

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.

ANOIDTING 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

Business Manager
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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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20

4:00 PM Norbert & Dolores Falkowski - Son, Norbert and wife, Patty

Sunday, June 21

9:00 AM Janice Sidloski - Jim Wielgopolski

Tuesday, June 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, June 26

8:00 AM Margaret Stewart - Suzanne Youngblood

Saturday, June 27

4:00 PM Walter & Florence Shubilla - Sons

Sunday, June 28

9:00 AM Hertely Family - Family

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

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Janice Sidloski
By Wielgopolski 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	

Christian Women's Mother's Day Dinner

Just a reminder, the Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope are having their Mother's Day Dinner on June 24th, at 6:00 PM at R & D Catering in Hanover Township.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Picnic

Plans for our Parish Family Picnic are coming together. It will be on Sunday, July 12, from noon until dusk at the Wilkes-Barre Twp. Settlement Camp. Since the Parish is providing the main meal, reservations are needed. There are sign-up sheets at the entrances to the church. The Twp. bus will be available for those who don't want to drive. Volunteers will be needed in several areas. More information will follow

Envelope Changes

When you receive your envelopes for July we hope you will notice we've "lightened the load." Instead of having separate envelopes for Fuel, Air Conditioning, and Maintenance, you will receive 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**.

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.

Concert for 250th Anniversary of the USA

On Monday, June 29th at 7:00PM, St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston, will host an Independence Day Concert in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. A combined choir with friends from the surrounding area will lead us in song. We will also welcome the choir of Holy Rosary School in Duryea, who will perform during the program. Guest instrumentalists for this year's concert will include a brass quartet (Dale Chase, Dan Coyle, Chuck Smith, and Geoff Speicher), flutist Cindy Thomas, and percussionist Monica Spishock. The program will also feature other instrumental selections. A free-will offering will be accepted.



Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that his heavenly Father will watch over them so vigilantly that every last hair on their heads will be accounted for. On Father's Day, let us celebrate our fathers and father figures who watch over us, guide us, and do their best to make sure that not a hair on our heads will be harmed.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

In today's Gospel, Jesus models faith for us when he describes his relationship with the Father. Just as Jesus does not go alone, neither do WE go alone. The God who counts each of the hairs on our heads is always with us. This is the power of Jesus Christ - Emmanuel - "God with us." Let's pray that knowing God is with us will strengthen our faith and encourage us to see everyone we encounter as our spiritual family.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

Jean and I have been doing some planting this year. When we see these plants, I'm the one who puts them in the cart. Jean is the one who looks at me - occasionally with a "stink eye" and says, "Where are you going to put this?" I just soldier on and say, "I'll find room." I'm the one who sees something nice. Jean is the one who thinks about how these things have to be planted, watered, weeded, and fed. In short, buying a plant is not the same as nurturing it. Sometimes, plants need patience. That stick planted today might not bloom for years. But still, I PLANT THEM. Sometimes, being Catholic-Christian can be like planting a garden. We need to realize we aren't Catholic-Christians simply because we were baptized. Newly baptized need to be nurtured. They should be fed spiritually. All too often, the rectory gets a call from someone asked to be a godparent or sponsor. When asked if they are active and practicing Catholics, the response is typically, "Sure - I was baptized." That's not the answer to the question we are required to ask. We want to know if your life manifests the seeds planted at your baptism. We want to know if you attend mass regularly. Is your soul's garden nourished, watered, and weeded through the Sacraments? If it's not, we suggest you tend it before you enter the "garden show." Please be Catholic in more than name. Let the draw of Christ's real presence bring you to mass regularly.



St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of June the request from the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen is **Coffee and Tea**. God Bless You!



Now You Know.... From the PLC

This season following Pentecost reminds us of our mission to manifest the kingdom of God and witness the love of Jesus in our lives. This time reminds us of the vital need to protect and sustain our Catholic identity. As Saint John Paul II wrote, "Since the 'Good News is Christ, there is an identity between the message and the messenger, between saying, doing, and being" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 13). Being Catholic means we recognize a unique and special relationship with the risen Jesus. We are not bystanders. We are participants in this sacred work so we cannot allow worldly distractions, temptations, or the contrary demands of others to keep us from this great work. This is what God calls us to do with our lives. This is our call to holiness. June 22-29 is *Religious Freedom Week*. The purpose is to promote religious liberty for all faiths through prayer, reflection, and action. It began on June 22 with the feast of Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher. The USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Operating and living according to the teachings of our Catholic faith is our fundamental right, yet we still encounter attempts to force us to accept contrary moral views or suggestions that the Church needs to water down her teachings. This is a time to be vigilant and renew our commitment to put God first every day.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

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. We welcome parishioners to participate in this course.

Margaret Austin RN will be the instructor for this course along with Julia Carey PA-C.

Please contact the rectory by July 6th or sign up at the entrances of the church for a head count.

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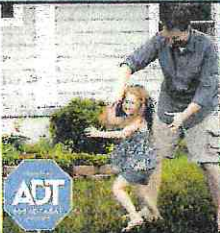
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