

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

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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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 27

4:00 PM Walter & Florence Shubilla - Sons

Sunday, June 28

9:00 AM Hertely Family - Family

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 AM Robert Polachek - Wife, Theresa & Family

Friday, July 3

8:00 AM Mary Ann Krushin - Nephew, Norbert
Falkowski & Wife, Patty

Saturday, July 4

4:00 PM George Kebles - Jewell & Kebles Family

Sunday, July 5

9:00 AM Leonard Przywara - Wife

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 David & Theresa Richards
By Children & Family

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	

Weekend of June 14th

Sunday Collection	\$5,543.50
Portion going to the Diocese	43.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$5,500.50

Weekend of June 21st

Sunday Collection	\$4,195.00
Portion going to the Diocese	47.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4,148.00

First Friday

Although this coming Friday, July 3rd is First Friday, due to it being a holiday weekend, Deacon Bill will be doing his First Friday visits next week.

Daily Mass Intentions and Schedule Updates

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 have a total of 11 weekday Mass intentions for October through December. We will need to move these intentions to a weekend mass in 2027 or send them 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.

An Independence Day Concert

The Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter, American Guild of Organists will present Celebrate America: An Independence Day Concert on Sunday, June 28 at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. The program will feature performances by organists Bernie Gardzalla, Canon Mark Laubach, and Carl Ruck, pianist Dr. Alan Hack, a brass Quartet, the professional vocal ensemble *The Lyric Consort*, and a choir under the direction of John Vaida. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.

We 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.

We welcome parishioners to participate in this course. Please contact the rectory by July 6th or sign up at the entrances of the church for a head count.

Reflection

Jesus and the prophets teach us how to be generous. A woman in the small village of Shunem regularly invites the prophet Elisha to dine at her home when he passes through town. Eventually, she and her husband arrange a room for him to stay in overnight. Elisha responds to her generosity by promising that she will bear her first son within a year. Jesus tells the apostles that anyone who gives just a cup of cold water to a disciple will be rewarded. Even small acts of human generosity reflect the divine generosity of God. May we all be generous in ways great and small.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Part of our life in Christ requires following the example Jesus gave us. We are to feed the hungry and thirsty. We are to welcome those who are excluded. We are to share the love that God gives us...with the world. These are essential aspects of being a follower of Jesus. Being a disciple requires us to deliberately and unconditionally walk this path. Will this walk sometimes cause pain? The short answer is YES, but sometimes pain is the cost of giving our lives over to Jesus Christ. Remember, the longest journey begins with a first step. Let us pray for the strength we need to take that step.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

Have you ever wondered why God made grass grow EVERY day? That decision means we humans have to set aside time to cut the grass, unless we want to live in a jungle. Our very lives are like that too. That's why we frequently receive Reconciliation from God. The grass of our **spiritual** lives must also be tended, or we will end up living in a spiritual jungle. At home, I tend my grass with the help of a brand new mower. It mulches the cut grass so I don't have to rake or empty collection bags. But all those conveniences came with a price - one I was willing to pay. But what about our spiritual lives? Following Christ has a price, too. We need to examine our lives and empty those bags that collect our failed best-intentions. Our God understands us, our strengths, and our weaknesses. He knows we will all need to empty those bags from time to time, and He's there to help. My new lawnmower doesn't use gas - it has a battery. That's good, but those batteries have to be recharged regularly - so too our lives. Plug yourself into God's grace. If you allow God to partner with you, you can effectively tame your spiritual jungle.



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

What is gossip and when is it a mortal sin?

Gossip is idle talk or the spreading of rumors, especially about the personal or private affairs of others. **Gossip** causes harm by spreading errors or misinformation about others. There are various forms of **gossip**, but all are uncharitable conversations that seek to harm others. **Reviling** is a dishonoring of a person to their face and often for others nearby to hear. **Backbiting** is the quiet, secret injuring of a person's good name to others. Gossip is **calumny** when it is a spoken lie and is **slander** when it is a written lie about someone. **Detraction** involves calling attention to others' faults that don't need to be disclosed. **Tale-bearing**, also called **Whispering**, spreads embarrassing information with the purpose of stirring up trouble for the victim, such as loss of a job or friends. **Derision** makes fun of a person with malicious intent. **Cursing** is a cold, calculated request to God or Satan to afflict another person with some evil or harm. So, when we **gossip** do we sin? When someone's **gossip** negatively alters the opinion another has regarding a third person, the gossiping person has committed a grave action. If it is done with full knowledge and deliberate consent, the grave action then becomes a mortal sin. So you can see that **Gossip** is a far more serious matter than most of us like to consider. *This might be more detail than you wanted to know, but now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Our Lady of Hope Parish Picnic

Our Parish Family Picnic **will not be held** on Sunday, July 12th, due to the Giants Despair Hillclimb in Wilkes-Barre Twp. A new date for our picnic is yet to be determined.

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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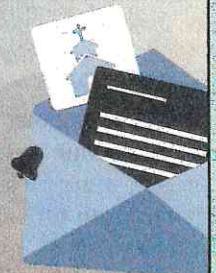
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