

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 evening: 4:00 pm
Sundays: 10:30 am
Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday
8:00 am (Main Church)

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

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

Business Manager
Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Liturgy
Noah Klings

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 25

4:00 PM Joseph E Sobeck - Wife, Mary Sobeck

Sunday, October 26

10:30 AM Cecelia & William Katsak - Ernest & Monica

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 AM Stanley J. Buckley - Godchild, Mary Frances

Friday, October 31

8:00 AM Ronald Royek - Albert Mrackoski

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

8:00AM Ernest Jendrzejewski - Family

Remembrance Mass/All Souls Day

4:00 PM Tom & Peggy Madigan - Son, Tom & Cathy

Sunday, November 2 All Souls Day

10:30 AM All Deceased Members of the Parish

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus. It is a simple extension of the Adoration we do during Mass. The 3-year Eucharist Revival ended this past summer on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Pope Francis and the Revival provided direction to establish and continue Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Beginning October 28th, we invite you to join us for Adoration after our daily Masses until 9:00 AM and on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Novena Changes

Our Lady of Hope will not conduct the novena to St. Anthony typically held Oct-Dec. We will do the Christmas Antiphons beginning December 17th with a mass each day.

Sunday Collection

\$3567.30

Loose

263.00

World Mission

632.00

October 26, 2025

Remembrance Mass

Our Lady of Hope Parish will lovingly remember our parishioners who began their eternity with God during the past year. This celebration of eternal life will be held as part of the weekend celebration on Saturday, the vigil of All Souls Day - November 1st - at the 4 PM liturgy. All are welcome!

Holy Redeemer News

The ROYAL family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 2, 1:00-3:00PM. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to students, faculty, and coaches to learn why YOU belong in the Holy Redeemer Family. Located at 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. We hope to see you there!

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.

Faith and Family Night with the WBS Penguins

Join with the Diocese of Scranton at Faith and Family Night on November 14th to cheer on the Penguins as they take on the Islanders at 7:05 PM at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casy Plaza. Gates open at 6:00 PM.

To purchase discounted tickets visit www.dioceseofscranton.org or go to <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Diocesescranton3>.

Family In Need

Girls Clothes Sizes 6/7, 7/8, and 10/12
Girls Shoes 13, 1, and 4
Boys Clothes Adult Small and size 12
Boys Pants 12/14
Boys Shoes 9, 5, and 4
Gently Worn Coats-Shoes-Clothes

These children were past parishioners until their grandfather passed. Anything is appreciated. Items can be brought to CCD or dropped at the school in the AM, M-F. If no one is there, you can leave at the front door.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of October the request is **Hot Chocolate Mix**. Thank you for helping.

Scripture Reflection

We are a needy people. We each stand before God as someone in need. No matter how well off we are, how healthy we are, or how satisfied we are with our lives, we are all in need of God's saving mercy. If we look at ourselves honestly, we see that we are far from perfect, that we in fact are sinful and always in need of forgiveness. May we, like the tax collector in today's Gospel, be aware of our neediness so that no matter our situation in life we too may humbly pray, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

It's hard work to maintain HUMILITY. Our human natures are all too ready to take credit for the good we do. We want to believe that we have EARNED God's favor and all the good things God gives us. It is through disciplines - regular, repeated acts of prayer, fasting, and generosity, even when we don't feel like doing them - that we can grow and maintain a rightly-ordered relationship with God.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

At a previous assignment, I was waiting for the entrance procession when I overheard a conversation underway in the vestibule. The discussion centered around a trailer abandoned along a road in Texas during the heat of summer. When police arrived to investigate, they found it was full of undocumented immigrants - all dead from heat and dehydration. The comment that really got me was, "What's the big deal? They're only illegals." I thought about going over to "join in" but the music started and the procession began. All these years later, I still cannot understand how Catholic-Christians can be so cold. "Whatever you do, even to the least, you do to ME." How can we not care when those created in God's image are allowed to die of thirst in sweltering heat? You know what bothers me the most? I didn't confront those people. As we go through life, may we take to heart the gospel message of Christ. It's certainly our nation's right to secure our borders but not in a way that deliberately dehumanizes our brothers and sisters. God made "majorities" and "minorities". The lesson should be that God made us all. May we try our best to welcome all - not with fists or "welcome to America" signs, but with a recognition that we are all part of one human family.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

What is the Sign of the Cross?

We have made the Sign of the Cross thousands of times, but have we thought about its meaning? The Sign of the Cross is a simple motion, but it is much more than a routine gesture. It is a prayer and a declaration of Faith. It is one of the most powerful things we can do as Catholics. From the earliest centuries of Christianity, the Sign of the Cross was used constantly. A second century Church Father, Tertullian, said, "In all our travels and movements, in all coming in and going out, we mark our foreheads with the Sign of the Cross. Why? Because it's not just symbolic." When we trace the Sign of the Cross on our body we are invoking the power of the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We're remembering the Cross of Christ where Satan was defeated. The Sign of the Cross is a prayer in itself. It says I belong to Christ, I reject the enemy, and I live in the Name of God. We make the Sign of the Cross to begin and end our prayers, before meals, when passing Catholic Churches, when blessing ourselves with holy water entering the Church, and at the beginning and end of Mass. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross hell trembles. That sounds dramatic, but it's true. We must not let it become a thoughtless, robotic gesture. We need to make every Sign of the Cross slowly, reverently, always remembering it is a prayer, the Gospel in a moment. The vertical points to our Faith and love of God. The horizontal rests on our shoulders and points to our works and love of neighbor. Each one passes through our heart. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Ministries at Our Lady of Hope—With the reintroduction of Communion under both species, our parish anticipates training several new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We also need additional Lectors and Altar Servers. If you would like to be considered for these ministries, please call Deacon Steve.

