

A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image. A crown of thorns, made of dry, spiky branches, is draped diagonally across the center. The background is a solid purple color. A large, semi-transparent number '2' is centered behind the text. The text 'SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Our Lady of Hope Parish  
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday February 25, 2024

10:30 AM Stanley Wielgopolski - Wife, Ann & Family

### Tuesday February 27, 2024

8:00 AM Antoinette Heck - Marion Becker & Family

### Friday March 1, 2024

8:00 AM Marvin Jayma, Jr - Aunt Betty Koko & Family

5:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

### Saturday March 2, 2024

4:00 PM Edward Klauss - Jack George

### Sunday March 3, 2024

10:30 AM Francis P. Flynn - Robert, Sharon & Sean Flynn

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES 1-2-3** - In Memory of John R. Quinn  
By Sister, Sue & Family

**BLESSED MOTHER VOTIVE** - In Memory of Stanley  
Wielgopolski - By Wife, Ann

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**\$3,642.50**

### LOOSE

**\$425.00**

### DUES

**\$2,372.00**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**\$931.00**

### RICE BOWL

**\$403.00**

**BISHOP BAMBERA VISITATION** - It has been published for several weeks now that Bishop Bambara will be coming to our church for a Deanery Holy Hour. It will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 7:00 PM. We strongly encourage you to attend. Before the service, between 5:30 and 6:45 PM, a Lenten gathering, for our parishioners only, will be held in the Parish Center. Soup and sandwiches will be served free of charge. Reservations are required to attend. Any exceptions will be \$10.00. Please use the form provided in this bulletin or provide all information on the sign up sheets placed at the church entrances.

### REGISTRATION BISHOP BAMBERA VISITATION SOUP AND SANDWICH

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please drop Registration Form into the offertory  
basket or mail to the Parish office by March 10th.**

**LENTEN RAFFLE** - Drawing will be held Sunday, March 3rd after mass. Since we have an updated ticket, it was decided to hold the raffle on the Sunday of Rejoicing, the Third Sunday of Lent. You should have received your tickets. If not, or if you need more, just contact the parish office during office hours - Monday thru Friday, 9AM-12:30PM.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS** - Available are spiritual reflection booklets for your spiritual benefit. They are free. For all concerned, they are: Walking in His Ways by Emily Jaminet; Returning to God by Henri Nouwen and Called to be Holy by Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis; A Season of Hope for Seniors; Sow, Now It's Lent for Teens and young adults and for the youngsters, Heroes for Lent and Be Like Jesus. There is a limited number of booklets. Please be considerate of others.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Every Friday beginning this Friday, we will observe this Lenten devotion at 5:30 PM. Booklets will be provided. Come and join us as we begin our Lenten journey.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS LENTEN OUTREACH

Every Lent, besides the usual Lenten sacrifices, we like to make a special charitable outreach to some local need. Many of our local youngsters ages 10-13 could use basic hygienic items. Last year, over \$4,000.00 worth of various items were donated to local children. Here are some requested items: soap and shampoo (please be aware of Afro-American specific type); combs and brushes; toothpaste and tooth brushes; girls personal change of life kits; t-shirts and underwear, etc. Place your donations in the usual place on the altar railing area.

**LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT** - March 15-16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. The Theme will be "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost - I'm Wondering". We will be examining the spiritual journey of men in our world and moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in our lives. The cost of the retreat is only \$75 for an overnight including food. There will be a number of Holy Priests including Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna and Fr. Brian Van Fossen with adoration, confession and Holy Mass celebrated by our Bishop Joseph Bambara. This will be a great way to renew our hearts and minds before Easter. Please register by following this link:  
<https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - Sacrificial Offerings during Lent can be made using the Lenten Envelopes throughout Lent. We can also use the Rice Bowls in addition. Place them somewhere in your home (kitchen, bedroom, family room, etc.) and drop in them, something for the hungry of the world.

**LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER** - On Sunday, February 25th at 3:00 PM, members of Cantores Christi Regis of King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will present Lenten Taizé Prayer at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St in Pittston. These students, under the direction of Mr. Robert Yenkowski, will lead us in sung prayer in a candlelit church. All are invited to attend.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE** - In the month of February, the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is asking if we could help by donating sugar/sweeteners. It's an extra Lenten penance. God Bless.

