

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office

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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 (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

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

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
[@olohweb](https://www.facebook.com/olohweb)

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday August 24

10:30 AM Henry Wichowski - Wife, Monica
& Family

Tuesday August 26

8:00 AM Christian Royek - Dad & Mom

Friday August 29

8:00 AM Stella Fiedorczyk - Family

Saturday August 30

4:00 PM Edward & Paula Elgonitis - Denise
& Family

Sunday August 31

10:30 AM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

Sanctuary Votives - World Peace

Blessed Mother Votive-In Memory of Mary Royek
By Family

Sacred Heart Votive - In Memory of Vincent Aleo
Anniversary Blessings By Wife, Barbara

SPECIAL NOTICE - To safeguard your offering, please mark your amount on the envelope, especially the special envelopes - Fuel - Air Conditioning, Taxes, Insurance, etc. We appreciate your cooperation to give you proper credit.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE - Have you made your donation? This is crucial as it substitutes for a summer festival. We are in serious need of reaching our goal of \$25,000.00. Some have been most generous. To date we have received \$19,650.00. God bless you. Please know how much we need this so as to address our significant financial responsibilities. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The best exercise for the heart is to bend down several times during the day to help someone.

August 24, 2025

CCD Registration this Weekend

Registration for our religious education classes (CCD) for the 2025-2026 school year, will be held on this 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.

Pizza Sale

The Social Concerns Ministry is having a pizza sale in support of their many projects. Orders will be taken before and after all masses beginning this weekend, August 23-24, 2025. The pizza is from Sanitary Bakery and the cost is \$11.00 per box of 12 cuts. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Pick up will be September 20, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Marymount Parish Center. For further information, or phone orders, please call Denise Carey 570-239-4649.

Prizes for Fall Raffle

Our Raffles have been very well received and supported. We have received several donations but we need many 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. The summer is going by fast, so please help and drop them off at the rectory or church.

Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish

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

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 welcomes you.**

September Ministry Schedules are available online at <https://ourladyofhope.us/ministry-schedule>.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of August the request is **Peanut Butter**. Please help those who hunger. God Bless you for helping.

Scripture Reflection

Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contemporary phenomenon is analogous to Jesus' words today about getting into heaven. Jesus says people will come from every direction but must pass through a narrow gate to enter. Let us accept this challenge, patiently following that narrow path.

What I hope you'll THINK ABOUT

In my opinion, today's is one of the gospel's most challenging passages. The Jesus who wants to set fire to the earth and divide families does not seem to mesh with the Jesus who offers us an easy yoke and rest in him. But remember, two things can be true at once. It is true that the gospel is a source of joy and rest, but it's also true that it places a burden on us. As we journey through this life, we will encounter trials BECAUSE of our faith in Jesus. We will have to make a choice between what is EASY and what is RIGHT. Jesus does not promise that following him will come without cost - but he does promise that it will be worth it.

Deacon's Corner: In preparation for our vacation with our son and his family, I washed and waxed our car. My father used to say he washed his car once each year - whether or not it actually needed it. Our car looks brand new now, and I honestly think it even runs better. This got me thinking about some things - like why we wait for special occasions before we do something we should be doing regularly. And that question is about much more than keeping a clean car. Sometimes our lives become a bit "cluttered," too. When I washed the car, I used my old familiar cleaning liquid. The wax was a favorite, also. When we think about our hearts and our souls, we don't have to go shopping first. We just have to go to God. We can talk things over with him - and allow him to wash our lives clean through prayer and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember, any day is a good day to tell God we love him and say we're sorry if we offended him. We NEVER have to wait for a special occasion. Our God is patiently waiting for US.

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

One of the faithful from our area who attends the St. Anthony of Padua Novena emailed me this kind of informal Ten Commandments. They are filled with a lot of wisdom. They are:

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold? New friends are diamond? If you get a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end God smiles from up above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves our problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

If you really enjoy this, please pass it to others, it may brighten someone's day.

**10th ANNUAL "BE A CATHOLIC MAN"
CONFERENCE**

The conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Holy Redeemer High School from 8 AM to 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