



4th

**SUNDAY
OF
LENT**

**Our Lady of Hope Parish
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MARCH 10, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 10, 2024

10:30 AM Elmer & Margaret Petlock - Family

Tuesday March 12, 2024

8:00 AM Catherine Smith - Eva Kaczorowski

Friday March 15, 2024

8:00 AM Joseph & Stella Falkowski - Grandson,
Norbert & Wife, Patty

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 16, 2024

4:00 PM Joseph E. Sobeck, Husband - Wife, Mary
Johann Sobeck

Sunday March 17, 2024

10:30 AM John & Eleanor and Pat & John Quinn -
Quinn & Cosgrove Families

SANCTUARY VOTIVES 1-2-3 - In Memory of Elmer &
Margaret Petlock -

SACRED HEART VOTIVE - In Memory of John
Richards - By Mother

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	\$4,878.00
<u>LOOSE</u>	\$219.00
<u>EDUCATION OF PRIEST/CLERGY</u>	\$265.00
<u>LENTEN SACRIFICE</u>	\$510.00
<u>DIOCESAN CHARITY</u>	\$365.00

BISHOP BAMBERA VISITATION -HOLY HOUR -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 PARISH 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.

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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA DEVOTION - This devotion for thirteen weeks begins Tuesday, March 26th. 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!

RECTORY-SET-COOK - See our pastor on this program helping in cooking up a meal. It's on your computer, etc. Start with going to the Diocese of Scranton website and then go to the Wyoming Valley CYC-then Rectory-Set-Cook.

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.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH - The annual Novena to St. Joseph begins this Sunday at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Rt. 315, Laflin. Masses are held daily at 12 Noon and 7 PM. Novena preacher: Oblate Father Brian J. Crawford, O.S.J., vocation director for USA Oblate Province. Masses are preceded with confessions and praying of the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena continues all week.

LIGHT IS ON-CONFESSIONS - Confessions will be heard on Monday March 11th and Tuesday, March 19th. The Deanery Penance Service at St. Nicholas is scheduled for March 11th from 5 PM - 6 PM.

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

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TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS - A Lenten prayer service will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 PM in the upper church at The Parish Community of St. Nicholas-St. Mary, 226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre
And also Thursday March 21st at 7 PM at All Saints Parish, 66 Willow Street, Plymouth.

This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Sung repetitive refrains create a gentle rhythm. The beauty of our voices united in song becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. Rob Yenkowski, the music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis choir will be the ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken at the end of the service in support of the King's College students for sharing their time and prayerful ministry. Taize Prayer will surely enhance your Lenten Season and preparation for Easter! Please plan to attend.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING - Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th 6:30 PM in the Rectory. Any parishioner interested in being a part of this committee is highly encouraged to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S WANTED - In search of Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer at all 3 of the Northeast Hospitals. If you or someone you know is a Eucharistic Minister and would like to help with the spiritual needs of the patients, please reach out to Immakara@geisinger.edu

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every 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.

OUR LADY OF HOPE ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES - Come out for our annual event! Great food and loads of fun! April 6th. Doors open at 6 PM. Post time is set for 7 PM. \$10 to purchase a horse, includes entry, door prize raffle, food and beverage. Winning horse from each race wins \$50.00! Contact Sue or Heather at the rectory for more info or to help sell horses. Horses can be purchased before Saturday masses at the ramp entrance.

LENTEN RAFFLE WINNERS:

1. John Wojtowicz
2. Florence Williams
3. E. Godleski
4. Lauren Vodzak
5. Susan Braden
6. John Molitoris III
7. Ann Bossard
8. Loretta Sufrinko
9. Carolyn Kemmerer
10. Carolyn Turinski
11. Florence Williams
12. John/Margaret Sokoloski
13. John Lynch
14. Robert Flynn
15. Matthew Franckowiak

Congratulations to all winners, prizes can be picked up at the rectory during business hours (9AM-12:30 PM) and thank you everyone for your continued support!



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

This Sunday is **LAETARE SUNDAY**, the Sunday just after the midpoint of Lent, when the Church would have us take a break from our penances and be encouraged by the fact that **EASTER** is approaching, the most wonderful of all days, when we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Today, instead of the usual somber purple of Lent, we are allowed to wear more colorful vestments, even rose colored ones. Flowers can be placed on the Altar and the music is more upbeat, so that our senses might be messengers of joy and celebration. Traditionally, on Laetare Sunday, the Pope blessed a Golden Rose at the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem in Rome. The Rose was sent to a Catholic prince or princess or to an important Church or City. The blessing used by the Pope reads in part "We beseech Thy Divine Majesty to bless and sanctify this rose, so lovely in beauty and fragrance. We are to bear it, this day in our hands, as a symbol of spiritual joy, that thus the people that are devoted to thy service being set free from the captivity of Babylon by the grace of thine only-begotten son, who is the glory and joy of Israel, may show forth, with a sincere heart, the joys of that Jerusalem which is above, and is our Mother". As we speak of the Golden Rose and the Heavenly Jerusalem, we must also speak of Mary, who prefigures in her person the spotless beauty and sanctity of the Holy City. In the litany in honor of the Blessed Mother, she is referred to as the "Mystical Rose". Her beauty is beyond all comprehension. After our lives are spent among the passing beauties of this world we hope to be admitted, if we persevere in God's grace, to see and know God as He is for all eternity. This is the true and perfect happiness, the beauty, for which we were created. In conclusion, I would like to use the words of the Introit for this Sunday's Mass from which the title Laetare derives: **Rejoice (Laetare)** with **Joy**, you that have been in sorrow that you may exult. God bless all of you as we journey to Easter Sunday, I say to all of you, "**REJOICE**".

LOTTERY WINNERS

February 28, 2024	197	Mary Kay Yurkavage
February 29, 2024	519	J Bilski
March 1, 2024	957	
March 2, 2024	996	