

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.

Tuesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.
(Main Church)

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.

Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister

Reverend Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti

Reverend John S. Terry, M.Div.

Reverend Theodors L. Obaza

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 to May.
Grades K-8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19

4:00 PM Carolyn Jendrzewski – Rick, Judy,
Rosalyn, Richard & Sydney Partington

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM Leonard Przywara – Wife

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM Mooneen & John Paul Bielecki – Husband
& Father, John H Bielecki

Saturday, September 26

4:00 PM Mary & Edward Klosowski – Son, Edward

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM John & Jean Castellino - Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday Masses until 9:00 a.m.,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Votives

September 20th – September 26th

Sanctuary – In Memory of Leonard Przywara By Wife

Blessed Mother – In Memory of Vincent Aleo

By Wife & Family

Sacred Heart – In Memory of Frank Yuknavich

By Butch & Mary Joy Allen

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

Deacon Joe DeViszia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Pat Kinsman	Carol Aten
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Mary Greenburg	Patti Zaklukiewicz

September 20, 2026

Weekend of September 6th

Sunday Collection	\$5,015.00
Portion going to the Diocese	331.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4,684.00

Stewardship \$ 930.00

Weekend of September 13th

Sunday Collection	\$3,980.00
Portion going to the Diocese	33.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$3,947.00

Stewardship \$ 205.00

Catechetical Sunday

This Sunday we will commission and bless our CCD teachers. Remember tomorrow's Church depends on today's children. These are the people who give of their time and talent to pass on our faith to our Parish's children. Let us keep all our CCD students and teachers in our prayers as they begin a new year.

Finance Council Meeting

Our Lady of Hope Parish's Finance Council will meet Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Rectory.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. All women of the parish are invited.

Mass Intentions

Just a reminder – Weekday masses will end beginning October 6. There will be First Friday masses celebrated at 8:00 AM on the first Friday of the month. Each parish family is limited to 2 weekend masses per year. However, families can request additional masses with the understanding that those masses will be sent elsewhere to be celebrated by other priests.

Save the Date

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will be hosting a **Cash/Gift Card Bingo**, on Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Ave Maria Hall. Admission is \$20 in advance - \$25 at the door. Please contact Andrea Grella at 570-606-7463 for reservations.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Reflection

This Sunday we begin a series of three Gospels set in vineyards. Today's Gospel tells of a generous landowner, willing to pay a full daily wage even to those who worked only the final hour of the day. They are very happy, of course, but the folks who labored all day in the hot sun resent the owner's extreme generosity. This, Jesus tells his disciples, can be compared to the kingdom of heaven, where "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Let us praise and thank God for inviting us all – first, last, and in-between – to the joyful kingdom.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

I've often described myself as being semi-professionally Irish. I'm past-president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, I directed the Irish Teacher's Program at King's, and Jean and I feel as if we know half the people of Ireland – some of whom have worshipped with us right here at Our Lady of Hope. There is something I've experienced in years past called "The Irish Goodbye." This is where you find yourself in a crowd and when you decide to leave you just slip out. No one knows you have left. Last weekend was my last weekend as your deacon – and I honestly thought about having an Irish Goodbye. But I thought better of it. Although I've only been with you for a few years, I have grown to love the people who make up the parish family of Our Lady of Hope. Way back in my brief time in the seminary, there was a poster that hung at the end of my hall. It said, **All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us.** That perfectly describes how I feel. I've come to love you deeply – and you WILL remain a part of me forever. I thank God for the blessing of having been called to ministry here. And I thank you for your warm embrace. **Remember, love never dies.**



Healing Mass to be Held on September 27th

A Celebration of Healing Mass will take place at the Oblates Seminary Chapel on Sunday, September 27th at 2 PM. The Mass will include a healing anointing for participants. Rev. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ, will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy.



*Now You Know...
From the PLC*

*As Catholics, we know a lot more Scripture than
we think we do.*

The Mass is loaded with it! Besides the Readings, a great example comes just before the reception of Holy Communion. The Priest elevates the Body and Blood of Christ and quotes John 1:29 and Revelation 19:9, when he says, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." We respond based on the Scripture passage where a Centurion asks Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus says, "I will come and heal him." The Centurion replies, "Lord I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof but only say the word and my servant shall be healed" (Matthew 8:8). At Mass, we personalize the response and pray "and my *soul* shall be healed." Are we worthy to receive Jesus? No, but saying we are not worthy demonstrates great faith and humility. We ask to be cleansed of our sins as we place our faith in the healing power of Jesus. Who are we to take the Lord of the Universe into our bodies? We are not worthy to receive Him, yet Jesus calls us to be in Communion with Him. We are made worthy when He says to each of us, "Be healed." We ask God to "*say the word*" as He says to the Centurion, "Go and let it be done for you as you have believed" (Matthew 8:13). As we receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, we pray for our healing. Just as Jesus healed the servant, He heals us, His servants. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Catholic Men's Conference

The Diocese of Scranton will hold the 11th Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, October 10, 8:00-3:00, Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. Register at: www.BeACatholicMan.com

St Joseph's Table

For the month of September, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Baked Beans**. God Bless You!

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