Our Lady of Hope Parish

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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.

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Office Hours
Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Closed Wednesday

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

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
First Friday: 8:00 a.m.
(Main Church)



Parish Life Coordinator
Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister
Reverend Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti
Reverend John S. Terry, M.Div.
Reverend Theodore L. Obaza

Parish Secretary
Theresa Lisiewski

Business Manager
Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Director of Liturgy
Noah Klinges

Director of Religious Education
Diane Lakkis

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.
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.

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.

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 – 11:00 a.m

Solemnity of Christ the King

November 22, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21
4:00PM James & Annette McGlynn – Pat Kinsman & Barbara Jacobs

Sunday, November 22
9:00AM Mrs. May Noss – William & Jean Noss

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
9:00AM Karen Grula – W-B Mayor, Carl Kuren

Saturday, November 28
4:00PM Daniel Swartz, Sr.- Wife, Helen & Family

Sunday, November 29
9:00AM Johanna Sobeck - Mary Yaple & Daughters

Votives

Blessed Mother - In memory of John Paul Yuknavich by Butch & Mary Joy Allen



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm
Monday evenings during Advent, Nov.30, Dec.7,14,21, 6:00-7:00pm

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

Wm. McLaughlin
Theresa Belcastro
Helen Novak
Patti Zaklukiewicz
Judy Manganello
Fr. John Terry
Mary Greenberg
Eddie Elgonitis
Stephen Kopinski
Pat Kinsman
Carol Zafia
Theresa Talacka
Butch Elgonitis

Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council will meet Monday, November 30, at 6:00pm in the Rectory.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

NOVEMBER – For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptations of selfishness, it may always be put at the service for the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

St Joseph's Table

For the month of November, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Tea & Cocoa** - God Bless You for helping others!

Save the Date



December 5- Volunteer appreciation Dinner, 5:30-7:00pm
January 3- New Year Open House at the Rectory, 11:00am-1:00pm
February 5- Chocolate Fest, 5:00-7pm

Festival of Lessons & Carols

On Friday, December 4, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. the Cathedral of Saint Peter Music Ministry will present a traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols with Bishop C.Bambera presiding. There is no charge to attend this beautiful evening of music and scripture in preparation for the Christmas Season. We are called to be light in the darkness as those stars that lit the sky over Bethlehem that joyous night.

First Friday Communion Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound on First Fridays. If interested please call the rectory.

Votive Candle Price Change

Due to cost we need to increase our candle price from $3.00 to $4.00. This becomes effective as we change from green to purple candles for Advent.

Marymount School Sale Approval

Bishop Bambera, the Diocesan Finance Council, and Board of Consultors, unanimously approved the request to sell the Marymount School and property. We will publicly list the property and contract to pave our adjacent parking lot.

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Reflection

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ as king over the entire world, but not the kind of king that we think of when we think of kings throughout history. Christ's kingship is everlasting. He rules over a kingdom that is both among us and beyond us. Moreover, as today's scripture emphasizes, he rules his people as a shepherd tends his sheep, guiding us, rescuing us, comforting us, and choosing us to remain with him in the kingdom. He is our king and we are his flock.

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Social Concerns Committee Collections

November: Veterans collection of canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Vet Center & the Homeless Veterans program at the Wilkes-Barre VAMC.



St. Anthony of Padua Devotion

We will continue the 9-day devotion to St Anthony of Padua each Tuesday until December 15th at 5:30pm in the church.



Christian Women Christmas Luncheon

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will celebrate Christmas with a luncheon to be held Sunday, December 13, 2026 at R & D Memories, 566 Fellows Ave., Hanover Twp., at 1pm.
A $10 Gift to exchange is requested and a collection will be taken for charity. Cost is $25. Please contact Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925 to make a reservation. All women of the parish are invited to attend the Christmas luncheon.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

We welcome all our volunteers, and their families to our appreciation dinner, Saturday December 5, after the 4pm Mass. There is no cost but you must sign up so we have an accurate count for the food.

Bake Sale

The Social Concerns Committee is having a bake sale December 19,20th. We are looking for donations of baked goods.



Are we ready for Him? On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate the Lord of the Universe. We look forward to the Advent Season and a theme of ***Hope*** that our Savior will come again. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), ***Hope*** is the theological (from God) virtue (habit to do good) by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it (CCC #1817). We desire Heaven as our happiness. Through ***Hope*** we persevere to the end of this life with the desire to obtain the joy of eternal life in Heaven. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. So, for Advent, each Deacon's Corner will preview the next Sunday's Readings with the ***Hope*** that you will read and reflect on them before Mass. In next Sunday's First Reading from Isaiah the people acknowledge their sinful ways and ***Hope*** that God will reveal Himself to them. Isaiah gives the people ***Hope*** when he pleads to God to continue to bless them despite their sins. St. Paul gives us ***Hope*** when he says we are specially favored by God who has sent His Son as our Savior. He reminds us that God is faithful and will continue to sustain us until the day of salvation. Our ***Hope*** is truly in the Name of the Lord. In Mark's Gospel Jesus tells us that just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know when Jesus will come again. The Gospel rouses us from worldly sleep to always be on guard, to be filled with ***Hope***. Will Jesus find us awake? I *hope* so!

Now You Know
Deacon Steve, PLC

Scranton Preparatory School

Scranton Preparatory School's Scholarship Entrance Exam will be held Saturday, December 5th for the 8th grade students applying for the fall of 2027. Visit www.scrantonprep.org for more information.Please call 570-941-PREP or email admissions @ Scrantonprep.org with any questions.

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Catholic Charities Appeal

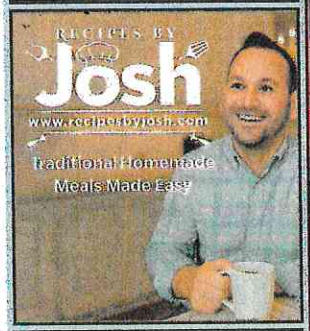
As we close out this year's Appeal, I want to thank all those who have given of their treasure to support our diocese especially our Seminarians. As you know, without priests, we have no Eucharist, without the Eucharist, we have no Church.

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