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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7
4:00 PM Hertely Family – Family

Sunday, November 8
9:00AM Ronald J. Rydzfski – Wife, El, and sons, Ronald & Rodney

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

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



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	

Weekend of November 1st

Sunday Collection	**$ 7,171.00**
Portion going to the Diocese	**$ 427.00**
Remaining at OLOH	**$ 6,744.00**

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.

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!

Annual Turkey Dinner



We will have our annual turkey dinner this Sunday, November 8. The meal tickets are on sale at the doors and we will have a 50/50 & basket raffle. Tickets are $15 for adults & children 12 years and younger are free. We will have a recap of this year's activities and a peek under the tent for next year.



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

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Reflection

Not only on the first two days of this month do we honor the saints and commemorate the faithful departed on the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, but during the entire month of November we remember those who have departed from this world. Today we hear Saint Paul write that if we believe in the resurrection of our Lord, surely God, through Jesus, will bring all those who died in Christ to the heavenly kingdom as well. May that be our hope and our consolation as we cherish our memories of our loved ones.



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 Buusko 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 celebrate the 9-day devotion to St Anthony of Padua each Tuesday from October 20th to December 15th at 5:30pm in the church.

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training This 2-Day Instructor training course is scheduled for November 23-24 from 8am-5pm. It will be held here at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ave Maria Hall. For more information, please call the rectory, or you can register at:
https://cvent.metNZNAW?Refld=sOcial.

Now You Know… From the PLC

Who wrote the New Testament Epistles (Letters)? God is the author of the Epistles. He inspired men to write them for all people. In the ancient times an author would identify himself in the opening line and then greet his recipients in a common way such as, "Grace and peace to you." The author would then end his letter with a personal salutation. Although they are true Letters from Paul, John, Peter, James, and others, we should not imagine that these authors wrote them personally, with their own hand. Because writing in the ancient world was a very rare skill, authors would often work with a scribe who was trained in writing. These scribes also served as recorders and editors. Scripture tells us St. Paul used scribes. For example, Tertius is mentioned by name in Romans 16:22. In other places Scripture implies the use of scribes. In Galatians 6:11 St Paul writes, "See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand." He explains why a shift in handwriting has occurred. In 1 Corinthians 16:21 St. Paul says, "I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand." There are similar notations in Colossians 4:18, Philemon 1:19, and 2 Thessalonians 3:17. St. Paul surely wrote his Letters, but often used scribes. We do not have any Scriptural references to be sure about St. John, St. Peter, and St. James. It seems unlikely that ordinary men from Galilee would be skilled writers. It is much more likely that they also used scribes to write their God-inspired Epistles. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Classes Cancelled

The November 8th Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation classes have been cancelled.