

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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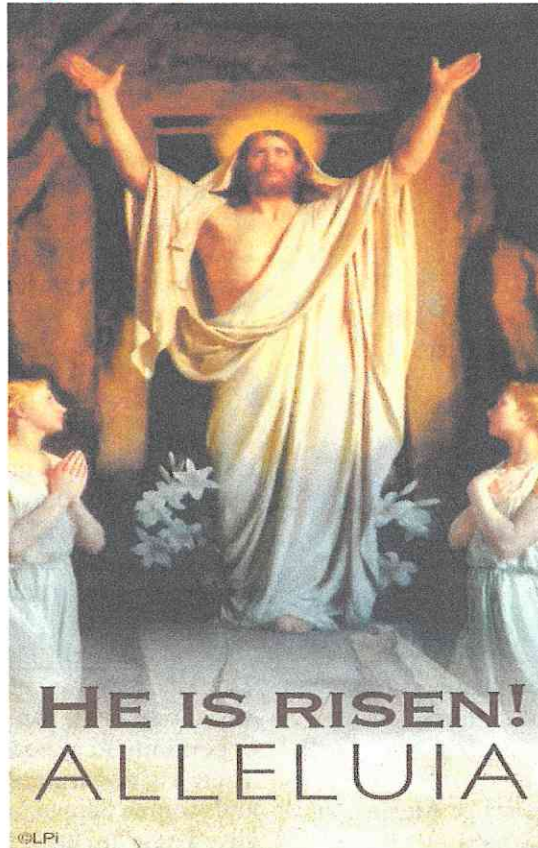
**Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**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

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Suzanne Cosgrove

**Director of Music**  
Andrea Yorkonis

**Director of Liturgy**  
Noah Klings

**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

# 4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026



## Saturday, April 25

4:00 PM Mary Buckley - Niece, Mary Frances

## Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Christian Royek - Joe Porzucek

## Tuesday, April 28

8:00 AM Ernest Jendrzejewski - Bill & Jean Goldberg

## Friday, May 1

8:00 AM William Turinski - Albert Mrackoski

## Saturday, May 2

4:00 PM Ernest Jendrzejewski - Charles & Ann Pohutski

## Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM First Holy Communion Class

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

### Votives

**Blessed Virgin Mary** - In Memory of Nancy & Angelo  
Procida By Carolyn Graziano

### **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	

### **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

There will be a 2nd collection the weekends of May 2 & 3 and May 9 & 10 for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (Diocesan Annual Appeal). We are at 65% of our goal. Please be as generous as possible.

### **Children's Liturgy/Adult Faith Formation**

This weekend's 9 AM Sunday mass will be the last for the Children's Liturgy until September. Thank you to Emily Pugh for volunteering her time to help with our young children. Our Adult Faith Formation will also start again in September.

### **Weekend of April 19th**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$5,052.25</b>
<b>Portion going to the Diocese</b>	<b>152.00</b>
<b>Remaining at OLOH</b>	<b>\$4,900.25</b>

### **Praying To Our Blessed Mother**

During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited every Saturday before the 4:00 PM mass (beginning at 3:30). Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother with this beautiful devotion.

### **First Friday**

This Friday, May 1st, is the first Friday of the month. First Friday mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM in the church along with Benediction and Novena to the Sacred Heart. Deacon Bill will make his visitations either this week or early next week to all shut-ins who have requested Holy Communion. If you would like to be put on the list, please call the rectory.

### **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.

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

This weekend we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is not just a one-day celebration, but an opportunity to increase our efforts to promote vocations. There are discernment summer camps for high school men and women happening June 29-July 1 at Marywood University. These are open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors. Registration ends June 11th. Please contact the rectory if interested.

### **Diocesan Prayer for Vocations**

We give you thanks for bestowing your many gifts upon the Church of Scranton. Send your Holy Spirit upon the people of this diocese. Help them to hear your voice and respond to your call.

Raise up priests, religious sisters, deacons, and brothers from among your flock to serve your people. Give them the knowledge to recognize the gifts you have given them, the courage to answer you, the wisdom to follow you throughout their life, and the wonder and awe to see your hand in all things.

