

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Office Hours

Mon Tues Thurs Fri

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Closed Wednesday

Bulletin Deadline

Articles and announcements
must be submitted to the office
by Noon Monday.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday

8:00 am (Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

After 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 Diocesan Pre-Cana Program.

**ANOIDING OF
THE SICK AND SICK CALLS**

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Parish Life Coordinator. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

VISION STATEMENT**Faith-Family-Friendship**

Casting a wide net to gather as many people as possible for the Kingdom of God.

MISSION STATEMENT

**To be a welcoming community that encourages and empowers
our family of believers to use their gifts and talents to be active,
intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister

Rev. Mark DeCelles

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Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon

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Andrea Yorkonis

Director of Liturgy

Noah Klenges

Director of Religious Education

Diane Lakkis

OCIA**(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation should call the rectory. Program runs from September through Pentecost.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held in the
Church Parish Hall
Sundays, September to May.
Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
[@olohwb](https://www.facebook.com/olohwb)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11

4:00 PM Dorothy & John Kinsel, Jr. - Mary Sobeck

Sunday, July 12

9:00 AM Sheila Carter - Jeff & Carol Carter

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 AM Mary Buczynski - Daughter, Mary Frances

Friday, July 17

8:00 AM Mary Buczynski - Daughter, Mary Frances

Saturday, July 18

4:00 PM Ondish Family - Daughter, Rose Marie

Sunday, July 19

9:00 AM Patricia Smeraglio - Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday masses until 9:00 AM,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Votives

Sanctuary - In Memory of Joseph Krull, Jr.
By Sister

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Tedd Richards
By Brothers

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Rosalie Reiss	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Pat Kinsman	Mary Greenburg

Weekend of June 28th

Sunday Collection	\$4,174.00
Portion going to the Diocese	252.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$3,922.00

Weekend of July 5th

Sunday Collection	\$5,163.85
Portion going to the Diocese	315.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4,848.85

Vacation Bible School

St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish is having a vacation bible school which is open to Our Lady of Hope children. It will run from Monday, July 27 to Friday, July 31st. All children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome. A highlight of the week will be "God's Wonder Lab - Jesus Does the Impossible" with our own Religious Education Director, Diane Lakkis, as the "Mad Lab Professor." Registration is \$25 per child with sibling discounts available. **Come and join in the fun!** If interested call Diane Lakkis at 570-814-2567.

Daily Mass Intentions and Schedule Updates

Beginning October 6, 2026 there will be no weekday masses except for First Friday Masses. Most of the previously scheduled weekday mass intentions for 2026 and 2027 have been rescheduled or changed to votive candles. Please call the rectory if you have not rescheduled your requested weekday mass intentions.

Summer Bazaar

St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish Summer Bazaar will be held on July 16, 17, 18 on the parish grounds of St. Nicholas Church. The Bazaar features a large variety of Traditional, Ethnic, Mexican, and Caribbean foods, along with a Giant Flea Market, Raffle Drawing, Bountiful Baskets, Games and Booths for all ages, and Live Music every night.

Roasted Chicken Dinner

Prince of Peace Parish is having a TAKE OUT ONLY Roasted Chicken Dinner, Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing on Sunday, August 16th, from 11 AM to 3PM in the Arcaro and Genell Parkin Lot on Main Street. The cost is \$17 and includes 1/2 roasted chicken, corn, pasta salad, a roll and dessert. The dinner will be prepared by Arcaro & Genell. For tickets call the rectory at 570-457-5900. Deadline to order is August 10th.

Catholic Heart Workcamp Program

The Catholic Heart Workcamp Program(CHWP) helps teenagers put their faith into action. The mission is to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant through the Sacraments, prayer, and involvement in social service. Kings College will host 200 CHWP high schoolers July 12-17. Our parish will host about 10 students and 2 chaperones this week to perform service projects in and around the Church, Rectory, and School. More info at www.heartworkcamp.com

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of July the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. God Bless You!

