

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.

Tuesday and 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

Deacon

Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary

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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 the Church Parish Hall
Sundays, September to May.
Grades K-8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5

4:00 PM Joseph, Frances, & Christopher Jacobs –
Dave & Barbara Jacobs

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 AM Eleanor Kuboski – Daughter, Mary

Friday, September 11

8:00 AM Deborah Moore – Mom & Family

Saturday, September 12

4:00 PM Yucknavitch Family – Rose Jagodzinski

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Marymount High School Class of 1959
- Joe Rudawski

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday Masses until 9:00 a.m.,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Votives

September 6th – September 12th

Sanctuary – In Memory of David & Theresa
Richards By Children & Family

Blessed Mother – In Memory of Eleanor Kuboski
By Daughter, Mary Ruth

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

Deacon Joe DeViszia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Pat Kinsman	Carol Aten
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Mary Greenburg	

September 6, 2026

Weekend of August 30th

Sunday Collection	\$4,598.50
Portion going to the Diocese	\$ 83.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4,515.50
<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>\$ 865.00</u>

AED & CPR Courses -All Are Welcome

Come join us for a FREE AED/CPR training to be held in our Ave Maria Hall on Friday, September 18th at 5:30 PM. We are grateful to have Margaret Austin, RN and Julia Carey, PA-C leading this training. Sign up sheets are at the church doors or call the rectory.

CCD

CCD will resume classes next Sunday, September 13, following the 9AM Mass in the Church Lower Level. Looking forward to a great year!- Diane Lakkis

Stewardship Campaign

Our Stewardship Campaign has ended. We have raised \$17,200, which is fantastic. Thank you for supporting this campaign with your prayers and financial contributions. You are helping to make Our Lady of Hope not only a VERY GOOD Parish, but a GREAT ONE!

Save the Date

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will be hosting a **Cash/Gift Card Bingo**, on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Please plan on supporting our Christian Women as they continue their efforts to help our parish. More information will follow.

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

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Reflection

On this Labor Day weekend, we call to mind all those whose work makes our lives better and easier, from members of our family, to people in our community, to people around the world. Even as we labor ourselves in service of one another, we are also called to labor in the vineyard to help build God's kingdom. Today's readings remind us that we are responsible for each other, that we cannot give up on others just because we disagree with them or they have hurt us. This weekend, as we appreciate and thank others for their labor, let us reconcile with those who have offended us, and so work to build up the entire kingdom of God.

What I want you to PRAY about: Love must be the guiding force for all Christian action. Jesus makes this clear in the way he suggests addressing issues with another person. Confronting others is not about shame or defamation of character. Instead, love beckons us to treat others with dignity and respect, kindly yet forcefully working together to reconcile differences and resolve problems. We should never use arrogance and bullying to get our way. God's way, as Jesus tells us, involves love and respect. Let us pray that God's way becomes OUR WAY.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

Visiting lighthouses is a tradition with our family. Wherever we are, if there's a lighthouse within driving distance, we will find ourselves there. The purpose of a lighthouse is to warn of the dangers around it – typically offshore rocks. In the days before G.P.S., the lighthouse gave a definite point-of-reference telling sailors exactly where they were, making their maps much more valuable. I imagine lighthouses saved many thousands of lives. We as Catholic-Christians are called to be like lighthouses. Through the strength and examples of our lives we are standing proudly as God's children showing the way of grace and love. If we are not models of righteousness and love, we really aren't doing it right. Let's take stock of our lives. Let's ask if we are leading others toward safety – or to the rocks. Jesus once said not to worry about the speck in another's eyes. Instead, he told us to concentrate on the plank in our own. May we carry God's love for us as we share that love with the world. Let's try to be that lighthouse that shines with God's love and helps everyone find safe shores.



*Now You Know...
From the PLC*

Why is the Biblical genealogy of Mary important?

In ancient times genealogies existed to show that a person was a member of the nation of Israel. They used genealogies to locate people in a particular tribe and to show their relationships with others. Also, it was the usual custom for a marriage to take place within a tribe. The Church proclaims Mary's descent from King David through Sacred Tradition and ancient liturgies. Because Joseph was of the Tribe of Judah (David's line), so was Mary by marriage. However, Luke's Gospel describes Elizabeth, a kinswoman of Mary, as belonging to the daughters of Aaron of the priestly Tribe of Levi. Was Mary then of Levite heritage? Possibly, but, the marriage of Mary to Joseph and the legal adoption and naming of Jesus, would make Jesus and Mary members of the House of David (Tribe of Judah). It is fitting that Jesus was born of Mary, of the priestly Tribe of Levi, and adopted by Joseph, the royal Tribe of Judah (House of David), since the Messiah is both priest and king. Genealogy takes into account relationships formed by blood and by marriage. Two people can be related either by direct, physical descent or "legally" through marriage. Although Jesus and Joseph did not share any physical genes, Joseph's family and Jesus are one through Joseph's marriage to Mary. The family tree of Joseph and Mary matters greatly to us. Do we see it? Because of Joseph's marriage to Mary, Jesus relates to all of us!

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

St Joseph's Table

Donations for **St. Joseph's Table** which go to the **St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen** have a NEW location. The collection container, along with a statue of St. Joseph, is now in the vestibule of the church (Park Avenue church entrance). For the month of September, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Baked Beans**. Thank you for remembering the homeless and hungry in our community. God Bless You!

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