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**CHRISTIAN WOMEN** - The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the parish rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** - We are still \$5,000.00 Short of our goal. Please make a pledge to help our Parish and our Diocese. Keep our Parish alive!

**HOLY REDEEMER SPRING OPEN HOUSE** - Join us for a school tour, meet our teachers and become a ROYAL!! Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 12 PM - 2 PM. 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. Call to register @ 570.829.2424 [www.holyredeemerhs.org](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org)

### SUNDAY RELECTION

Think of a “mountaintop experience” you’ve had. What generated it? Did it change your life forever or was it just a momentary high? In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close to God. Did your mountaintop experience bring you closer to God? It was at the top of Mount Tabor where Jesus revealed the glory of his godliness to his closest friends. Called a “high mountain” in scripture, Mount Tabor is, in reality, not huge. What was huge is the event that took place there-and why. The three disciples who witnessed Christ’s transfiguration greatly benefited from seeing his glory revealed, because someday they would be commissioned to take over his earthly ministry. The Father told them, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” As we listen to Jesus, it is we who are now transfigured. Lent is meant to be a mountaintop experience for each of us. If we follow Jesus up the mountain, his light will consume any darkness within us. The more we listen to his teachings and apply them to our daily lives and ministries, the more we become like him. And the more we become like Jesus, the more our lives are transfigured by his light, and the more our lives then transfigure the world around us. As the first reading tells us, Abraham did not withhold his son from the Lord; God the Father did not withhold his Son from us. Likewise, we must not withhold the Son from the people we encounter. Whether it’s by an evangelizing word or a helping hand, or a compassionate and attentive ear, or the generous giving of mercy and forgiveness or money or time, we are Christ’s hands and feet and voice in the world today. We are his earthly body. We are the answers to people’s prayers. We have been empowered through our baptisms to shine with the glory of Christ’s love. We have all been commissioned to continue his earthly ministry. May the experience of Lent take us to new heights of union with Christ and his mission!

*Reflect on a time you let Jesus change you. How difficult was it to be transfigured? Why did you want to make the change? How did it impact others?*

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**FROM  
THE  
PASTOR**

Deepen the Connection to Christ during Lent. The key to a fruitful Lent is not to perform miserable penances. A good Lent hinges on encountering Christ in a personal way and letting Him change our hearts and minds. In fact, an effective way to deepen our encounter with Him is the Eucharist. Consider these suggestions: “Here I am, Lord, Love Me!” Mother Teresa told her sisters to start their chapel time with this bold prayer, “Here I am Lord, Love Me!” No matter whether you are in His Presence, for Mass, a holy hour, or a quick visit in front of the Blessed Sacrament, begin with, “Here I am, Lord, Love Me!” It’s a prayer of faith God delights to answer. Live for the next Communion. Every Communion deepens our union with God, strengthens our faith, helps us love more authentically and immunizes us against further temptations. Each week renew your resolve to do whatever is needed to receive Christ well. For example, avoid activity or entertainment that tempts you away from God, and if you sin seriously, immediately go to Confession and start anew. Invite others to the feast - Invite a friend, neighbor or colleague to mass or Adoration with you. Pray for priests to stay close to the Eucharist. Most importantly, pray that more people come to faithfully encounter Jesus in the tabernacle.

**LIGHT IS ON-CONFESSIONS** - Confessions will be heard on Monday evenings during Lent. They will be scheduled the last two Mondays before Holy Week. A Penance Service will be held at St. Nicholas (TBD).

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITATIONS** - Fr. Terry will make the rounds of visitation to those requesting Holy Communion this week. Please kindly call the rectory during office hours (9:00-12:30-Monday thru Friday) if you are unavailable or would like to receive the sacrament. Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Benediction will follow the First Friday Mass. All are welcome.

### LOTTERY WINNERS

February 14, 2024	260	
February 15, 2024	843	Bill J.
February 16, 2024	920	Charlotte Gutkowski
February 17, 2024	111	El Rydzfski