

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 (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 con-tact 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

RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Adults interested in becoming Catholic and have not received First Eucharist or have not received 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

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

June 29, 2025



Sunday June 29

10:30 AM Tom Woods -W-B Twp. Mayor
Carl Kuren

Tuesday July 1

8:00 AM Charles Weigand - Christian
Women

Friday July 4

8:00 AM William Kustis - Family

Saturday July 5

4:00 PM Norbert and Dolores Falkowski -
Son, Norbert and Wife, Patty

Sunday July 6

10:30 AM James Wasilewski - Wife, Dyann
and Son, Jason

Week of June 29th Votives

Sanctuary Votives— World Peace

Blessed Mother Votive— In Memory of
Raymond Gulczynski by Family

June 1, 2025

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4,152.00
<u>Loose</u>	242.00
<u>Diocesan Charity</u>	346.00
<u>Care & Education of Priests</u>	515.00
<u>Feast of the Ascension</u>	1,043.00

June 8, 2025

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$3,275.00
<u>Loose</u>	291.00
<u>Dues</u>	557.00

June 15, 2025

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$3,796.50
<u>Loose</u>	237.00
<u>Propagation of the Faith</u>	1,482.00
<u>Cemetery: Holy Trinity</u>	129.00
<u>St. Mary's Maternity</u>	516.00

June 22, 2025

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$3644.00
<u>Loose</u>	224.00

Office Hours - The office will be closed this coming Thursday and Friday, July 3rd and 4th due to the Holiday. Please contact the office earlier in the week if you need assistance.

First Friday Visitation— Calls to our homebound will be made this week sometime before the 4th. If not, they will take place next week.. Please call the rectory if you are unavailable. Thank you.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Benediction will follow the First Friday mass (July 4th, 8:00 AM)

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - Our goal is \$25,000.00. As other parishes are working hard to prepare for their summer bazaars, we have successfully raised necessary monies without all that sweat and effort. Letter of request have been sent to all parishioners. A good number have responded already. It is a great challenge, however, as parish numbers have decreased. We really need a gift of \$100.00 or more to address serious financial needs. Please know how important your donation is. We're counting on your concern and love of our parish. Seriously make your gift ASAP.

Prizes for Fall Raffle— With Summer here, will the Fall be far behind? It's not too early to think about our Fall Fundraiser. Check out the summer sales and bargain opportunities. How about putting together a theme basket? Maybe Autumn items could be on sale. Use your imagination and make something nice. We could use it.

Pastoral Council/Finance Committee Meeting - It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 10th, at 6:30 in the rectory. This is a very important meeting as we prepare for the new Administrator/ Pastor. Please let the office know if this works in your schedule.

Last Will and Testament - It has been a couple of years since our Parish was remembered in someone's Will. It helped the Church immensely. There are some major projects that need to be addressed. We really need your help to maintain the Parish. Please remember and **Be Blessed!**

RCIA - Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Have you not received any of the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Confirmation)? Call Bill & Jean Behm at 570-991-0984

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It's a happy day when one forgets his troubles and remembers his pleasures in life.

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

June 29, 2025

Scripture Reflection

Today we celebrate the two principal apostles of the early church. Saints Peter and Paul took two completely different routes to their vocation. Peter was called personally by Jesus, traveled with him during his entire ministry, and became the preeminent disciple among the Twelve. Paul, on the other hand, persecuted the early church until he was called and converted by the Risen Lord on his way to arrest Christians in Damascus. May these two saints remind us that God calls all at different times in our lives and in different ways.

A SPECIAL PRAYER FITTING FOR OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

“Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: we humbly beseech You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to Your law, we may show forth Your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in You to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord”.

Amen

The Gardener's Prayer

Thank you for my garden, Lord, and for each tiny seed that sprouts and blooms so beautifully to fill my soul's true need. Thank you for the pleasure, Lord, I find here on bended knee. For my garden's glory surely is a blessing sent from Thee. I see Your love reflected in the color of every bloom; a rainbow of Your splendor in every tint and hue. Each tiny dew-drop coated bud a promise of Your love, nurtured by a warm, summer sun, You send from above. I thank You for the gentle rain that feeds the dry, parched earth and freshens the air and leaf and tree and gives each one new birth. I thank You for the gentle breeze that bends each petaled head and gently carries butterflies, throughout my flower bed. I ask for Your blessing, Lord, upon my little plot of land, may it grow and flourish guided by Your hand. Thanks for the pleasure, Lord, I find here on bended knee, and in each flower that blossoms as a blessing sent from Thee.



FROM THE PASTOR

This week we will celebrate the Fourth of July. Flags will be hanging from porches; families may invite each other for a backyard barbecue; there will be special TV programs featuring bands and parades and of course lots of fireworks. When fireworks are set off in our neighborhoods it rattles the elderly, scares the households and our pets and awakens us from our sleep. How beautiful the fireworks display at Kirby Park! How many will gather there this year? For some it means the end of summer when it is actually just the beginning. Veterans will don their uniforms and brandish their medals. Well, the Fourth of July, has its strong traditions and rightfully so. But we have to admit honestly that it's all about the heroic sacrifices made by so many that we have freedom. But freedom to live by our country's values and constitutional rights and privileges. Well, I've stated the obvious. As a child we always began our school day with a prayer and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Those precious words we voiced with hand on our breast, "One Nation Under God." While we stop to embrace everything we are thankful for it is ever so important that we turn to the one who is most responsible for our freedom. God has granted us with true blessings of freedom, both in heaven and on earth. I think it was John Adams who demonstrated his faith when he co-authored the Declaration of Independence. There's an insurance company that features the Statue of Liberty in the background. When our forefathers came across the oceans to America, one wonders what was in their hearts when they caught glimpse of it as they headed toward our shores. They were coming to America. My country tis of thee. Sweet Land of Liberty. Of thee I sing. Today.

Independence Day Concert

On Monday, June 30, at 7:00PM, the music ministries of the Roman Catholic parishes of Pittston, joined by musicians from the community, will present a concert for Independence Day at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. Members and friends of the parish choirs will sing, with some opportunities for all in attendance to sing along. Guest instrumentalists for this year's concert will include a brass quartet (Dale Chase, Dan Coyle, Chuck Smith, and Geoff Speicher), flutist Cindy Thomas, and percussionist, Monica Spishock. Veterans of the United States Armed Services will receive special recognition during the concert. A free-will offering will be accepted.