

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)

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.

Parish Life Coordinator

Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister

Reverend Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti

Reverend John S. Terry, M.Div.

Reverend Theodors L. Obaza

Parish Secretary

Theresa Lisiewski

Business Manager

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 – 11:00 a.m.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 18, 2026

Saturday, October 17

4:00 PM Chester & Leona Kumor,
Frank Kumor & John & Bertha
Motil -Carl & Sandy & Family

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM Arlene Spak-Daughter Kimberly
Blazejewski & Family

Saturday, October 24

4:00 PM Joan Hertely -Norb Falkowski & wife
Patty

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM Stanley J. Buckley-Godchild, Mary
Frances

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held Thursday evening from 6:00 to
7:00 p.m.

Votives

October 18th – October 24th

Sanctuary – In memory of Pat Quinn & Son Patrick
By Sue, Lisa & Rich

Blessed Mother – In Memory of the Hertely Family
By Family

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

William McLaughlin	Mary Greenburg
Lindsay Kurtz	Theresa Belcastro
Helen Novak	Patti Zaklukiewicz
Patti Zaklukiewicz	Carol Zafia
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Eddie Elgonitis

Weekend of October 11th

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>\$5,730.25</u>
<u>Portion going to the Diocese</u>	<u>\$ 129.50</u>
<u>Remaining at OLOH</u>	<u>\$5,600.75</u>

St Joseph's Table

For the month of October, the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **Coffee, Tea, and Creamer** - God Bless You for helping others!

World Mission Sunday

On Sunday, October 18, we join Catholics worldwide in celebrating World Mission Sunday. Through the Pope's Pontifical Mission Societies, our prayers and gifts bring the Gospel, food, education, and healthcare to people in need across more than 1,100 mission dioceses. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to this special second collection. Together, we serve as the Church's helping hands throughout the world.

Cash/Gift Card Bingo

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will be selling chances for baskets and more before and after masses. The drawing will be held at the Cash/Gift Card Bingo. You do not need to be present to win. Chances are \$5 for 15 tickets. Please contact Andrea Grella at 570-606-7463 if interested in attending the bingo. Doors open at 12pm. Games begin at 1pm. There will be a food concession stand. Hope to see you there.

Pilgrimage

We will have 1-day pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA on Wednesday, October 28th. For information and reservations contact Theresa Lisiewski at 570-862-6298. Cost is \$60.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place during the normal Sunday morning school time, 10:15-11:00am in Ave Marie Hall.

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 5:30 pm in the church.

Interested in Joining a Ministry

We are continuing to seek people for the ministries of altar server, lector, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory to volunteer.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

We gather as a faith community each Sunday to worship God by celebrating Mass and receiving the Eucharist. By doing so, we come, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "to repay to God what belongs to God." Praise and thanks belong to God for creating us, redeeming us, and making us holy. We make this day and this gathering holy with our presence. We then go forth to serve the Lord as his disciples, repaying God with our prayers, words, and actions.

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 the rectory.

Trunk or Treat

The Social Concerns Committee will host a Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween on Saturday, October 24, 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Church parking lot. Sign up sheets are at the church entrances.

Scranton Preparatory School's Open House

Scranton Preparatory School's Open House will be held on Sunday, October 18th from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Registration at www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse. 7th & 8th grade students and their families are encouraged to attend to learn more! Please call 570-941PREP or email admissions@scrantonprep.org with any questions.

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6 pm in the rectory. The annual ceremony of the crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue will take place and will be followed by a Covered Dish Supper. Please contact Mary Gluchowski at 570-825-3925 to participate in the supper. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Holy Redeemer Open House

The ROYAL family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00pm. Talk to students, faculty & coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. Call 570-829-2424 with any questions.

October 18, 2026



Now You Know...

From the PLC

Can we receive Holy Communion every time we attend Mass? We are obligated

to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and it would be proper to receive Holy Communion. In fact, the Church encourages frequent reception of Holy Communion. The Church teaches that we attend Mass to praise and worship God, to hear His Word, to receive many blessings, and to receive His Body and Blood worthily. That is the key, to receive Holy Communion worthily. St Paul warns us, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord ... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). This tells us that if a person discerns he or she is in a state of mortal sin or is in ongoing dissent from Church teachings, that person is still required to attend Mass, but must not receive Holy Communion. For some people, their union with the Lord is broken by mortal sin or by dissent from the teachings of the Church and cannot receive Holy Communion worthily. The full meaning of the "Amen" we say when receiving Holy Communion is, "I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and professes to be revealed by God." Therefore, belief in the Church teachings (abortion, divorced and remarried with no annulment, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, etc.) and a proper living of those beliefs, free of mortal sin, are all necessary to receive Holy Communion worthily. We must be truthful with ourselves and with God when we say "Amen" for the reception of Holy Communion. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Group Night With the Pens

Diocese of Scranton Faith and Family Night, Friday, October 23, 7:00pm. Call or text (570) 208-5407 for tickets.

Diocese of Scranton Employment Opportunity

See the Diocesan website for a posting for a Payroll & Benefits job opportunity.

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