



3rd

**SUNDAY
OF
LENT**

**Our Lady of Hope Parish
40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
570-824-7832**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 3, 2024

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

Tuesday March 5, 2024

8:00 AM John Telencio - Michael & Pamela Malast

Friday March 8, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley & Eva Wasilewski - Son Jim, Dyann & Jason

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

Saturday March 9, 2024

4:00 PM John & Mildred Ondish and Son, Ray - Daughter, Rosemarie

Sunday March 10, 2024

10:30 AM Elmer & Margaret Petlock - Family

SANCTUARY VOTIVES 1-2-3 - In Memory of Francis P. Flynn By Robert, Sharon & Sean Flynn

BLESSED MOTHER VOTIVE - In Memory of Rita Kearney By Sister, Geraldine Revitt

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,524.00
LOOSE	\$398.00
AIR CONDITION	\$647.00
FUEL	\$1,003.00

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.

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 - The drawing will take place following Sunday's mass. There was an excellent response. You can still submit your ticket returns. Thanks to those who donated. Good Luck!

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.

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 - The thirteen week Devotion in honor of St. Anthony will soon begin. The theme will continue on the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament-entitled "The Blessed Sacrament-Miracle of all Miracles."

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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL PARISH-NIGHT AT THE RACES - Saturday, March 16th in Bernadine Hall, 13 Hudson Road, Plains. Doors open at 6 PM. Post time is 7 PM. Admission is \$10 and includes food (Haluski, Wimpies, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot Dogs, and Pizza) and Refreshments. Must be 21 years of age to enter. \$10 per horse - \$100 Sponsor per race.

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).

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

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT - Recently, we received a gift of \$1,000.00 from the Ellen McNeil Estate. Please consider our parish in your will. Besides family, it would be wonderful to remember the parish. The parish needs that little extra to pay its many bills and assessments.

SUNDAY RELECTION

Jesus strongly reacted in Jerusalem when He drove out the money changers in the Temple. Remembering the psalm from Scripture, “Zeal for your house will consume me,” imagine the disciples witnessing their beloved leader’s assertive rampage of the temple that day. He was chasing away all that wasn’t right and holy in the sanctuary of God. Jesus’ righteous anger and firm actions were a clear sign from the beginning of His ministry that He would fiercely protect God’s house, His truths, and teachings. He was serious about His mission to teach us to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him. Jesus showed us we could trust Him to keep us on the right path to heaven. Just as Jesus was consumed with zeal for the Father’s house in the Jerusalem Temple, He is also serious about His pursuit and protection of our souls, the temple of the Holy Spirit. He wants to keep us on track to our goal of heaven. Jesus suffered and died for our sins and then resurrected from the dead so that we may have the hope of everlasting life in heaven. If something or someone is blocking our relationship with God, making us less loving and less willing to sacrifice our selfish desires, Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to help us surrender our hearts to His Holy Will. He will pursue us with zealous passion; all we need to do is be open, listen, and follow Him. Jesus’ passionate invitation and promise of heaven are there in front of us, but we must decide to answer His call, make our path straight, follow His Way to heaven, and lead others to join us. A consistent prayer life, studying Sacred Scripture, participation in the Mass, and frequent reception of the Sacraments, along with love and service to others, are sure ways to cooperate with God’s grace and strengthen our virtue and sanctity. This will surely lead to a zealous life for God and will likely draw others to Christ, too.

In what ways are you ready to commit your life and total trust more fully to the Lord?

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



FROM THE PASTOR

Lent can be a good time to reflect on the people who mean the most to us and the relationships we hold most dear. For most of us who live in such a busy country, it can be jarring to realize that our time together as a family might amount to no more than a few minutes a day or even a week or month. Our lives are independent as we scatter in different directions each day for work, school or childcare. This season of reflection and renewal might be an appropriate time to pray about family lives and how we can be more thoughtful and prayerful about Lent as a family. Perhaps we can hold a family discussion over dinner or after dinner. We could talk about Lent using the booklets provided by our Church. Maybe say one decade of the rosary meditating on the sorrowful mysteries. We can talk about our family traditions or heritage this time of the year, remembering our grandparents or visiting them. Our Lenten family practice might include a daily act of love for our family. Can we look around and see some small thing that needs to be done to make our lives together better? Is there laundry to sort or dishes to be washed? Is there a floor that needs sweeping or a room that needs dusting. Just one effort by each one of us can make a dramatic difference in sharing the workload of the family. The grace we are reaching for goes beyond getting the garbage taken out for example. We know it is a grace when my experience of taking the garbage out, feels to me like an act of love as a family. And please, don’t forget grandma and grandpa and that relative, too. This never is simply a matter between Jesus and me. It always has something to do with my family and my relationships, but we are here for each other. What patterns that we have need of, are reflections and common family choices and actions this Lent.

Recently, we received a donation In Memory of Theresa Ann Stackonis. We are grateful to the Stackonis family for thinking of our parish at this time.

LOTTERY WINNERS

February 21, 2024	712	Bill Smart
February 22, 2024	886	Joe D.
February 23, 2024	508	Ron Royek
February 24, 2024	999	Susan B.