

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Parish Office

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Marymount Parish Center

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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 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 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 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 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025



Sunday August 3

10:30 AM Raymond Gulczynski - Family

Tuesday August 5

8:00 AM Stan & Eva Wasilewski –Son, Jim,
Dyann & Jason

Friday August 8

8:00 AM Mary Sobeck - Family

Saturday August 9

4:00 PM Robert Bogumil - Wife, Rosemary

Sunday August 10

10:30 AM Filomena Aiello - Lucia Campisano

Sanctuary Votes— In Memory of John F Quinn
By Daughter, Sue, Lisa & Rich

Sacred Heart Votive - In Memory of Robert
Delescavage By Bob, Sharon,
& Sean Flynn

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$2,995.00
<u>Loose</u>	178.00
<u>Fuel</u>	717.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	616.00

Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish
will meet for August on Wednesday, August 27th
at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited to
attend.

St. Joseph's Table - For the month of August the re-
quest is **Peanut Butter**. These are difficult times and
many are suffering in their poverty. God Bless you for
helping.

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

Interested in Joining our Parish - Membership
forms are available at all the entrances. If you would
like to become a member, please take a form with you,
fill it out and return it to the rectory or drop it in the
collection basket. **Our Lady of Hope Parish wel-**
comes you.

Annual Summer Stewardship Campaign

Looking back to past years, the campaign would sur-
pass \$20,000.00. To date we have received \$18,165.00.
We all know the significance of this campaign. It
addresses serious revenue toward our financial respon-
sibilities. As stated before, our insurance alone is over
\$30,000.00. If you haven't made your donation, please
give it a serious thought. Respond from your heart to
secure the future of our parish.

Insurance Coverage

Church	\$26,184.00
Parish Center	18,697.00
Rectory	4,797.00
Cemeteries	1,302.00
Garage	395.00
Vehicle - Holy Trinity	2,358.00

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 enter-
tainment basket, etc. The summer goes by fast, so
please help and drop them off at the rectory or church.

CCD Registration 2025-2026

Registration for our religious education classes
(CCD) for the 2025-2026 school year, will be
held on Sunday, August 24th, following the 10:30 AM
mass, at the Marymount Center. We will begin our
classes on Sunday, September 14, at 9:15 AM. You
may also register at that time.
Registration fees are \$25 for the first child and \$10 for
each additional child. Contact Diane Lakkis at 570-814
-2567, with any questions.

Other Parish's Events

St. John the Evangelist Summer Fest'25 will be held
Thursday August 7 - Saturday, August 9 from 5:00 -
10:00 PM each evening on the parish grounds (35 Wil-
liam St., Pittston).

Cash Bingo in St. Maria Goretti Parish Hall, 42 Red-
wood Drive, Laflin, on Saturday, August 9th. Doors
open at 10:00 AM and Bingo is from 12:30 PM to
3:30 PM. Tickets \$25 pre-sales and \$30 at the door.

Scripture Reflection

“You can’t take it with you.” It’s a reminder that the wealth we accumulate in this world does not transfer to the next. In our secular society, this saying often implies that you should spend your wealth now while you can enjoy it, but our faith demands that we look at wealth differently. Building up material wealth is irrelevant to our vocation as disciples and can distract us from what is truly important. Let us lift our hearts and raise our voices to God, who is the source of our true wealth.

Cemetery Policy

Our cemetery grounds are maintained by Mr. Tom Buckler. He is not a full time employee but his responsibility is to periodically mow the lawn and dispose of any debris collected in the garbage containers, Tom’s primary work is the preparation of gravesites for burial. The trimming and cleaning of the gravesites remain the responsibility of the family. The parish pays an additional fee for the disposal of collected garbage so please be considerate in the amount of debris you throw away. Any items placed around the grave markers can be hazardous to the lawnmowers. The costs of grave openings are **\$900 for parishioners (active or inactive) and non-parishioners, \$400 for cremation, and an additional \$50 for Saturday burials. The installation of a Veteran’s marker is \$50** and must be paid on the day of burial. Any burial after 2:00 PM is an additional \$100.

What a Fool I’ve Been

There’s a story about a tenant farmer who worked hard for many years to improve the production of the land. Then something happened that caused him to become very bitter. When it was time to renew the lease, the owner told him he was going to sell the farm to his son, who was getting married. The tenant farmer made several generous offers to buy the farm for himself, hoping the owner’s decision would be changed. But it was all in vain.

As the day grew near for the tenant to vacate his home, his weeks of angry brooding finally got the best of him. He gathered some seeds from some of the most pesky and noxious weeds he could find. Then he spent many hours scattering them on the fertile soil of the farm, along with a lot of trash and stones.

To his dismay, the very next morning the owner informed him that the plans for his son’s wedding fell through; therefore, he’d be happy to renew the tenant’s lease.

The owner couldn’t understand why the tenant exclaimed in such agonizing tones, “Oh Lord, what a fool I’ve been!”



FROM THE PASTOR

This Saturday, August 9th, is designated as the International Day of the World’s Indigenous People. Indigenous People were those who lived before the colonists or settlers arrived, defined new borders and began to occupy the land. For thousands of years Native American Tribes would live in Wilkes-Barre leaving behind evidence of their existence. The Tribal names were known as the Nanticoke, Delaware and Shawnee. Many lived on the banks of the Susquehanna River. The Valley was named Wyoming that comes from the Lenape Indians meaning “at the big flat river”. The big flat river referred to was the Susquehanna named for the Susquehannock Indians who lived along the banks. Unfortunately there was conflict among the tribes with the more warrior tribes like the Mohican and Shawnee pushing the peaceful tribes out. A part of shameful history was when the Europeans arrived and treated the Indians badly. Perhaps the worst genocidal act was Sullivan's March. The Mohican Tribe and the British Loyalists killed over 360 in Forty Fort. George Washington ordered that the Indian settlements be wiped out. Many Indians died of starvation and cruel weather making them flee to Canada. There are still some descendants of those tribes here today. Very little remains of their presence here other than names of towns, rivers, mountains and of course nicknames of sports teams. I’ve lived here all of my life and like so many of you never really appreciated the role those Indigenous people played. Being an Atlanta Braves fan, however, I cannot help but think of them especially when they do the Tomahawk Chop. We now live on the land that once was theirs. May we never forget how rich NEPA was in their story.

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. Registration deadline is August 18th.