

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: 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 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 Diocesan Pre-Cana Program.

ANOINTING 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

Pastors Emeriti
Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon
Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary
Jean Behm

Business Manager
Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Director of Liturgy
Noah Klinges

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 through May.
Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM Stephen & Anna Omasta - Daughter,
Lorraine

Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 AM Dolores Mrackoski - Husband, Albert

Friday, April 24

8:00 AM James Wasilewski - Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Archavage

Saturday, April 25

4:00 PM Mary Buckley - Niece, Mary Frances

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Christian Royek - Joe Porzucek

Paschal Candle - For living and deceased members of
the Tomasura and Tometchko families

Votives

Sanctuary Candles - For an End to all Conflicts in
Our World

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Joseph Mrozowski	Albert Mrackoski
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Maria Healey	

Weekend of April 12th

Sunday Collection	\$6,068.50
Portion going to the Diocese	108.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$5,960.50

What a Night

The parish thanks everyone who helped make our Night at the Races such a success. Not only did we raise money for the parish but we had a great time as well. Thanks again!

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet this Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations will be held in the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College, 29 W. North Street, on April 23rd at 7 PM. Sacrament of Penance will be available. All are welcome.

Online Art Auction

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton is hosting an online art auction which began April 13th and runs through May 1st. It features more than 20 original paintings of local Catholic churches and sacred spaces. Proceeds will benefit the "Founders Fund" of the Catholic Foundation which supports the long-term pastoral, educational, and service ministries of the Diocese of Scranton. Go to dioceseofscranton.org and click on Online Art Auction.

Book and Puzzle Sale

St. Andrew Parish, located at 316 Parrish Street in Wilkes-Barre, is holding a book, puzzle, DVD, CD, and video game (console only) sale on Saturday, April 25th, from 1:00 - 7:00 PM, and Sunday, April 26th, from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Only cash payments will be accepted. For more information call Alaina at 570-332-1832.

Earth Day

Earth Day 2026 is Wednesday, April 22. It's a time to celebrate our planet, as well as raise awareness of climate change and the steps we all can take to fight it. Consider reading Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, on Care for our Common Home.

Remember the Earth is God's Creation!



Care for Creation
El cuidado de la Creación

Reflection

Today, on the third Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the two disciples who encounter the risen Lord as they walk the road to Emmaus. They listen to this stranger as he opens the scriptures to them, explaining that the Christ had to suffer and die before rising in glory. After inviting him into their home, they recognize him when he breaks bread with them at their table. Every Sunday we live out this experience. We listen to the risen Lord speak to us through God's word. Then we receive him in the Eucharist. May we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, invite him into our midst.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

When he was asked about the "events in Jerusalem," Jesus knew what happened there. He lived and died there and knew those things intimately. But notice his response. Rather than shifting the attention to himself, Jesus simply listens and invites the disciples to share their own experience and stories. He does NOT interrupt. He does NOT challenge their feelings or emotions. Jesus listens. In a world that seems more divisive than ever, we must be willing to follow Jesus' example and listen to the realities of others. That may mean setting aside our personal agenda. Let's pray for the wisdom, the strength, and the courage to do just that. Maybe we too will meet Jesus "on our road."

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

Have you ever had a friend who absolutely changed your perspective on life? Mine was a great guy I first met when I was a young boy. Joe, on the other hand, was about eight years older. Joe spent summers at his brother's house, which was very close to my childhood home. His summer job was working in a small grocery store located just across the street from me. As it turned out, we both went to St. Boniface grade school. I think he was in the eighth grade when I entered in first. After Joe graduated from high school, he entered the seminary. Ultimately, he became Father Joe, and then **Monsignor Joe Rauscher** - and my pastor at St. Nicholas Church. After my ordination I was assigned there as a deacon, where I remained until I was transferred to St. Andrew's as their Parish Life Coordinator. When my appointment was announced, Monsignor had words of advice for me. "Be good to your people. Love them. Respect them. Always put them first." I tried my best to live that way. And you know what? His advice is something we ALL should follow. He looked for the Christ in everyone, and he always wanted to HELP. Again, so should we all. Ultimately, we are all called by God to be an example for others to follow. Let's all try to BE someone who changes the perspective of those around us - by what we say, but most of all by WHAT WE DO.



***Now You Know....
From the PLC***

Why do we have funerals?

We often hear we have funerals to say good-bye, get closure, or celebrate the deceased's life. But these are not the main reasons we have funerals. When Justice Antonin Scalia died, his son, Father Paul Scalia, did the homily at his father's funeral at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. In essence he said, "We're here today because of a man who was very much misunderstood, a man who some people loved and some people hated, a man who some people thought they knew and some people did not think they knew. Some of you are very close to Him and love Him, and some of you are not close to Him, and this man, of course, is Jesus Christ." And the audience was taken aback, because they thought Father Paul was speaking about his father. Father Paul said, "The number one reason we are here is to worship God." We often hear the deceased "is in heaven now." We don't know that; we have no idea. We are not to canonize the person who died. Second, we thank God for His mercy. This fills us with hope for the future of the person who has died. Third, in this moment of our sorrow, we renew our own faith in Christ's Resurrection, His triumph over death. Fourth, we pray for the one who has died. We believe that when we pray for the dead, it actually does something, it makes a difference. So, we have funerals: to worship God; to thank God for His mercy; to renew our own faith in Christ's Resurrection; and to pray for the person who has died. Then, we say goodbye, we gain closure, and we celebrate their life.
Now you know!

Deacon Steve

St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 6 this Tuesday, April 21st, at 5:30 PM.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is held on Sundays in Ave Maria Hall from 10:15 to 11:15 AM while our children attend their Religious Education classes. All are invited to participate.

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of April the Kitchen has requested **Spaghetti Sauce** Thank you for helping those who are hungry. God Bless you!

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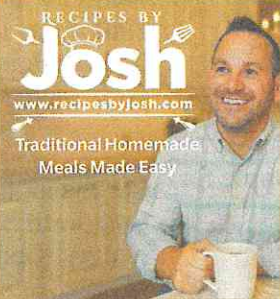
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