



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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May 4, 2025



Sunday May 4

10:30 AM Maryann Charnichko– Family
2:00 PM For My Family– Father John S. Terry

Tuesday May 6

8:00 AM John & Marie Siemon– Daughter,
Dyann & Jason Wasilewski
5:30 PM **St. Anthony Padua Novena**

Friday May 9

8:00 AM Len & Jean Conwell– Ron & Pat Royek

Saturday May 10

4:00 PM Margaret & John Kinsel Sr. and
Dorothy & John Kinsel Jr.—Mary Johann Sobeck

Sunday May 11

10:30 AM George Kebles– Jewell & Kebles
Families

Sanctuary Votives– In Memory of Grace & Charles
Revitt– By Daughter-in-law, Geraldine

Blessed Mother Votive– In Memory of Arthur J. Long
By Son, David and Family

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$5,726.00
<u>Loose</u>	\$479.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	\$660.00
<u>Holy Trinity Cemetery Bear Creek</u>	\$236.00
<u>St. Mary's Maternity Cemetery W Wyom</u>	\$563.00
<u>Catholic Home Missions Appeal</u>	\$267.00

Christian Women– The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet for May on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at a dinner at Holiday Inn W-B, 600 Wildflower Dr. 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.

St. Joseph's Table– The request for the month of May will be **Non-Dairy Creamer**. What a good way to celebrate the Jubilee Year by acts of charity. A special indulgence is granted to those who go to confession, participate in a pilgrimage to a Holy Place and donate something to the poor.

Night at the Races– Our Lady of Hope's Annual Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Doors open at 6 PM, Post Time is 7PM.

Horses are now for sale, \$10/horse, includes entry, food and beverage. If you do not purchase a horse, but wish to attend, \$5 entry fee. Tickets are being sold at the ramp entrance of the parish. You can also reach out to Sue at the rectory to purchase and if you can help out and sell horses, that would greatly be appreciated. Accepting Sponsors! \$25/Sponsor.

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/>

Pilgrimage Reservations– St. Padre Pio Shrine

Pilgrimage is scheduled to National Shrine of Padre Pio in Barta, PA near Allentown. During this Jubilee Year, in which we can gain the indulgence, it will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025. The cost will be \$55.00 and includes bus transportation, driver tip, snacks and refreshments on the bus. We will depart at 7:30 AM from Park and Ride on 309 across from McDonalds. We will leave the Shrine around 3:30 PM with a dinner stop on the way home at your own expense. You can pack a lunch to eat on the grounds. For more details and reservations, please call Theresa Lisiewski @ 570.862.6298

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

Mother's Day Mass Intention– Next Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day. We honor our mother, grandmothers and hearts of those who are like our mother. We acknowledge them in many ways– a bouquet of flowers, a box of candy, a dinner out, a visit to the cemetery. As Catholics, we believe the Mass touches God's heart on their behalf. Did you consider to offer a special mass on their behalf? They will be remembered throughout May.

Special Meeting– Father Terry would like to have a meeting with the combined Parish Council and Finance Committee. They will play an important part in the transition of pastors. TBD.

Cemetery Water– For the past several months, we have contacted American Water to correct a broken pipe leading into our Wyoming Cemetery. We've contacted the American Water Company, our attorney, the Diocesan Cemetery Dept and many calls all to no avail. We will continue to do our best until this issue is resolved.

Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother?

In the well-know Marian apparitions approved by the Church– Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho– the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith. For example, the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary's appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.

Poured Out– As Jesus spoke to Peter after his Resurrection, he invited his disciple to leave behind the potential of his youth and embrace a life fully poured out for God's glory. Peter's journey reminds us that potential is valuable only when it is actualized, when it becomes action in service of others and the Kingdom of God. Like Peter, we are called not to cling to our freedom and independence, but to use our gifts to glorify God in both life and death. The Gospel invites us to consider how we are using the gifts and opportunities God has entrusted to us. Are we holding onto potential, waiting for the "perfect" time, or are we stepping forward in faith to say, "Yes, Lord?" True freedom is found not in keeping our lives for ourselves but in giving them away for a greater purpose. This week, reflect on where God is calling you to be poured out in service. Whether through small daily acts or major life decisions, let your life– and eventually your death– be a testimony to God's love and faithfulness. Pick your spot, say yes, and let God be glorified through you.



FROM THE PASTOR

Praised be Jesus Christ! My dear parishioners, as I celebrate my 50th anniversary in the priesthood, I have so many wonderful memories of those years of my life spent here in our beloved valley. It all began in the summer of 1974 when I was assigned as a Deacon at St. Mary's Immaculate Church in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Little did I know what would lie ahead. While there, I was assigned as Director of the Catholic Youth Center. It was a wonderful experience getting to know so many young people but also those who invested so much of their time, talents and treasure for the sake of the mission of the CYC. It was a wonderful and joyful time spent there. I shall always remember. My pastoral assignments would continue locally for the rest of my days. I have seen several generations of families and friends. Not too many priests have had this unique opportunity. Looking back, I am so grateful to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother for the grace to face the challenges that we have experienced in today's church. To quote that famous phrase, "It was the best of times and the worst of times." My grateful heart goes out to so many who have supported and encouraged me over these years. As I look to the future, I ask that you pray for me, but also for our church. None of us know what tomorrow will bring but with hope and trust in God, we will be optimistic and BE BLESSED! Thank you and God Bless You.

Let Us Pray

We thank you for the gift, and for the faithful service of all priests. On this special day of Father Terry's 50th anniversary, we thank you for his dedication, love and sacrifice in serving Your people. Lord, continue to bless him with strength, and grace. May he always be guided by Your Holy Spirit in his ministry, and may his heart remain steadfast in faith, ever faithful to Your call. Grant him the courage to lead with compassion, the humility to serve, and the joy that he is an instrument of Your love. We pray for his continue spiritual growth, and the support of all he serves. May he be always filled with Your peace and light of Christ, shining bright in the world.

Amen