

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)



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 Klinges

Director of Religious Education

Diane Lakkis

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.

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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM Jagodzinski & Navroth Families –
Rose Jagodzinski

Sunday, October 11

9:00 AM David & Theresa Richards –
Children & Families

Saturday, October 17

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

Sunday, October 18

10:30 AM Arline Spak-Daughter Kimberly
Blazjewski & Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Votives

October 11th – October 17th

Sanctuary – Frank & Mary Strobel by Pat
Kinsman & Barbara Jacobs

Blessed Mother – John Richards by Brothers

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

Weekend of October 4th

Sunday Collection	\$6,325.00
Portion going to the Diocese	\$ 753.00
Remaining at OLOH	7,831.00

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!

October 11, 2026

Liturgy Committee Meeting

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Monday, October
12, at 6:00pm in the Rectory.

Mass Intentions

Just a reminder – Weekday masses have ended. There
will be First Friday masses celebrated at 8:00 AM on
the first Friday of the month. Each parish family is
limited to 2 weekend masses per year. However,
families can request additional masses with the
understanding that those masses will be sent elsewhere
to be celebrated by other priests.

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 weekend of October 17th/18th in Ave Maria
Church Hall. The drawing will be held at the Cash/Gift
Card Bingo on October 18th. 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. Hope to see you there.

Pilgrimage

We will have 1-day pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine
on Wednesday, October 28th. For information and
reservation contact Theresa Lisiewski , 570-862-6298,
by October 14th. Cost is \$60.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation sessions will take place during
the normal Sunday school time, 10:00-11:00, in Ave
Marie Hall beginning this Sunday, October 11th.

St. Anthony of Padua Devotion

We will celebrate the 9-day devotion to St Anthony of
Padua each Tuesday from October 20 to December 15
at 5:30pm 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.

October Rosary

During the month of October, a Rosary will be
recited before the Saturday 4:00 Mass.

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Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a king who invites anyone and everyone to a huge feast he is giving for a wedding of his son. Similarly, every Sunday we all are invited to a wonderful feast: the eucharistic feast, the wedding feast of the Lamb. We accept the Lord's invitation to partake in his sacrificial meal, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet we hope to attend one day. Let us give thanks and praise to our God, who welcomes us to the feast.

Diocesan Youth Rally

On Saturday, November 7th, the Diocese of Scranton will be hosting our annual Diocesan Youth Rally, located at Notre Dame/Senior High School in East Stroudsburg, Pa. This event is for students in grades 7 through 12. The rally will be from 11:30am-8:00pm with check-in beginning at 11:00am. The theme for this year's Youth Rally is "Do whatever He tells you", taken from the second chapter of the Gospel of John, where Mary – the mother of Jesus – intercedes for a couple when the wine runs at their wedding. The day will consist of prayer, music, Adoration, keynote speakers, Mass with the Bishop, and fellowship. To sign up, please reach out to your parish Youth Minister or Director of Religious Education. The deadline to sign up is October 16th. We hope to see you there!

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. More details to follow.

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training

This 2-Day Instructor training course is scheduled for November 23-24 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://cvent.mefNZNAW?RefId=s0cial>.



Now You Know... From the PLC

How can we help families and friends with the worthy reception of Holy Communion? What can we do in cases where we know family and friends present themselves for the reception of Holy Communion while in a state of mortal (grave) sin? There is clear Church teaching that we must insist upon, namely, that people should not present themselves for reception of Holy Communion if they are in a state of mortal sin. For example, to live intimately with a person outside of marriage involves not only a violation of the Sixth Commandment but also gives rise to scandal by making light and normalizing such a practice. Another instance is when divorced and remarried Catholics present themselves for Holy Communion. Church law, with regard to the reception of Holy Communion, says those persons "obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion" (Canon 915). Canon 916 says, "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the Body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession..." The Church teachings and laws are not mean-spirited rejection of the faithful, they flow from Scripture (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29). The Church teachings are rooted in concern and care for souls. As Scripture teaches, those who receive the Eucharist unworthily do not receive a blessing, but rather, the judgment of condemnation. This is critically important to understand and helps us to realize the need for frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is October 18. This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of World Mission Sunday to foster greater missionary zeal and missionary activities. We will support the missions with second collections on October 17 & 18.

Diocese of Scranton Employment Opportunity
See the Diocesan website for a posting for a Payroll & Benefits