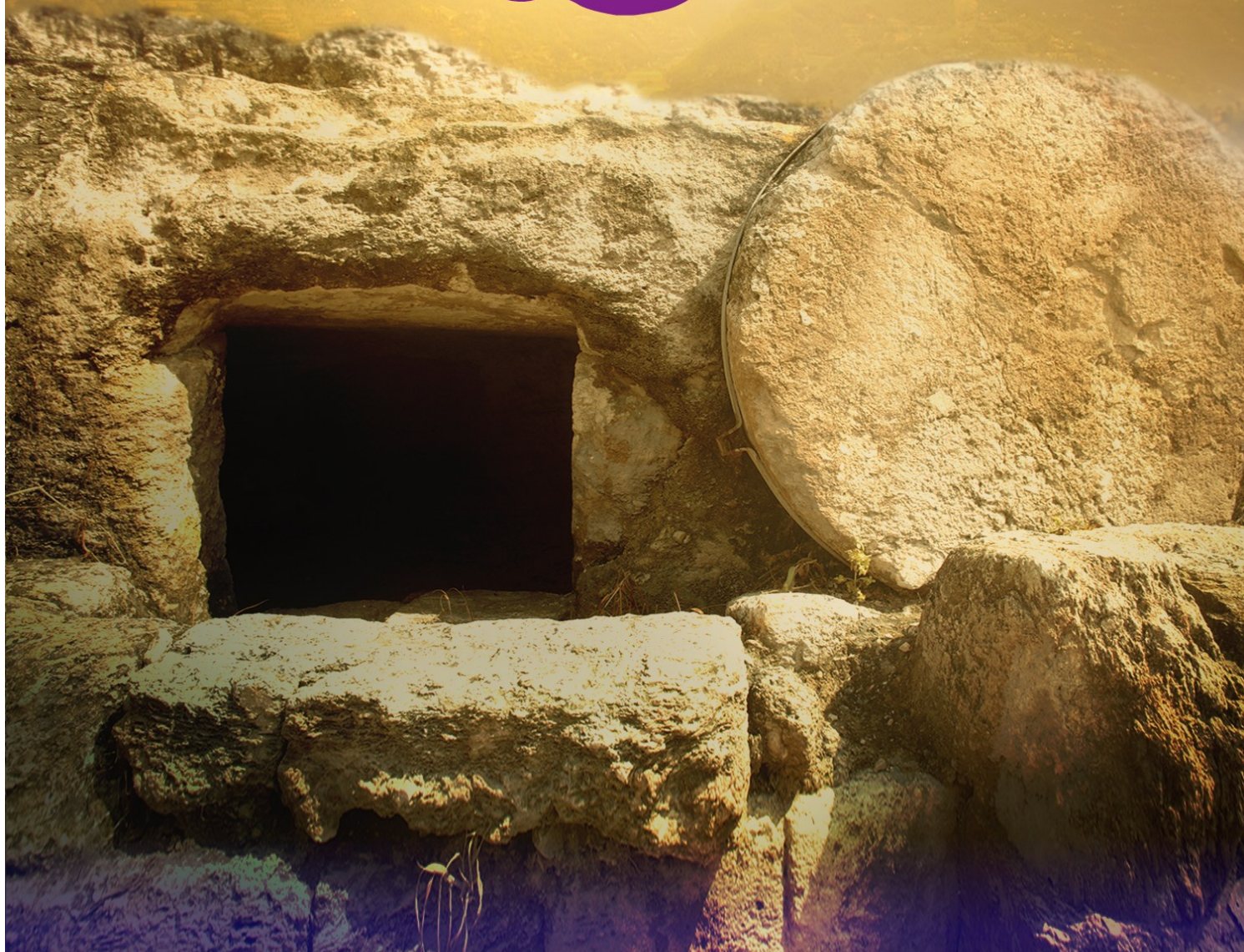


EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord



Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Benefactors of our Parish

11:15 AM Children of our Parish

Tuesday April 22

8:00 AM Stella Krakovsky– Son, Albert

5:30 PM **St. Anthony Padua Novena**

Friday April 25

8:00 AM James Wasilewski– Wife, Dyann &
Jason Wasilewski

Saturday April 26

4:00 PM Mary Buckley– Niece, Mary Frances

Sunday April 27

10:30 AM Bonnie Wasilewski– Bonk Family

Sanctuary Votives– In Memory of Ed & Paula
Elgonitis– By Family

Blessed Mother Votive– In Memory of Lena Flynn–
By Son, Bob, Sharon and Sean

Easter Welcome– A warm welcome to all who have come to celebrate Easter 2025. We especially welcome those who have been away for some time or visiting from other areas. Easter is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends here at Our Lady of Hope Parish and at home. My prayer is that Christ whose Resurrection we now celebrate, may dwell in your homes and throughout this season of joy!

Easter Vigil– We congratulate Abraham and Sofia Rubalcava on the reception into the Catholic Church on the Vigil of Easter. It is a very special time for them and for our parish family. Our special thanks to Deacon Bill and Jean Behm for their dedication in helping in the formation of these two. It took a lot of love and time to share the faith with them. God Bless them all.

Thank You– A special word of thanks to all those who helped our parish this Easter. To all of those who beautified our church, all ministers of God's Word, Service at the Altar, music ministry, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Sacristans. We are so grateful!

Easter Offering– Please make a generous contribution this Easter. This is a special time when we need your help as to financially continue our services. Much can be taken for granted, as we all know, these days. But good people like yourselves respond with gifts of yourselves and treasure. Thank you.

Children's Mass– Following this mass, each child will receive a container of Easter Bubbles. We advise them and their parents not to use them in church until they get home. Instead of balloons, may the bubbles burst with joy as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection.

Lenten Outreach - This is the last week! 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.

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.

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. You can 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/>

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Reflection

