

# 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

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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: 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.

## 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, September 4

10:30 AM Eleanor Kuboski - Daughter, Mary Ruth

### Tuesday, September 6

8:00 AM Rev John Green - John, Mary & Nancy Lynch

### Friday, September 9

8:00 AM Elizabeth Grimes - John, Mary & Nancy Lynch

### Saturday, September 10

4:00 PM Joseph, Frances & Christopher Jacobs - Dave & Barbara Jacobs

### Sunday, September 11

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of Class of 1959 - Reunion Committee

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES:** In Memory of John & Nellie Kinsel - by Daughter Geraldine Revitt

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES:** In Memory of Eleanor Kuboski by Daughter, Mary Ruth

**SACRED HEART CANDLES:** In Memory of Dominick Procida - by Daughter Carolyn Graziano

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b>	\$3,610
<b>LOOSE:</b>	\$68
<b>ASSUMPTION:</b>	\$643
<b>AIR CONDITION:</b>	\$780

**OFFICE HOURS** - Just a reminder that our office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 p.m. Any type of business (Mass intentions, cemetery issues, financial matters, etc.) should be done at these times. Thank you.

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL KITCHEN REQUESTS**

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

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - We are so close to reaching our goal of \$25,000. To date, we have received \$22,340.00. We commend our parishioners for their generosity and faithfulness to the parish in this crucial time. Our expenses are high. Your concern for the parish in this matter is evident with your support. Thank you and God Bless.

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION - C.C.D.** - Our program will begin in two weeks. Parents and guardians are responsible for getting their children properly registered. Any children who are candidates for First Holy Communion must present a certificate of the child's Baptism to be eligible. This is also true for any potential Confirmation candidates. There is a small registration fee of \$25.00 for each child and \$35.00 per family. For any other information, call Diane Lakkis @ 570-814-2567

**BAKE SALE** - This weekend a Bake Sale will be held at our Parish Center. It is being sponsored by our Social Concerns Committee. It will be scheduled before the 4:00 Mass and the 10:30 Mass. Monetary gifts are very much appreciated

**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.

**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 and adult). Since we haven't heard from those junior-we are asking for adults to consider to serve funerals and if possible, weekends. How about a family serving with their youngsters? Contact Fr. Terry if interested.



**REFLECTION**

What in your life is a higher priority than your relationship with God? That's what Jesus wants us to look at in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Which people? What work? What trial? What possessions? What friendships? What goals? What activities? What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?) Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship - learning from him and making every effort to become more like him - we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life. In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine. A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but also of unconditional, forgive love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those who interfere with our spiritual growth, and this too can be a cross. The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live!

**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**

I always get a little melancholy when Labor Day comes. You smell it in the air. You can feel it in your bones. The long, hot, sunny days are over now. Even though fall will be coming, we begin to dread the winter chill and ice and snow. Kids go back to school and those yellow school buses will block our path as we hasten to work. Classrooms will have that familiar scent and football is back. But this Monday is Labor Day. A day to stop and reflect about the passing of the summer months, it is a day to relax and enjoy. Nancy Hughes wrote this poem entitled Labor Day and it reads:

Throw up our feet, start up the grill, toss on the burgers and we'll all eat our fill. Put up the tools, watch the grass grow, forget the beak and the commode overflow. The dishes can wait; go out and play. There's a good reason to be lazy...it's called Labor Day! And so, we rest and enjoy from our labors but also we pray for all who labor in the marketplace, in factories, in offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank the Lord for the opportunity of work. We pray for the many in our area who are unemployed and for those who defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May all of those who are now retired always remember that they have made a valuable contribution to our Church and world by our prayers and works of charity. And may our working and our resting all give praise to God until that day we rest in His Kingdom. I'll end with this quote:

**"God give me work, till my life shall end. And life, till my work is done."** (Winifred Holtby)

**LOTTERY WINNERS**

Wed. Aug 24	920	Ruth Ann Wren
Thurs. Aug 25	600	J&M Sokoloski
Fri. Aug 26	079	Jeanne Bilski
Sat. Aug 27	298	Ron Royek