

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE

BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —

Our Lady of Hope Parish
40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
570-824-7832

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 14, 2024

10:30 AM Anna Koval & Mary Martin - Mary Ruth

Tuesday April 16, 2024

8:00 AM David L Talacka - Tomasura Family

5:30 PM **St. Anthony of Padua Novena**

Friday April 19, 2024

8:00 AM Health & Blessings Matt Zedolik - Children

Saturday April 20, 2024

4:00 PM John & Bertha Waltos - Family

Sunday April 21, 2024

10:30 AM Margaret Halchak - Son

SANCTUARY VOTIVE - Chris Royek - By Robert,
Sharon & Sean Flynn

SACRED HEART VOTIVE - In Memory of Anna Koval
& Mary Martin - By Mary Ruth

BLESSED MOTHER VOTIVE - John & Joseph Procida -
By Sister, Caroline Graziano

March 31, 2024

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	\$3,562.00
<u>LOOSE</u>	\$200.00
<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>	\$1,178.00
<u>EASTER COLLECTION</u>	\$11,943.00
<u>AIR CONDITION</u>	\$551.00
<u>FUEL</u>	\$920.00

April 7, 2024

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	\$5,592.50
<u>LOOSE</u>	\$200.00
<u>EDUCATION OF PRIESTS</u>	\$293.00
<u>DUES</u>	\$944.00
<u>CHARITY</u>	\$331.00
<u>EASTER (2ND COLLECTION)</u>	\$996.00

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - The Campaign goes on!
Anything that passes our parish goal is returned to us. We encourage those who have yet made a pledge to consider making one. A little over 180 parishioners made a pledge-some were very generous. It's never too late. Thanks to those who supported this very important campaign.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN - Will meet on Wednesday, April 24th @ 6:30 PM in the parish rectory. The Mother's Day Luncheon will be Sunday May 5th at the Woodlands, 1 PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend. For reservations, contact Sue Cosgrove @ 570.855.8766 or Mary Gluchowski @ 570.954.1793. Transportation can be provided.

ANNIVERSARY MASS -

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, SCRANTON - It is scheduled on June 23rd, 2024 at 2:30 PM. Anyone celebrating their 25th or 50th anniversary is invited. A reception will follow. Pre-registration is required, however. The form to register-go to the Diocesan website and search wedding anniversary. Deadline is May 26th.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA DEVOTION - This devotion is for thirteen weeks. The theme for reflection is: "The Real Presence-The Holy Eucharist - Miracle of all Miracles." We encourage you to attend this devotion. The holy half-hour consists of prayers of invocation and gratitude to this great saint, the reflection and the blessing with the relic of St. Anthony. Hopefully we can keep these devotions alive!

A RESURRECTION PRAYER

O Risen Lord, you are resurrection and life. Be the resurrection and the life for us and all whom you have made. Be the resurrection and the life for those caught in the grip of sin and addiction. Be the resurrection for the life for those who feel forsaken. Be the resurrection and the life for those who live as if you do not. Be the resurrection and the life for those who do not believe they need resurrection and life. Be the resurrection and the life in Churches that believe they are dying. Be the resurrection and the life in us who know good but fail to do it, who have not been judged but still judge, who know love but still live for self, who know hope but succumb to despair. Be the resurrection and the life for those imprisoned unjustly and those imprisoned justly. Be the resurrection and life for those who live under regimes that seek to crush all who proclaim resurrection and life. Be the resurrection and the life of those in the throes of sickness that leads to death. Be the resurrection and the life in families where the weak are maltreated by the strong. Be the resurrection and the life in marriages that are disintegrating. Be the resurrection and the life for those whose lives are snuffed out in the womb. Be the resurrection and the life for anyone anywhere who knows suffering and death in any way. Be the resurrection and the life in the life we share and the fellowship we enjoy, that filled anew with the wonder of your love and the power of your grace.

NIGHT AT THE RACES - The event was a huge success thanks to all those who organized it and volunteered their time! A special thanks to Sue Cosgrove for all of her hard work and personal time put in to making it a success. We appreciate everyone's participation, especially our benefactors and those that sponsored races. Thank you also to everyone that donated food, drinks and door prizes! It was a great time with great food.

MISSIONS SECOND COLLECTION - We welcome Sister Mary Cecilia Draru, who represents The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu, which is in Northern Uganda, East Africa. Please consider a generous donation or write out a check to the Parish designating the LSMIG. God Bless

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A PRAYER FOR TAX DAY

May those who have waited until the last minute be swift and safe on their way to the post box (or at least be fleet of finger on their keyboards)

May those who turned in their forms weeks ago resist the urge to be smug

May those who feel taxed by the work that comes their way during this season find some relief

May those who receive a refund spend it wisely

May those counting on a refund that never quite manifested find other solutions to financial problems

May all who are taxed with the struggles of figuring out how to give to God what is God's and to Caesar what is Caesar's find wisdom by cultivating a spirit of gratitude

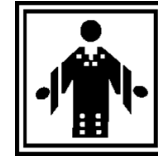
May all who grumble about where our tax dollars go, find some cheer while driving down a paved road and over a bridge, pulling over for a firetruck, dropping a child off at public school, sending a care package to someone serving overseas and hiking a trail at the local park.

May God's hand guide the hearts and minds of those who decide where the money goes, and help us all to be good stewards of all that we have and all that we are

In the name of God to whom we all belong.
Amen.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



FROM THE PASTOR

It surprises me that many Catholics think that Easter ends on Easter Sunday.

Heavily influenced by secular society and the madness of advertisement of the next sale, too many think it's over at the end of the day. They both have a season. Ancient records show that besides celebrating Easter Sunday, an Easter season of 50 days was celebrated as far back at the beginning of the third century. There was no fasting or kneeling. It was not a time for penitential practices. It was a time to exult in God's goodness.

Why is Easter so long? Because the Resurrection is just too big and too important to celebrate in only one day, or even one week!

Why 50 days, not 10, 20 or 40? Because the Jewish feast of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Passover, and this 50 day stretch between Passover and Pentecost was already in place. For Christians, it became one great Sunday. They also called it "a week of weeks" because it lasted seven weeks.

Truly, the Easter season is the church's most ancient and beautiful season.

For the 50 days until Pentecost, in the Sunday Gospels, we'll find the Risen Christ by a lakeshore, or on a mountain top, coming through closed doors. The Paschal Candle will burn brightly in our Church as we, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, feel our hearts burning within us and experience the fire of His love. Now a new "resolution" may be in order not a Lenten resolution, but one for the rest of the year.

Every morning when you arise like the sun on the gift of a new day of life, take a minute or two and pray or reflect in silence. It is in us to pray. We were made for it and we're physically healthier and happier when we pray. And when you begin praying regularly, surprises will happen!

LOTTERY WINNERS

April 3, 2024	069	
April 4, 2024	669	
April 5, 2024	442	
April 6, 2024	262	