

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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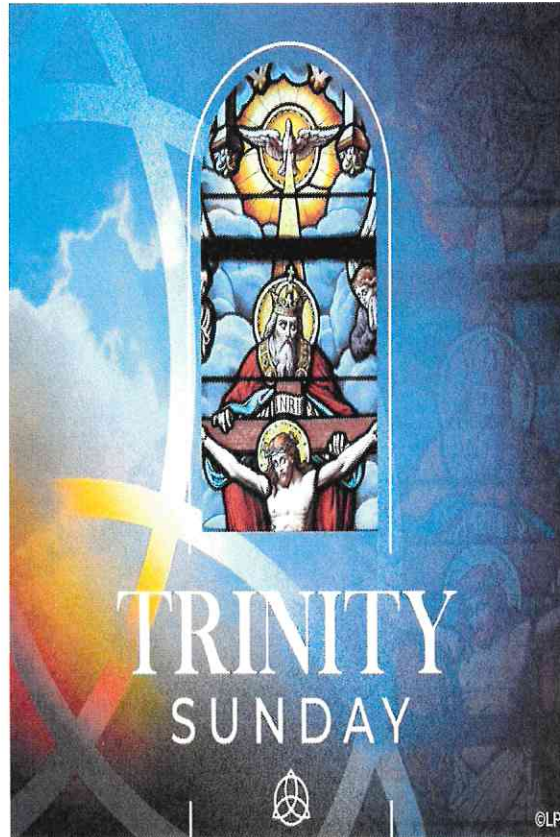
**Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**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.

**ANOIDING 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**  
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Andrea Yorkonis

**Director of Liturgy**  
Noah Klingses

**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  
@olohwb

# Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026



## Saturday, May 30

4:00 PM People of the Parish

## Sunday, May 31

9:00 AM Stanley Wielgopolski - Wife, Ann & Family

## Tuesday, June 2

8:00 AM Ronald Royek - Andrea Yorkonis & Family

## Friday, June 5

8:00 AM Frank E. Buczynski - Daughter, Mary Frances

## Saturday, June 6

4:00 PM Joseph Kubek - Wife, Louise & Family

## Sunday, June 7

9:00 AM Ronald Royek - Carol & Joe Yozviak

### Votives

**Sanctuary Candles** - In Memory of Miners Killed in  
Baltimore Mine Tunnel Disaster in 1919  
By Dorzinsky Family

**Blessed Mother** - In Memory of Stanley Wielgopolski  
By Wife, Ann & Family

**Sacred Heart** - In Memory of Leonard Przywara By Wife

### **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

### **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.

### **Quo Vadis/Fiat Days**

The Diocese of Scranton's 11th Annual Quo Vadis Days and 3rd Annual Fiat Days will take place June 29th to July 1st at Marywood University. This is an opportunity for rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school to learn about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Participants will enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers and activities, and have the chance to get to know priests, seminarians, religious sisters, and fellow discerners. Deadline to register is June 11th. Cost is \$100. If interested, contact Deacon Steve.

### **Our Lady of Hope Projects**

This is an updated status of project donations.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Donations</u>
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$6,053	\$6,053
St. Joseph Statue	6,450	1,497
Church Bathroom	TBD	1,705
Stations of the Cross	10,000	0
Sanctuary Handrails	TBD	300
Signage for Church	TBD	0
Funeral Vestments	3,000	1,000
Rolling Gate	TBD	Member donated gate

### **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.

### **First Friday**

This Friday, June 5th, is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be at 8:00 AM followed by devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction. Deacon Bill will visit our shut-ins sometime this week or early next week to distribute Holy Communion. If you or a loved one is home-bound and would like to be added to Deacon's First Friday list, please call the rectory.

### **Costello Scholarship**

The Costello Scholarship Program will award up to two scholarships of up to \$4,000 each to one male and one female. Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates or college undergraduates who reside within 30 miles of Scranton. They also must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year. To learn more visit: [scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/Costello/](http://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/Costello/) Deadline to apply is June 3, 2026 4:00 PM ET.

