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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

# 5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



## Sunday May 18

10:30 AM Vincent Aleo– Wife, Barbara and Family

## Tuesday May 20

8:00 AM Ruth Family– Mary Ruth

5:30 PM St. Anthony Padua Novena

## Friday May 23

8:00 AM Deceased Members of Kalafut & Terry Families– Father Terry

## Saturday May 24

4:00 PM Julia & Charles Elick– Daughter-in-law Maureen Elick

## Sunday May 25

10:30 AM Vincent Aleo– Wife, Barbara and Family

Sanctuary Votives– World Peace

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$4,076.00
<u>Loose</u>	\$363.00
<u>Taxes</u>	\$904.00
<u>Catholic Communications Campaign</u>	\$183.00

Christian Women– The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet for May on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at Holiday Inn W-B, 600 Wildflower Dr. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Cost is \$25 and reservations can be made by calling Sue at the rectory 570.824.7832.

Reservation deadline is Wednesday May 21, 2025.

*If you would like to purchase a DVD of Fr. Terry's 50th Anniversary Mass & Banquet Celebration that was held on May 4th, please make check for \$15 made payable to John Beierle and mail it to Bogusko Music at 1150 Wilkes-Barre Twp. Blvd., W-B, PA 18702. A flash drive of all photos taken can also be purchased for \$45. Make check payable to Curt Salonick. Please place your orders by June 10th.*

St. Joseph's Table– For the month of May we are requesting Non-Dairy Creamer. Your donation goes a long way to help relieve local hunger. God bless those who are generous for the cause.

## Annual Catholic Women's Conference NEPA-

This year's women's conference at Marywood University in Scranton, PA is scheduled for Friday June 6 and June 7th. For more info and to register, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference-registration/>

## Be Not Afraid

What God wants most for each of us is to be happy with Him in Heaven. He uses the world to shape us and give us qualities that will help us get there untainted by sin. "Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand..." (Jeremiah 18:6). Sometimes that means allowing us to undergo trials that cleanse and strengthen us.

**Don't judge a gift by its ugly wrapping paper.** Some virtues can only be acquired through hardship. Avoiding discomfort will cause you to miss out on experiences God wants you to have. While they may be uncomfortable, God would remove them at once if they weren't good for your soul.

**"Pray, hope and don't worry."** This famous advice from St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is both comforting and practical. Many of tomorrow's troubles exist only in our minds. Live your trust in God by refusing to think about what might happen and instead deal with what is happening right now. Refuse to worry. "Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"

**Accept aid.** When overwhelmed, we may overlook the help God is already providing, mistakenly believing we must face challenges alone. This mindset can lead to pride– the temptation to act without God.

Instead, stay open to help from others, seek guidance in Scripture and Church teachings, and remain rooted in prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Once your storm passes, you'll be prepared to support others through theirs.

Pilgrimage to Padre Pio Shrine– We are happy to announce that the reservations for the trip is full. No further reservations are being accepted. The pilgrimage is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th. Departure is at 7:30 AM from Park and Ride on Rt 309 across from McDonalds. Departure from the shrine will be 3:30 PM with a stop for dinner on return, at one's own expense. Snacks provided on bus– but pack a lunch to be eaten on the grounds. Any info or cancellation, call Theresa Lisiewski @570.862.6298. By the way, pray for your miracle.

Nite at the Races– Doors open at 6:00 PM. Post time is 7:00 PM. Tickets are also sold at the entrance. Sincere thanks to all who supported the event. Good Luck and Off to the Races!

**Volunteers Needed! Flag placement on Veteran's Graves , St. Mary's Maternity, West Wyoming Cemetery:**

**Monday May 19th– 9:00 AM**

**Wednesday May 21st– 10:00 AM**

**Friday May 23rd– Noon**

**Please call Grace Kovalik to volunteer: 570.814.2810**

**Prayers for Soldiers and their Families**

This coming Saturday, May 17th, is a special day for those who have served, fought and even lost their lives for the freedom of our country, and the freedom of others is honored. Armed Forces day dates back to 1949. May we take a little time to pause, reflect and thank those who have served and do service, keeping America safe and protecting the lives of others around the world. And so we pray: Dear Lord and Father, I thank You for those who have served, do serve and will one day serve in the Armed Forces. I thank you for their courage and bravery, putting themselves in the line of fire to protect the innocent. I thank You for the sacrifices made to protect others all over the world and here at home. Lord, I ask that You give them strength in the knowledge that You are standing by their side. I pray for your angels to protect them when on active duty. Lord, please keep their families safe. Thank you Lord for your grace and mercy. In Jesus name. Amen.

**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

**Family Love: Vocation to Path and Holiness**

Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family. We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church. We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy.



**FROM  
THE  
PASTOR**

It surprises me that many **Catholics think that Easter ends on Easter Sunday**. Heavily influenced by secular society and the madness of advertisement of the next sale, to many it's all over at the end of the day. Easter, like Christmas, isn't a one day celebration. They both have a season. Ancient records show that besides celebrating Easter Sunday, an **Easter Season of 50 days** was celebrated as far back as the beginning of the third century. There was no fasting or kneeling. It was not a time for penitential practices. It was a time to exult in God's goodness. **Why is Easter so long? Because the Resurrection is just too big and too important to celebrate in only one day, or even one week!**

Why 50 days, not 10, 20 or 40? Because the Jewish Feast of Pentecost occurred 50 days after Passover and this 50 day stretch between Passover and Pentecost was already in place. For Christians it became one great feast, the longest feast ever. They called it a "Week of weeks" because it lasted seven weeks.

Truly, the Easter Season is the Church's most ancient and beautiful Season. For the 50 days until Pentecost, in the Sunday Gospels, we'll find the Risen Christ by a lakeshore, on a mountain top, and coming through closed doors. The Paschal Candle will burn brightly in our Church as we, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, feel our hearts burning within us and experience the fire of His love. Now a new "resolution" may be in order, not a Lenten resolution, but one for the rest of the year. Every morning when you arise like the sun on the gift of a new day of life, take a minute or two and pray or reflect in silence. It is in us to pray. We were made for it, and we're physically healthier and happier when we pray. And when you begin praying regularly, surprises will happen.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** -The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started as an act of Service for the Community of Our Lady of Hope and its friends. If you are interested in joining, we would love to have you. We can teach you. We could supply you with yarn and needles if you need, as well as teach you. We meet in person Mondays, from 1 to 3 pm. in the rectory. You can even work from home and belong to the ministry. If you know of anyone in need or comfort of a blessed shawl or supplies, call the ministry. Contact Helene Jewell for more information.