

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 evening: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 10:30 am

Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday

8:00 am (Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Before 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 Diocese Pre-Cana Program.

**ANointing OF
THE SICK AND SICK CALLS**

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the parish priest. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love; committed to Jesus Christ and to His Gospel; to grow in our love for others as Jesus loves us. Through the prayerful intercession of Mary, our Patroness, we seek to live in unity and hope as we strive to assist those in need through our good works, sacrifices and stewardship.

By celebrating the Mass and Sacraments, by providing various opportunities for Catholic Education, by calling forth more of our members to ministries and service, we seek to help one another grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey together towards the complete happiness that awaits us in Heaven

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

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 Marymount Parish Center on South Hancock Street September through May. Grades K-8 9:15 am - 10:15 am

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025



Saturday, November 8

4:00 PM Ronald Rydzfski - Wife, El & Sons,
Ronald & Rodney

Sunday, November 9

10:30 AM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

Tuesday, November 11

8:00 AM Daniel Swartz, Sr.- Wife, Helen & Family

Friday, November 14

8:00 AM James Wasilewski - Barbara Wilson

Saturday, November 15

4:00 PM Anna & Stephen Omasta - Daughter, Lorraine

Sunday, November 16

10:30 AM Filomena Aiello - Stephen & Donna Menn

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4,876.60
<u>Loose</u>	234.45
<u>World Mission</u>	20.00
<u>Dues</u>	103.00
<u>Charity</u>	260.00
<u>Fuel</u>	220.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	112.00
<u>All Saints</u>	763.00
<u>Campaign for Human Development</u>	45.00
<u>Care & Education of Priests</u>	356.00
<u>Cemetery: Holy Trinity</u>	50.00
<u>St. Mary's Maternity</u>	26.00

Sunday Mass Time Change

A clear majority of parishioners who voiced their opinions have indicated they would welcome changing our Sunday mass schedule. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (November 30th), the time of our Sunday Liturgy will move from **10:30 to 9:00AM**. Thanks to everyone who spoke with the Parish Leadership Team.

CCD Time Change

Due to the change in Sunday mass time, starting November 30th, CCD will be held from 10-11:00AM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In addition to this sacrament's availability before our Saturday Liturgy, confessions will now be heard during the Thursday Holy Hour, 6-7:00PM. This will begin on Thursday, December 4th. We hope this addition will make this sacrament even more accessible - and LOVED.

Fall Raffle

So far we have had a wonderful response to our Fall Raffle. This is not surprising considering our wide variety of thirty-plus prizes. Our 1st prize of \$500 cash comes at the perfect time - right before the holidays. If you have not purchased or sold your tickets yet, **NOW** is the time.

Toys for Tots

Over the years, we've learned there are LOCAL children who have NEVER had a visit from Santa. The United States Marine Corps has for many years stepped up to help Santa give these children a happy childhood through their **Toys for Tots Campaign**. Last year's catechumen, Sergeant Abraham Rubalcava, USMC, has asked us to support the Marines this year. We are placing collection boxes near the entrances to the church, and hope and pray you will place new, unwrapped toys in those boxes. This year, think about giving Jesus himself a Christmas gift. Let's FILL those boxes and give Jesus - and deserving but anxious children - a very Merry Christmas.

Christian Women to Meet

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, November 19th, in the rectory at 6 PM. A service will take place in remembrance of deceased members. This meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Planning will continue for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Sunday, December 7, at The East Mtn/Holiday Inn, 600 Wildflower Drive, Wilkes-Barre. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting and members are asked to bring their own drinks.

Bring the Little Children to Me

As most parents of young people will attest, our readings - including the Gospel and the homily - are sometimes hard for young children to understand. Beginning in Advent, children age 3 through 6, will be invited to leave mass before the readings for an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. They will return to us before the Offertory. This will be during the Sunday (9AM) Liturgy. We see this as an opportunity to welcome children's participation leading to a life-long journey of faith. We also hope this will encourage families to come to church.