### **Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery, DC**

There are still several seats available for our parish pilgrimage on Wednesday, June 10th, to the Franciscan Monastery and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in D.C. The cost is \$75 which includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies on the way home and driver gratuity. Final date for reservations and payment is June 1st. Please contact Theresa Lisiewski, 570-862-6298, for more information.

### **St. Anthony Novena**

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 12 this Tuesday, June 2nd, at 5:30 PM.

## Reflection

It's one of the deepest mysteries of our faith: how three persons can be united in one divine being. On the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we praise God the Father for sending the Son to save us from our sins and the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. The Holy Spirit draws us together as the body of Christ to receive the Son in the Eucharist and give glory to God the Father, in whose image we have been created. Let us praise and give thanks to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the infinite love and mercy we have received.

## What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

The mystery of the Trinity is grounded in the relationship of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The very nature of God is relational, and we are invited INTO that relationship of love. Paul gives us some insight or advice for this relationship: Seek reparation and reconciliation. Live in peace. Encourage and support one another. In cultivating right relationships with others, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" will be with you. Pray for the grace to accept those assurances as we truly love one another.

## Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

St. Augustine is responsible for much of what the Church has become. He was one of our greatest "thinkers" about what we believe and think about God. There's an old story told to me by the Sisters of Christian Charity while I was in grade school. St. Augustine was walking along a beach while contemplating the Blessed Trinity. While he was on this walk, he met a young boy taking pails of water from the ocean and dumping them into a hole dug in the sand. Augustine asked the boy what he was doing; the boy explained he was emptying the ocean. Augustine replied, "That's impossible - you can never do that." The "boy" then looked up at Augustine and said, "And you'll never understand the Trinity any more than I can empty the ocean." Sometimes, we get caught up in theological thought trying to understand what can never be understood. My path through this minefield is a belief that it is less important to know ABOUT God than it is to concentrate on getting to KNOW Him, and developing a personal and genuine friendship with Him.



## 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).

## St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of June the request from the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen is **Coffee and Tea**. God Bless You!



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

### **Where does the Holy Spirit fit in the Most Holy Trinity?**

We can imagine what the Father and Jesus are as Persons, but the Holy Spirit is a bit more challenging. Jesus died so we might be raised to life in the Trinity. The Spirit comes as a divine gift and anointing, to guide us to all truth, to share the life of the Trinity, and to dwell in God as He dwells in us. In the Gospel on Pentecost, Jesus says, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, *will teach you everything, and remind you of all I have said to you (Jn 14:26)*. In his Pentecost homily, Pope Francis said, "How does the Spirit give this new and full understanding to those who receive him? It is not about quantity, or an academic question. No ... It is a question of quality, perspective, perception. The Spirit makes us see everything in a new way, with the eyes of Jesus. I would put it this way: in the great journey of life, the Spirit teaches us *where to begin, what paths to take, and how to walk ...* The Spirit points out to us the starting point of the spiritual life ... the Spirit teaches us *what paths to take ...* The Spirit, at every crossroads in our lives, suggests to us the best path to follow ... he leads us to rejoice in the success of others ... The Holy Spirit wants us to be together; ... he teaches the Church *how to walk ...* impelled to proclaim the Gospel. The Spirit ... beckons us to walk his paths ... the paths of witness, poverty and mission, and in this way, he sets us free from ourselves and sends us forth into the world. ... Let us invoke him each day, so that he can remind us to make God's gaze upon us our starting point, to make decisions by listening to his voice, and to journey together as Church, docile to him and open to the world. Amen." *Now you know!*

*Deacon Steve*



## Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration

The Diocese of Scranton is hosting a Eucharistic Adoration for young adults on Thursday, June 4th, at 7 PM at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. There will be praise & worship music, along with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance. A social and snacks will follow.

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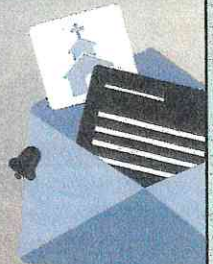
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