenge. Our Catholic Faith is under attack. Our young people can easily be influenced by the secular world and can lose their sense of privilege in being a Catholic. If they had a rosary in their hands as often as a cell phone, they'd be saints. Our young generation today deserve the opportunity to attend a Catholic School in their life's journey. So that, they too, like us can look back at those precious years with fondness and gratitude. God bless our Catholic Schools and its teachers and all who support them.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** - Our parish has surpassed its \$40,000.00. We have pledged over \$42,000.00. All those who still have a balance on their pledge are asked to be faithful to it. Our parish should be so proud of itself. The generosity of so many of our parish family was significant this year. Without your help we would never make it. God bless all of you who have pledged. You can still make a pledge as anything over the goal is returned to the parish.

**LOTTERY WINNERS**

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| Jan. 15 | 850 | Ruth Wren   |
| Jan. 16 | 205 |             |
| Jan. 17 | 590 | Bob Flynn   |
| Jan. 18 | 541 | Terri Vesek |