

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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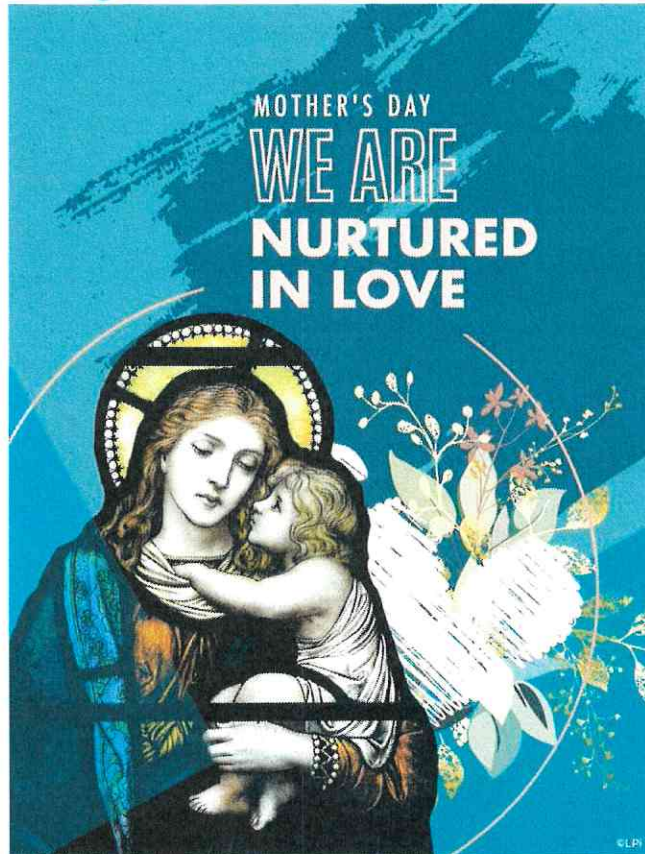
**Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Articles and announcements  
must be submitted to the office  
by Noon Monday.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday: 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 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 Diocesan 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.

**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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**Director of Music**  
Andrea Yorkonis

**Director of Liturgy**  
Noah Klinges

**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

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook  
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# 6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 9

4:00 PM Ernest & Clara Jendrzewski - Son, Ernest & Monica

### Sunday, May 10

9:00 AM Marvin Jayma - Mom & Family

### Tuesday, May 12

8:00 AM William & Ann Krushin - Grandson, Norbert Falkowski & Wife, Patty

### Thursday, May 14 Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM Ronald Mikielski - Family  
5:30 PM Petronella Przewoznik-Daughter, Diane & Joe

### Friday, May 15

8:00 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, May 16

4:00 PM Margaret & John Kinsel Sr and Joseph E & Mary Sobeck - Sobeck Family

### Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM Confirmation Class

Paschal Candle - For living and deceased members of the Tomasura and Tometchko families

### Votives

Sanctuary Candles - In Memory of Marvin Jayma  
By Mom & Family

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Tedd Richards  
By Brothers

### Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Joseph Mrozowski	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka

### Holy Day of Obligation

This Thursday, May 14th, is a Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of the Lord. Masses are 8 AM and 5:30 PM.

### St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 9 this Tuesday, May 12th, at 5:30 PM.

### St. Vincent DePaul Donations

Non-dairy Creamer is requested for the month of May.

### Weekend of May 3rd

Sunday Collection	\$6,835.00
Portion going to the Diocese	240.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$6,595.00

### Praying To Our Blessed Mother

During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited every Saturday before the 4:00 PM mass (beginning at 3:30). Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother with this beautiful devotion.



### Requesting Mass Intentions

Our 2027 Mass Book is available for scheduling mass intentions. We are required to have a mass intention for "the People of the Parish" once each week. We also have to hold a few open days so when a parishioner passes away there is availability of a 30-day mass. Therefore a parish family will now be limited to 4 masses per year - 2 weekend masses and 2 weekday masses. This is standard practice in most diocesan churches.

### Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet for May on Wednesday, May 27th in the rectory, at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Reservations will be taken for the annual Mother's Day Dinner to be held on their June meeting night, Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:00 PM at R & D Catering in Hanover Township.

### Christian Women Scholarship

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope will be awarding a scholarship to a 2026 high school graduate. Eligible graduates must be a member of our parish or the child or grandchild of one of our Christian Women members. The application and an essay titled "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me and How I Apply It in My Everyday Life" must be submitted by Friday, May 22nd. Applications are available at the rectory. For more information, please call Ann Shinko at 570-826-6126.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (Diocesan Annual Appeal). We are at 65% of our goal. Please be as generous as possible.

