

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 Life Coordinator. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

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

Business Manager

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 Sundays, September through May. Grades K-8 9:15 am - 10:15 am

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

40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

We are now on Facebook
[@olohweb](https://www.facebook.com/olohweb)

Solemnity of Christ the King



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22

4:00 PM James & Annette McGlynn - Pat Kinsman &
Barbara Jacobs

Sunday, November 23

10:30 AM Lillian & Walter Lewis - Monica & Ernest
Jendrzejewski

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 AM Ronald Royek - Wife, Pat

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, November 28 - No Mass

Saturday, November 29

4:00 PM John Paul Yuknavich - Sister & Brother,
Mary Joy Allen & Jerry Yuknavich

Sunday, November 30

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Votives

Sanctuary - Christian Royek By Aunt Ellie & Ronald
Rodney

Blessed Mother - In Memory of Marion Jayma By Mother

Sacred Heart - In Memory of Ronald Royek By Bob,
Sharon & Sean Flynn

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4,166.00
<u>Loose</u>	243.00
<u>Dues</u>	178.00
<u>Fuel</u>	7.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	32.00
<u>Campaign for Human Development</u>	297.00
<u>Care & Education of Priests</u>	45.00

IMPORTANT CHANGES Starting Next Sunday

Sunday Mass will be 9 AM instead of 10:30 AM

CCD class time will be 10-11 AM

**During Advent the Apostles' Creed will be recited
instead of the Nicene Creed during all masses.**

November 23, 2025

**Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday,
November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving. There
will be no Adoration on Thursday, November 27th
and no mass on Friday, November 28th.**

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (current
and new) will be commissioned on the weekend of
November 29th/30th at the 4pm or 9 am mass.

Fall Raffle

The drawing for our Fall Raffle will take place this Sunday,
November 23rd, after the 10:30 mas in the lower level of the
church. Good Luck to all who purchased chances!

Security Committee

Bishop Bambera has issued a directive that all parishes must
establish a Security Committee. We have created this com-
mittee and now are looking for volunteer advisors with the
following expertise: law enforcement, security, medical,
military, religious education, and facility maintenance.
Please call the rectory if interested in advising in this
important ministry.

Toys for Tots

We only have a few more weeks to fill our **Toys for Tots**
collection boxes. Please consider donating if you have not
already done so. Please help us to provide a very Merry
Christmas for many deserving children.

Christian Women

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will
celebrate Christmas with a Luncheon on Sunday, December
7th at 1 PM at The Holiday Inn, 600 Wildflower Drive,
Wilkes-Barre. Cost is \$25. To make a reservation contact
Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925. Transportation is
available if needed.

Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue af-
ter our daily Masses until 9:00 AM and on Thursday eve-
nings from 6:00-7:00 PM. 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.

Bring the Little Children to Me

Beginning in Advent, children age 3 through 6 , will be
invited to leave mass before the readings for an age - appro-
priate 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 partici-
pation leading to a life-long journey of faith. We also hope
this will encourage families to come to church.

Scripture Reflection

The Kingship of Jesus Christ has been affirmed going back to when Jesus was called the Messiah, but the actual feast was only added to the liturgical calendar one hundred years ago, in 1925. In the wake of World War I, history's first truly global war, Pope Pius XI created the feast as the antithesis of the divisive nationalism that led men to take up arms against their brothers, as well as an antidote to the growing secularism that denied the world's unity under God. One hundred years later and nearly two thousand years after Jesus began his public ministry, we still recognize his kingship over all the earth.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Today's Gospel definitively contrasts the power of imperial Rome, which allowed no challenges to its rule, and the "kingly" ways of Jesus that rest on **forgiveness** and **love**. Even as it appears the former may win out, the Gospel makes it very clear that Jesus' merciful rule cannot be extinguished by death. Even as he is mocked and taunted in his dying moments, Jesus continues to exercise the power of forgiveness both toward his executioners and toward one of the criminals who acknowledges his form of power and asks to be welcomed into Jesus' heavenly Kingdom.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

When my now college student granddaughter was a little girl, she was visiting with us during the Christmas Season. We were playing Christmas carols and "Feliz Navidad" was a frequent flyer. After she returned home, her mom (and our daughter) called to ask if we could think of any reason why our granddaughter was singing "Fleas on the Dog" over and over again. I lied. I never told her I just might have had "something to do with it." Sometimes we THINK we hear things and never question anything. In my younger days, I learned to question EVERYTHING. It wasn't because I disagreed with something - it was because I wanted to UNDERSTAND everything I could. Please don't ever think you are a less a follower of Jesus if you have doubts or just don't understand something. My first spiritual director was the late MSGR. Bill Ward. He told me if I was distracted in prayer to pursue the distraction because it just might be God leading you to a spiritual surprise. So too with doubt. Pursue your questions and concerns. They just might lead you to a deeper understanding of what it really means to be a Catholic Christian. Your Fleas on the Dog just might become Feliz Navidad.



Our Church Calendars

Our 2026 church calendars are here. 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 both of them for their continuing support of Our Lady of Hope Parish.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

Why do we do that?

After the Gospel introduction, "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to (Name), we respond, "Glory to you, O Lord". After that response, not during it, we make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and heart, saying quietly, "May the Lord be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart."

Why do we do that?

A bow is a sign of reverence. There are two kinds, a bow of the head and a bow of the body (profound bow at the waist). A head bow is made just prior to receiving Holy Communion. It is also made when the Three Divine Persons are named together, and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated. A profound bow is made by Lectors entering and leaving the Sanctuary, by the Deacon when obtaining the blessing before the Gospel, and by all during the Creed at the words of the Incarnation.

Why do we do that?

A genuflection (right knee) is a greater sign of reverence. We genuflect to the tabernacle as we enter pews. If the tabernacle is in the Sanctuary, the priest and ministers genuflect (if able) when they approach the Altar and when they depart from it. If the tabernacle is not in the Sanctuary, then all ministers make a profound bow. In either case, the ministers carrying items such as the cross, candles, etc., make a head bow only. There are no genuflections to the tabernacle during Mass, except the minister genuflects upon opening and again prior to closing it. While celebrating Mass, the priest does make several profound bows and genuflections, but all are to the Altar. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVisia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Helen Novak	

Please Note: The sick of our parish will no longer be prayed for individually by name at our masses. They will be listed by name in our bulletin, allowing everyone to pray for them everyday. Please call the rectory with names to be added to our list.

Church Basement

The church basement has been underutilized. Several people have volunteered 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.