Alleluia! He is risen! Jesus Christ, having made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our sins, has been raised from the dead. He has atoned for our sins and conquered death. Neither death nor sin have the final say any longer. We are a people redeemed, pilgrims of hope on a journey to new life. We gather today in joy in this holy place to hear the testimony of his earliest disciples, to renew our baptismal promises, and to partake in the Eucharistic feast and receive the risen Lord. Truly, this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Easter Meal Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for bringing us together for this meal: may we continue to live in your friendship and in harmony with one another. Bless this food, a sign of your loving care for us, and bless us in our daily lives. Bless your church throughout the world, and all who seek to do your will today. Father of mercy, all praise to you through Jesus Christ our Risen Saviour, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

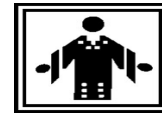
The Jubilee Prayer

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

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



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Firstly, I want to wish all of you a Blessed Easter with your family and friends! As we know, the world around us seems to be in turmoil. The wars in Ukraine and other countries in our world are causing so much destruction, death and misery for the war torn people of those countries. And of course, the Covid 19 virus is still making people ill and causing long-lasting hardships for many parts of our economy. Yet, through all the things happening in the world around us, one thing is certain: Christ is Risen from the dead! Wow, just reflect upon those words for a moment. No matter what is happening around us, Christ is still our Lord and Saviour and did for us to grant eternal life in heaven! Too often in our lives, we forget the power of Christ's Resurrection. Our worldly concerns seem too much to overcome. We sometimes become too focused on the negative events happening in the world and in our lives. We forget about the Resurrection of Christ that helps all of us be resurrected from our own physical death. If we truly believe in the power of the Resurrection of Christ, we will not let the things of this world get us too distressed and worried. Christ has overcome all the evil and sin of this world through His death and sacrifice on the cross. We need to rejoice in this Resurrection and say to one another constantly: Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is!

Blessings,

Fr. Terry, Deacon Bill and Fr. Ghezzi

**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 now 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.
*Please note, the anniversary mass is a Sunday Mass and counts for your Sunday observance. You need not go to any other mass that weekend.