

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office

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Marymount Parish Center

570-823-4740

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 evening: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 10:30 am

Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday

8:00 am (Rectory Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Before 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 Diocese Pre-Cana Program.

**ANointing OF
THE SICK AND SICK CALLS**

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the parish priest. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love; committed to Jesus Christ and to His Gospel; to grow in our love for others as Jesus loves us. Through the prayerful intercession of Mary, our Patroness, we seek to live in unity and hope as we strive to assist those in need through our good works, sacrifices and stewardship.

By celebrating the Mass and Sacraments, by providing various opportunities for Catholic Education, by calling forth more of our members to ministries and service, we seek to help one another grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey together towards the complete happiness that awaits us in Heaven

Pastor

Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

In Residence

Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon

William Behm

Parish Secretary

Jean Behm

Business Manager

Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music

Andrea Yorkonis

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 Marymount Parish Center on South Hancock Street
September through May.
Grades K-8 9:15 am - 10:15 am

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
[@olohweb](https://www.facebook.com/olohweb)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 27

4:00 PM Constance "Connie" Plewniak-W-B Twp
Mayor, Carl Kuren

Sunday, September 28

10:30 AM John & Jean Castellino - Family

Tuesday, September 30

8:00 AM Frank G Parente - Paul S Marko

Friday, October 3

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving 55th Anniversary of
Bob & Sharon Flynn

Saturday, October 4

4:00 PM Ed & Mary Klosowski - Sons, Edward,
Robert & Patty

Sunday, October 5

10:30 AM Andrew Polifko, IV - Grandparents

Sanctuary Votives— World Peace

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$3,601.00
<u>Loose</u>	297.00
<u>Dues</u>	717.50
<u>Cemetery: Holy Trinity</u>	327.00
<u>St. Mary's Maternity</u>	828.00

OCIA (RCIA)

We are thrilled to announce we will be welcoming a newcomer to our parish family again this year. Until the Rite of Acceptance, he will be known as an Inquirer. Our sessions, led by our team, will continue on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Rectory. If there is anyone else who might be interested in becoming Catholic - or if you have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation, please call Deacon Bill or Jean Behm at 570-991-0984. There is always room for one more - or even twelve more. Think and pray about it.

First Friday - This Friday, October 3rd, is the first Friday of the month. First Friday mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM in the church. Deacon Bill will make the rounds to all shut-ins who have requested Holy Communion. If you would like to be put on the list, please call the rectory.

September 28, 2025

Respect Life Sunday

The first Sunday of October is designated as **Respect Life Sunday**. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton will once again celebrate a Respect Life Sunday Mass on October 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The mass is open to the public and will also be broadcast live from CTV.

Catholic Ministries Appeal (Annual Appeal)

There is much asked of us to support the works and ministries of our Diocese. They address many things - Education - Social Justice Outreach - Retired Clergy and their Health - Seminarian Formation - to name a few. Please consider contributing. If you have not received a pledge card, there are still cards available in the pews. Do your best and give from your heart in gratitude for our Diocese and Bishop Bambera.

Congratulating our Director of Music

Our own Andrea Bogusko will be one of the featured soloists performing as she and fellow inductees are inducted into the *3rd Luzerne County Arts & Entertainment Hall of Fame* on Saturday, October 4th, at the F.M. Kirby Center. The award-style induction ceremony will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 PM (\$30 ticket) in the theater. Doors open at 6:30 PM. An optional VIP party will be held in the lobby from 5:00 to 6:00 PM (\$65 ticket). Doors open at 4:30 PM. All tickets available at the F.M. Kirby Center's Box Office or at their website www.kirbycenter.org or through Ticketmaster. For information call 570-826-1100.

October - Month of the Rosary

Members of the Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will lead us in the rosary before all weekend masses during the month of October. Please consider coming a few minutes early and join us as we honor our Blessed Mother.

