

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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**Marymount Parish Center**  
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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.



**Pastor**  
Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

**In Residence**  
Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

**Pastor Emeritus**  
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

**Deacon**  
Joseph F. DeVizia

**Parish Secretary**  
Theresa Talacka

**Business Manager**  
Suzanne Cosgrove

**Director of Music**  
Andrea Yorkonis

**Liturgy**  
Noah Klinges

**Director of Religious Education**  
Diane Lakkis

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:30 pm

Weekdays: 800 am (Rectory Chapel)

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45

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.

## ANOIDTING OF THE SICK AND SICK CALLS

In case of serious illness or advance 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.

We are now on Facebook  
@olohweb

## RCIA

### *(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

Adults interested in becoming Catholic and have not received First Eucharist or have not received 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

## NEWCOMERS

We welcome you! Register in the parish office Monday through Friday during office hours. If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the office concerning your move.

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 14

10:30 AM Margaret Marshall - Daughter,  
Carmella Sokolski

### Monday, August 15

5:30 PM Benefactors of the Parish  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

### Friday, August 19

8:00 AM Bunsick Family- Janiece DeMuro &  
Family

### Saturday, August 20

4:00 PM Edward Bilski -Wife & Family

### Sunday, August 21

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

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES:** In Memory of John  
Quinn - By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Przywara

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES:** In Memory of  
Mary Chepega - By Niece, Geraldine Revitt

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b>	\$3,322.00
<b>LOOSE:</b>	\$98.00
<b>CLERGY:</b>	\$541.00
<b>CHARITIES</b>	\$413.00
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	\$725.00

### CCD-REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall Religious Education Classes and preparation to receiving the Sacraments will take place on August 21-22 and August 27-28 following each Mass. We will be located at the Marymount Center. Cost is \$25.00 per child or \$35.00 per family. We look forward to welcoming our children back! Any questions or concerns, contact Diane Lakkis @ 570-814-2567.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Prayer is the key to heaven, and faith unlocks the key.

**OFFICE HOURS** - Just a reminder that our office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 p.m. Any type of business (Mass intentions, cemetery issues, financial matters, etc.) should be done at these times. Thank you.

**GET INVOLVED** - Catholics have a long history of action, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor, praying for souls. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent or treasure. Catholics are meant to make a difference

**MEETINGS** - It's time to regroup and begin planning for the days ahead for our parish. We face a number of challenges which with the help of God and Our Blessed Mother will achieve important events and programs for the near future. This is the tentative dates for committee meetings. They're tentative in appreciation of vacations.

Religious Education/Evangelization - Tuesday, August 9th.

Liturgy/Church Environment - Thursday, August 11th

Social Concern - Thursday, August 25th.

Finance/Grounds-Tuesday, August 23rd.

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm in the rectory meeting room.

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As the summer slowly comes to an end, our campaign now reaches a critical point. The faithful have come through and have contributed \$21,684.00 to date. The goal of \$25,000.00 is within reach, but requires those who have not given to make a response. Roughly around 40% of the parish has done so, but we need others to step up.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION** - Mrs. Melissa Myers, Principal at G.A.R. Memorial Middle School sent our parish a letter of appreciation for the generous donations of self-care items donated during this past Lent. Every item was received by children in need of those basic necessities. We are a part of this local school community. Again, thank you who made a generous gift.

**BAKE SALE** to be held on September 3/4 sponsored by the Social Concern committee. Baked goods are needed such as cakes, pies, cookies, fudge, cup cakes. You can bring the baked goods on Saturday, September 3 before Mass and on Sunday, September 4. If you cannot bake, a monetary gift is appreciated.

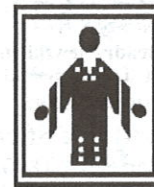


**WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY PRAYER**

Dear Lord, the world seems so dark and foreboding. Where are the signs of hope? What are you calling us to do? Wars, uprisings, displacements, hunger, poverty, and disease continue to claim victims by the millions around the world each year. Our ears do not want to hear their stories, and our eyes do not want to see their plight because the suffering and destruction are so massive and cruel. In our hearts and minds, there is a desire to help somehow, but the crisis seems so overwhelming that we shake our heads in dismay and we wonder what the point is for us even to attempt to be witnesses for healing and hope in this hellish morass. We beg with the songwriter to open our eyes that we may see glimpse of truth, you have for us. Help us to follow the path of Jesus, the Suffering Servant. Give us the courage to be willing to walk the path of depression and pain with the victims of injustice here at home as well as abroad. Help us to seek ways to light candles of hope, however small, through our words, our deeds, and our prayers, to encourage our sisters and brothers to hold onto the faith despite the pain and suffering they are facing. And help those of us who are among the fortunate ones, who have enough bread to eat, good health, and who live in relative peace, to open our heart to learn from our sisters and brothers who are living lives of grace and forgiveness in the horrid circumstances which surround them. God, help us to light one candle rather than to curse the darkness. We pray in the name of Jesus, who knows what being a light in this dark world is all about.

**FALL FESTIVAL**- Several donations have been given to date. We are a far cry from the 30 on the ticket. The raffle is a significant fundraiser to benefit the parish. Please make it a worthwhile prize. Something that you would like to win. The ticket needs to be printed by the middle of September. Please help! Thank you.

**SOKOL DAY** - Group 7 "Reverend Josef Murgas" Slovak Catholic Sokol of Wilkes-Barre, PA will hold their 86th "Sokol Day" Picnic on Saturday, September 3, 2022. This event will take place at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clark's Lane in Plains from 12 pm till 5pm. The picnic will feature Slovak food and other picnic favorites, baked goods, and games of chance for all ages. All are invited to come out and spend the day.

**FROM  
THE  
PASTOR**

This Monday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Because it falls on a Monday it is not a Holy day of Obligation. However, we have scheduled a Mass on Monday evening at 5:30 PM for those who feel they would like to celebrate it. 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 recently, 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. 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. 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.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN** - will meet on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm in the parish rectory. Planning will continue for their raffle to be held at the meeting on October 26th. Several nice prizes are on the ticket, including a hand made afghan, a hand made quilt, and gift certificates for local businesses. Proceeds benefit the youth of our parish. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting.

**LOTTERY WINNERS**

Wed. July 27	395	
Thurs. July 28	816	Francis Furcon
Fri. July 29	913	Tom Vojtek
Sat. July 30	576	Sharon Flynn