

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office
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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.

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

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday September 21

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings Vincent Aleo -
Wife & Family

Tuesday September 23

8:00 AM Ron Mayeski - Paul S. Marko

Friday September 26

8:00 AM Robert Delescavage - W-B Twp. Mayor,
Carl Kuren

Saturday September 27

4:00 PM Eleanor Kuboski - Daughter, Mary Ruth

Sunday September 28

10:30 AM Constance "Connie" Plewniak-W-B Twp
Mayor, Carl Kuren

Sanctuary Votives— End to Gun Violence

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$2,843.00
<u>Loose</u>	238.00
<u>Collection for Gaza</u>	1,078.00
<u>Holy Day-Feast of the Assumption</u>	141.00

OCIA (RCIA)

The OCIA team along with our catechumen will begin meeting this week. If anyone who has not received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Deacon Bill or Jean Behm, 570-991-0984.

Blessings and Farewell

We have been blessed having Father Terry and Father Ghezzi at our parish for many years. Please join us for coffee and donuts the weekend of September 27-28th after the masses as we lovingly say farewell to our two wonderful priests who will most definitely be missed.

Aid to Gaza Collection

Thank you for your generosity to the Gaza collection. You will be greatly blessed.

Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:30 PM in the parish rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

September 21, 2025

Stewardship Campaign - God bless you who realized the great need to continue our ministry here at Our Lady of Hope. We have exceeded \$21,000.00. Congrats! We still need generous gifts from those who have not yet given. Please consider helping our Parish

Prizes for Fall Raffle

Our Raffles have been very well received and supported. We have received many donations but we could always use more to put together an excellent ticket. Consider putting together a nice basket, e.g. a wine basket, household basket, an entertainment basket, etc. Gift certificates are a great idea as well. We will be accepting donations until this Sunday, September 21st. You can drop your donations off at the rectory or church.

Pizza Sale

If you placed an order for pizza with our Social Concerns Ministry remember pick up is Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Marymount Parish Center. For further information, please call Denise Carey 570-239-4649.

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. This weekend is Celebration/Commitment Weekend with in-pew pledge cards available for those who have not received them thru the mail. Do your best and give from your heart in gratitude for our Diocese and Bishop Bambera.

Congratulating our Director of Music

Our own Andrea Bogusko will be one of the featured soloists performing as she and fellow inductees are inducted into the *3rd Luzerne County Arts & Entertainment Hall of Fame* on Saturday, October 4th, at the F.M. Kirby Center. The award-style induction ceremony will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 PM (\$30 ticket) in the theater. Doors open at 6:30 PM. An optional VIP party will be held in the lobby from 5:00 to 6:00 PM (\$65 ticket). Doors open at 4:30 PM. All tickets available at the F.M. Kirby Center's Box Office or at their website www.kirbycenter.org or through Ticketmaster. For information call 570-826-1100.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of September the request is **Condiments or Non-Dairy Creamer**. Thank you for helping those in need. God Bless You!

Scripture Reflection

“You cannot serve both God and mammon,” we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today’s Gospel. He challenges us to decide where our priorities lie. Which do we spend more time and energy building up: our faith or our wealth? It is difficult to ignore the need for money, if only to have enough to get by, let alone pursuing more so that we can live a comfortable life. But we believe our treasure can be found in the kingdom of God, in which money is irrelevant. May today’s liturgy remind us of that truth.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

We don’t just pray for people we like. We are called to pray for all people: for those who disagree with us; for those whose policies we don’t like; for those who like rock music, country, jazz, or any other genre. We are called to pray for all so that we might practice in our prayer what we have not yet accomplished in our lives: living with peace and unity as we see the common good of all and solidarity with all peoples. We hope that one day the will of our hearts might be united with our lives, and that all might find unity in the one who draws us all to himself - Christ Jesus.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

Have you ever walked into a room and asked yourself, “Why am I here?” If you haven’t, you’re probably younger than I am. I suppose the same thing can happen when we walk into God’s house on Park Avenue. Some of us come to church because “that’s what we do on Sundays.” Others come to catch-up with family and friends. Still others come because it might be a special day, or mass is being offered for someone special. These are all certainly valid reasons, but I suggest we should come because the mass gives us a God-given opportunity to be with the Son of God as he prepares for his passion, death, and resurrection. We are given the opportunity to see love personified. And, to cap it off, we are then offered the Real Presence to take within our very selves. What WE are offered is no different from what the disciples were offered in the Last Supper. I sometimes wonder why every seat at Our Lady of Hope isn’t filled. The next time we enter our church, let’s stop and contemplate why we are here. And then let’s pray that we may recognize Christ on the altar - and beside us in the pews.



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

This as you know is one of my last bulletin reflections. How does one express oneself at the end of my years with you and my 50+ year career as a priest? There are three phrases that best capture what’s in my heart. They are “Thanks,” “I Love You,” and “Good Bye.” Thanks for being a part of my life. Many of you are more than parishioners but friends. We shared many happy times and times of hardship. The uniqueness of the priesthood is the ability to enter into people’s lives in a personal way. I thank you for letting me get to know you and for sharing parts of your life with me. You’ve done more for me than I have done for you. To say “I love you” is a deep sentiment to express. Love is more than a feeling - it’s also a choice. In this day and age, the priesthood has lost respect. As a child we revered our parish priest. I appreciate your respect. You’ve chosen to respect my priesthood with your words of encouragement and affirmation. Words are powerful. And in that regard my words to you are “I love you.” Finally, I say “Good Bye.” Many times in our lives we’ve said it - to family, friends, and people. They will always be in our hearts, no matter the distance. I hope a little bit of me will remain in your hearts. I’ve said goodbye to my previous assignments and now I must say it one more time to you. Please pray for me. I will never fail to pray for you, my LAST love.

My new address:

Reverend John S. Terry
Villa St. Joseph
1600 Green Ridge St.
Dunmore, PA 18509

**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