

DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday

Our Lady of Hope Parish
40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 7, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 7, 2024

10:30 AM Marvin Jayma, Jr. - Mom

Tuesday April 9, 2024

8:00 AM Christian Royek - Mom & Dad

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

Friday April 12, 2024

8:00 AM Frances Elaine Braden - Husband, Bruce & Susan

Saturday April 13, 2024

4:00 PM Anthony, Frances & Frank Kijek and Joseph & Mary Kumor - Family

Sunday April 14, 2024

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

SANCTUARY VOTIVES 1,2,3 - In Memory of John & Eleanor Quinn - By Daughter, Sue

March 24, 2024

SUNDAY COLLECTION **\$3,854.00**

LOOSE **\$418.00**

CEMETERY HOLY TRINITY **\$241.00**

CEMETERY ST MARY'S W. WYOM **\$439.00**

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE - With a new month, we have a new request. The St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen has requested Canned Fruit. A number of our parishioners have been very kind and generous. Please remember that we share love to the least, we do it for the Lord.

RICE BOWL - To those who made Lenten sacrifices by using the Rice Bowl, to help feed the hungry of the world, please place them in the offertory basket. God bless you for the sacrifices you made this Lent.

LENTEN OUTREACH - Sincere thanks to all those who donated various hygienic items for the young people in need. Your response was very generous. Be sure that they are very much appreciated. There are homeless children in our area. Many are living in poverty. So, again, God bless you and thanks.

OUR LADY OF HOPE ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES - It will be on April 6th. Doors open at 6 PM. Post time is 7 PM. This is a 21+ Event. \$5 admission if you didn't sponsor a horse but would like to attend. Includes Food and Beverage. Any questions, please contact Sue Cosgrove at the rectory during normal business hours.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - The Appeal continues. Our Parish is proud in the amount of pledges it has received to date. If you have yet to make a pledge, please do so! It is imperative that everyone supports this Appeal. Thanks to all who have done so! God Bless You.

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!

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO - St. Maria Goretti Church 42 Redwood Drive Laflin, PA. Saturday, April 13th. Doors open at 11 AM. Bingo from 1-4 PM. \$30-Includes \$5 Food Voucher and 20 games of Bingo. For tickets contact the parish office at 570.655.8956.

WORKS OF MERCY - In St. Faustina's Diary, she wrote, "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of my mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image, I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of all the demands of my mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works" (Diary, 742). Feed the Hungry, give Drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Ransom the Captive and Bury the Dead; Admonish the Sinner, Instruct the Ignorant, Counsel the Doubtful, Comfort the Sorrowful, Bear Wrongs Patiently and Forgive Injuries. Pray for the Living and Dead.

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

Change of Address or Phone Number

Moving out of Parish

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to the Parish office.

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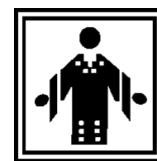
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A PRAYER AFTER EASTER SUNDAY

O God of the Last Supper
God of the Cross
And God of the Empty Tomb
We come before You now and we pause.
We inhale the scent of snow white Easter lilies.
We see the rain as it falls in veils and sheets of April Showers.
And we listen
Holy week has passed.
But how we long to live by the marvelous story we have heard.
Let us remain ever beside You at the table of the Last Supper.
Show us who is hungry.
And give us the courage to offer them bread from your table.
Show us who is thirsty.
And give us the courage to lift up the cup of your love.
Most of all, show us how to linger at the table, serving others doing ALL that we do.
In remembrance of You.
And the way You were when You walked this earth.
We lift these simple, limited words
Up to You, O God.
Amen.

BEGIN A NEW LIFE AFTER EASTER

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations. **Make an examination.** Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love? **Face the truth with courage.** It can be discouraging to look honestly at our many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin. Being a sinner is not the worst condition - remaining one is. **Devise a plan** - decide what needs to change. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it. **Take the first steps.** New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to Him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.



FROM THE PASTOR

In the first Divine Mercy message, Pope Francis gave a powerful teaching on God's mercy. He spoke of how "true peace" comes from the experience of "God's Mercy", of Jesus Christ revealing Himself to us as "Mercy in the Flesh", and of our call to boldly "proclaim Christ the Risen Lord" by "trusting in the mercy of the Lord forever". Pope Francis also emphasized how Pope St. John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday. Over 50,000 who were present in St. Peter's Square heard this address that day. Pope Francis teaches us that Easter peace is the "fruit of the victory of God over evil" and the "fruit of forgiveness". God's victory over evil and forgiveness of our sins revealed is Our Lord suffering, death and resurrection. Pope Francis goes on to say that the key to our personal relationships with Jesus is our faith and trust in Him, as we are called to live by faith and not by sight. Through the eyes of faith, we are invited to a personal encounter with Him as Mercy in the flesh. In the light it makes perfect sense when Jesus told St. Faustina that we are asked to personally sign the Divine Mercy image with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You". Pope Francis encourages us to boldly witness to our faith in the Risen Lord by "trusting in the mercy of the Lord", the Spirit of the Risen Lord casts out fear from the hearts of the Apostles and pushes them out of the Upper Room, to bring the Gospel. We also must have more courage to witness faith in the Risen Lord! Let us not be afraid to be Christian and live as Christians! We must have the courage to go out and proclaim Christ the Risen Lord, for He is our peace. "Trusting in the mercy of the Lord forever, because He is waiting for us, He loves us" So, be encouraged by Pope Francis to boldly proclaim and live your faith in the Risen Lord. As you do, join in praying "Jesus, I trust in You"!

LOTTERY WINNERS

March 20, 2024	589	
March 21, 2024	223	
March 22, 2024	416	
March 23, 2024	316	

March 27, 2024	803	
March 28, 2024	428	
March 29, 2024	543	
March 30, 2024	630	