## Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office 570-824-7832 570-822-0765 Fax www.orladyofhope.us 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.



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 con-tact 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.

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



Sunday, July 3

10:30 AM For Parishioners

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 AM Lucille Oleck - John, Mary and Nancy

Lynch

Friday, July 8

8:00 AM 50th Wedding Anniversary of John &

Jane Wojtowicz

Saturday, July 9

4:00 PM Joan Hertely - Family

Sunday, July 10

10:30AM Carl J. Check -Rosemary Gawat

<u>SANCTUARY VOTIVES</u>: In Memory of Joseph Kubek - By Wife Louise & Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In Memory of Frank Revitt - By Wife, Geraldine & Family

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$3,770.00
LOOSE:	\$75.00
AIR CONDICTIONING:	\$821.00
PETER'S PENCE:	\$467.00

<u>SPECIAL NOTICE</u> - If your check to the Church has not been recently cashed, please notify us. Recently there was a problem we would like to resolve. Your contributions are critical and we want to be accurate giving you credit.

<u>PARISH OFFICE</u> - Please not the hours are 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Monday thru Friday. It will be closed this Monday, July 4th. Office will be open beginning on Tuesday.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE - For the month of July, the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen requests from our parish **COFFEE.** 

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - Our goal is \$25,000.00. As other parishes are working hard to prepare for their summer bazaars, we have successfully raised necessary monies without all that sweat and effort. Letter of request have been sent to all parishioners. A good number have responded already. It is a great challenge, however, as parish numbers have decreased. We really need a gift of \$100.00 or more to address serious financial needs. Please know how important your donation is. We're counting on your concern and love of our parish. Seriously make your gift ASAP.

PRIZES NEED FOR FALL RAFFLE - We were pleasantly surprised for the wonderful donations of really good prizes for the Fall Festival. Due to the Covid and the refurbishing of the Parish Hall, we don't feel comfortable in conducting the Fall Festival. The raffle was very successful. We hope that it can be accomplished again this year. Bring them to the Rectory during office hours or to the Sacristy.

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>: We are short in our young people willing to embrace the ministry of Altar Server. There are plenty of youngsters in the congregation. Parents, encourage them to become evolved in parish life, after all they are our future. They need to know that that they have an important role to play in the life of the Church. Please step-up!

A SPECIAL PRAYER FITTING FOR OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: we humbly beseech You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confession; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to Your law, we may show forth Your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in You to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord". Amen!

#### REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells His disciples to ask the "Master" (God the Father) of the 'harvest" (conversion to Christ) to send out more "laborers" (evangelizers.) And in the next breath, He tells them that they are the laborers and that they must get busy: "Go on your way," He says. When you think of evangelization in the Catholic Church, who comes to mind first Most of us think of priests, and we all know that we need more priests. New vocations in western societies are still way too few to compensate for the elderly ones who are retiring and dving. Do you pray for an increase of vocations? Good, but that's only part of what Jesus is asking us to do. "Go on your way," He says to all of us, "and use your gifts, your talents, and your skills to assist in the harvest. Jesus has always been collaborative. The number of laborers for the mission of the Church will only be sufficient when we all join the effort, clergy, religious, and laity, working together with our separate and unique talents and skills, humbly assisting each other as members of the same team. To reach this sufficiency, many of us have o overcome the "someone else will take care of it" attitude. And some have to overcome the desire for perfection, the "I can take care of it better myself" attitude, which robs others of the opportunity to serve. Many of us need to overcome the fear of losing control, the "I must tell others how to do their job" attitude, which chases away some very talented laborers. Jesus said we should carry no supplies into ministry; in other words: We should accept whatever is offered us. Our prayers for an increase of consecrated vocations are answered from within collaborative ministry. Clergy and religious who are good role models will attract new vocations, but the laity are called to serve God with the same zeal and holiness that we expect form priests, because out of families who serve come the holy priests and religious who serve.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It's a happy day when one forgets his troubles and remembers his pleasures in life.



# FROM THE PASTOR

"This is the Fourth of July weekend. Flags will be hanging from porches, families may invite each other for a backyard barbeque, there will be special TV programs featuring bands and parades and of course lots of fireworks. When fireworks are set off in our neighborhoods it rattles the elderly, scares the households and our pets and awakens us from our sleep. How beautiful the fireworks display at Kirby Park. How many will gather there this year? For some it means the end of summer when its actually just the beginning. Veterans will don their uniforms and brandish their medals. Well, the Fourth of July, has its strong traditions and rightfully so. But we have to admit honestly that it's all about the heroic sacrifices made by so many that we have freedom. But freedom to live by our country's values and constitutional rights and privileges. Well, I've stated the obvious. As a child we always began our school day with a prayer and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Those precious words we voiced with hand on our breast, "One Nation Under God." While we stop to embrace everything we are thankful for it is ever so important that we turn to the one who is most responsible for our freedom. God has granted us with true blessings of freedom, both in heaven and on earth. I think it was John Adams who demonstrated his faith when he co-authored the Declaration of Independence. There's an insurance company that features the Statue of Liberty in the background. When our forefathers came across the oceans to America, one wonders what was in their hearts when they caught glimpse of it as they headed toward our shores. They were coming to America. My country tis of thee. Sweet Land of Liberty. Of thee I sing. Today.

#### **LOTTERY WINNERS**

Wed. June 15	820	
Thurs. June 16	690	
Fri. June 17	887	
Sat. June 18	690	1.0