

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 (Rectory Chapel)

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 con-tact 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

Pastor
Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

In Residence
Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon
William Behm

Parish Secretary
Jean Behm

Business Manager
Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Liturgy
Noah Klinges

Director of Religious Education
Diane Lakkis

RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Adults interested in becoming Catholic and have not received First Eucharist or have not received 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
@olohweb

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025



Sunday July 20

10:30 AM Mary Lou Pavlick - Russ Halchak

Tuesday July 22

8:00 AM Florence Williams - Family

Friday July 25

8:00 AM Kathleen D Yanchunas - Family

Saturday July 26

4:00 PM John & Elizabeth Grencavage -
Daughter, Margaret Molitoris

Sunday July 27

10:30 AM Arthur Long - Edie Sulkoski

Sanctuary Votives— Increasing Faith

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$2,668.00
<u>Loose</u>	330.00
<u>Cemetery: Holy Trinity</u>	134.00
<u>St. Mary's Maternity</u>	516.00

Annual Summer Stewardship Campaign

We are at the mid-point of the summer season. Locally, some parishes are still able to raise important revenue to address serious financial needs. For the past several years, in lieu of a bazaar, the stewardship campaign was a big help. A number of parishioners have responded. To date we have received \$16,915.00. Our goal is \$25,000.00. The insurance bill alone is over \$30,000. If you can, and have not yet given, please search your hearts and contribute. God bless you and God bless our Parish family.

Parish Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please check all that apply

☐ I am new in the parish & wish to register

☐ I would like to join a parish ministry

☐ Change of Address or Phone Number

☐ Moving out of Parish

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory
Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Prizes for Fall Raffle

Our Raffles have been very well received and supported. Now is the time for donations to be made to put together an excellent ticket. When out shopping, how about picking up something of worth. Also, gift certificates are great. Consider putting together a nice basket e.g. a wine basket, household basket, an entertainment basket, etc. The summer goes by fast, so please help and drop them off at the rectory or church.

Summer Bible School - For several years we were able to have a week of enjoyment for our young people. They were a great success Unfortunately, for a number of reasons we no longer can do it. However, St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish has invited our children, ages Kindergarten - 5th grade to join with them. The theme is "Camp Firelight". The Bible Camp will be held August 4 - 8th from 9:30AM to 12PM. Students in 6-12th grades are invited to help with music, crafts and more. To register call Diane Lakkis at 570-814-2567.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage - Bishop Bambera has extended an invitation to participate in a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on October 1, 2025. For details and registration visit their website: dioceseofscranton.org.

A Traveler's Prayer

The path I walk, Christ walks it.
May the land in which I am, be without sorrow.
May the Trinity protect me wherever I stay,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
May bright angels walk with me,
Dear presence, in every dealing.
May I arrive at every place;
May I return home.
May every path before me, be smooth.
May man, woman, and child welcome me.
A truly good journey
Well does the fair Lord show us a path.

RCIA - Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Have you not received any of the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Confirmation)? Call Deacon Bill or Jean Behm at 570-991-0984.

Scripture Reflection

We do not know when, where, or how our Lord will come to us. He could appear as a stranger, as someone in need whom we have never met before. Or maybe we'll encounter Jesus in a dream, while in deep reflection, or in prayer. We are assured of encountering him here and now in a number of ways: as an assembly gathered in his name, in the priest celebrating Mass, in each other, and certainly in the Eucharist, when we receive his Body and Blood. Our readings today remind us that the Lord comes in many ways and we are called to always respond with attention and kindness.

Martha in Charge

An ancient custom of hospitality in England told that when a sovereign came to your house, for the time the King and Queen are there, the house was no longer yours – but theirs. They were your hosts, even under your own roof.

That may be hard for us to understand, but it illustrates the point of today's gospel. Mary understood their hospitality was little compared to what Jesus had to give them. The Marthas of this world find it difficult to be receivers. While giving is often valued over receiving, accepting from others can be far more challenging. It makes one beholden to the giver, it cuts away autonomy, and it can make one feel dependent.

Try to give someone something and they will insist on returning something to you, not because they like you, but because they want things to be "even". They don't want to be obligated. Giving is power; receiving implies need and weakness. You and I give not necessarily because we are generous, but because it gives us power.

The Marthas of the world are so busy doing good and necessary things, so occupied in giving that they do not have time to realize how frequently and deeply they themselves stand in need.

The story of Martha and Mary is a parable about the blessings of both giving and receiving, of realizing that others have much to give us and that we are blessed in their generosity. The "better part" that Jesus speaks of is the humility to receive, with gratitude and grace, the peace and healing that Jesus extends to us and others. Martha may be a model of hospitality – but Mary mirrors the Christ-like generosity of being able to receive, to surrender her own need to be in control, to put aside the work in which we often find our identity in order to be the "guest" of Christ the "host".

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

St. Ann's Novena is no doubt one of the most famous novenas in our area, attracting thousands of pilgrims each year, all seeking something through the intercession of the grandmother of Jesus – St. Ann. As a child, I remember going with my parents. It was such a solemn trip. In 1905, the Passionist Priests built their Monastery on a 10-acre site on the highest point of the city. They named it in honor of St. Ann, placing its care and destiny in her care. In August 1911, a sudden subsidence of the coal mines beneath the Monastery seriously damaged the building. The Passionists turned to St. Ann. Within a week the slide stopped. In 1913, another immense slide threatened. The mining engineers were powerless and were afraid the slide would carry away the entire hill. Again, they prayed. Miraculously, two huge boulders rolled beneath the Monastery and stopped the sliding. Never again did any subsidence reoccur. Interestingly, in the Middle Ages, Good St. Ann was known as the patroness of coal miners. In 1905, the laity asked the Passionists if they could join them in their devotions to St. Ann. By 1924, the St. Ann Monastery Church was built. Thousands express gratitude for the favors received. This is the 100th year – and it's just as strong as ever. Last year, over 50,000 attended. Some walked from Pittston for eight miles to go to confession, attend Mass, and pray. Many childless couples come to the novena, some for years, seeking St. Ann's help. I personally know a couple from Sugar Notch whose prayers were answered for their daughter. She was one of many "St. Ann's Babies". On the arch of the Basilica and National Shrine to St. Ann are these words: "Through the intercession of St. Ann, may God bless you in every way." This prayer has definitely been answered. St. Ann, pray for us.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE - Be a blessing to others by helping to feed the hungry of our area. The request for the month of July is **Coffee**. Our parishioners have been most generous to this cause. God bless you and your family.

Christian Women - No July meeting. Next meeting is August 27th.