

# 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.

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday evening: 4:00 pm  
Sundays: 10:30 am  
Weekdays: 8:00 am (Rectory Chapel)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm  
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.

## OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love; committed to Jesus Christ and to His Gospel; to grow in our love for others as Jesus loves us. Through the prayerful intercession of Mary, our Patroness, we seek to live in unity and hope as we strive to assist those in need through our good works, sacrifices and stewardship.

By celebrating the Mass and Sacraments, by providing various opportunities for Catholic Education, by calling forth more of our members to ministries and service, we seek to help one another grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey

**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**  
Heather Rogers

**Business Manager**  
Suzanne Cosgrove

**Director of Music**  
Andrea Yorkonis

**Liturgy**  
Noah Klinges

**Director of Religious Education**  
Diane Lakkis

**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

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook  
@olohweb

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** - Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, weakest and the most vulnerable among us through Catholic Social Services. Staff who feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Grants were awarded to 33 parish programs including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates. The Diocese allocated us \$3,000 to support our outreach for the hygienic needs of those young people 10-13 yrs. of age. It is a serious problem. To date, Fr. Terry has purchased about \$3,300 worth of items. It comes just in time for the school term. We will conduct an additional drive like this in time for Lent.

# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      OCTOBER 1, 2023

**RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER** - Gentle St. Francis, you were so devoted to the humanity of Christ. Your heart burst with appreciation toward God for taking on human life. You saw beauty and goodness in all living things, in birds that sing, the fish that fill our waters, and all that lives in nature. Help us to imitate your reverence for life wherever it may be. Especially, humble Francis of Assisi, help us to help others to see the worth of each living, unborn baby sheltered in its mother's womb. May all mankind have the grace to understand that these tiny, budding lives, have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

**CELEBRATING 175 YEARS** - The Sisters of Christian Charity, founded by Pauline von Mallinckrodt, in Paderborn, Germany, are celebrating their 175th Anniversary as a Congregation. It is also the 150th Anniversary of the Sisters arriving at St. Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre on October 15, 1873. Soon after their arrival Father Nagle asked other German Pastors if they wanted Sisters to teach in their parish school. The response was a whole-hearted yes and as a result, the Congregation grew quickly in the United States. The "Cradle" of the Congregation in the United States was established in Wilkes-Barre with the building of Mallinckrodt Convent as the motherhouse in 1877. In addition to a school for girls known as St. Ann's Academy. The motherhouse was transferred to Illinois (1916) and then to New Jersey (1927). St. Ann's Academy remained open until 1971. Wyoming Valley also became home to the Sisters serving in the following parishes: St. Nicholas/St. Nicholas-St. Mary, Bishop Hoban/Holy Redeemer High School, St. Boniface, Wilkes-Barre; Sacred Heart, Luzerne; St. Mary Assumption, Pittston; St. Jude Mountain Top; and Kingston Central Catholic/Bishop O'Reilly High School. Bishop Bambera will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy in St. Nicholas Church on November 4, at 12PM. We look forward to seeing you to help celebrate this momentous event. The Sisters also invite you to join in their festivities throughout the year. Go to [www.sccus.org](http://www.sccus.org) for more information and also follow us on Facebook.

**LAST CALL - CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** - The October 7th, 2023 Catholic Men's Conference, from 8AM to 3PM, will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. To attend, please register either online at [www.BeACatholicMan.com](http://www.BeACatholicMan.com), or by mail to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc.", PO Box #669 Wyalusing, PA 18853. Include your name, address, email & parish with your check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc." with "Men's Conference" on the memo line of the check. Cost is \$40, Students, \$15. Priests/Deacons Free. For more info contact you Men's Conference Parish Contact, Mike Kilmer @ 570-721-0872 or [mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com](mailto:mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com)

**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE** - Let's not forget those who need a meal. Your compassion and generosity has been great. For the upcoming month of October, we are requesting Spaghetti Sauce and Salad Dressings. God bless you.



## FROM THE PASTOR

During the month of October, Catholics are asked to reflect more deeply on how we uphold the dignity of every human life in every circumstance across the lifespan. The theme this year is "RADICAL SOLIDARITY" through pro-life ministry. As Pope Francis explains in "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel") radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity, rather it calls us to out-of-the-ordinary by word and deed in people's daily lives...and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others." Respect Life Month is a time to inspire and encourage individuals and parishes to engage in a program of pro-life activity that supports the life and dignity of every person, especially the most vulnerable among us. Our Social Concerns committee has suggested a unique outreach to assist those in need of footwear. They will also conduct some fundraising (pizza sale, etc.) to support local pro-life agencies. This coming Advent and Lent, our outreach will be to provide basic hygienic items for needy youngsters in our local schools. Our parish through a grant from the Annual Appeal, has already purchased over \$3,000 worth of items that poor families may be unable to provide for their children. There are many pro-life issues: (abortion, immigrants, homeless, racism and prejudice, etc.) These are hot items and need to be addressed by our Catholic Christians. "Almighty and ever living God, have mercy on us. Help us to recognize others as our brothers and sisters in Christ and actively work for their good. Send us a spirit of hope and generosity of heart so we can be courageously pro-life, promoting action that truly protects, accompanies and supports the life and dignity of every person." Amen

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITATION** - Fr. Terry will make his usual visitations during this week. If you aren't available, please call the rectory

**Lottery tickets will not be sold for the month of October. In its place will be 50/50 raffle tickets for the Fall Festival. \$2/ea. or 3/\$5.  
We will resume selling the daily number tickets in November**

### LOTTERY WINNERS

September 20, 2023	749	
September 21, 2023	628	Sue Cosgrove
September 22, 2023	263	
September 23, 2023	667	