10th ANNUAL "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" CONFERENCE

It is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Holy Redeemer High School from 8 AM - 3 PM. The theme is "Christ is King." Today, as our Catholic faith becomes increasingly marginalized by society, we publicly acclaim that Jesus Christ is King of our hearts, our homes, our work, and our public action. Registration fee: \$40.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of October the request is **Hot Chocolate Mix**. Thank you for helping those in need. God Bless You!

Scripture Reflection

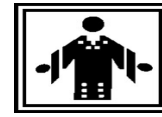
Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, a day on which we recognize and honor those who accepted the challenge of leaving their homes and homelands to search for and work for a better life in a foreign land. Those who have never had to make such a radical decision find it difficult to imagine the incredible challenges refugees and migrants face, on their journeys and in their homes, much as the rich man in today's Gospel cannot imagine how the poor, sickly Lazarus ended up on his doorstep. May we never forget to see the face of Christ in the stranger and respond with heartfelt compassion.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Surely, if Jesus were to come down from heaven and give us a talking to, we'd see a change. We'd see an end to war, argument, selfishness, and injustice. But if Jesus were to come again today, what would he find US doing? He has not come again. YET. But our Gospel today asks us to recognize Him - not in his coming in the clouds, but in the faces of the suffering around us. Have compassion for our neighbors who are persecuted - not only at our own gates, but around the world. We are Christ's body. If we keep faith, we must secure justice for the oppressed, give food to the hungry, and set captives free.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

A few weeks ago, Jean and I went on a family vacation with our youngest son and his family. Unfortunately, this was the same time a hurricane swept up the east coast and we were treated to less than perfect vacation weather. Now at the beginning of the summer, we placed several hanging baskets in our yard which, thanks to advice from my good friend Bob Grula, were in beautiful and full bloom. But no one tended them while we were in Delaware and when we returned home they were literally on death's door. Because of the lateness of the season, we just accepted the new reality and moved on. This morning, I took our dog out and saw a flower on one of the dead ones. The image stuck with me and I kept thinking about it. This got me thinking, God sent enough rain to encourage it back to life. If our faith withers, God can help with that too. With the richness of his grace, God can help faith bloom again. He sent rain to our petunias, and he will send us what we need - but let's start by asking him to water us with his grace and love. Absolutely nothing is impossible for God.

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Just recently one of Major League Baseball's superstars called it quits. Clayton Kershaw, a pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, is that man. He had a long career and, with tearful eyes, spoke from his heart about how blessed he was throughout those many years of playing ball. During his press conference Kershaw didn't stress his athletic achievements but said, "I worked for the Lord." Certainly, he worked for his team and his teammates - but he wanted everyone to know above all - he worked for the Lord. Shouldn't that be true of all of us? You and I all know there was a great concern about the future of our parish - but we now know Our Lady of Hope will have a tomorrow. But more than merely keeping this house of worship open, we will continue to work for the Lord and his Kingdom. A new chapter of Our Lady of Hope's history is about to begin. Our bishop believes in this parish - and we all must be believers as well. This parish is a wonderful community. It may not be as large as it once was, but it is the quality not quantity that matters. It is my prayer that you will continue to support this parish in every way. Give generously of your time, talents, and treasure. Encourage your new parish leadership - they are an awesome trio: Father DeCelles, Deacon Steve, and Deacon Bill. They will, with God's help, continue the mission of Our Lady of Hope. They need your prayers, your love, and your help. Remember, we are all in this together... and we're "doing it for the Lord."

Blessings and Farewell

We have been blessed having Father Terry and Father Ghezzi at our parish for many years. Please join us for coffee and donuts this weekend after the masses as we lovingly say farewell to our two wonderful priests.

Their new addresses are:

**Reverend John S. Terry
Villa St. Joseph
1600 Green Ridge St.
Dunmore, PA 18509**

**Reverend Richard G. Ghezzi
Villa St. Joseph
1600 Green Ridge St.
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