

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Office Hours
Mon Tues Thurs Fri
9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Closed Wednesday

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 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.

**ANOIDTING 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

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Jean Behm

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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 am - 11:00 am

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
@olohwb

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

4:00 PM Florence Williams - Marianne Pietroski

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM John F Quinn - Daughter, Sue and
Lisa & Rich

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 AM Petronella Przewoznik - Albert Mrackoski

Friday, August 14

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, August 15

4:00 PM Sharon Kuren - Husband, Carl & Family

Sunday, August 16

9:00 AM Vincent Aleo - Wife & Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday masses until 9:00 AM,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Votives

August 9th - August 15th

Blessed Mother- In Memory of John Richards
By Brothers

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Rosalie Reiss	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Pat Kinsman	Mary Greenburg
Carol Aten	

Weekend of August 2nd

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>\$8,339.35</u>
<u>Portion going to the Diocese</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>
<u>Remaining at OLOH</u>	<u>\$6,889.35</u>

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>\$4,975.00</u>
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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on August 15th. Since this is a Saturday this year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no mass Saturday morning.

Mission Appeal

Next weekend, Our Lady of Hope Parish will welcome Fr. Emmanuel Owusu-Ansah, who will speak to the parish on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani - Ghana. There will be a second collection at both masses next weekend to help and support the missions in Sunyani. You may put your offering in an envelope if you wish and mark it "For the Missions" with your name and envelope number. If making an offering by check, please make it payable to "Our Lady of Hope Parish."

Holy Land Artifacts

There will be a display of handmade olive wood religious articles available for purchase after all Masses August 15 & 16 at the parish at Our Lady of Hope. Items will include Nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, statues, and many other devotional pieces. Holy Land Artifacts represents more than 100 Christian families in Jerusalem and Bethlehem who rely on the sale of traditional olive wood carvings as their primary source of income. With tourism at historic lows, these faithful families are experiencing significant hardship.

We warmly invite you to stop by to view the display and learn more about these beautiful, prayerfully handcrafted items. By purchasing one of these pieces, you are supporting Christian families in Jerusalem and helping to preserve the Christian presence in the land where our faith was born. Thank you for your generous support.

Credit cards, cash and checks will be accepted.

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 will be moving forward with contacting a realtor. This will be a great savings to the Parish.

Roasted Chicken Dinner

Prince of Peace Parish is having a TAKE OUT ONLY Roasted Chicken Dinner, Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing on Sunday, August 16th, from 11 AM to 3PM in the Arcaro and Genell Parkin Lot on Main Street. The cost is \$17 and includes 1/2 roasted chicken, corn, pasta salad, a roll and dessert. For tickets call the rectory at 570-457-5900. Deadline to order is August 10th.

ALICE Active Shooter Response Training

This 2-Day Instructor training course which was scheduled for August 13-14 at Our Lady of Hope Parish has been postponed until November.

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

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

Reflection

How often do we cry out to God, wondering if we will be heard? How often do we look in vain for our Lord in the world? Well, we're not the only ones. In today's first reading, Elijah expected to sense the divine presence in strong winds, earthquakes, or fire, but God was not in any of them. In the Gospel, the disciples fail to recognize Jesus during a violent storm as he walks toward them across the churning waters. Let us take a moment and realize that God is with us right here and now as we worship together. God is with us whenever we celebrate the Mass. God is with us when we receive Christ in the Eucharist. We may not always be aware of it, but God is always near.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

I often reflect on the message of today's gospel. We'd all like to literally and figuratively walk on water. It's part of our human condition. Sadly, things don't always go our way. But still we are called to walk on the waters of doubt, sadness, and unanticipated events. We will never be able to walk on water unless and until we are willing to get out of the boat. We have to shelve our concerns, our doubts, and take that leap of faith that says, "I trust God will guide me on every step in my journey." Try getting out of your "personal boats." Pray for the courage to trust and believe. You will be pleasantly surprised when you do.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

In one of the weekly services I conducted at Allied-Center City, the Gospel was about Jesus arriving at Martha's and Mary's home following Lazarus' death. Martha greets Jesus with words that can be understood as not friendly or affectionate. She says, "If you were here, my brother would not have died." When I read this, I pictured Martha with tight lips and scornful eyes. In my mind, she was taking Jesus to the woodshed. But Jesus didn't respond in-kind. He reassured her. He spoke with love. I don't believe I'm the only one who occasionally wants to tell Jesus he's messed up. EVERYONE has unanswered prayers. In this Gospel, we learn it's ok to honestly tell God just what you're thinking. Through Jesus' humanity, God understands what it's like to be human. He understands our frustrations and our displeasure. He wants to hear from us - as honestly as possible. But here's the good news. He won't get angry; he will continue to love us. He'll be grateful for our honesty. So remember talk to God every day - but never feel you have to leave your frustrations unspoken. Share them with the God who will love you THROUGH THEM.



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

Do we assume the Assumption is just a made-up story?

Absolutely not! Next Saturday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! So pray the Rosary and consider how we might be more like Mary in doing God's will. Understanding the linkage of Original Sin, the Immaculate Conception, and the Assumption will help. At the instant of human conception, God infuses a soul. Since everything God creates is good, the soul is unstained. However, at the same instant, Original Sin is passed on from the parents. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says, "As a result of Original Sin, human nature is weakened in its powers; subject to ignorance, suffering, and the domination of death; and inclined to sin" (CCC #418). This helps us understand why Mary was Immaculately Conceived. God prevented the transmission of Original Sin on to Mary's soul. So, sin and death were not part of her human nature. The Church carefully phrased the teaching on the Assumption, "... the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of Original Sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory..." (CCC #966). The soul and the body form one nature, but they are separated at death. The Church teaches that our soul "is immortal; it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (CCC #366). So, on the Last Day, our souls will be reunited with our glorified bodies. Because God preserved Mary from Original Sin, her body and soul remained united in one nature as she was taken up into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Our Lady of Hope's Annual Stewardship Campaign is under way. To date we have received \$8,610 toward our goal of \$20,000. Not a bad start especially when you consider the Stewardship envelope was included in the August envelopes and it's only the 2nd week of August. Remember if every household contributes \$100, we will have no problem reaching our goal. In case you don't receive envelopes or misplaced the one in the packet, there are extra Stewardship envelopes at the entrances to the church. Please be as generous as you can



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