

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, deep purple. The text is located in the upper right corner.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5th Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025



Sunday April 6

10:30 AM Christian Royek– Dad & Mom

Tuesday April 8

8:00 AM Stanley J. Buckley–Godchild, Mary Frances

5:30 PM St. Anthony Padua Novena

Friday April 11

8:00 AM Regina Burcha– Patricia Graziosi

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 12 Easter Drawing after Mass

4:00 PM Anthony, Frances & Frank Kijek and
Joseph & Mary Kumor– Sandy, Carl & Family

Sunday April 13

10:30 AM Frances E. Braden– Husband, Bruce
And Family

Sanctuary Votives– World Peace

Sacred Heart Votive– In Memory of Christian Royek
By Uncle Bob, Aunt Sharon & Sean

Blessed Mother– John & Joseph Procida
By Caroline Graziano

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$3,348.00
<u>Loose</u>	\$257.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	\$580.00
<u>Fuel</u>	\$985.00
<u>Catholic Relief</u>	\$269.00

Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera– It will be conducted at St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish on Monday, April 7th at 7PM. This is held as part of the Jubilee Year celebration. All are welcome!

Penance Service– This Tuesday, April 8th, the Deanery Penance Service is scheduled. It begins at 5 PM. This is your opportunity to for the Easter celebration. There will be several priests including Father Terry and Father Ghezzi. Be sure to come early as there is anticipated a crowd. Be at peace with yourself and with God, come to confession.

Palm Sunday Procession– Next Sunday will be the Palm Sunday Procession. Children are reminded to bring appropriate noise makers.
(e.g. bells, whistles, drums, etc.)

Easter Raffle– All families should have received a book of 10 raffle tickets in the mail for our Easter Drawing. Great cash prizes are listed along with gift cards and baskets to win!

(And a couple surprise gifts not listed)

Please use the envelope in the mailing to return stubs with payment. It can also be dropped in the offertory basket at mass. Contact the rectory if you'd like more tickets! Drawing to be held April 12th after 4PM mass.

St. Anthony of Padua Devotion– This special devotion is unique to our parish. No other parish celebrates St. Anthony of Padua and his intercessor's reach to our needs and those who are not practicing the faith. Many are in our own families. The reflection is on “suffering” and our Christian appreciation of this issue. It is on every Tuesday for thirteen consecutive weeks. The blessing of the relic is administered. All are welcome. It starts at 5:30 PM.

Lenten Outreach - This Lent we ask you to make a special sacrifice in purchasing hygienic items for 11, 12 and 13 year old children. They are very poor and suffer greatly due to a lack of the basic necessities. The request is for Boys and Girls deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, hair ties, hair gel, tampons, maxi-pads, Boys and Girls soap. Please Note: Baskets for your donations are by the altar railings. Please place them in the baskets.

RSVP to Father Terry's 50th Anniversary Celebration Extended

Due to numerous requests, we have extended the deadline to respond to Father's celebration dinner at Mohegan PA. All reservations are due by April 22nd.

*Wilkes-Barre Twp has offered their bus for transportation to and from the church to the reception for anyone without their own transport.
(Thanks Mayor Kuren!) Please call the rectory to reserve a seat. Seats are limited, first come first serve.

Christian Women– The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 PM in the rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Plans are being made for a Mother's Day Dinner to be held on Wednesday May 28, at 5:30 PM at the Holiday Inn, Wilkes-Barre, PA. All women of the parish are invited to the dinner. To make a reservation, please contact Sue Cosgrove at the rectory.

5th Sunday of Lent

Dual Reflections

Please Note: Because of the scrutinies, at the 10:30 mass, we will be using the Readings from Cycle A. They will be used for the three Sundays before Holy Week.

4:00 Mass:

This jubilee year reminds us that we are pilgrims of hope.

Our lives are a pilgrimage and the season of Lent is a concentration of that journey. This time of penitence, of sacrifice, and of suffering is our pilgrimage to the cross, the scene and sign of Jesus' greatest sacrifice. But our faith tells us that neither the cross nor death is the end. Therefore, we can be pilgrims of hope, confident that our journeys through Lent and through life will not end in death, but in new life. May our hope for salvation encourage us as we approach the holiest week of the year.

10:30 Mass:

On this final Scrutiny Sunday we hear one of the most dramatic stories in any of the Gospels: the raising of Lazarus. Four days after he was buried, Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb. When Lazarus emerges, Jesus orders the onlookers to untie his burial cloths, which had bound him in death. Today we are invited to consider what sins are binding us to death so that we can free ourselves and others from them and find new life in Christ, for he is truly the resurrection and the life.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us in to tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Rice Bowl— If you exercise this Lenten Practice, bring them in by next weekend. Your sacrifice will be given to help feed the hungry in poverty regions of the world. God bless you.

Stations of the Cross— This is your last chance to walk with Our Lord to Calvary. It is also one when we bring our cross to Him. He wanted to help us to carry our own.

***Our bulletin company is reaching out to businesses that wish to insert an ad on the back of our weekly bulletins. If you are interested in having them contact you, please let Heather at that rectory know.**

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**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Holy Week is approaching. Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, the Feast of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and the 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 Son of God voluntarily going to the cross. Each person needs to meditate on the meaning of the Cross. Each person needs to try 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 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 week 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. Every person must determine how much he or she will be conscious of and begin to care about one's soul. How about you? The schedule of 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. It is also on our website announcements. These services will bring a 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 will rise with Him.

Requesting Mass Intentions: We are still accepting mass requests for 2025 AND we are ready to take mass requests for the 2026 calendar year. Call the rectory during normal business hours to schedule. M-F 9-12 PM 570.824.7832

St. Joseph's Table— During this month, the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is in need of **Peanut Butter**. Many of you have been so kind and generous. Jesus said, "Feed the Hungry."

Mark Your Calendars! Our Lady of Hope's Annual Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Horses are now for sale, \$10/horse. You can reach out to Sue at the rectory to purchase and if you can help out and sell horses. Sponsors are also needed! \$25/Sponsor.