Reflection

The setting of today's Gospel may remind us of a warm midsummer day - maybe like today. Jesus comes outside and walks down to the sea. So many people gather along the shoreline that Jesus decides to go out in a boat and speak to the entire crowd from there. Imagine yourself sitting on a beach on a beautiful day with hundreds of others, listening to the Lord teaching in parables. Through the power of imagination, we have that opportunity today.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Today's Gospel is about hearing the word of God. I believe there are four types of "hearers" in this passage. First, there are those whose minds are already shut and refuse to allow the seeds to penetrate the hard ground. Second, there are those who make hasty decisions out of emotion or passion. While they may initially respond to the word, the shallow ground doesn't bear fruit. Third, there are those whose hearts, minds, and lives are so busy that there is not room for the word to grow. In that case, the word will be choked out by the weeds. Finally, there are those with open hearts and minds, ready and willing to hear the word and then LIVE that word. Let us pray that whichever we are right now, we can move ourselves into having open hearts and minds.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

I have a small metal turtle (or tortoise) on my desk. When I started a new job YEARS ago, my predecessor left it on his desk. I didn't think too much about this thing, but I left it on my desk - and I looked at it every day. It told me a story reminiscent of the one about the tortoise and the hare. **Slow and steady wins the race.** After all these years, that metal turtle has stayed with me, reminding me to slow down and appreciate the small stuff. If you are anything like me, you always want to be on a path leading to improvement. Don't rush things. Being Catholic-Christian is another way where slow and steady is the best. Sometimes we can rush through things like prayer and worship. Take time to allow yourself to settle. If you do, the mystery before us will have a greater impact. Take the time to talk with God, especially after you welcome him into your very being at Communion. Don't just head for the door. And while I'm at it, wait for the singing to stop before you leave the pews. Taking time to greet your fellow members is part of the worship experience. Relish all the moments when you are closest to God. The world will wait. Always remember life is a MARATHON, not a SPRINT. And remember, slow and steady really does win the race.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

How do we behave before the Monstrance and the Tabernacle?

We rely on our senses to live in this world. We have the best experiences when our senses of taste, smell, touch, hearing, and sight are engaged. For example, in Adoration we use our sense of sight to see the Monstrance. This focuses our attention. This engages our true ability to see the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacred host. The design of the Monstrance, shaped like a golden sunburst, further focuses our attention on Jesus. This fosters an atmosphere of solemnity and draws in all the people in the Church. The Lord in the Tabernacle is no less Present, but given our sensory nature, His Presence is less exclusively focused for us. We are more inclined to permit special gatherings or Liturgies in the Church with a Tabernacle and Jesus Present. The way we behave before a Monstrance signals a solemn and exclusive Eucharistic focus. The Tabernacle signals the Lord's Presence for our prayer and our engagement in His work of preaching, teaching, and Liturgy. We honor His Presence by being about His work in the Nave or Sanctuary in a way that we hope will please the Lord. Adoration before the Monstrance is a great way to pray and listen to God. But we should not forget the beauty of simple and quick visits to Jesus in the Tabernacle. When finished praying and while leaving the Church, try turning back to the Lord and simply say, "Love Ya, see You next time!" *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Our Lady of Hope's Stewardship Campaign is about to begin. Money received from this campaign will be used to supplement the Parish's general fund in critical ways including heating, air conditioning, upkeep of our church and rectory and so much more. By supporting this campaign you are helping to make Our Lady of Hope not only a VERY GOOD Parish but a GREAT ONE! If every household contributes \$100, we will have no problem reaching our \$20,000 goal. STEWARDSHIP envelopes are in your August packet. There are extra envelopes at the entrances to the church in case you don't receive envelopes or misplaced the ones in the packet. Please be as generous as you can.

Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Richard Partington. He has been awarded the 2026 Christian Women Scholarship.



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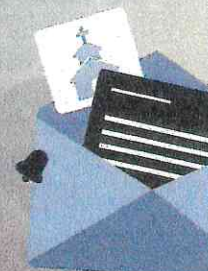
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