

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*



# 4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



## Sunday May 11

10:30 AM George Kebles– Jewell & Kebles  
Families

## Tuesday May 13

8:00 AM Martin Jayma– Mom  
5:30 PM St. Anthony Padua Novena

## Friday May 16

8:00 AM William and Ann Krushin– Grandson,  
Norbert Falkowski & Wife, Patty

## Saturday May 17

4:00 PM Arthur Long– Bonk Family

## Sunday May 18

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

Sanctuary Votives– For all Mothers and  
Grandmothers, living and deceased

Sacred Heart Votive– In Memory of George Kebles–  
By Jewell & Kebles Families

Blessed Mother Votive– In Memory of Louis  
Marsicano and Frank Procida– By Caroline Graziano

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$3,067.00
<u>Loose</u>	\$177.00
<u>Education of Priest/Clergy</u>	\$332.00
<u>Diocesan Charity Offering</u>	\$330.00

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.

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. This is your last week-end to purchase horses in advance.

## 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/>

Celebration of First Holy Communion– There are days in our life that we'll never forget. The day we reached our First Holy Communion is such a day. Do you remember yours? After a year of Religious Training under Michele Missal and Corinne Bonk, they are prepared for three beautiful boys to receive their First Communion. They may not entirely understand it, but by the grace of God, He will live in them. They are Colton Stilp, Oliver Pachick and Xanti Sosa. Also, our three students receiving Confirmation this year will be crowning the Blessed Mother. They are Natalie Bensavage, Brynn Sedon and Haydee Hernandez. God bless them and all who helped them to know God's precious gift of Himself.

**Thank you to those that made a donation in memory of Barbara Wren, we are grateful for you thinking of the church at this time.**

**Also, a heartfelt thank you to John Bielecki for making a donation to the church in memory of his loving wife, Mooneen.**

## To My Mother

*Because I feel that, in the Heavens above,  
The angels, whispering to one another,  
Can find, among their burning terms of love,  
None so devotional as that of "Mother,"  
Therefore by that dear name I long have called you-  
You who are more than mother unto me,  
And fill my heart of hearts, where Death installed you  
In setting my Virginia's spirit free.  
My mother– my own mother, who died early,  
Was but the mother of myself; but you  
Are mother to the one I loved so dearly,  
And thus are dearer than the mother I knew  
By that infinity with which my wife  
Was dearer to my soul than its soul-life.*

**REFLECTION**

In the midst of the “noise” of our lives, in the clamor of the expectations made of us, in our mad dash to secure the lifestyles we want (or think we want) for ourselves and our families, the voice of Christ the good Shepherd “speaks” to us in the depths of our hearts, in the pull of our consciences, in the emptiness of our spirits. It is the voice we hear asking the questions we don’t want to confront, inviting us to places we’d rather not go, warning us of the dangers that lie ahead. To hear the voice of Christ demands that we come out of the soundproof isolation of our own interests and “listen” deliberately and intentionally to the struggling, the poor, and those in crisis. To hear that voice in our “noisy” lives is not easy; to “listen” to his Word requires both attention and intention. But in responding to the voice of the Good shepherd, we begin to live lives of purpose and meaning; we begin to mend the brokenness of our hearts, we begin to experience “resurrection” in the everyday “deaths” we suffer.

**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**

Last week I was given a wonderful tribute on the occasion of my 50th anniversary. My heart overflowed with gratitude to you and others. It was of course joyful but there was a bitter sweet feeling in my heart. Many days with you will eventually come to conclusion. That’s the bitter part and the sweet part is the privilege of priesthood and in my small way/serving god and His people. This is Mother’s Day weekend. I cannot help but think about my mother as you think about yours. You know, we first see the face of God in our parents. It is an imperfect image, but there we see first God and understand His love. Others contributed, like my grandmother. As I think back I can only say that I was blessed greatly by having such a mother. She was a beautiful looking woman, but more beautiful inside. That inner beauty radiated itself in the tenderness and love she demonstrated to me, my dad and brother. In every room she had placed some sacred image of Our Lord and His Holy Mother. Every night, she read to me Biblical stories from Uncle Arthur’s Bed Time Stories. We prayed especially the rosary. Sunday mass was so special as she dressed me in my Sunday best. She taught me to respect the parish priest and the good sisters who taught me in school. As she succumbed to her terminal illness, she never accused God but prayed for courage and eventually peace. Go bless her again and may He bless all of our mothers and those who showed His face as now she and other mothers see His face in heaven.

**Anniversary Thanks**– It’s not often that we celebrate a priest’s 50th anniversary. Last week’s celebration was a tribute not only to our pastor but all of those who contributed a lot of their time and efforts. May God bless all of you. You touched the life of an old priest. Pray for him.