Conform this local church into the mystical body of your Son, each taking up their unique place so that we may proclaim Christ always through our preaching, our service, and our very lives.

Amen

### **St. Anthony Novena**

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 7 this Tuesday, April 28th, at 5:30 PM.

**Reflection**

Today, we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow him. He promises that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." This is why he came, he tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize he was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd so we might follow him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

**What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:**

In today's gospel, Jesus uses the image of sheep hearing "their shepherd's" voice to describe his relationship with his disciples. As we continue to follow Jesus, we learn and grow in our ability to listen to God's voice. We can better distinguish between God's voice and all other distractions in this world - those voices which are not of-God. As our relationship grows, we can discern that which draws us closer to God versus all that draws us away from him. This discernment of spirits, as described by St. Ignatius of Loyola, is the daily practice of being attuned to God's voice. May our prayers ask God to give us the grace to "hear his voice" along with the grace to allow his voice to take root in our hearts.

**Thoughts from Deacon Bill:**

When I was a Parish Life Coordinator, I had a parishioner I knew since my childhood. His name was Joe. Every now and then I'd throw Joe's name into the parish bulletin usually with a made-up story. Joe would come to the rectory every week to fold bulletins, and my office was right next to the room where he folded. I paid particular attention to Joe when his name was in the bulletin. He'd read the bulletin before beginning to fold. I could always tell when he spotted his name. My personal favorite was the time I wrote (fibbed) Joe wrote the Christmas song, "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." That year, Joe got plush hippopotamuses for Christmas from his fellow parishioners. Joe would tell me when he didn't appear in the bulletin for a few weeks. He'd say he felt people would forget about him if they weren't reminded. Sometimes we can feel God has forgotten about us if good things aren't happening. The reality is, each one of us is God's most important creation. I can assume he thinks we are secure in his love - and WE SHOULD BE. But we aren't always. You know something? I wonder if God feels secure in OUR love FOR HIM. After all, we don't always show that love. We often fail to realize our love of God is made visible by our love of others. Remember, we only love God as much as we love and accept everyone. Let's love - even if we don't get a hippopotamus for Christmas.



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

**Happy Easter!**

We're over halfway through the Easter Season. It is OK to continue to wish everyone a happy Easter today and for 3 more weeks. Easter is 50 days of "He is Risen!" Our profession, "on the third day he rose again," is at the very heart of our faith. We're sure because a witness was there, the Body of Christ, the Church. Because we are members of that Body, we are witnesses, too. The Risen Christ says to His witnesses, to each of us, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "He is Risen" is a message that everyone needs to hear again and again. This Easter season, we can resolve to more fully become new evangelizers and intentional, missionary disciples, boldly proclaiming as did the Apostles, "Christ is Risen." We can renew our desire to accompany those who might have fallen away from the Church. We can witness the Gospel to them in ways that they might understand to help restore in them the peace and joy of Christ. Jesus took on our human nature and showed us how to live. In the Paschal Mystery, Jesus gives the fullness of Himself to save us from slavery to sin and death, and to offer us everlasting life. It is the singular, most important moment in all of human history. It means that our lives should be guided by hope of rising with our Redeemer. When we direct all our actions according to this new life within us, we become more Christ-like. Jesus is not merely an historical figure, He is alive and desires a living relationship with us. He loves us and He asks us live as He did in His ministry, sharing with others God's saving love. *Now you know!*

*Deacon Steve*

**St. Vincent DePaul Donations**

For the month of May the Kitchen has requested **Non-dairy Creamer**. Thank you for helping those who are hungry. God Bless you!

**Night At The Races**

Income		Expenses	
\$4,660.00	Horses	\$3,000.00	Start-up Money
2,547.00	Betting/Chances	262.00	Film Rental
750.00	Sponsors	55.00	Tickets
<b>\$7,957.00</b>		<b>\$3,317.00</b>	

**Net Income to Our Lady of Hope - \$4,640.00**

**Thank you to all who helped and supported in anyway our Night at the Races. It was a GREAT SUCCESS!**

**Parish Council Meeting**

Our Lady of Hope Parish Council will meet Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Rectory.

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