### Catholic Women's Conference

The Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference will take place on the Marywood University campus June 5-6, 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together for spiritual renewal and fellowship. For information go to [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com).

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

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)

**Reflection**

At the Last Supper, knowing that he would soon be leaving the company of his disciples, Jesus assures them that the Father would send another Advocate to remain with them always. They would never be orphans, he promises them, because this Advocate - the Holy Spirit - would remain with them and in them. For many of us, our mothers also advocate for us and remain in us, even if they have passed away. On this Mother's Day, as we celebrate our mothers and those who have been a mother to us over the years, let us pray that the Holy Spirit bless them now and always.

**What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:**

In today's second reading, Peter instructs us to be ready and willing to give a reason for our hope. Why do YOU hope? As we continue our celebration of the Easter season, take a few moments to prayerfully ponder this question. In a world filled with fear and uncertainty - and even death - we must be a people who do not grieve without hope. Through our relationship with God, we know that all will be transformed. This is the keeping of the commandments that Jesus mentions in today's Gospel.

**Thoughts from Deacon Bill:**

Have you ever thought about the concept of **JUSTICE**? Two nations at war both assume God is on THEIR side. Each person assumes what they are thinking - and how they are acting - is just. But justice is not an easy concept to get one's arms around. There is a question that can help us come to as correct a decision as we can: *What would Jesus do?* If we honestly feel Jesus would approve of our action, we can begin to assume it is just. As Catholic Christians, we have an actionable concept called **Catholic Social Justice** to help us keep our feet on "the path of righteousness." When I was president of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club we recited "The Four Way Test" before each meeting. "Of the things we think, say, or do... Is it the **truth**, Is it **fair** to all concerned, Will it **build** good will and better friendships, and Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?" These points shouldn't apply only to Rotarians; they should be at the heart of all we say and do. Again, as Catholic Christians, we should be asking ourselves these questions seven days a week - not just Sunday mornings. May we give more than lip-service to God. May we find him and lead others to him by **how we practice what we preach**.



**Congratulations to Fr. Mark**

We proudly share the appointment of Fr. Mark DeCelles as the Academic Dean of St. Pius X Propaedeutic House of Formation located on the campus of our Cathedral in Scranton. The GREAT news is he will remain as our Sacramental Priest, although he will no longer reside at our rectory. He will be in residence at the House of Formation where he will have a critical role in the early formation of our diocesan seminarians. Let us join together in thanksgiving for Father's continuing role at Our Lady of Hope and wish him well as he assumes his newest duties. Father will remain as Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program.



***Now You Know....  
From the PLC***

***Happy Mother's Day!***

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Honoring mothers is a tradition that dates back thousands of years to fertility rituals and festivals dedicated to celebrating mother-like deities and Mother Nature. In 1914, President Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. Today, there are an estimated 2.4 billion mothers in the world with over 87 million mothers in the U.S. We thank mothers for their love, support, and, quite simply, for being mothers. Many people give cards, flowers, especially carnations, candy, a meal, or other gifts to their mother and mother figures, including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. The Church has a deep love and devotion to all mothers because motherhood is the recognition of life. A man and woman come together to image God by bringing forth life. We celebrate the Feasts of Mary, Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception, the Birth of Mary, and the Assumption. We show our love and devotion through prayers such as the Rosary, dedications to Our Lady, the *Regina Coeli*, and various litanies. Our recognition of the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God is, in the most fitting way, our celebration of all motherhood. In the Church we also recognize the importance of putting our faith into action. We encourage all to take the opportunity today to do something charitable for mothers, to recognize and thank God, and mothers, for the gift of life, and to speak with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through the intercession of the Virgin Mother, we pray that all mothers have a blessed Mother's Day. *Now you know!*

***Deacon Steve***



**Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery, DC**

Reservations and payment for our parish pilgrimage on Wednesday, June 10th, to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will be due by May 18th. The cost is \$75 which includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies on the way home and driver gratuity. Contact Theresa Lisiewski, 570-862-6298 for reservation and payment information.

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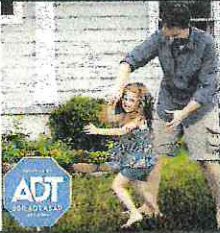
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