St. Joseph's Table

As you probably know, these are frightening times for those in our community experiencing food insecurity. They certainly need our prayers, but they also need our help. Along with the requested **Coffee and Creamer, any non-perishable foods** would be appreciated. With Thanksgiving approaching, the Kitchen is seeing a greater need this year. Deacon Bill is on the Board of St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, and on behalf of the Kitchen - and those served there - wants to thank everyone for the Parish's long-term support.

Scripture Reflection

The Lateran Basilica in Rome, the only church building whose dedication is celebrated as a feast, is an enduring symbol of the universal church. Inscribed on its façade is “*omnium Urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*,” meaning, “mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world.” Originally completed in 324 CE, soon after Emperor Constantine legalized Christianity, the Lateran Basilica is a sign of the triumph of the faithful who survive underground for generations when Christians were persecuted. Although we likely are gathered in a much humbler setting today, we are nonetheless inextricably linked to this historic church—our mother church.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Jesus helps us to understand the meaning of the word of God. So often, we think we should have faith that what Scripture reveals is true. In today's gospel, we see that the disciples come to believe in the Scriptures because they see, in Jesus, the meaning and fulfillment of God's word. It can be so with us. We can believe in what we hear and read in God's word because we know the Word of God in Christ.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

Let's assume you were just told you have 24 hours to live. What would you do? How might your priorities change? Would you call anyone to tell them how much you love them? How would the next 24 hours differ from your earlier life? You might start with a prayer, but I'll bet you then hug your mother and father if you were blessed to still have them. You'd probably tell your spouse you love them, and you would want to be with your children and grandchildren. All good and proper things, right? But what if you haven't spoken to your former best friend in years, would you call him or her? What if you saw someone in desperate need? Would you try to help? Would you offer help to someone struggling? Would you change whatever was left of your life? I'm only asking because none of us will ever know when we will leave this world. If you know of things you would change if the end was near, change them right now. Call your parents. Tell your spouse you are still in love. Give someone in need your ear and your smile. Now listen, you probably won't die tomorrow, but death is inevitable. Be the kind of person God created you to be... and don't wait until tomorrow. BEGIN TODAY!



Our Church Calendars

Our 2026 church calendars have arrived. They are available near the entrances to the church. This year they are compliments of **Jendrzejewski Funeral Home** and **Nat-Gawlas-Jordan Funeral Home**. We would like to thank them both for their continuing support of Our Lady of Hope Parish.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

During the Consecration at Mass the priest says, “do this in memory of me.” What does that mean?

Each Mass is not a separate sacrifice. The once-for-all and perfect sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is made present each and every Mass. The sacrifice on Calvary reaches through time and touches us with its grace and power. While the crucifixion occurred at a point in history, it transcends time. It reaches back to those born centuries before, who awaited the savior. It also reaches forward in time to us. A more literal translation of “do this in memory of me,” is “do this as a remembrance of me.” The Greek word, *anamnesis*, is used here to mean memory, remembrance, or memorial. Theologians emphasize that this word does not refer to the mere recollection of an event that happened to other people. Rather, it refers to entering into past events that are made present to us. We are not recalling past events such as the Last Supper or Christ's Death and Resurrection. Instead, these events, that took place once, are made present to us. When Jesus says, “This is my body, which will be given for you. ... This is my blood, that will be poured out for you,” (cf. Luke 22:19-20), the Greek verbs are present passive participles. So, these actions are literally being done now; they are not repeated. We are drawn into that once-for-all moment, the eternal now of God, where these acts of Christ are made present. His body is being given now, His blood is being poured out now. We need to be active participants.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue after our daily Masses until 9:00 AM and on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Please join us.

Church Basement

The church basement has been underutilized. We have been emptying this space and now request volunteers from our parish family to help paint and prepare it for use in a variety of parish functions. Please call the rectory if you are interested in lending a helping hand.

