

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office

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www.ourladyofhope.us

Marymount Parish Center

570-823-4740

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.

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

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

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
@olohweb

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025



Sunday August 10

10:30 AM Filomena Aiello - Lucia Campisano

Tuesday August 12

8:00 AM Florence Williams-MaryAnn Dougherty
and Family

Friday August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 AM Peter & Patricia Smeraglio - Family

5:15 PM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

Saturday August 16

4:00 PM Sharon Kuren - Husband, Carl & Family

Sunday August 17

10:30 AM Ronald Royek - W-B Twp Mayor
Carl Kuren

Sanctuary Votives— World Peace

Blessed Mother Votive—In Memory of Mary Chepega
By Niece, Geraldine

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$2,794.00
<u>Loose</u>	361.00

No Envelopes?

Most of our area churches report monthly envelopes have not been received by their parishioners. Until YOUR envelopes arrive, please consider placing your weekly support in a plain envelope. Simply write "Weekly Support" on the envelope, but ENCLOSE a separate sheet with your name, address, envelope number (if you have it), and the amount enclosed. Please don't let missing envelopes keep you from supporting your parish. Many thanks.

Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish

will meet for August on Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

Annual Summer Stewardship Campaign

Looking back to past years, the campaign would surpass \$20,000.00. To date we have received \$18,790.00. We all know the significance of this campaign. It addresses serious revenue toward our financial responsibilities. As stated before, our insurance alone is over \$30,000.00. If you haven't made your donation, please give it a serious thought. Respond from your heart to secure the future of our parish.

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.

CCD Registration 2025-2026

Registration for our religious education classes (CCD) for the 2025-2026 school year, will be held on Sunday, August 24th, following the 10:30 AM mass, at the Marymount Center. We will begin our classes on Sunday, September 14, at 9:15 AM. You may also register at that time. Registration fees are \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Contact Diane Lakkis at 570-814-2567, with any questions.

Cemetery Policy

Our cemetery grounds are maintained by Mr. Tom Buckler. He is not a full time employee but his responsibility is to periodically mow the lawn and dispose of any debris collected in the garbage containers, Tom's primary work is the preparation of gravesites for burial. The trimming and cleaning of the gravesites remain the responsibility of the family. The parish pays an additional fee for the disposal of collected garbage so please be considerate in the amount of debris you throw away. Any items placed around the grave markers can be hazardous to the lawnmowers. The costs of grave openings are **\$900 for parishioners (active or inactive) and non-parishioners, \$400 for cremation, and an additional \$50 for Saturday burials. The installation of a Veteran's marker is \$50** and must be paid on the day of burial. Any burial after 2:00 PM is an additional \$100.

Social Concerns Committee will have a pizza sale on September 20th. More details to follow.

Scripture Reflection

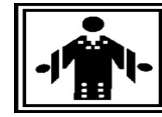
In this day and age when we can look up just about anything online and determine what is true and what is real, it's tough to have to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end - and no internet source knows when that will be. We should be prepared at all times, just in case. Let us pray that when we gather together each week to worship God with our community of faith, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

10th ANNUAL "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" CONFERENCE

It is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Holy Redeemer High School from 8 AM - 3 PM. The theme is "Christ is King." Today, as our Catholic faith becomes increasingly marginalized by society, we publicly acclaim that Jesus Christ is King of our hearts, our homes, our work, and our public actions. Registration fee: \$40 Early registration \$30 until 9/15/25. Registration forms available at the rectory. Online registration: www.BeACatholicMan.com



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

This Friday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be masses that day at 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared that "having complete the course of her earthly life" the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory. Although this doctrine was declared relatively recent, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly emphasize Mary's sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory. We use "assumption" to name the feast, not because this belief is "assumed," but because the Latin *assumptio* means "take up." For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was, having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. Her obedience and fidelity to God throughout her life provide a true model of discipleship for us all to emulate as we hope to make our eternal home in heaven as well. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

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.

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.

Interested in Joining our Parish - Membership forms are available at all the entrances. If you would like to become a member, please take a form with you, fill it out and return it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket. **Our Lady of Hope Parish welcomes you.**