

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Office Hours
Mon Tues Thurs Fri
9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Closed Wednesday

Bulletin Deadline
Articles and announcements
must be submitted to the office
by Noon Monday.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday
8:00 am (Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
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.

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 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

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 am - 11:00 am

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 4

4:00 PM George Kebles - Jewell & Kebles Family

Sunday, July 5

9:00 AM Leonard Przywara - Wife

Tuesday, July 7

8:00 AM James Wasilewski- Barbara & Pete Geloszus

Friday, July 10

8:00 AM Ted Rakowski - Daughter, Donna Malek

Saturday, July 11

4:00 PM Dorothy & John Kinsel, Jr. - Mary Sobeck

Sunday, July 12

9:00 AM Sheila Carter - Jeff & Carol Carter

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday masses until 9:00 AM, and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Votives

Sanctuary - In Memory of Dorothy Allen
By Butch & Mary Joy Allen

Blessed Mother - Special Intention
By Carolyn Graziano

Sacred Heart - In Memory of Ted Rakowski
By Daughter, Donna Malek

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Rosalie Reiss	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Pat Kinsman	

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of July the request from the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen is **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. Thank you for your generous support of the Kitchen. God Bless You!

Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Richard Partington. He has been awarded the 2026 Christian Women Scholarship.

Daily Mass Intentions and Schedule Updates

Please make note of the changes in daily masses starting in October. Although Fr. Mark remains our Sacramental Minister, his new duties as Academic Dean in Scranton limit his availability for weekday masses. He will celebrate the current weekday masses with their intentions through October 2. We will eliminate all weekday masses beginning October 6, except First Friday Masses. We still have 8 weekday mass intentions for October through December that need to be moved to a weekend mass in 2027 or be sent out for other priests to celebrate. The limit of two weekend masses and two weekday masses remains in effect. However, parishioners requesting weekday mass intentions need to understand these intentions will be celebrated at other locations. Please contact the Rectory as usual with your requests.

Stop the Bleed Training

The Stop the Bleed course is a standardized, life-saving training designed for individuals with no medical background. It empowers bystanders to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively before professional first responders arrive.

The Stop the Bleed course originated from military medical advancements during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, adapted for civilians following the 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy. It was officially launched as a national campaign by the White House in October 2015.

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be offering this course free of charge Friday, July 10, at 5pm in the parish hall. Margaret Austin RN will be the instructor for this course along with Julia Carey PA-C. Please contact the rectory by July 6th or sign up at the entrances of the church if you are interested.

Summer Bazaar

St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish Summer Bazaar will be held on July 16, 17, 18 on the parish grounds of St. Nicholas Church. The Bazaar features a large variety of Traditional, Ethnic, Mexican, and Caribbean foods, along with a Giant Flea Market, Raffle Drawing, Bountiful Baskets, Games and Booths for all ages, and Live Music every night.

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training

This 2-Day Instructor training course is scheduled for August 13-14 from 8AM-5PM. It will be held here at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ave Maria Hall. For more information please call the rectory, or you can register at: <https://cvent.me/NZNAW?RefId=social>.

Reflection

Jesus knows that our lives are difficult. The mission he left for us is challenging. Additionally, we have dozens of day-to-day responsibilities and concerns. He's just told his disciples that they must carry their crosses. But he also promises that he will be with us to carry our crosses when we are overwhelmed. Therefore, he is able to assure everyone who labors and is burdened that he will give them rest. His yoke is easy, and his burden light. Gathered here today, let us put our concerns and anxieties in the Lord's hands and allow him to lift our burdens from our shoulders.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the importance of being vulnerable in a life of faith. Sometimes, vulnerability has a negative connotation. This is where we must make an important distinction. Jesus is not proposing that we seek out pain or hurt, nor is he suggesting we put ourselves in dangerous situations. Rather, the vulnerability Jesus speaks of is rooted in HUMILITY and self-knowledge. It is when we are humble, self-aware, and realize our needs that we are most open to Jesus. It's then we have **everything to gain**. Let us pray for the insight to realize this and the courage to accept it.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

This year's vacation will be the best kind of repeat. When our three children were very young (our youngest was only six months old), we went on our first vacation with children. We really didn't have much money, but we heard about a place called Chincoteague Island in Virginia rumored to be affordable. We found we could afford to go for a week - so we did. While there was absolutely nothing fancy about the place, the time we spent on the beach and just being together, gave us an incredible experience we still talk about today. It was so good we returned for the next seven summers. After that we began visiting other beaches, but never found one as SPECIAL as those first vacations. And then our children began taking THEIR children to Chincoteague. Apparently, their memories were as fond as ours. This summer we are returning, with most of our family, to the place where vacations began for us. We are going to Chincoteague with two of our three children and four of our seven grandchildren. You know, sometimes you can really "go back home." If you are someone who can remember when going to church as a family was something you couldn't imagine NOT doing - you can do it again. If you have young children, or grandchildren, give them memories they will treasure for a lifetime. And you know what? I'll bet you'll treasure them too...maybe for an eternity. Remember, you can "go back home."



***Now You Know....
From the PLC***

Happy 250th Anniversary to our Nation!

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted for independence and on July 4th formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. Philadelphia held the first annual celebration of independence on July 4, 1777. The tradition of patriotic celebration became widespread and in 1870 Congress made July 4th a federal holiday. The Fourth of July became a major focus of leisure activities, festivities, concerts, parades, and especially an occasion for family get-togethers. Until a few years ago, we celebrated the Fortnight for Freedom. It ran for 14 days from June 22 to July 4 and focused on religious freedom. That changed to Religious Freedom week and is celebrated June 22-29. Each Mass we celebrate our religious independence and gather as the family of Christ. Through the Penitential Act and the reception of Holy Communion we gain our independence from the slavery of sin and receive God's grace. The *Code of Canon Law* (CIC can. 1246) and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2192) tell us that "*Sunday is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the Universal Church.*" The Second Vatican Council told us this needs to have our full, active, conscious participation. So, we are bound to participate in the Mass. Jesus ordained His priests and instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. For nearly 2,000 years the successors of the Apostles have ordained priests who then celebrated the Mass so we can receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. What possible reason could there be for any member of the Body of Christ to willingly not participate in Mass? There isn't one! *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Envelope Changes

You should have received your July envelopes and we hope you have noticed we've "lightened the load." Instead of having separate envelopes for Fuel, Air Conditioning, and Maintenance, there is only one - the **Utility Fund**. We encourage you to continue your generosity to each of these separate funds in the consolidated envelope. We've also renamed the Charity envelope to the **Monthly Diocesan Assessment**. It was always used to help offset our assessment. We renamed this envelope so you could more fully understand how your contributions are used. Again, **thank you for your generosity**.

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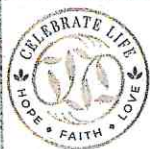
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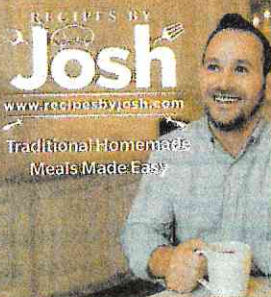
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