

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025



Saturday, October 11

4:00 PM Joan Hertely - Cousin, Norb Falkowski
& Wife, Patty

Sunday, October 12

10:30 AM Maryann Allen - Alaine Fegal Chang

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 AM Mooneen Bielecki - Jeanie Triani

Friday, October 17

8:00 AM John & Marie Siemon - Dyann, Jim &
Jason Wasilewski

Saturday, October 18

4:00 PM Chester, Leona & Frank Kumor
and John & Bertha Motil -
Sandy, Carl & Family

Sunday, October 19

10:30 AM Arlene Spak - Daughter, Kimberly
Blazjewski & Family

Sanctuary Votives – In Memory of Jagodzinski &
Navroth Families By Rosemarie Jagodzinski

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Deceased Members
Of Hertely Family

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4626.00
<u>Loose</u>	237.00
<u>Care & Education of Priests</u>	423.00
<u>Diocesan Charity</u>	392.00

OCIA (RCIA)

Our Parish family is preparing to welcome a new Catechumen on Sunday, October 19th. Richard Partington will begin his formal journey to becoming Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Hope Parish. Please remember Richard and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he journeys toward the Easter Sacraments. When you see him, let him know you are prayerfully walking by his side.

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!

Weekday Masses

Weekday masses will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays. However, they will be celebrated in the main church not in the rectory chapel.

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 Bambara.

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.

Organ Concert for All Hallows Eve

On Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 PM, all are invited to an Organ Concert for All Hallows Eve at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. Parish organist and music director, Michael Sowa, will present this program featuring organ music that is both powerful and peaceful for the upcoming celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Day, with a little bit of Halloween mischief, just for fun! A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the care and upkeep of the church's Kilgen pipe organ built in 1930.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 6:00pm in the parish rectory. A covered dish supper will take place. All women of the parish are invited to attend. To take part in the supper, please contact Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925.

Holy Redeemer News

The ROYAL family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 2, 1:00-3:00 PM. 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. They are located at 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., in Wilkes-Barre. We hope to see you there!

Scripture Reflection

We gather as a community of faith to worship God, to thank God for the blessings we've received and to be nourished by the Eucharist. It is quite fitting that we give thanks to God when we celebrate the Eucharist, since *eucharistia* is Greek for thanksgiving. Today's readings can remind us how appropriate it is to give thanks to God, just as we would thank a neighbor who does something special for us. Let us be a thankful people, expressing a spirit of gratitude throughout our lives.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Jesus offers us abounding grace and mercy - but what does it mean if we walk away as if we do not recognize that he has offered us this reconciliation with the Father? We have not received the fullness of his mercy until our recognition of Jesus' offer of healing turns us to him and, through him, to God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

As an ordained member of the clergy, I've lived through a number of changes. My first assignment was at St. Nicholas, then as PLC at St. Andrew Parish. Now I'm the deacon right here at Our Lady of Hope. At my age, I suspect my next change will be to retirement. One thing I've taken to heart is this - "The only constant in life is change." We, as a parish family, are going through a dramatic change now. As someone who has experienced change from a different perspective, I urge us all to embrace this change as a reflection of the Holy Spirit's will. I will always treasure a remark from an elderly woman as I prepared for my last mass as PLC. She looked at me and said, "I can't believe I was worried about you." I've known our new PLC for years - and I urge you not to worry. Yes, we are in his hands, but we are also in God's. When Jesus was preparing his followers for life after his departure, he said, "I will not leave you orphans." He didn't, and he won't. He gave us Deacon Steve as our spiritual leader. You want to know what I expect? When it is time for Deacon Steve to leave us, our Lady of Hope Parish will say with one voice, "I can't believe we were worried when you arrived."



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Now You Know.... From the PLC

What do we reflect upon when we pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary?

In general, the Luminous Mysteries seek to understand how the fundamental actions and teachings of Jesus in His ministry shed light on Him. The baptism of the Lord (first mystery) sheds light on the identity of Jesus as the Son of God. There is a revelation of the Trinity and Jesus is anointed the Christ. The wedding feast of Cana (second mystery) sheds light on the nuptial relationship of Christ and His bride, the Church, and led many of His disciples to believe in Him. It also shows the boundless love of God. The proclamation of the kingdom (third mystery) shows how the Lord's actions and teachings shed light on a darkened world and summon us to the light of truth. This mystery is a broad and rich source of reflection when we focus on the kingdom of light expelling the kingdom of darkness. It tells us to repent, turn away from the darkness of sin, and be enlightened by the Gospel. The Transfiguration (fourth mystery) sheds light on the true glory of Jesus as God and as the fulfillment of all that the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) said of Him. It also sheds light on the Trinity with the Father speaking, Jesus there, and the cloud of the Holy Spirit. The Institution of the Eucharist (fifth mystery) sheds light on the Lord's passion and His promise to remain with us in the Eucharist, perpetuating His once-for-all saving sacrifice. Jesus gave us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity from His First Coming to His Second, so we would never be without Him on our journey to the Father. ***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.

