

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Office Hours

Mon Tues Thurs Fri

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Closed Wednesday

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 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.

**ANOIDTING 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

Parish Secretary

Jean Behm

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Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music

Andrea Yorkonis

Director of 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 the

Church Parish Hall

Sundays, September to May.

Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25

4:00 PM Rosemarie Tomasura - Bill and Jean Behm

Sunday, July 26

9:00 AM Alice Kwiatkowski - Sandy Hopkins

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 AM Mooneen & John Paul Bielecki - Husband
and Father, John H Bielecki

Friday, July 31

8:00 AM Gloria Matrunich - Nieces & Nephews

Saturday, August 1

4:00 PM Petronella Przewoznik - Mayor Carl Kuren

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday masses until 9:00 AM,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Votives

Sacred Heart- In Memory of John Royek By 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
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Pat Kinsman	Mary Greenburg

Daily Mass Intentions

Most of the previously scheduled weekday mass intentions for October thru December 2026 and for 2027 have been rescheduled or changed to votive candles. Please call the rectory if you have not rescheduled your requested weekday mass intentions.

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of July the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. God Bless You!

July 26, 2026

Venezuela Earthquake Relief

Next weekend we will have a second collection at both masses for the Venezuela Earthquake Relief Fund. Catholic Relief Services - which is the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected. All proceeds from this second collection in the Diocese of Scranton will be forwarded to the Venezuela Relief Fund of Catholic Relief Services.

Summer Fest '26

Communion of Saints Parish in Pittston will hold "Summer Fest '26" at St. John the Evangelist Church from **Thursday, August 6 through Saturday, August 8 from 5:00-10:00 PM** each evening on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist Church at the corner of Church and Broad Streets. Featured entertainment this year will include "Smoke in Mirrors" on Thursday, "Bugeye McGuire" on Friday, and "Flaxy Morgan" on Saturday. A variety of foods will be available for purchase. Games of chance, big basket raffle, cash bingo, children's games, and other raffles will be available in the Monsignor Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic H.S. Auditorium), and food and entertainment will be on the church grounds.

Roasted Chicken Dinner

Prince of Peace Parish is having a TAKE OUT ONLY Roasted Chicken Dinner, Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing on Sunday, August 16th, from 11 AM to 3PM in the Arcaro and Genell Parkin Lot on Main Street. The cost is \$17 and includes 1/2 roasted chicken, corn, pasta salad, a roll and dessert. The dinner will be prepared by Arcaro & Genell. For tickets call the rectory at 570-457-5900. Deadline to order is August 10th.



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). Those with experience may work from home.

Reflection

Each Sunday when we come together to worship God, we are nourished first by God's word in the readings, psalm, and Gospel and then by Christ's own body in the Eucharist. We may take both for granted, because each is available to us every Sunday, but these are gifts that are meant to be treasured. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a great treasure buried in a field, bought by a person lucky enough to have found it. But we have our treasure right here and right now, given to us by a God of infinite generosity. May we be blessed with the wisdom to see the treasures we have in the Word and Eucharist.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

If parables are like mirrors, how would we respond in a situation like the treasure buried in the field? Are we willing to risk everything for the sake of the kingdom? The first people to hear Jesus' parables were confronted with a choice - and so are we. We must prayerfully ask ourselves **what are we willing to do for God?** This is not a once-and-done decision, but a process that will last as long as we draw a breath. Let's pray that our willingness to "do for God" will lead us on the road to salvation.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

More than a few years ago, I was in the seminary when the administration replaced a very popular practice with a very UNPOPULAR one. When we were taking classes at our College or University, we could "charge" our lunch to the seminary. That changed when we were issued brown paper bag lunches we carried to classes. Grumbled ensued. That grumbling stopped only when a member of the faculty gave a homily at daily mass on the subject of HUMILITY. That homily continued innocuously enough until the "punch line". The priest said, "The best example of humility I can give you is carrying that brown paper bag to class". That homily had a lasting impact on me - and it was delivered well over fifty years ago. I still frequently reflect on it. I count this priest as one of my best friends, impressive because if you look up "seminarian" in the dictionary you will not find my picture there. Now let me ask you about how YOU practice humility. Do you put LOVE ahead of all else? Being humble doesn't mean you have to always defer to others, it just means you are willing to look for the Christ present in others, and respect that Christ when you find him.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

Did you know that **Catholics are to abstain from eating meat on ALL Fridays throughout the year?** The 1983 *Code of Canon Law* says, All Fridays through the year are penitential days (Canon §1250). Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities (Canon §1251). The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste. Abstaining from meat is obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent. On the Fridays outside of Lent the U.S. Bishops obtained the permission of the Holy See for Catholics in the U.S. to substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. If people choose to eat meat on a Friday, then they *must* do an additional penitential or charitable practice on these Fridays. So, pick your penance! *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Our Lady of Hope's Annual Stewardship Campaign is under way. Hopefully, you have received your STEWARDSHIP envelope. It was included in your August packet of monthly envelopes. Money received from this campaign will be used to supplement the Parish's general fund in critical ways including heating, air conditioning, upkeep of our church and rectory and so much more. By supporting this campaign you are helping to make Our Lady of Hope not only a VERY GOOD Parish but a GREAT ONE! If every household contributes \$100, we will have no problem reaching our \$20,000 goal. In case you don't receive envelopes or misplaced the one in the packet, there are extra Stewardship envelopes at the entrances to the church. Please be as generous as you can



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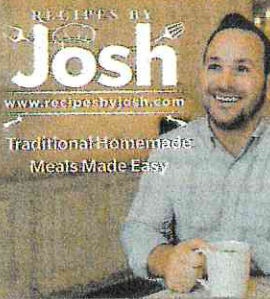
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