

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.



Pastor
Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

In Residence
Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

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Director of Music
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Noah Klings

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.

ANOINTING 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.

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.

We are now on Facebook
@olohweb

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 28

10:30 AM Mark Fenner - David & Bonnie Fenner

Tuesday, August 30

5:30 PM Stella Schatzel - Family

Friday, September 2

8:00 AM Tedd & John Richards -Mother

Saturday, September 3

12:00 PM NUPTIALS:
Zachary Tomasura - Jovy Mann
4:00 PM Regina C. & Joseph J. Sobeck -
Joseph & Johanna Sobeck

Sunday, September 4

10:30 AM Eleanor Kuboski - Daughter Mary Ruth

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: In Memory of John &
Eleanor Zierowicz -By Daughter, Mary Ann

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES: In Memory of
Tedd & John Richards - By Mother

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$3,560.50
LOOSE:	\$114.00
DUES:	\$1,028.00
STEWARDSHIP:	\$403.00

FIRST FRIDAY VISITATIONS - Father Terry will be making his usual monthly Holy Communion calls during the week. He will call before each visit. If you are not home for any reason, we would appreciate you calling the office. Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotions follow the First Friday Mass.

BAKE SALE to be held on September 3/4 sponsored by the Social Concerns 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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - How great it would be if we could reach our \$25,000.00 goal. The response has been really good. To date we have received \$22 09.00. About 50% of the parish have made a generous gift but we need the rest to support this crucial drive.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION - C.C.D. - Registration continues this weekend following Mass. It is conducted at the Parish Center. Registration fee that covers all costs is \$25.00 per child or \$35.00 per family. We are blessed to have a wonderful cast of catechists from pre-school thru 7th & 8th grades. For any questions or concerns, call Diane Lakkis@ 570 814-2567. The program begins on Sunday, September 18th at 9:15 am.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - It is celebrated on Sunday, September 18th. This year's theme is taken from St Luke's Gospel, "This is my Body given for you". Our parish Catechetical Leaders and Catechists will be commissioned at all of our Masses. We are fortunate to have such dedication. God bless them.

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.

COURTESY REQUEST- 1) Please close the Church doors after you leave, we lose the air conditioning. 2) Please take the bulletins home, leaving them in the pews unfortunately demonstrates lack of respect for the Church. 3) Please mark your donations (no matter the amount) on all envelopes. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 pm at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocation, will include praise and worship music, dynamic talk, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend! For more information, call 570-207-1452 or visit dioceseofscranton.org.

REFLECTION

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How self-centered? If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like. Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point. The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do you hope to get from the good you do. Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern. As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them. By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to choose to be more like Jesus. As He promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus. The reward He gives us here and now is the grace that enable us to do whatever He asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Tenth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on Saturday, September 10 when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 65 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973. The event on September 10 will include a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton. The pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn", located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies. All faithful are invited.

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Deep humility is one of the most difficult virtues to understand. We all struggle with it. I found this Litany of Humility, **Response: Deliver me, Jesus.** From the desire of being esteemed. From the desire being loved. From the desire of being extolled. From the desire of being honored. From the desire of being praised. From the desire of being preferred to others. From the desire of being consulted. From the desire of being approved. From the fear of being humiliated. From the fear of being despised. From the fear of suffering rebukes. From the fear of being calumniated. From the fear of being forgotten. From the fear of being ridiculed. From the fear of being wronged. From the fear of being suspected, that others may be loved more than I, Jesus grant me the grace to desire it. **Response: Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.** That others may be loved more than I. That others may be esteemed more than I. That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease. That others may be chosen and I set aside. That others may be praised and I unnoticed. That others may be preferred to me in everything. That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should. As you can see, humility is no easy task, especially these days. It requires great surrender and a lot of grace. It reveals three essential attributes of humility. **First**, you must be purified of selfish desires. **Second**, you must be purified of selfish fears. **Third**, selfless desires must increase in your heart. The journey may be challenging but the rewards are glorious.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL KITCHEN REQUESTS

For the upcoming month of September, we are requesting **KETCHUP**. Place your food item on St Joseph's Table. It is so deeply appreciated by so many.

LOTTERY WINNERS

Wed. Aug. 17	407	Shirley Klauss
Thurs. Aug. 18	307	Lee M.
Fri. Aug. 19	063	Sharon Flynn
Sat. Aug. 20	651	