

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.

First 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

Parish Secretary

Theresa Lisiewski

Business Manager

Suzanne Cosgrove

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 Ave Maria Hall
Sundays, September to May.
Grades K-8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during 9A.M. Mass.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM Koval Family – Mary Ruth

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM Andrew Polifko, IV – Grandparents,
Michele & Andy

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM Jagodzinski & Navroth Families –
Rose Jagodzinski

Sunday, October 11

9:00 AM David & Theresa Richards –
Children & Families

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held Thursday evening from 6:00 to
7:00 p.m.

Votives

October 4th – October 10th

Blessed Mother – In Memory of the Koval Family
By Mary Ruth

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

William McLaughlin	Mary Greenburg
Lindsay Kurtz	Theresa Belcastro
Helen Novak	Pat Kinsman
Carol Aten	Patti Zaklukiewicz
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry - Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illness.

Weekend of September 27th

Sunday Collection	\$4820.50
Portion going to the Diocese	53.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4767.50
 Stewardship	 \$ 10.00

October 4, 2026

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Monday, October 12, at 6:00pm in the Rectory.

Mass Intentions

Just a reminder – Weekday masses will end beginning October 6. There will be First Friday masses celebrated at 8:00 AM on the first Friday of the month.

Cash/Gift Card Bingo

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will be selling chances for baskets and more before and after masses the weekend of October 17th/18th in Ave Maria Church Hall. The drawing will be held at the Cash/Gift Card Bingo on October 18th. You do not need to be present to win. Chances are \$5 for 15 tickets. Please contact Andrea Grella at 570-606-7463 if interested in attending the bingo. Hope to see you there.

Pilgrimage

We will have 1-day pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine on Wednesday, October 28th. For information and reservation contact Theresa Lisiewski, 570-862-6298, by October 14th. Cost is \$60.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place during the normal Sunday school time, 10:00-11:00, in Ave Marie Hall beginning October 11th.

St. Anthony of Padua Devotion

We will celebrate the 9-day devotion to St Anthony of Padua each Tuesday from October 20 to December 15, at 5:30pm in the church.

Interested in Joining a Ministry

We are continuing to seek people for the ministries of altar server, lector, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory to volunteer.

Remembering Deacon Joe

We were saddened to learn of Deacon Joseph DeVizia's passing. Deacon Joe served for many years here at St. Mary's Maternity and Our Lady of Hope and was a true servant of the Lord. Our condolences go to his wife, Maura, and his family. May he rest in peace.

Reflection

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith, of the Church, and of our lives as his disciples. It also reminds us that he became the cornerstone after he was rejected by the religious and secular leaders of his day. On Respect Life Sunday, we pray for those who are often rejected by society and our leaders, left vulnerable to unjust laws and practices, from the unborn to the terminally ill, from immigrants and refugees to criminals on death row. Let us never forget that we all have been made in the image and likeness of God.

Blessing of Animals

There will be a Blessing of Animals this Sunday, October 4th, at noon in the parking lot.

Respect for Life Sunday

This Sunday, October 4, is Respect for Life Sunday. There are several prayer services/masses planned.

* There will be a prayerful commemoration at the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of the Unborn", located at the top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton at 2:00 PM. All area faithful are invited.

* There will also be a mass observing Respect for Life Sunday at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Hughes St, Swoyersville, at 8:30 AM followed by a Holy Hour. Benediction will be at 10:30 AM.

Choir Formation

It's time to establish our choir. Our plan is to move the musical equipment from the current location to the choir loft and be functioning there no later than Advent. If interested in participating in this rewarding ministry, please contact the Rectory.

Catholic Men's Conference

The Diocese of Scranton will hold the 11th Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, October 10, 8:00-3:00, Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. Register at: www.BeACatholicMan.com

Suggestions

Deacon Steve is looking for your suggestions on ways to use the Stewardship Campaign Funds.



Now You Know... From the PLC

What are Indulgences?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) says, "an indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church's help when, as minister of Redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfaction won by Christ and the saints" (CCC #1471). Wow! What does that mean? When we sin, we offend God. When we repent, God forgives our sins. However, God requires we heal the hurt caused by sin. This is temporal punishment for sin. For example, if I damage my neighbor's car, I can say I'm sorry and my neighbor, in mercy, can forgive me; however, in justice, I will have to pay to repair the car. In the Sacrament of Penance God forgives sin through the priest. God remits temporal punishment through the Church. An indulgence is plenary or partial according to whether it expiates all or part of the temporal punishment. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to sin. To gain a plenary indulgence, one must perform the work attached to the indulgence and make a sacramental confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Pope. The conditions may be met several days before or after performing the work of the indulgence. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin. Some ways to gain a partial indulgence are by praying the Magnificat, Hail Holy Queen, the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love, or the Creed; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; or visiting a cemetery. Indulgences are a very important part of our temporal life on our journey to eternal life.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

Diocese of Scranton Employment Opportunity

See the Diocesan website for a posting for a Payroll & Benefits position.

St. Joseph's Table

For the month of October, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests Coffee, Tea, and Creamer.

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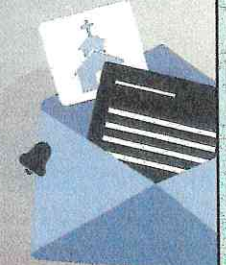
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