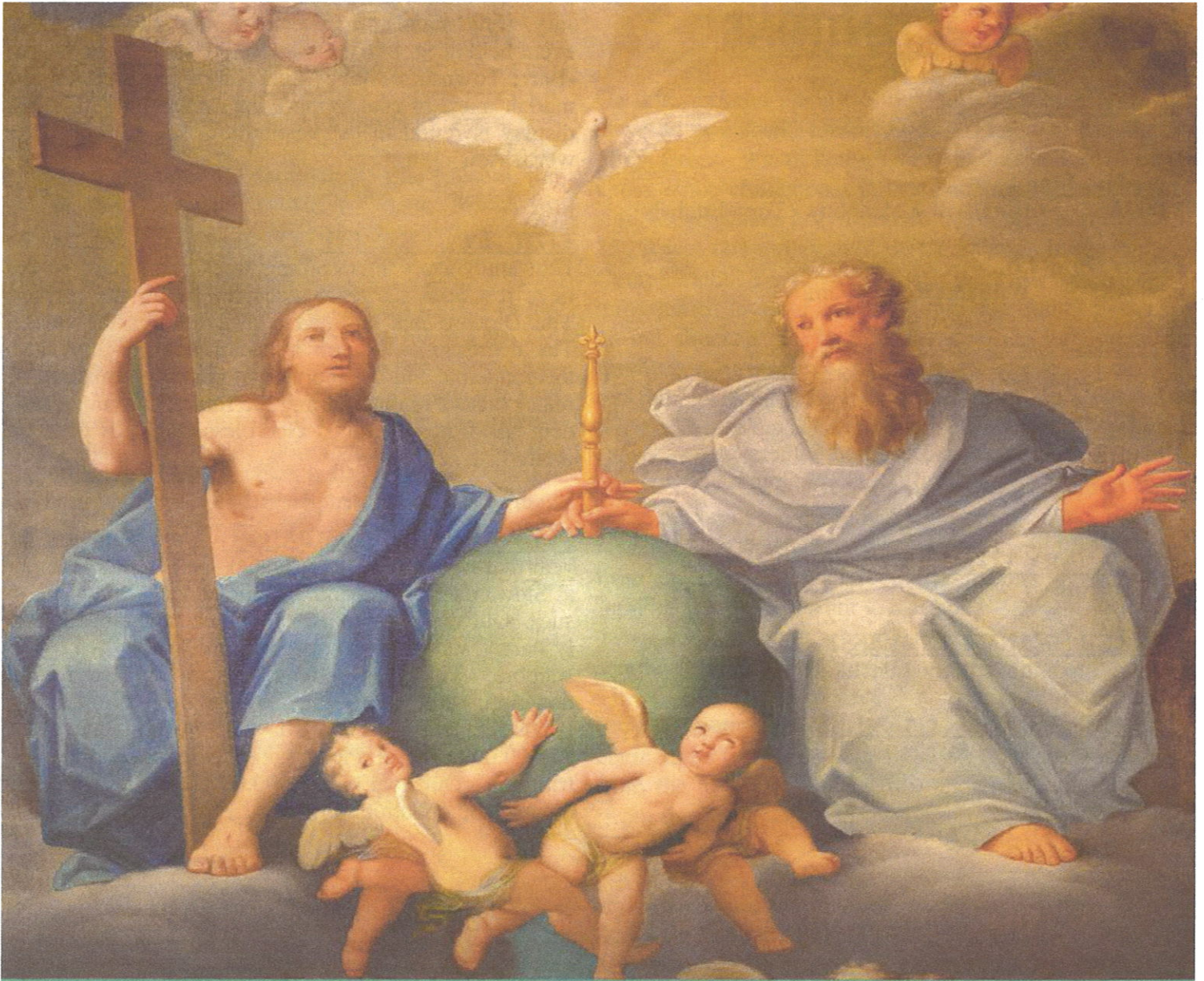


# *Our Lady of Hope Parish*



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.” - Jn 16:14-15





## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, June 12

10:30 AM Carl Check - Michael Check

### Tuesday, June 14

8:00AM Honor of St. Anthony - Tony English

### Friday, June 17

8:00 AM Williams Reiss - Family

### Saturday, June 18

4:00 PM Mary Jeanne Linker - Mary Jean &  
Jerry Vikara & Family

### Sunday, June 19

10:30AM Living & Deceased Fathers &  
Grandfathers

**SANCTUARY VOTIVES:** For all Fathers  
& Grandfathers

**SACRED HEART CANDLES:** In Memory of  
Stanley Elgonitis & Peter Talacka - By Family

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES:** In Memory of  
Lori Biscotti - Dave & Theresa Talacka

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b>	\$3,552.00
<b>LOOSE:</b>	\$45.00
<b>CLERGY:</b>	\$198.00
<b>CHARITIES</b>	\$372.00

**PASTOR AWAY** - Father Terry will be attending a Priest's Gathering this week and will be away. Father Richard will celebrate the daily scheduled Masses. In case of an emergency, please call Theresa at 570-817-9622 or Sue at 570-885-8766.

**FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS** - Father's Day is just around the corner, June 19. Will you remember to add your dad's or granddad's names to the list to be prayed for with a spiritual bouquet? We love them and they need our prayers. Touch God's heart in this special way.

### REMEMBERING THE 1919 BALTIMORE MINE DISASTER

It's been three years since we held the 100th anniversary, truly an historic event. Since that memorable event held at St. Mary's Maternity Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre Township, Mayor Carl Kuren procured a grave marker made of coal to mark the miners burial site. A display is found in the vestibule of the Church. It's worth viewing it.

**12TH. ANNIVERSARY** - Our Parish is recognizing its 12th anniversary this coming week. It's hard to believe it's been 12 years since we began the merger. The Diocese has outlined a program for the future. The decrease in Church attendance, especially since the pandemic and the shortage of priests continue to be major factors in determining the future. Having a resident pastor is a blessing. God bless Our Lady of Hope on its 12th anniversary.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** - It's that time of the year that we address our financial needs with our annual Stewardship Campaign. We face large financial issues. Our weekly offerings are crucial but unfortunately barely address our expenses. We really need your support. This year we could use an increase in your donation. We usually ask for \$100.00 per household. If possible add a few more dollars. Several have given \$1,000.00 or more. Please consider repeating that contribution. Our goal is \$25,000.00. It is never an easy request and donation. Please do your best.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA** - It has come to an end. Our thanks to all who attended to keep this devotion alive. It is our hope that we can continue it in the fall.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - Ryan Bilski, a member of our parish, and an altar server, recently was awarded the honor of being an Eagle Scout. Ryan is the son of Mike and Joan Bilski. Ryan is an honor roll student at Holy Redeemer High School. He has achieved numerous awards for academic achievements. He also played for Holy Redeemer's Football Team. At a young age, he founded and manages a Lawn Care Company. God bless you Ryan. Congrats from us all!



## REFLECTION

What don't you know that you hope God will reveal to you? What have you been asking Jesus to tell you that is still unanswered? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that there is more He'd like to tell us but we can't handle it yet. Why aren't we ready for it? Because we have to first let the Holy Spirit prepare us. We have to let God transform something within us, and until we surrender to that process, the truth is more of a burden than a blessing, which we readily reject. Everything that Jesus said and did came from the Father through the Holy Spirit. God gave us that same Spirit, that same Wisdom, that same Truth, but the gift is useless unless we submit to the Spirit's purifying activity. Of the Trinity, it's the Father who forgives sins. It's Jesus who delivers the forgiveness. And it's the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us and empowers us to go and sin no more. In the confessional, the priest is the presence of Jesus and the whole Body of Christ (which is the Church). Absolution is an action of His Holy Spirit, but it's more than just the removal of guilt; it replaces the sinful vice with the virtue that will help us avoid that vice in the future. The Sacrament of Confession is a direct contact with the Holy Trinity who embraces our repentance and transforms us to increase our holiness. To receive this grace, we only have to be open to it and interested in cooperating with God. Humility is necessary to be teachable and transformable. The unanswered questions in our lives become personal revelations when we earnestly seek to do the Father's will in unity with Jesus while growing in holiness through the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit.

## OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope are called to be a welcoming community of faith, hope and love; committed to Jesus Christ and to His Gospel; to grow in our love for others as Jesus loves us. Through the prayerful intercession of Mary, our Patroness, we seek to live in unity and hope as we strive to assist those in need through our good works, sacrifices and stewardship.

By celebrating the Mass and Sacraments, by providing various opportunities for Catholic Education, by calling forth more of our members to ministries and service, we seek to help one another to grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey together towards the complete happiness that awaits us in Heaven.



## FROM THE PASTOR

On this weekend's Feast of the Holy Trinity, I thought it would be interesting to know the origin of the Sign of the Cross. We all know how to make the Sign of the Cross since childhood. It is a sacramental: a sacred sign which makes holy the moment. Back in the year 250 it was commonly used by Christians. In the early Church Father Tertullian writes: "in all our travels and movements, in all of our coming in and out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, whatever job we do, we mark our foreheads with the Sign of the Cross". In 386, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, said to never be ashamed to confess Christ crucified. Gradually, it was in different acts of the Mass, before the reading of the Gospel and at the consecration of the bread and wine. In the 400's it was formalized. The thumb, forefinger and middle finger from the right shoulder to the left shoulder with the right hand. It was meant to symbolize (three fingers, 3 persons in one God; two fingers joined together representing the divine and human natures joined together in Christ. This gesture lasted until the 12th century. Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) instructed the motion to begin at the forehead above to below (Christ descended from the heavens to the earth) and from right to left (from the Jews passed to the Gentiles). In the Eastern Rite Church they move from left to right mirroring the Priest's blessing. The Sign of the Cross is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, it is derived from Holy Scripture as God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The gesture should be done consciously and devoutly and not in a hurried manner. This simple yet profound act makes each person mindful of the great love of God for us, a love that is stronger than death and promises everlasting life. Make the Sign of the Cross with purpose and precision, again, not hastily or carelessly or for good fortune.

## LOTTERY WINNERS

Wed. May 25	993	
Thurs. May 26	329	Theresa Talacka
Fri. May 27	191	Florence Williams
Sat. May 28	099	