

Our Lady of Hope Parish



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are
retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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JUNE 5, 2022



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 5

10:30 AM Joseph & Mary Metura - Daughters

Tuesday, June 7

8:00AM John & Marie Siemon - Jim, Dyann &
Jason Wasilewski

5:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Novena

Friday, June 10

8:00 AM Eleanor Grochowski - Family

Saturday, June 11

4:00 PM Joseph DePalma & Bill Smart - Friend

Sunday, June 12

10:30AM Carl Check - Michael Check

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: In Memory of the Deceased Victims of the Baltimore Mine Tunnel Disaster

SACRED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of Stanley & Eva Wasilewski - By Jim, Dyann & Jason Wasilewski

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES: In Memory of Deceased Members of the Hertely Family

PASTOR AWAY - Next week, June 13 thru June 15, Father Terry will be attending a Seminar for Priests at San Alfonso Retreat House in New Jersey. Father Ghezzi will celebrate the week day scheduled Masses. Funerals, however, will require a visiting priest. Please be aware of this notice.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN - The Christian Women will have their Annual Mother's day Dinner on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the Woodlands, Route 315. Wilkes-Barre at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Transportation can be provided. For information, contact Sue Cosgrove at 570-855-8766.

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.

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You are God. I praise You because You are holy, and I thank You for dwelling in my heart. Thank You for working in my life. You guided me into salvation, renewed my dead spirit, and you opened my eyes to the Truth. Thank you. Help me to see you more clearly, to recognize your movement in my life. Make me more sensitive to You so I can follow You more closely. Still, I know that I am selfish and rebellious. I need You to help me to be obedient when I recognize Your leading. I need You. I ask You for Your help and comfort today. You know my pain and anxieties very well. Thank You for praying over me. Help me to rest in your comfort today. Help me to walk in You, the Spirit of God. Grow good fruit in my life. You are the one who produces these in me: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I cannot live out these things on my own; I need You. Amen.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

We would like to publish the names of our graduates at all levels, grade school, high school, college or post graduate. Also, we would add their future intentions. Just write down the information and drop it in the weekly basket. We are all proud of our young people and wish them the best.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA - Monday, June 13th is the Feast day of St. Anthony of Padua. Our 13 week novena comes to an end this Tuesday, June 14th. Since Father Terry is away, Father Ghezzi will lead the devotion. Since it marks the conclusion of the 13 day devotion, we request a donation. It is a free will donation. However, we depend upon your appreciative gift. We hope to continue the novena in the fall. God bless you and may St. Anthony give you your prayers appeal. St Anthony of Padua, pray for us!

REFLECTION

In John 20:19-23, Jesus says "peace be with you" twice. First, He gives His disciples the gift of peace so that they can take their focus off of their worries to look at Him and recognize Him standing in their midst. Then He says it again while giving them the vocation of continuing the mission that He had started. This time, "peace be with you" is to be the fruit of a life lived in the Holy Spirit while serving God for the sake of the world. It's one thing to feel peaceful because we know that Jesus is with us. It's quite a challenge, though, to feel peaceful when telling others about Jesus, for we feel inadequate and overwhelmed, and we're afraid of being persecuted and rejected. That's why He gave us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us whatever we need for doing the work that the Father asks of us, and thus, we are not really inadequate nor does God fail to comfort us when people reject us. One of the fruits of partnering with Jesus in the power of His Spirit is an inner peace that does not depend on what happens, nor on what others do or don't do to us, nor on how they respond to the Good News that we share with them. Peace is the result of being alive in the Spirit. Peace is the Spirit's activity within us. At the end of this Gospel passage, Jesus gives the Apostles (the first Catholic priests) the authority to forgive sins as surrogates of His divine presence. He is instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which provides to us Jesus Himself in the form of the human priest. The same forgiving power of the Spirit enables all of us to experience peace in a sinful, tumultuous world. Even when forgiving is most difficult, in the Spirit of Christ we can do it. We can forgive those who hurt us, even if they never repent and this is what restores our peace.

OUR LADY OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Our Lady of Hope Parish 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 grow closer to the Lord in this life as we journey together towards the complete happiness that awaits us in Heaven.



FROM THE PASTOR

Asking for the Holy Spirit - This month, we celebrate one of my favorite feasts: Pentecost. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and the virgin Mary following the Ascension of Jesus. On Pentecost, we commemorate this momentous day, and we also celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the Church. In my experience, I feel that the Holy Spirit is often ignored, neglected and perhaps not seen as God. But He is God, and He powerfully dwells in us. I firmly believe that God wants to work miracles in us through His Holy Spirit. Granted, working miracles does not mean that God will follow our will instead of His own, so miracles may not happen how and when we want them to. Nevertheless, God sometimes chooses to pour out His Holy Spirit in a special way in our lives. One of the beautiful things about God is that He respects our free will and asks for our consent, and I think this applies to how His Holy Spirit functions as well. God desires our cooperation with Him, and so even though He can send His Holy Spirit however, He sees fit, He wants us to ask for the Holy Spirit and all His gifts and promises. Another beautiful thing about God is that He always sends the Holy Spirit when we ask. Even when He doesn't answer our prayers the way we want Him to or give us a miracle He will still send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will then comfort us, strengthen us and give us the grace to bear whatever it is we're facing. This means that we can ask for the Holy Spirit at any time, it doesn't have to wait for emergencies. I think this is a gift we should take advantage of more. God always desires to dwell with us, why not invite Him into our heart every day.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE - For the month of June, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is requesting a donation of **JELLY**. Your generosity has been wonderful. Our response has been a blessing to those in need. Please continue with your charity.