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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24
4:00 PM Joan Hertley - Norb Falkowski & wife Patty

Sunday, October October 25
9:00 AM Stanley J. Buckley - Godchild, Mary Frances

Saturday, October 31
4:00 PM Tom & Peg Madigan – Son, Tom & Kathy

Sunday, November 1
9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Monday, November 2
5:30 PM For OLOH faithful departed

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm

Votives

October 25th – November 1st

Sanctuary – In memory of Koval Family by Mary Ruth

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

Theresa Belcastro	Stephen Kopenski
Helen Novak	Pat Kinsman
Patti Zaklukiewicz	Carol Zafia
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Eddie Elgonitis

Weekend of October 18th

Sunday Collection	**$5,305.15**
Portion going to the Diocese / Mission	**$ 385.00**
Remaining at OLOH	**$ 4,920.15**

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.

St Joseph's Table
For the month of October, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Coffee, Tea, and Creamer** - God Bless You for helping others!

Cash Bingo
Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge, PA will hold a Cash Bingo on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at the Old Forge Fire Dept., 375 Milwaukee Ave, Old Forge, PA. 18518. Doors open at 11:00am, bingo starts at 1:00pm. Tickets cost: $25 for 20 regular games with a cash prize of $100 each. Additional game booklets are $10.00. There will be 3 Special Games with Jackpot of $250 and one Special Game with a Jackpot of $1000. A Basket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle will be held also. The snack bar opens at 11am. Call 570-457-5900 to purchase advance tickets. Also tickets will be sold before and after all Masses at the main entrance of the church.

Pilgrimage
We will have 1-day pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA on Wednesday, October 28th. For information and reservations contact Theresa Lisiewski at 570-862-6298. Cost is $60.

Annual Novena to St Jude
Communion of Saints Parish in Pittston will hold the Annual Novena to St. Jude, patron of hopeless cases and things despaired of beginning **Monday, October 19** and ending on the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, **Wednesday, October 28.** All liturgies will be celebrated at Noon (Monday-Saturday) and Sunday 8:00am at St. Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 N Main St in Pittston. For more information please call their parish office @ 570-654-0053

Adult Faith Formation
Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place during Sunday morning 10:15-11:00am in Ave Marie Hall. Each week we will discuss a church teaching.

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.

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Reflection

Out of love, God created us and the entire world we live in. Out of love, God sent the Son who died to save us from our sins. Out of love, God sent the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. No wonder John wrote quite simply that God is love. Because we were created, redeemed, and made holy as acts of love, we are called to love in return. Jesus teaches us today that the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbor. May our hearts expand with love as we join with our neighbor to worship God.

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.

Trunk or Treat

The Social Concerns Committee will host a Trunk-or Treat for Halloween on Saturday, October 24, 6:00-8:00pm, in the school parking lot. We ask you to donate bags of candy and, if willing, provide a vehicle trunk.

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Social Concerns Committee Collections

October: Respect Life Month
Collect newborn items for the infants addicted to drugs and are in the Geisinger NeoNatal Unit.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6pm in the rectory. The annual ceremony of the crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue will take place and will be followed by a Covered Dish Supper. Please contact Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925 to participate. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Holy Redeemer Open House

The ROYAL family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00pm Talk to students, faculty & coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. Call 570-829-2424 with any questions.

Now You Know… From the PLC

Why can sinful priests still celebrate the Sacraments? If only those priests and bishops proven to be in a state of grace can validly celebrate the Sacraments, the faithful are left in doubt about all the Sacraments they receive. What assurance can we have in the Sacraments if their valid celebration depends on the holiness of the clergy? As we have sadly seen, too many of our clergy are not always living holy lives. To avoid doubt and sudden scheduling difficulties the Church provides direct guidance. It is certainly wrong for a priest who knows he is in a state of mortal sin to unnecessarily delay receiving the Sacrament of Penance. The Code of Canon Law (916) says that a priest "who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the Body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess." Among the grave reasons is the need of the faithful to receive the Sacraments at the appointed times and not be unnecessarily deprived of them. The Church also says it is a laudable practice that priests receive the Sacrament of Penance once a week and seek always to celebrate the Sacraments in a state of grace. If it is necessary for a priest to celebrate the Sacraments before he can confess, he should make an act of perfect contrition. This presupposes he will go to confession as soon as is reasonably possible. The Church does not offer this leeway for the benefit of the priest. She offers it for the benefit of all the faithful so we are never deprived of the grace God gives us through the Sacraments. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Huge Bingo Success

Thanks to all who participated, volunteered and donated. Very impressive turnout fundraiser for our Christian Women's group.

Group Night With the Baby Pens

Diocese of Scranton Faith and Family Night, Friday, October 23,7:00pm, to see the hockey team play. Call or text (570) 208-5407 for tickets.

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