

Our Lady of Hope Parish

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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 Office

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Office Hours

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Closed Wednesday

Bulletin Deadline

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.
(Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

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.

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

Reverend Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti

Reverend John S. Terry, M.Div.

Reverend Theodors L. Obaza

Deacon

Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary

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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 – 11:00 a.m.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15

4:00 p.m. Sharon Kuren -Husband, Carl & Family

Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Vincent Aleo – Wife & Family

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Karen Blaine – Mr. & Mrs. John Jewell
& Family

Friday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Eugene Flynn – Robert, Sharon &
Sean Flynn

Saturday, August 22

4:00 p.m. Carolyn Jendrzejewski - Family

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. Henry Wichowski -Wife, Monica
& Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday Masses until 9:00 a.m.,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Votives

August 16th -August 22nd

Sanctuary – World Peace

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

Deacon Joe DeViszia	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
Carol Aten	

Weekend of August 9th

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>\$4,628.00</u>
<u>Portion going to the Diocese</u>	<u>\$ 116.50</u>
<u>Remaining at OLOH</u>	<u>\$4,511.50</u>
 <u>Stewardship</u>	 <u>\$4,990.00</u>

August 16, 2026

Mission Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr. Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah, who will speak to the parish on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani -Ghana. There will be a second collection at both masses to help and support the missions in Sunyani. Please be as generous as possible.

Holy Land Artifacts

There will be a display of handmade olive wood religious articles available for purchase after all masses this weekend. Items will include Nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, statues, and many other devotional pieces. By purchasing one of these pieces, you are supporting Christian families in Jerusalem and helping to preserve the Christian presence in the land where our faith was born. Thank you for your generous support.

Credit cards, cash and checks will be accepted.

Marymount School Building

Our Lady of Hope Parish has obtained permission from Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, to sell the Marymount School Building. We will be moving forward with contacting a realtor. This will be a great savings to the Parish.

AED & CPR Courses -All Are Welcome

Come join us for a FREE AED/CPR training to be held in our Ave Maria Hall. There are two opportunities. The first will be Sunday, August 23rd at 10:30 AM and the second will be Friday, September 18th at 5:30 PM. You only need to attend one session to complete the training. We are grateful to have Margaret Austin, RN and Julia Carey, PA-C leading this training. Sign up sheets are at the church doors or call the rectory.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope will meet on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Newly Wed

Congratulations to Brian Magness and Anita Farah who were united through the Sacrament of Matrimony last weekend here at Our Lady of Hope. Brian was one of our OCIA participants who was baptized and confirmed this past Easter Vigil. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Reflection

In today's first reading, we hear the Lord tell Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Two and a half millenia later, this house of worship, along with hundreds of thousands of others like it around the world, continues to be a house of prayer for all peoples. In a spirit of Christian hospitality, we welcome everyone who come here to pray in this holy place. Together we lift our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our loving and welcoming God.

What I want you to PRAY about: Jesus was deeply moved by the woman in today's gospel. Not only was a non-Jewish person willing to challenge Jesus, but SHE was willing to speak that challenge. Just like Jesus' interaction with the woman from Samaria, her action defied all social norms and conventions of those days. It was becoming apparent that Jesus' salvific mission is for ALL PEOPLE, not just the Jews. May we prayerfully thank our God, Savior, and brother for welcoming us into his kingdom. Let us also pray for the courage to embrace God's welcome... and extend it beyond ourselves.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill

Way more than a few years ago, my son Kevin was at that age when going fishing with his dad seemed like a true rite of passage. I got Kevin a pole and a reel and we practiced casting. I even had a target in the yard, and he soon learned to cast where he wanted. Then the big day came. We headed to the lake and even rented a boat. We paddled to an area that seemed like a good spot and Kevin made his cast. When he reeled in his first cast the worm was still there - but no fish. Kevin said, "I knew I couldn't fish. I'm done. Let's go home." Despite talking and coaxing, there was no way he was going to fish again that day. And you know what? We are all a bit like Kevin. Sure we pray, we go to church, we try to be good people - but sometimes things just don't click. Too often, we reel in our lines and go home. Kevin is now well into his 40's and a Captain in the Navy. I don't know if he still tries to fish. I don't know how many of you continue to actively pursue being true Catholic-Christians. But I do know with absolute confidence - if we give up, WE are missing out. God will love us if we do or don't give up, but our lives will be less than they could be without a special relationship with God. Remember, it's never too late to "wet your line."



Now You Know... From the PLC

We pray Two Creeds – what's the difference?

Creed comes from the Latin word *Credo*, which means "I believe." We pray the Apostles' Creed as part of the Rosary and the Nicene Creed at every Solemnity. Why the difference? The Apostles' Creed is a summary of the Apostles' faith. The Niceno-Constantinopolitan, or Nicene Creed, draws its authority from the ecumenical Councils in 325 and 381. The Church prayed the Apostles' Creed for the first 300 years. As a result of the widespread Arian Heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ, the Church convened an ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 and condemned the Heresy. It added seven statements to the Apostles' Creed's phrase, "I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord" to help us better understand who Jesus is. He is "eternally begotten of the Father; God from God; Light from Light; true God from true God; begotten, not made; One in being with the Father; and through Him all things were made." As a result of the Church's struggle understanding the Holy Spirit, the Council of Constantinople convened in 381. The Church expanded the Apostles' Creed statement, "I believe in the Holy Spirit." The Council added four phrases to help us better understand who the Holy Spirit is: the Lord, the giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; with the Father and Son He is worshiped and glorified; and He has spoken through the prophets. The Council also added, "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" to the Creed. These "marks" of the Church indicate essential features of the Church and Her mission. We end with "Amen." In Hebrew, Amen comes from the same root as "believe." By ending the Creed with "Amen," we restate, repeat, and confirm the first word, "Credo," "I believe."

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of August the request from the St. Vincent DePaul kitchen is **Condiments**. Thank you for helping those in need. God Bless You!

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