

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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— MARK 11:9 —

Our Lady of Hope Parish
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 24, 2024

10:30 AM Rita Petlock - Rosemary Stott

Tuesday March 26, 2024

8:00 AM Mary Buckley - Niece, Mary Frances

5:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Novena

Thursday March 28, 2024 HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Until 9:00 PM

Friday March 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY

1:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday March 30, 2024 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Troops Serving our Nation

11:15 AM Blessing of Easter Baskets

Sunday March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM Deceased Beneficiaries of our parish

11:15 AM For the Children of our parish

SANCTUARY VOTIVES - World Peace

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION</u>	\$4,105.50
<u>LOOSE</u>	\$304.00
<u>DUES</u>	\$634.00
<u>EASTER FLOWERS</u>	\$1,127.00
<u>CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES</u>	\$484.00

No Office Hours on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Also, the Office Will Be Closed on Easter Monday. Please conduct anything concerning your matters on days prior and after these days.

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 - With the addition of parish funds, our Parish surpassed its goal of \$35,000.00. Many thanks for the generosity demonstrated by the pledges from many parishioners. We are still asking for donations, as anything that goes beyond our goal, 75% is returned to the parish. Don't hesitate to still make a pledge.

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, prepare our hearts to walk with you the rest of the way this Holy Week. Help us to find ourselves in this part of our story and not run from the pain and the unanswerable question contained within it. Draw us to sit with you at the Last Supper where You shared Your heart so tenderly with Your friends and also faced Your betrayer honestly and without malice. Help us to stay awake in the Garden of that Dark Night, wrestling with the death and dying that must take place in order for Your Will to come forth. Give us the wisdom to know, as You did, when it is time to lay down our life so that someday we can take it up again. Give us the grace to endure the pain of witnessing Your humiliation and rejection so that we can more gracefully endure our own. Help us to be as gut-wrenching honest as You were when You cried out "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Grant us the courage to let go when it is time. Grant us the patience to wait with You in the silence of death until You call forth the Resurrection. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your Son to save us by His blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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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CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY - The celebration of the Lord's Supper and Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. Marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the Holy Triduum, this special Mass remembers the institution of the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. A procession with the Blessed Sacrament will be at the ending of the Mass as the Eucharist will be placed in the Chapel Repository until 9:00 PM. Traditionally, three Churches are visited on this day. It is scheduled at 7:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY - It is the only day Mass is not celebrated. This special Service that begins at 1:00 PM commemorates the Passion of Our Lord. The Passion story is read, the Cross is venerated and Holy Communion is offered. **Your offerings support the Shrines in the Holy Land.**

PLEASE NOTE: Please do not light any votive candles on Good Friday. It is not allowed by Church law. The time is marked by darkness because of the death of Jesus, therefore no lights can be lit. Thank you.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS - Baskets can be blessed on Holy Saturday in the Church. It is scheduled for 11:15 AM. Place your baskets in the center aisle. Kids, don't forget your basket too.

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL - It is the Holiest of Nights. Tonight the Easter Candle is blessed, the Easter Water is blessed, we renew our baptismal promises, listen to God's Holy word and receive the bread of Life. Christ is our Light and our Salvation. It is scheduled for 8:00 pm.

CHILDREN'S EASTER MASS - We have traditionally celebrated the 11:15 AM Easter Mass for our children. We encourage families to attend this mass and have their children take part.

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!



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Holy Week is finally here. This is probably one of the earliest dates for it and Easter. My poor daffodils are breaking through the crusty earth fighting the chilly air. The birds are chirping welcoming the spring despite the elements. Baseball has begun, thank God, and as they say "Life begins on Opening Day". But the real day that life begins, truly begins, is on Easter Sunday. It is my hope that you had a beneficial Lent, spiritually, of course. There have been many opportunities to make it so. Now we begin the week that is called "Holy". We need Easter in our lives. It is a time of joy and hope. We celebrate the Good News of new life. The power of Easter is the power of the Resurrection. By the grace of God we can rise up and experience new life. We can rise up from our fears, our despairs, and our sins. And someday we will rise up from our graves to share in that perfect new life promised to us by Jesus. Well, I hope you enjoy the upcoming days this week and next. Have fun watching baseball and basketball. Don't gorge too much on the candy and kielbasa. Enjoy getting together with family and enjoying time off from school and work. But most all, make the best of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. God bless all of you and if you are traveling have a safe trip.

Many thanks to all who helped make the celebration of Bishop Bambera's visit and Holy Hour very special. We had nearly a hundred who were served the Lenten meal. Homemade soup and a sandwich was delicious. Thanks to those who made it possible. Our liturgy team and ministers did a marvelous job preparing and conducting the Service. All in all, we should be proud and very thankful. God bless our Parish.

LOTTERY WINNERS

March 13, 2024	011	
March 14, 2024	912	J & M Sokoloski
March 15, 2024	537	
March 16, 2024	858	Ruth Wren