

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

Deacon
Joseph F. DeVizia

Parish Secretary
Theresa Talacka

Business Manager
Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Liturgy
Noah Klings

Director of Religious Education
Diane Lakkis

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekdays: 8:00 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, July 31

10:30 AM Eleanor Nowinski - Family

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 AM Libra & William Vaver - Daughter,
Charlotte

Friday, August 5

8:00 AM Benedict & Catherine Kearney - Hal
Gabriel

Saturday, August 6

4:00 PM Arlene McCabe - Mary Ruth

Sunday, August 7

10:30AM Gabriel Spak - Daughter, Kim
Blazejewski

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: End of War

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$3,321.00
LOOSE:	\$66.00
FUEL:	\$1,145.00
STEWARDSHIP:	\$1,200.00

PASTOR AWAY- Father Terry will be away this week Monday thru Thursday. In case of an emergency, call either Theresa @ 570-822-4255 or Sue @ 570-855-8766. Father Duane Gavitt will celebrate any funerals.

FIRST FRIDAY - Father Terry will not be making his usual Communion calls this month. However tentatively, First Friday Mass and devotion will be on Friday at 8:00 am.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED - This is the third time we have made this announcement. What does this tell us if there are no children encouraged to become involved. Will we have to resort to adult servers?

PARISH ASSESSMENTS

Yearly Assessment - \$36,272.00
School Assessment - \$68,098.00
Clergy Care/Wellness - \$9,646.00
Monthly Insurance for each Priest - \$1,534.00
Annual Priest Pension - \$7,440.00
Part time Unemployee Annul - \$200.00
Disability Insurance per employee per year \$300.00
Post Retirement Health Care Annually - \$5, 200.00

INSURANCE - Coverage includes Property, Lightning and Extended Coverage: Burglary, Automobile Liability, Workmen's Compensation and Boiler.
Maternity of BVM Church - \$18,926.00
Maternity of BVM Parish Center - \$13,515.00
Rectory - \$3,467.00
Cemetery Chapels - \$937.00
Holy Trinity Tractor - \$1,926.00
Workmen's Compensation - \$721.00

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - To date we have received \$ 18,744.00. The goal \$25,000.00. As other parishes have exerted a lot of time, hard work and sweat to raise necessary revenue, we just ask that you make a special sacrifice of \$100.00 or more. It's asking a lot but the alternative would be much more challenging. So, please help! We really need the help! God bless all who have already given.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Unfortunately we are unable to have our own. In the past they were awesome! However, St. Maria Goretti in Laflin sends us an invitation. August 1 - 5, 9am to 11:45 am. Ages 4-12. The theme is "Magical Moments". Registration forms available on their website www.stmri-agoretti:laflin.org. Please contact Michelle Pinto, DRE at 570-905-5713 for any questions.

ST. AL'S CHURCH BAZAAR - Located on Barney & Division Streets, Wilkes-Barre - August 4, 5 and 6. August 4, 6 - 10:00 pm - Triple Fret; August, 5, 6 - 11:00 pm- Guilty Pleasure; August 6, 5-11 pm - The Sperazza Band. New bar menu! Vera Bradley stand! Only dime pitch in the area.

PARISH MEETINGS - We will resume meetings beginning the second week of August. In this order: Teachers and Religious Education, Liturgy, Social Concerns, Finance and Pastoral Council.

REFLECTION

When we understand God's generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God-feeling protected and cared for by God giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance. God's generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills He has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God's efforts. God is the source of everything that's good in our lives. However, there's more! Everything from God is meant to bless others too. We are conduits of God's generosity. Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them. What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others. When we protect our lies by storing up our goods, others suffer. In the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely contrary to the personality of God. Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that He will continue to provide for us even when we give away what He gives to us, especially when we give away what He gives to us. Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience. Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else's prayers? Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principal of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there's a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, will be held Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 pm at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include praise & worship music a dynamic talk, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a social. All are welcomed to attend! For more information call 570-207-1452 or visit dioceseofscranton.org

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

The month of August will soon be here. In a way it is harbinger of the end of summer. A few weeks left for a vacation with the family. The days will gradually have less sunshine and the fruit of gardening will become harvested. The kids will count the days before the school bell will ring. High School football is in the air. Traditionally this month is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It probably never remotely entered in our minds. We know the image of this celebration of Mary. She has a crown of gold upon her head and she holds a lily in her left hand. But in her right hand she points to her open heart. It glows and is pierced with a sword. And, oh, the heart is surrounded by thorns. Quite an image. We all know that a "heart" symbolizes love. The Sacred heart of Jesus represents His love for mankind. But Mary's heart means something different. It symbolizes her love for Jesus and for God. It serves as a model for the way we should love God. The fact is that her heart is immaculate that is sinless, means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that He should be loved. Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as His Mother the person who was called to share in and cooperate in His suffering that redeemed and saved us. So as you pass by one of the statues (images) of the Blessed Mother pray our hearts in some small way will be conformed to hers as a loving and merciful heart.

LOTTERY WINNERS

Wed. July 20	457	
Thurs. July 21	096	
Fri. July 22	129	Russ Halchak
Sat. July 23	304	Eloise Rydzfski