

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 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

RCIA
(Rite 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025



Sunday July 27

10:30 AM Arthur Long - Edie Sulkoski

Tuesday July 29

8:00 AM Mooneen Bielecki - Mr & Mrs
Gary Shovlin

Friday August 1

8:00 AM Jack & Mae(Jump) Giampa and
Frank & Rose Yuknavich- Grandchildren
Mary Joy Allen & Jerry Yuknavich

Saturday August 2

4:00 PM Joan Hertely - Family

Sunday August 3

10:30 AM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

Sanctuary Votives— Increasing Vocations

Blessed Mother Votive - In Memory of
Deceased Members of Hertely Family

Sacred Heart Votive - In Memory of John
Royek - By the Family

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$2,782.00
<u>Loose</u>	440.00
<u>Dues</u>	1,440.00

Parish Assessments

Yearly Diocesan Assessment - \$37,356.00
Yearly School Assessment - \$67,152.00
Clergy Care/Wellness - \$8,460.00
Monthly Insurance for each Priest - \$1,767.00
Annual Priest Pension - \$7,440.00

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

Thought for the Day - There is no limit to how
much good you can do if you don't care who gets
the credit.

Annual Summer Stewardship Campaign

We are at the mid-point of the summer season.
Locally, some parishes are still able to raise
important revenue to address serious financial
needs. For the past several years, in lieu of a
bazaar, the stewardship campaign was a big help.
A number of parishioners have responded. To date
we have received \$17,515.00. Our goal is
\$25,000.00. The insurance bill alone is over
\$30,000. If you can, and have not yet given,
please search your hearts and contribute. God bless
you and God bless our Parish family.

Prizes for Fall Raffle

Our Raffles have been very well received and
supported. Now is the time for donations to be
made to put together an excellent ticket. When out
shopping, how about picking up something of
worth. Also, gift certificates are great. Consider
putting together a nice basket e.g. a wine basket,
household basket, an entertainment basket, etc.
The summer goes by fast, so please help and drop
them off at the rectory or church.

First Friday Visitation

This Friday is the first Friday of the month. Visita-
tion to those who are shut-ins and requested Holy
Communion will be this week. Anyone who would
like to receive, please call the rectory. Devotions to
the Sacred Heart and Benediction will follow the
First Friday mass.

Summer Bible School

For several years we were able to have a week of
enjoyment for our young people. They were a great
success Unfortunately, for a number of reasons we
no longer can do it. However, St. Nicholas-St.
Mary Parish has invited our children, ages Kinder-
garten - 5th grade to join with them. The theme is
"Camp Firelight". The Bible Camp will be held
August 4 - 8th from 9:30AM to 12PM. Students in
6-12th grades are invited to help with music, crafts
and more. To register call Diane Lakkis at 570-
814-2567.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of August the
request is **Peanut Butter**. These are difficult times
and many are suffering in their poverty. God Bless
you for helping.

Scripture Reflection

When we want something from a friend, whether it's something they have or a favor they could do for us, we normally just go ahead and ask. Jesus tells his disciples today that we should approach God the same way. He assures us that the Father in heaven listens to our prayers and that we should persist in prayer, for we are a needy people, ultimately dependent on God. Our lives are in God's hands and so we pray that God watches over us, forgives us, and has mercy on us, as we proclaim when praying how Jesus taught us.

Our Grandparents

We thank you for our grandparents who have played such an important role in our lives. We remember with joy all the time spent together doing simply things like fishing, doing a puzzle, baking cookies, taking a walk, and learning about the wonder of nature. Thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspired us to work hard, be patient, courageously endure hard times and to dare to follow our dreams.

We are forever grateful for the wisdom and stability our grandparents provided when we felt our world falling apart. What a great gift to us that they loved us just because we were their grandchildren. Thank you that they counted it a joy to spend time listening as we told them about the big and little things going on in our lives. May we continuously feel their hugs and feel the warmth of their smiles so that we can better comprehend Your constant and unchanging love for us.

We ask your kind forgiveness for the times we failed to appreciate our grandparents, for the times we were too wrapped up in ourselves and our own activities to spend more time with them. Help us to become more like them as we age, learning how to accept with grace the limitations of aging bodies. Give us their strong and supernatural grace to face the loss of our own aging friends and family the same way our grandparents have. May we learn from them how to face the prospects of our own limited time on earth and our own death with the dignity, peace and assurance of eternal life.

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

The month of August will soon be here. In a way it is a harbinger of the end of summer. A few weeks left for a vacation with the family. The days will gradually have less sunshine and the fruit of gardening will become harvested. The kids will count the days before the school bell will ring. High School football is in the air. Traditionally this month is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, something that might not ever enter our minds. We know the image of this celebration of Mary. She has a crown of gold upon her head and she holds a lily in her left hand. But in her right hand she points to her open heart. It glows and is pierced with a sword. And, oh, the heart is surrounded by thorns. Quite an image. We all know that a "heart" symbolizes love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents His love for mankind. But Mary's heart means something different. It symbolizes her love for Jesus and for God. It serves as a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her heart is immaculate and sinless means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that He should be loved. Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God. We need to recognize her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as His Mother, the person who was called to share in and cooperate in His sufferings that redeemed and saved us. As you pass by one of the statues (images) of the Blessed Mother, pray that our hearts in some small way will be conformed to hers as a loving and merciful heart.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage - Bishop Bambera has extended an invitation to participate in a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on October 1, 2025. For details and registration visit their website: dioceseofscranton.org. Registration deadline is August 18th.