



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON  
WILKES-BARRE DEANERY

**LENTEN**  
**HOLY HOUR**  
*with* **Bishop Bambera**

**Monday, March 18**  
**at 7:00 P.M.**

**Our Lady of Hope Parish**  
**40 Park Avenue**  
**Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic**  
**Revival**

# 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday March 17, 2024

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

### Monday March 18, 2024

7:00 PM HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

### Tuesday March 19, 2024

8:00 AM Genevieve Buczynski - Godchild,  
Mary Frances

### Friday March 22, 2024

8:00 AM Mary English - Sons, Tony & John  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 23, 2024

4:00 PM Stanley & Gertrude Tuzinski - Son,  
Stanley

### Sunday March 24, 2024

10:30 AM Rita Petlock - Rosemary Stott

SANCTUARY VOTIVES - End of War

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$3,546.00

### LOOSE

\$325.00

### CATHOLIC RELIEF

\$260.00

### MAINTENANCE

\$212.00

### DUES

\$731.00

WELCOME BISHOP BAMBERA - It has been several years since the Bishop has visited our parish. He decided to come to Our Lady of Hope to conduct a Eucharistic Holy Hour with us and the other parishes of our Deanery. It begins at 7:00PM. The service will be the Evening Prayer of the Church with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The Bishop will present a reflection on devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We strongly encourage your attendance. Come and be a part of this very significant service. It will be this Monday March 18th.

LENTEN MEAL - This Monday, March 18th before the Service, we will have a Lenten meal consisting of homemade soup and sandwiches. We will serve those who have made a reservation. It will only be for our parishioners. It is free. It is our hope that Bishop Bambera will join us.

LENTEN PARISH OUTREACH - THANKS - We are very grateful to those with kind and generous hearts who contributed to our Outreach to children in need. It was a wonderful way to make a Lenten sacrifice. These items will be presented to those in our local community between the ages of 10-13. Previously, hundreds of basic hygienic items were deeply appreciated. Thanks and God Bless You.

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!

SPECIAL MASS ON ST. JOSEPH'S DAY - The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 19th, with a special Solemn Mass at 7:00 PM at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Rt 315, Laflin. Principal celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. Masses will also be celebrated on the Feast Day at 8:00 AM and 12 Noon.

CONFESSIONS - If you haven't attended the Penance Service at St. Nicks, you can go to confession on Tuesday, March 19th here at our parish. It will be from 5:30-6:30 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.

EASTER FLOWERS - It's that time to help donate to the purchasing of the flowers for Easter. Help beautify our church with a generous donation. Let's not let this great feast day go by without supporting this cause.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - The Campaign goes on. To day, on our goal of \$35,000.00, we are a notch over \$31,000. It is a very commendable total but the goal is still within reach based on a number who have yet to make a pledge. Please help us and our parish. It means a lot to our parish and the Diocese.

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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.

**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** - It will be on April 6th. Consider sponsoring a horse(s) for \$10 each. Also, you can sponsor a race for \$25. It's always a great time and well-received. For information, call Sue Cosgrove at the rectory during business hours Monday thru Friday. 570-824-7832. Deadline to purchase is March 20th.

### **SPRINGTIME PRAYER**

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage, "It is always springtime in the heart that loves God". Springtime is a season of optimism and hope, and the Christian lives a faith centered in hope. Winter, with it's cold and dark days has done, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond. We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord, for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring both to this world and to our heart and lives.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN** - The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:30 PM in the parish rectory. A week earlier than usual because of Easter. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**IN MEMORY** - The parish recently received a donation In Memory of Alan Tuzinski. Thank you for thinking of us in his memory.



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Holy Week is approaching. Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, the Feast of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and recounting of those events leading up to His death upon the Cross. For us as Christians the intensity of our Catholic faith increases. The time is at hand to think about the arrest, the trial, the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The time is at hand to think about the Son of God voluntarily going to the Cross. Each person needs to meditate on the meaning of the Cross. Each person needs to fathom the degree of sacrifice, the degree of humility represented in Jesus Christ going to the Cross. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians: "I am determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified". You need to determine the amount of time you will devote to the Lord during Holy Week. Beautiful Services are scheduled during Holy Week. Each Service is rich in its content. Each is rich in Scripture. Each Service directs the mind and heart and soul to the Lord. The soul of each person deserves attention throughout life. The soul deserves care throughout life. Every person must determine how much he or she will be conscious of and being to care about one's soul. The schedule for all Holy Week Services has been sent to all registered parishioners for easy reference. Please place it somewhere in your home to remind you of the times. These Services will bring oneness with Christ and one another. Enter into these beautiful moments of the Lord's Passion. For it is in suffering with Him, that we rise with Him.

*"We should really get to know each other better"*

**-GOD**

**CONGRATS-NEW MINISTERS** - We are happy to have three new altar servers. They were commissioned recently. They are: Adult Altar Server, Kathleen Kerr; And junior Altar Servers, Patrick and Liam Lakkis. God bless them all.

### **LOTTERY WINNERS**

March 6, 2024	050	
March 7, 2024	282	
March 8, 2024	901	
March 9, 2024	519	