

Our Lady of Hope Parish
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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

— Pray God's Glory Across the Earth —

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 28, 2024

10:30 AM Edith Danowski—Danowski Family

Tuesday April 30, 2024

8:00 AM Peter & Janiece DeMuro-
Aunt Stella & Family

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

Friday May 3, 2024

8:00 AM William & Ann Krushin—Grandson,
Norbert Falkowski & Wife, Patty

Saturday May 4, 2024

4:00 PM Health & Blessings Margaret Molitoris -
Zedolik Family

Sunday May 5, 2024

10:30 AM Catherine Braden—Bruce & Siblings

SANCTUARY VOTIVE - World Peace

BLESSED MOTHER VOTIVE - Nancy and Angelo
Procida—By Sister, Caroline Graziano

Sunday Collection

Loose

\$3,659.00

\$209.00

CHRISTIAN WOMEN—The Mother's Day Luncheon will be Sunday May 5th at the Woodlands, 1:00 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.

FIRST FRIDAY—Fr. Terry will make his visitations this week. If you are unavailable please notify the parish office beforehand. Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Benediction will follow the First Friday Mass.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE—For the month of May, consider a donation to help feed the homeless. Our parish is to be commended for its giving heart. For May, the Soup kitchen requests Non-Dairy Creamer.

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!

MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS—With the month of May we remember our mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased. How precious and sacred is this day. Flowers, candy and appropriate gifts will be presented to them. If they have passed on, a visit to the cemetery. As Catholic Christians, we can uniquely touch God's heart on their behalf—for a reward and perhaps even forgiveness. A mass intention is a thing of love and sincerity for them. It's just a couple of days away.
Love you mom—Love you grandma!

NITE AT THE RACES—A lot of time and service was given to make this event a success and a benefit to our parish. Thanks Suzanne Cosgrove, again and all those who sponsored and those who volunteered their time. The races benefited the parish \$7,267.00. Thanks and God bless.

THANKS—Sr. Mary Cecilia and Sr. Betty Gulu were impressed by our parish's hospitality and generosity. It is not often that we see religious sisters and what they mean to the workings of our Catholic faith. God bless them both and their community of sisters.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL—The amount pledged continues to increase, thank God. Anything that surpasses our goal is returned to the parish. So, think about a pledge if you have not made one yet. It's a very significant drive for the Diocese and for ourselves.

HOLY REDEEMER IS HIRING—Holy Redeemer is now hiring a Maintenance Staff member for Monday-Friday. This full-time, salaried position includes benefits and a competitive salary. Send resume to:
Holy Redeemer High School
Attn: Cody Opalka
159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
Questions? Call 570-829-2424 or email
copalkaholyredeemerhs.org

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2024 NATIONAL PRAYER DAY

Jesus, we profess our faith in you. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media. We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposed what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us. Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your work is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word. God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World! In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

LOTTERY WINNERS

April 17, 2024	359	Bill Johnson
April 18, 2024	021	Gloria S.
April 19, 2024	589	
April 20, 2024	050	

FROM THE PASTOR

This coming Wednesday, May 1st, is the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker. It is also designated International Workers Day. This is an article published by Vatican News entitled: "Work makes us like God, says Pope"

At the start of Mass in the Casa Santa Marta on May 1, the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, Pope Francis prayed for workers around the globe. *"Today, on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and the day dedicated to workers, let us pray for all workers, so that no one might be without work and all might be paid a just wage. May they benefit from the dignity of work and the beauty of rest."*

A special statue of St. Joseph the Worker was present in the chapel as the Pope celebrated Mass. In 1956 the same image-blessed on May 1 by the then-Archbishop of Milan, Giovanni Battista Montini (the future Pope Paul VI)-left for Rome by helicopter on May 2 to be blessed also by Pope Pius XII at the audience granted that same day to ACLI (Christian Association of Italian Workers). The audience took place 12 months after the Mass in which Pius XII had dedicated the liturgical feast celebrated by workers around the world to the Spouse of Mary and Jesus' foster father.

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the day's reading (Gen 1:26-2:3) which recounts the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God. He focused his attention on God's "work" of Creation. God, he said, entrusted mankind with the task of continuing that effort. *"Work is exactly the continuation of the work of God. Human labor is the vocation that mankind received from God ever since the creation of the universe. It is work that makes us similar to God, because through work men and women act as creators, and are capable of creating many things, even of creating a family."* The Pope said the Bible describes God surveying what He had done and finding it "very good". "Work contains goodness within itself, creates harmony between things-beauty, goodness-and involves every part of the person," he said. "This is man's first vocation: work. This gives dignity to mankind. Dignity makes us similar to God." Pope Francis went on to tell a story about a man who visited a local Caritas center to find food for his family. One Caritas employee told him: "At least you can bring some bread home." The man replied: "But it's not enough to bring food home. I want to earn my daily bread." The Pope said this man was lacking dignity, the "dignity to 'make' his own bread through his work. The Pope added that the dignity of work has been widely trampled up throughout history. Examples range from the African slaves dragged to the Americas, to the modern "slave" who toils for just enough to get by on. *"Today there are many slaves-many men and women who are not free to work: they are forced to work for enough to live on, nothing more. They are slaves to forced labor...and poorly paid."*

He specifically mentioned day laborers who toil 12-14 hours a day for a miserable stipend. "This doesn't happen only in Asia," he said. "It happens here." Every injustice inflicted upon a person who works means trampling upon human dignity, even the dignity of the person who carries out the injustice...On the other hand, the vocation God gives us is much higher: to create, re-create, work. But this can be done only when the conditions are just and human dignity is respected. Concluding his homily, Pope Francis urged everyone to unite ourselves to all those who work, to those who fight to achieve justice in their work, and to business people who treat those in their employ with justice.

"We ask St. Joseph-with this beautiful image with the tools of work in hand-to help us fight for the dignity of work, so that there might be work for all and that it might be dignified work, no the work of a slave."