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.

Parish Office
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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14
4:00PM Anna & Stephen Omasta – Daughter, Lorraine

Sunday, November 15
9:00AM Tedd & John Richards – Brothers

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

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

Votives

Sacred Heart – In memory of David Talacka by wife, Theresa



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Weekend of November 1st

Sunday Collection	**$ 4,202.65**
Portion going to the Diocese	**$ 62.00**
Remaining at OLOH	**$ 4,140.65**



Many Thanks
Thanks to all those who contributed to the **Harvest Dinner & Basket Raffle.** They were huge successes!

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
January 3- New Year Open House at the Rectory
February 5- Chocolate Fest

Night of Peace with Sarah Hart and Francisca LaRosa
Join award winning Catholic singers and songwriters Sarah Hart and Francesca LaRosa as they share an evening of song sand stories bringing peace and hope on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00PM at Saint Maria Goretti Church, 42 redwood Drive, Laflin.
It's an opportunity to pause and refresh, connecting with our Lord and our Lady as we prepare our hearts for Advent and the coming of Christ. Admission is $10 a per person. All are invited for fellowship and light fare after the concert in the parish hall. To purchase tickets and/or for more information , visit dioceseofscranton.org/night-of-peace or call Parish Renewal, Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213

Interested in joining a Ministry
We continue to seek people for the ministries of altar server, lector, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory to volunteer.

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.

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Reflection

Ten years ago, Pope Francis established this Sunday- the next to last Sunday in Ordinary Time — as the World Day of the Poor. Today, we recognize our obligation as Christians to offer prayers and assistance to all those living in poverty both here and around the world, no matter the reason for their condition. We also realize that Jesus made poverty holy by choosing to live in poverty, by requiring his disciples to do the same, and by teaching that those who follow him should sell all they have and give it to the poor. May we reach out with heart and hands to all those who are poor, who are so dear to our Lord.

Choir Formation



It is time to establish our choir. Our plan is to move the musical equipment from the current location to the choir loft and be functioning there no later than Advent. If interested in participating in this rewarding ministry, please contact Andrea Bugusko or the rectory.

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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.

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Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6pm in the rectory, a week earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will have a Prayer Service for deceased members, and reservations will be taken for our Christmas Luncheon to be held Sunday, December 13,2026 at R & D Memories, 566 Fellows Ave.,Hanover Twp.at 1pm. Please contact Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925 for reservations. All women of the parish are invited to attend the November meeting and Christmas Luncheon.

Now You Know… From the PLC

Do we serve as witnesses of our Faith and proclaim the Good News?

In the Gospel (Mark 7:32-35) the people bring a deaf man to Jesus who has a speech impediment. Jesus touches the man's ears and mouth and says, "*Ephphatha,*" that is, "Be opened." When He does, his speech impediment is gone and he is able to speak plainly. This deaf man stands for all of us who do not hear the word of God. If we don't hear the Word of God clearly, then we are unable, or unwilling, to plainly speak the Word of God to others.

This Gospel passage is the foundation of the *Ephphetha Prayer* (Prayer Over Ears and Mouth), in the Rite of Baptism. The Presider touches the ears and mouth and says, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive His Word, and your mouth to proclaim His faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen."

As the baptized, we are called to hear and proclaim the Word of God. However, some of us may have "selective hearing." We tune out things we don't want to hear. Sometimes, we only hear God telling us the things we want to hear. Other things, such as repent or change our ways, go in one ear and out the other. As we enter a new liturgical year with Advent in two weeks, let us pray that God will restore our spiritual hearing so we hear His voice more clearly and proclaim the Good News to all we meet. When we witness our Faith to our neighbor we become more Christ-like. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

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.

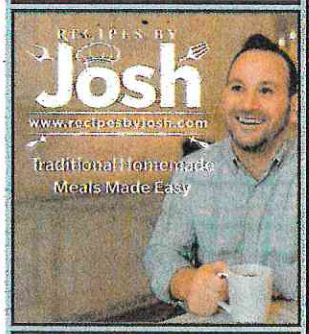
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