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.

Solemnity of All Saints



MASS INTENTIONS

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 who died this past year

Friday, November 6
8:00 AM Edna Lisiewski - Daughter, Theresa

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

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



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

Votives

November 1- November 7

Blessed Mother – Ted Richards by Brothers

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Weekend of October 25th

Sunday Collection	**$4666.00**
Portion going to the Diocese	**$ 187.00**
Remaining at OLOH	**$4,479.00**

November 1, 2026

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.

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

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

Save the Date
A Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on December 5. More details to follow.

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

Solemnity of All Saints

Reflection

We set every Sunday aside to worship the lord, but today we also remember the saints. These men and women served the Lord during their time on earth and continue to give witness to the Lord by the example of their lives. During this month at the end of autumn, when we give thanks for the abundance of the harvest for another year, we also give thanks to God, whose harvest of souls in heaven we recognize in all the saints. May we one day join them and reap the heavenly reward that the Lord has won for us.

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 Bugusko 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.

Communion of Saints Parish Craft Fair

The Communion of Saints Parish annual Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 am – 3 pm in the Parish Center of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, 237 William St. in Pittston sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society. Lunch will be available for purchase, and there will be up to 30 vendors. Please contact craftypattiecf@gmail.com for applications.

National Vocation Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week November 6-12. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

November 1, 2026

Now You Know… From the PLC

This week we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day! We will begin November with two special days to remember those who have gone to eternal life: the Saints in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Church Suffering). During our earthly life we are called the Church Militant because we continue to fight the spiritual battle against evil. So we are members of the Communion of Saints. Before Christ came to earth, the Old Testament spoke of the Saints. For example, Daniel 7:18 tells us, "The Saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever and ever." The Saints pray for us on earth and we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Jesus made possible this Communion of Saints, those in Heaven, those in Purgatory, and those living on earth. The Communion of Saints works in the Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit. We image Christ by praying for others as Jesus does for us. We work with God in His work of the redemption of every human being. How do we do that? We learn lessons in how we are to be co-workers with God whenever we hear a homily at Mass or when we read the works of Church scholars, explaining the Scriptures and their meaning in our daily lives. We help by prayer. We should pray for each other and for the world. While the Scriptures speak often of those in heaven being "asleep," this "sleep" refers to the physical body, not to the state of the soul. If souls were also "asleep" in death, unable to praise God or to experience His Love, how unjust would that be? *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training

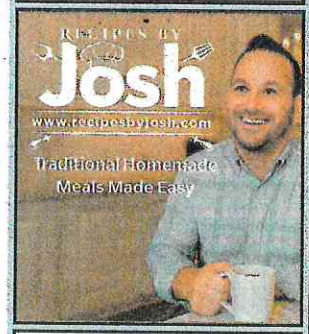
This 2-Day Instructor training course is scheduled for November 23-24 from 8am-5pm. It will be held here at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ave Maria Hall. For more information, please call the rectory, or you can register at:
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