

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

Deacon

Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary

Jean Behm

Business Manager

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 – 11:00 a.m.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



Saturday, August 22

4:00 PM Carolyn Jendrzewski - Family

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM Henry Wichowski - Wife, Monica
& Family

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM Christian Royek – Mom

Friday, August 28

8:00 AM Regina Kupris – Family

Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM Paul Papsun Jr – Ann & Michael

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM Peter Smeraglio - 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

August 23rd -August 29th

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Mary Royek
By Family

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Weekend of August 16th

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>\$5,516.00</u>
<u>Portion going to the Diocese</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
<u>Remaining at OLOH</u>	<u>\$5,436.00</u>
 <u>Stewardship</u>	 <u>\$1,280.00</u>
 <u>Mission Collection</u>	 <u>\$1,225.00</u>

Marymount School Building

Our Lady of Hope Parish has obtained permission from Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, to sell the Marymount School Building. We are developing a listing agreement with a realtor. This will be a great savings to the Parish.

AED & CPR Courses -All Are Welcome

Come join us for a FREE AED/CPR training to be held in our Ave Maria Hall. There are two opportunities. The first will be this Sunday, August 23rd at 10:30 AM and the second will be Friday, September 18th at 5:30 PM. You only need to attend one session to complete the training. We are grateful to have Margaret Austin, RN and Julia Carey, PA-C leading this training. Sign up sheets are at the church doors or call the rectory.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope will meet on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry

The Diocese of Scranton has as opening for the Director of Youth Ministry. It is a full-time position in the Department of Parish Life and reports directly to the Secretary for Parish Life. A Bachelor's degree is required with a Master's degree being preferred. For more information contact the rectory or the Diocesan Office of Human Resources directly.

CCD Registration Time

We will resume classes on September 13. Registration will take place on August 23 and 30 following the 9AM Mass in Ave Maria Hall. Fee is \$25 per child. Hope to see you all very soon! - Diane Lakkis

You're Invited to Help Feed Our Community

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is having a **Virtual Pampered Chef Fundraiser**. Shop anytime at <https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3665851kht> Every purchase helps provide hot, nourishing meals and hope for our neighbors in need. All orders must be placed by August 27.

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Reflection

Today we hear Jesus challenge his disciples. “Who do you say that I am?” he asks them, after asking them what others say. Saint Peter responds at once, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” We are the disciples who Jesus challenges now. How do we answer this question? As we encounter him today and receive him in the Eucharist, let us think of who Jesus is for us.

What I want you to PRAY about: We cannot claim our faith in Christ as “just our own.” Our faith **MUST** be personal. As Christians, we are a community of believers that has been faith-filled for thousands of years, and that faith spans the globe. But our belief in Christ must also be deeply personal. When Jesus asks Peter, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” he doesn’t stop there. Jesus then asks Peter specifically, “Who do **YOU** say that I am?” When it comes down to it, we cannot simply be content with just knowing **ABOUT** Jesus. We must **KNOW** him. Let us pray for the grace to lead us to a deep and personal relationship with our God, our Savior, and our brother.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill

I would like to tell a little story about the Airedale we got when our children were young. Sage came from a breeder in Clarks Summit and was supposed to be our son Kevin’s dog. It didn’t take long for Kevin to forget all the promises he made about walking, training, and feeding. She was a great dog though. We still comment about her getting up several times each night to check on all the kids. We all called that “**Airedale on patrol.**” When Kevin started bringing a girl to the house Sage always sat right between them. If his girlfriend got up from the couch, Sage would grumble at her. We always wondered if Sage was saying, “He’s mine. Go home..” Incidentally, Kevin married that girl and was married with children of his own when we lost Sage, but her loyalty and her love was constant. She absolutely was a member of our family. You know, God is like that, too. He will constantly watch over us, staying right by our side. That dog would have gladly given her life to save one of us, just like Jesus did. God sits with every husband and wife – and he stays right there when children arrive. He watches out for us, night and day – **God on patrol!**



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

The Smells and Bells at Mass

When burned, incense creates a sweet smell. This use of incense goes back thousands of years. It is described throughout the Old Testament and was one of the gifts the Magi brought to Jesus. Incense represents the prayers of the Church. It is a sign of reverence. Psalm 141:2 says, “Let my prayer be incense before you.” And in Revelation 5:8 the elders in heaven are “holding gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.” In Mass, the vessel with burning incense is the censer or thurible. The person carrying it is the thurifer. The container with the unburned incense is the boat. We normally use incense at special Masses, funerals, and as part of Benediction in conjunction with Evening Prayer (Vespers) in Advent and Lent.

The bells are normally rung three times during Mass. The first time, a single ring, is at the *Epiclesis* (Greek, to call upon), the time when the Priest lowers his hands over the gifts and prays the words to call down the Holy Spirit so the bread and wine may become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The bells are rung, in sets of three rings, immediately after the Priest says the words of Consecration and elevates the large host and then the Chalice. Before Vatican II the server rang the bells for two main reasons. First, the Mass was prayed in Latin, and most people did not understand Latin. Second, the priest was facing away from the people, and the people were unable to see the priest’s elevations of the host and Chalice. The bells serve as a “wake-up call” reminding us of what is happening right before our eyes. Jesus is here!

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

New Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Congratulations to Noah Scinto and Amy Michaels, our 2 new EMHC, who were commissioned at the 4PM mass on August 22.

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of August, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Condiments**. God Bless You!

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