

# 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

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# 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday September 24

10:30 AM    Stanley & Elinor Rapchinski and  
Joseph & Stella Boris - Children & Grandchildren

### Tuesday September 26

8:00 AM    Thomas Porzuczek - Myron & Remi  
Franckowiak

### Friday September 29

8:00 AM    Joseph Gluchowski - Jason & Kindra  
Kowalski

### Saturday September 30

4:00 PM    Frank & Mary Yuknavich - Children &  
Grandchildren

### Sunday October 1

10:30 AM    Ruth & Koval Families - Mary Ruth

SANCTUARY VOTIVES - End Of War

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	<b>\$3,658.50</b>
<u>LOOSE</u>	<b>\$278.00</b>
<u>DUES</u>	<b>\$638.00</b>
<u>MAUI DISASTER</u>	<b>\$956.00</b>

### OFFERTORY-PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AT MASS

If you would like to bring up the gifts of water and wine at the offertory at mass, please let us know beforehand. Come to the sacristy before mass so we can place the items on the table in the middle of the church. We are still taking some precautions because of the Pandemic.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY - In 1975 when our pastor was ordained, there were 400 active priests in the Diocese of Scranton. They would serve the Church communities in eleven counties that composed our Diocese. There were 350,000 Catholics then. Many large parishes had more than one priest. There were a number of small congregations that had a resident priest. The religious communities of priests (e.g. Franciscans, Holy Cross, Jesuits, Oblates of St. Joseph) were plentiful. Currently to address the shortage, priests from other countries are staffing many of our parishes today. They come from India, Vietnam, Cuba, Mexico and other South American countries. Today, there are 45 from other nations. Still more are anticipated. It is projected that in ten years, our Diocese may only have 22 active priests from the Diocese. It is hard to imagine the shape and form our Diocese will look like. Will the role of the laity be greater? Whatever the future, we pray that more vocations will happen. In the meantime, pray for our priests and for future priests.

MINISTRY MONTH - The month of September is Ministry Awareness Month. Ideally, every member of the parish should offer some type of service in the Church. We are particularly encouraged to participate in some liturgical ministry-cantor, choir/folk group, extraordinary minister of communion, lector (reader) and altar server (junior/adult). Since we haven't heard from those junior-we are asking for adults to consider to serve funerals and if possible, week-ends. How about a family serving with their youngsters? Contact Fr. Terry if interested.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE - "Walk In Their Shoes." Social concerns ministry is having a new and slightly used sneaker collection. Men's and women's sneakers requested. There will be boxes set by St. Joseph's table throughout the month of October.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN - Will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 PM in the parish rectory. Hostesses are Sue Cosgrove & Andrea Grella. The drawing of our Fall Raffle will take place at this meeting. Plans for the October Service in honor of The Blessed Mother followed by our Covered Dish Supper will be made. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL - With the end of the summer, the Fall is a time of new events and new beginnings. Our Religious Formation program has begun for our young people, new altar servers will be commissioned. October is Respect Life month and one where we show reverence for the sanctity of all life and focus on how we can be of service to the church and those in need. And of course, our Fall Festival. It's a busy time for our Parish family to participate in church life and promote the Kingdom of God. To date, we have 14 sponsors for the Festival. They are:

Fr. Terry  
Christian Women  
Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home  
Catholic Youth Center  
Dotzel Family  
Central Clay Products  
Schiel's Family Market  
Mayor Carl Kuren  
Dave & Barbara Jacobs  
Lynch Family  
Sandy & Joe Boris  
Bill & Jean Noss  
Ron & Pat Royek  
Ann O'nimmity  
Eloise Rydzfski  
Andrea Bogusko Music Co.

**We will hold a  
meeting for  
the fall festival  
on Thursday, October 5th  
6:00 PM  
in the parish center  
2nd Floor**

IN MEMORIAM - We received a generous donation from George Daru, In Memory of his wife, Carol Czajkowski Daru. Thank you, George for thinking of us at this difficult time. God Bless

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**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.

**DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** - Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to bless our diocese and our world with many priests and religious men and women who will love You fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord, that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; and that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved, and that all may attain Heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## PROPER WAY TO SHOW REVERENCE BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

In days past, everyone approached the altar, knelt at the altar rail and received the host on our tongues. That was prescribed as a posture of reverence to show respect and adoration for the Body and Blood of our Lord. The bishops in the US have decided that we may approach the altar and stand to receive Communion. When we approach, we are to bow as a gesture of reverence before we receive the consecrated host from the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Today we can receive the host either on the tongue or in the hand. To receive in the hand, we place one hand, palm, up, on top of the other to form a “throne.” We can also receive Holy Communion in the form of precious Blood. When Holy Communion is offered under both kinds, we repeat the bow of our heads before receiving each one. Genuflection is appropriate at other times. For example, we genuflect before the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament.

**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

## Seven Virtues for Successful Catholics

Practicing virtues - habitual and firm dispositions to do good - leads to long-lasting interior freedom, joy and peace. The following seven virtues, with God's grace, can help you do that:

**FAITH** enables our belief in God and all that He has revealed through Scripture, Tradition and the Church's teaching. Reciting the Creed, especially at Mass, is an act of faith.

**HOPE** is the desire for Heaven and truth in God's promises to us. Trusting in the Lord even in trials, and asking for forgiveness for sins are arts of hope.

**CHARITY** enables us to love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. True love is when we wish-and act for-the authentic good of others.

**PRUDENCE** is the virtue that helps us to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

**JUSTICE** helps us respect others' rights and give each his due. We owe God our worship. We are made in His image, so we owe each other respect.

**FORTITUDE** strengthens us to follow Christ in the world, even if it's unpopular and uncomfortable.

**TEMPERANCE** properly orders our desire for pleasure, so that we appreciate earthly goods in moderation and value heavenly goods most. Observing the one-hour fast from food before receiving the Eucharist is an act of temperance.



**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - We are oh so close to reaching our \$25,000.00 goal. For those who have yet to contribute, how about it? So many of the faithful have responded generously. Thank God. We are so grateful. We can do it with a little help from our friends.

**IN APPRECIATION** - Recently, Jay Snee, a dedicated member of our parish, a volunteer and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion passed away. In his memory was donated his alb. Thank you.

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

## LOTTERY WINNERS

September 13, 2023	436	
September 14, 2023	082	
September 15, 2023	279	Sharon Flynn
September 16, 2023	992	