

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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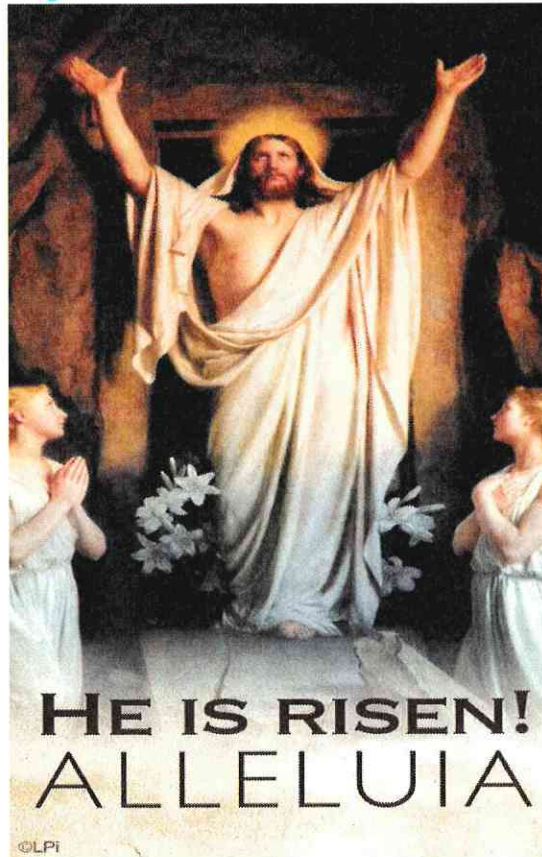
Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline
Articles and announcements
must be submitted to the office
by Noon Monday.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 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 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 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.

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

Parish Secretary
Jean Behm

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Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Director of 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 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

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16

4:00 PM Margaret & John Kinsel Sr and Joseph E & Mary Sobeck - Sobeck Family

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM Confirmation Class

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM Eleanor Zbegner - Albert Mrackoski

Friday, May 22

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, May 23

4:00 PM Joseph Pekol - Theresa Britt

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

9:00 AM Vincent Aleo - Wife & Family

Paschal Candle - For living and deceased members of the Tomasura and Tometchko families

Votives

Sanctuary Candles - World Peace

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Louis Marsicano & Frank Procida By Caroline Graziano

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Joseph Mrozoski	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Rosalie Reiss	

St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 10 this Tuesday, May 19th, at 5:30 PM.

Costello Scholarship

The Costello Scholarship Program will award up to two scholarships of up to \$4,000 each to one male and one female. Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates or college undergraduates who reside within 30 miles of Scranton. June 3rd is the deadline to apply. To learn more visit: scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/Costello

Weekend of May 10th

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$
<u>Portion going to the Diocese</u>	
<u>Remaining at OLOH</u>	\$

Praying To Our Blessed Mother

During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited every Saturday before the 4:00 PM mass (beginning at 3:30). Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother with this beautiful devotion.



Requesting Mass Intentions

Our 2027 Mass Book is available for scheduling mass intentions. We are required to have a mass intention for "the People of the Parish" once each week. We also have to hold a few open days so when a parishioner passes away there is availability of a 30-day mass. Therefore a parish family will now be limited to 4 masses per year - 2 weekend masses and 2 weekday masses. This is standard practice in most diocesan churches.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet for May on Wednesday, May 27th in the rectory, at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Reservations will be taken for the annual Mother's Day Dinner to be held on their June meeting night, Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:00 PM at R & D Catering in Hanover Township.

Christian Women Scholarship

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope will be awarding a scholarship to a 2026 high school graduate. Eligible graduates must be a member of our parish or the child or grandchild of one of our Christian Women members. The application and an essay titled "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me and How I Apply It in My Everyday Life" must be submitted by Friday, May 22nd. Applications are available at the rectory. For more information, please call Ann Shinko at 570-826-6126.

