

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every parish community is unique. We have experienced a great change here in the Wilkes-Barre area. It has affected our lives in many ways – especially spiritually. We had to endure the pandemic, challenges in our culture and the uncertain economy. Yet despite all of these challenges, we have a spiritual oasis – Our Lady of Hope Parish. Here we assemble to celebrate our faith, partake of God's Word and the Eucharistic bread and to serve our Lord.

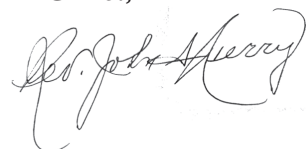
St. Teresa of Avila once said, Christ has no body, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. You are His eyes which look with compassion on this world. Truly, Our Lady of Hope Parish has been a visible sign of the body of Christ here in this vineyard of Wilkes-Barre and the Township. By the grace of God and the stewardships of time, talent and treasure, we continue the building of God's Kingdom for this day and hopefully future generations.

With this in mind, I invite you to respond to Our Lady of Hope's participation in something new. We and many other parishes will join in a program we call "Moving Together in Faith." Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions in order to continue our mission of keeping alive our Catholic Faith. This is no easy task, but I am confident that our dedicated parishioners are up to the challenge.

On March 11th and 12th, the parish will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, inviting members of our community to connect with one another and to make a financial commitment that will allow Our Lady of Hope Parish to continue its important work. **We are counting on you.** Please move in faith with us and respond to God's great gift of love, by loving one another with the heart of His Son.

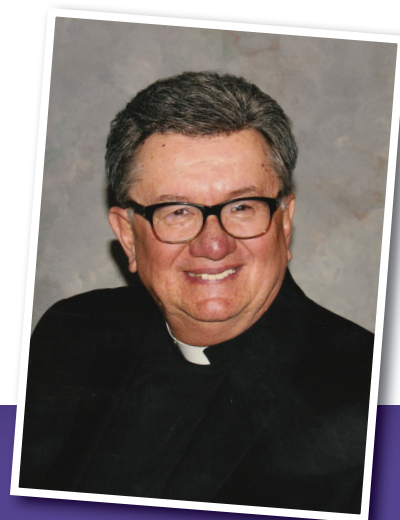
Thank you for your generosity, prayers and commitment to Our Lady of Hope Parish.

In Christ,



Fr. Terry

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HOPE PARISH**



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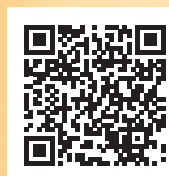
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Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and
bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to
fill out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update
your current online gift amount at
[https://www.osvhub.com/
ourladyofhope/giving/funds](https://www.osvhub.com/ourladyofhope/giving/funds)



Use your **offering envelope**
and bring it to Mass each
Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged
charitable gifts** such as IRA
Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or
remembering the parish in your
will. Contact the parish office at
570-824-7832.

Moving Together in Faith

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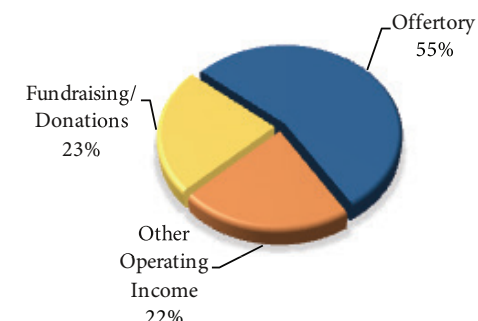


Financial Snapshot: 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

Operating Income

Offertory	\$299,826.00
Other Operating Income	\$119,189.00
Fundraising/Donations	<u>\$126,172.00</u>

Total Operating Income \$545,187.00

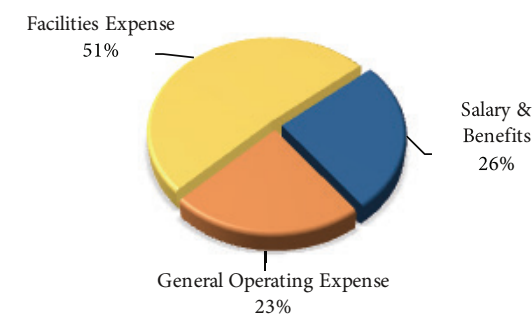


Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$137,068.00
General Operating Expense	\$122,300.00
Facilities Expense	<u>\$272,205.00</u>

Total Operating Expense \$531,573.00

Net Operating Surplus/Deficit \$13,614.00



As we move together with the mission and vision of Our Lady of Hope Parish, we do great things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, the members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ daily. We value discipleship and evangelization.

529

Families in our parish

11

Baptisms

1

First Communion

5

Confirmations

39

Funerals

13

Children in Full-time School

33

Children in Religious Ed

As we strive to love one another better, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

Several

masses during the week

Catechetical

Program

Regular

Visits to the homebound

Growing

number of parishioners serving in Liturgical Ministry

Eucharistic Adoration

on First Friday's of the month

We move together in faith, practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy, through our many social and service-oriented outreach programs.

- Annual outreach for needy and homeless children of our area
- Presenters on Social Justice Issues during Respect Life Month
- Annual Christmas Giving Tree Project
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Weekly donations to St. Joseph's Table/St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen
- Support of Pro-Life Center
- Shelter for homeless of our area during Pandemic
- Charity Outreach supported by donation – two services (9-13 weeks) in honor of St. Anthony of Padua

Love Your Parish

Love Your Savior

Love Your Neighbor