

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Office Hours

Mon Tues Thurs Fri

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Closed Wednesday

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 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

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Noah Klings

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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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

4:00 PM Petronella Przewoznik - Mayor Carl Kuren

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM Alice Kwiatkowski - Ann Manganello &
Sharon Weaver

Friday, August 7

8:00 AM Anthony Lisiewski - Daughter, Theresa

Saturday, August 8

4:00 PM Florence Williams - Marianne Pietroski

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM John F Quinn - Daughter, Sue and
Lisa & Rich

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held after weekday masses until 9:00 AM,
and on Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Votives

Sanctuary - Peace in the World and in our Country

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Rosalie Reiss	Maria Healey
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Fr. John Terry	Carol Zafia
Pat Kinsman	Mary Greenburg
Carol Aten	

Weekend of July 19th

Sunday Collection	\$4,440.00
Portion going to the Diocese	40.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4,400.00

Weekend of July 26th

Sunday Collection	\$4,681.00
Portion going to the Diocese	35.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$4,646.00

Stewardship	\$3,035.00
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Annual Stewardship Campaign

Our Lady of Hope's Annual Stewardship Campaign is under way. Hopefully, you have received your STEWARDSHIP envelope. It is a white envelope trimmed in BLUE and is included in your August packet of monthly envelopes. This envelope has your envelope # on it which makes it easier to credit you for your stewardship contribution. Money received from this campaign will be used to supplement the Parish's general fund in critical ways including heating, air conditioning, upkeep of our church and rectory and so much more. By supporting this campaign you are helping to make Our Lady of Hope not only a VERY GOOD Parish but a GREAT ONE! If every household contributes \$100, we will have no problem reaching our \$20,000 goal.

Venezuela Earthquake Relief

This weekend we will have a second collection at both masses for the Venezuela Earthquake Relief Fund. Catholic Relief Services - which is the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected. All proceeds from this second collection in the Diocese of Scranton will be forwarded to the Venezuela Relief Fund of Catholic Relief Services.

Holy Land Artifacts

There will be a display of handmade olive wood religious articles available for purchase after all Mass August 15 & 16 at the parish at Our Lady of Hope. Items will include Nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, statues, and many other devotional pieces. Holy Land Artifacts represents more than 100 Christian families in Jerusalem and Bethlehem who rely on the sale of traditional olive wood carvings as their primary source of income. With tourism at historic lows, these faithful families are experiencing significant hardship.

We warmly invite you to stop by to view the display and learn more about these beautiful, prayerfully handcrafted items. By purchasing one of these pieces, you are supporting Christian families in Jerusalem and helping to preserve the Christian presence in the land where our faith was born. Thank you for your generous support.

We accept credit cards, cash and checks

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training

This 2-Day Instructor training course is scheduled for August 13-14 from 8AM-5PM. It will be held here at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ave Maria Hall. For more information please call the rectory, or you can register at: <https://event.me/NZNAW?RefId=social>.

Reflection

Jesus takes us outside again today, to a deserted place where thousands of people followed him. Despite having only five loaves and two fish, Jesus is able to feed the entire crowd. We gather here every Sunday, a crowd perhaps only in the dozens or hundreds, but where we can all be fed, now, with Jesus' own body, offered and multiplied to satisfy us all. We can imagine that we are here with Jesus as he speaks to us and feeds us as he did on that wonderful day, for indeed this is what he does.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Some find today's Gospel terrifying. When the disciples approached Jesus and told him to release the crowds, they probably didn't expect the answer they received. Rather than dismissing the crowds, Jesus simply says, "Give them some food yourselves." This is almost like a preparation for the disciples as they approach the lives they will lead after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. If we prayerfully dwell on Jesus' words, we realize that, prayer for the poor and the homeless is certainly valuable, but if you can do more, prayer alone is just not enough. After all, Jesus told us to give them food ourselves. Pray about that - and when you come to mass again, consider bringing some food that will be given to St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen. That way, your prayers and your actions will match - and that's ALWAYS a good thing.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

I haven't always been a deacon. In fact, I'm only ordained about eleven years. In every job I held in my "previous life" I experienced real divisions of labor. When everyone did the best job they could, the whole organization benefited. I was relatively successful in what I did because I WAS surrounded by people who did their jobs, and did them well. I can't help but think how we, as Catholic-Christians are good because we are surrounded by great people. As much as I admire the pope, our bishop, and my fellow clergy, I'm thinking of the people who sit in the pews with us every weekend. **TOGETHER we are CHURCH.** We recognize our church as the Mystical Body of Christ. It's correct because each one of us is part of the whole. We are better when we are together. There's an old saying, "There are no small parts, only small actors." I know the priest who celebrates our liturgies is very important to us as Our Lady of Hope family, but so is everyone else. After all, we are part of the Mystical Body. It is in community where we shine. Don't hide your light under a bushel basket. Our parish family is counting on your presence and your participation.

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

Do priests have to celebrate Saint feast days at Mass?

Feasts and their ranking are contained in a book called the *Ordo*. They fall into five categories: Solemnities (Sundays and Holy Days), Feasts (including Apostles, Transfiguration of the Lord, St. Lawrence), Memorials (such as Saints Joachim and Ann, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus), Optional Memorials (including Our Lady of Lourdes, Fatima, St. Maria Goretti, St. Stephen of Hungary, St. Rose of Lima), and days where no Saint is designated. Some Memorials and Optional Memorials are specific to the U.S. such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving Day. The Priest must celebrate Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials, but Optional Memorials are, as the name says, optional. For Optional Memorials and days where no Saint is designated, the Priest has several options. He can celebrate the weekday option and wear vestments appropriate to the liturgical season. In this case the Prayers are from the Sunday of that week. He can also celebrate a Votive Mass for a Saint such as the Blessed Virgin Mary, or an intention such as World Peace, Christian Unity, or Vocations. If the Priest chooses to celebrate an Optional Memorial or Votive Mass, it may affect the Readings to be proclaimed and the Collect, Prayer Over the Gifts, Preface, and Prayer After Communion. There are many good reasons for the Priest to celebrate Masses in line with the monthly Catholic devotions such as July is the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, August is the Immaculate Heart of Mary, September is the Seven Sorrows of Mary, and October is the Rosary. Whichever Mass the Priest celebrates, we give thanks to God and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

Family Picnic Rescheduled

Our Lady of Hope Family Picnic at the Wilkes-Barre Twp Settlement Camp has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2026. We are still in need of a chairperson or chairpersons to coordinate this event. If you are interested, please call the rectory so we can get this "good time" up and running.

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of August the St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen requests **CONDIMENTS**. Summer months are a busy time at the Kitchen. Thank you for helping those in need. God Bless You!

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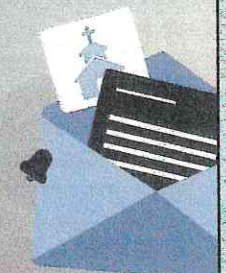
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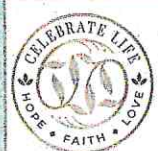
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