

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025



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
Blazejewski & Family

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 AM Edna Lisiewski - Daughter, Theresa

Friday, October 24

8:00 AM Brothers, John, Joe, Robert, Jerome &
Sister, Eleanor Zedolik -
Sister, Margaret Molitoris

Saturday, October 25

4:00 PM Joseph E Sobeck - Wife, Mary Sobeck

Sunday, October 26

10:30 AM Cecelia & William Katsak - Ernest &
Monica

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Ondish Family
By Daughter, RoseMarie Jagodzinski

Sacred Heart - In Thanksgiving By Jim, Dyann &
Jason Wasilewski

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$ 3235.00
<u>Loose</u>	246.00
<u>Dues</u>	491.50

OCIA (RCIA)

Our Lady of Hope Parish is thrilled to recognize **Richard Partigton** as he becomes a **CATECHUMEN** in the Catholic Church. We will witness the Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate on Sunday during the 10:30 Liturgy. Catechumens prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation, that is Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. They will be administered on Holy Saturday. As part of this Entrance Rite, Richard will receive an anointing of his senses performed by his son (also) Richard. If his son looks familiar, it's because he is one of our altar servers. Please keep Richard and his family in your prayers.

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 Bambera.

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

This Sunday, October 19th 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. This program will feature 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.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet this 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!

Cash Bingo

Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge will hold a cash bingo on Sunday, November 2nd, at the Old Forge Fire Dept., 375 Milwaukee Ave., Old Forge. Doors open at 11am. Bingo starts at 1pm. Ticket cost is \$25. Call 570-457-5900 to purchase Advance Tickets. Snack bar will open at 11 am.

Scripture Reflection

Many athletes can tell you how important stamina is to their success. In the closing minutes of a game, it can often come down to who still has the energy to do their best. Often our faith requires stamina as well. Beaten down by tragedies and disappointments, is our faith strong enough to enable us to persist in loving God and loving neighbor, to pursue justice and peace, to continue to build the kingdom? May hope, which we celebrate this Jubilee Year, sustain our stamina to the end of our days.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

We all struggle with a lack of faith. We often fear our prayers aren't heard. We're unsure what the sacraments mean. We can feel we are going through the motions of prayer, even at Mass. Jesus asks in today's gospel, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Perhaps Jesus' question is even more apt for us now - perhaps it was MEANT for us. Let us pray that our hearts will always cherish a belief in the crucified and resurrected Lord, and that our lives will always reflect that faith.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

When someone approaches Our Lady of Hope Parish and says they want to become a Catholic it touches my very being. I guess there can be profound theological reasons for this kind of decision, but I believe most become interested because they appreciate "the flavor" of what they see right here in our home parish. Whether here or other parishes I've been assigned to, what I hear most often is, "I want to join because I feel at home here." In the early days of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King told his followers to sing when they were marching. He felt visible joy would bring more people to the movement. Apparently, Our Lady of Hope has been "singing" about their faith and now our enthusiasm has brought more people to join with us. If we weren't welcoming, we would have no one new to welcome. The joy we show tells a great story - one of faith, hope, and love. All of these things are Christ-centered, but we recognize the best way to show God our love is by loving one another. May we never forget LOVE is at the heart of all we are called to be. Let us show that love to our Catechumens as he begins his journey to the Easter Sacraments. Remember, we will all be journeying with him by our faith, hope - and most especially by our love.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

Before receiving Holy Communion, we say, "Lord I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." What is the word?

The expression "say the word" is another way of saying "Just give the command" or "All you have to do is will it, Lord, and it will be done." The specific word is not as important as the fact that God wants to heal us. It helps to recall Scripture where we are focused on the words of the centurion who had a servant who was gravely ill. When Jesus offers to go and heal him, the centurion says, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed." (Matthew 8:8). The centurion then says, "For I am a man under authority, with soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go.' and he goes; and to another, 'Come.' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this.' and he does it." (Matthew 8:9). So, the centurion is affirming that it is only necessary that Jesus wills the healing to take place, not that He go somewhere or say some specific words. Jesus marvels at the centurion's faith. "And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go, let it be done for you as you have believed.' And the servant was healed at that very moment." (Matthew 8:13). So the healing was done "according to the word."

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.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of October the request is **Hot Chocolate Mix**. Thank you for helping those in need.