Confirmation

This Sunday at our 9 AM mass our 8th grade CCD class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray for these girls and boys as they open their hearts and minds to the gifts of the Holy Spirit -

Katherine Brozowski
Chase Morgan

Vanassa Lakkis
Emelia Pachick

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Lady of Hope Parish has a dedicated group of women that meet every Monday from 12:30 to 3 PM in the Rectory. They crochet or knit prayer shawls, baby afghans, and hat, scarf, and glove sets to be given to those in need in our community. New (and inexperienced) members are always welcome. Materials and people willing to teach are available. Anyone who would like a prayer shawl or those interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry can contact Helene Jewell (570-823-1800) or Mary Ruth(570-301-2509)

Reflection

We are God's. In today's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father while he sits with his disciples, telling the Father that we belong to God. The Father gave the Son to us to redeem us - which Jesus is about to do when he makes this prayer - but the Father has also given us to the Son. We are connected to the Son of God as gifts of the Father. As God's gifts, we gather here together on the Lord's Day to worship and to pray, as the apostles did after Jesus was taken up to heaven. Let us pray that we come to recognize that we are all God's gifts, given by God to be given eternal life by Christ Jesus.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

In today's Second Reading, Peter reminds us that life in Christian community will not always be easy. In fact, there certainly will be suffering. But we are called to unite our suffering with Christ so that we can rejoice in Christ's glory. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that he glorified the Father by doing the work given to him. We are called to do the same. Because we are united with Christ, everything we do should give glory to God. Let us pray we are ready to accept this responsibility.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

I've been thinking about the phrase, "Trucker's Tan" lately. For the uninitiated, a trucker's left arm has been known to ride outside the truck's window, particularly on hot and sunny days. The left arm becomes tanned - the right arm does not. What got me thinking of this began by watching Father Mark's enthusiastic sprinkling of the congregation during this Easter season. I wonder if he just might develop "Sprinkler's Arm." All joking aside, Father has shown us that being a faithful follower of Jesus the Christ does NOT mean leading a joyless life. We can follow Jesus in such a way that our enjoyment is very evident. This is a lesson we all should learn. We are ALL called, by nature of being faithful followers of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to preach the gospel by our lives. This does not mean we must live the austere life of a monk. Jesus told us he dwelt among us so we could live lives *to the full*. Joy is always a part of a well-lived life. May we continue to preach the gospel through our lives - but let us do it with a smile on our faces. Think of that the next time Father so energetically and joyfully sprinkles us at mass.



Knights of Columbus Annual Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus, St. Leo the Great Council 12089, is sponsoring a breakfast in St. Leo's Church Hall, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, on May 17, 2026. It is "All You Can Eat" including pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, coffee, and juice. It runs from 8 AM until 11 AM. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available the day of the breakfast.



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

Do we get an indulgence when we pray the Rosary?

There are many misconceptions and fragmentary explanations of the norms and rules for indulgences we obtain from praying the Rosary. The proper source to consult for authoritative understanding of indulgences granted and conditions necessary for them is *The Enchiridion (Handbook) of Indulgences* promulgated by the Church in 1968. Regarding the Rosary the following is pertinent: "A plenary indulgence is granted when one recites the Marian Rosary piously in a Church or oratory, or in the family, in religious community, in an association of the faithful, and, in general, when many come together for an honorable end ... A partial indulgence is granted in other circumstances. Now the Rosary is a certain formula of prayer, which is made up of twenty decades of Hail Marys with an Our Father before each decade, and in which the recitation of each decade is accompanied by pious meditation on a particular mystery of our Redemption ... The vocal recitation must be accompanied by pious meditation on the mysteries. In public recitation the mysteries ought to be announced in the manner customary in place; for private recitation, however, it suffices if the vocal recitation is accompanied by meditation on the mysteries ..." (No. 17.1). The key to all of this is to pray the Rosary. While striving for plenary indulgences is always a good thing, partial indulgences are no small matter. The bottom line is that all prayer makes a big difference for souls here on earth and those in purgatory.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

Non-dairy Creamer is requested for the month of May.

Catholic Women's Conference

The **Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference** will take place on the Marywood University campus June 5-6, 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together for spiritual renewal and fellowship. For information go to www.cwcnepa.com.

Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery, DC

Reservations and payment for our parish pilgrimage on Wednesday, June 10th, to the Franciscan Monastery and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in D.C. are due by May 18th. The cost is \$75 which includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies on the way home and driver gratuity. Contact Theresa Lisiewski, 570-862-6298, for reservations and payment information.

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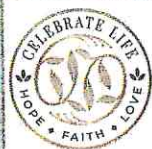
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