

A decorative background featuring several pink peonies with green leaves and a string of small, glowing white lights with pink dots. The flowers are arranged around a central white rectangular box containing text.

May the Lord

richly bless

both you and

your children.

Our Lady of Hope Parish
40 Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 12, 2024

10:30 AM For All Living & Deceased Mother's & Grandmother's

Tuesday May 14, 2024

8:00 AM Eric Dotzel—Cindy Dorzinsky & Family
5:30 PM **St. Anthony of Padua Novena**

Friday May 17, 2024

8:00 AM Chester Kwashnik Jr., Helen Kwashnik & Joseph Kostak—Elaine Kwashnik

Saturday May 18, 2024

4:00 PM Julia & Charles Elick—Daughter-in-law, Maureen

Sunday May 19, 2024

10:30 AM Bonnie Wasilewski—Daughter, Michele

SANCTUARY VOTIVES 1,2,3 - Eleanor Quinn & Pat Quinn—By Sue Cosgrove

SACRED HEART VOTIVE—Mary Yuknavich & Dorothy Allen—By Butch & Mary Joy Allen

BLESSED MOTHER VOTIVE—In Memory of Lena Flynn—By Robert, Sharon & Sean Flynn

Sunday Collection	\$4,793.00
Loose	\$175.00
Education of Priests	\$368.00
Charity	\$316.00

Pentecost Reminder—Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. It is the Birthday of the Church. It is also a special day for our Confirmation Recipient, Mia Roskowski, as she has received the gift of the Holy Spirit. As the Third Person of the Trinity, He is invoked every time we make the sign of the Cross. In Baptism, He dwells in our souls and makes us the children of God. He makes us receptive to God's grace. He also teaches and helps us to pray. He guides and protects us, just as He guides and protects the Church. Through His gifts, He inspires and enables us to do the good we ought to do. In celebration of Pentecost, we ask that all of us wear something **RED**. Come, Holy Spirit upon us all!

Recitation of the Rosary—For the month of May, will be Saturday's at 3:30 PM and Sunday's at 10 AM. Please join us.

Anniversary Mass -St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton - It is scheduled on June 23rd, 2024 at 2:30 PM. Anyone celebrating their 25th or 50th anniversary is invited. A reception will follow. Pre-registration is required, however. The form to register-go to the Diocesan website and search wedding anniversary. Deadline is May 26th.

St. Anthony of Padua Novena- This devotion is for thirteen weeks. The theme for reflection is: "**The Real Presence-The Holy Eucharist - Miracle of all Miracles.**" We encourage you to attend this devotion. The holy half-hour consists of prayers of invocation and gratitude to this great saint, the reflection and the blessing with the relic of St. Anthony. Hopefully we can keep these devotions alive!

Diocesan Annual Appeal—The amount pledged continues to increase, thank God. Anything that surpasses our goal is returned to the parish. So, think about a pledge if you have not made one yet. It's a very significant drive for the Diocese and for ourselves.

Women's Conference "Refresh Your Faith"—It is scheduled on June 8,2024 at Marywood University. You register on-line indicating the Revival at the Diocese of Scranton. Registration fee is \$55.00. If you are unable to pay, contact our Parish Office during office hours.

Who is the Patron Saint of Communications?
St. Gabriel, Saint of messengers— communications workers and postal workers. Say a prayer for our Frankie Werhun and mailperson.

St. John the Evangelist Flea Market—St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William St., Pittston, is holding its annual **Flea Market** in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (former Seton Catholic auditorium) on: **Thursday May 23rd and Friday May 24th from 5-8 PM and Saturday May 25th from 9-Noon (Bag Sale).** Refreshments will be available for purchase on Thursday and Friday only. Entrance is on Church Street in Pittston with parking available nearby.

Prayer For The Family-Internation Family Day **May 15th**

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures, instill forgiveness and peace.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, open my heart and enflame me with your love so I can share Jesus' Good News with everyone through my words and deeds. Amen.

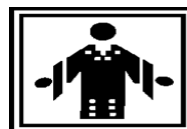
LET'S REFLECT

At the Ascension, Jesus commissioned His disciples to proclaim the Gospel. Our baptismal calling invites us, too, to share the Gospel with everyone. The Gospel's Good News is this: God has a plan for each of us. Sin interferes with God's plan and separates us from Him. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, suffered, died, and rose so we could be forgiven and united to God forever. Jesus and his teachings of love, mercy, forgiveness, and service to others offer a positive and fruitful way of living in this dark and selfish world and a sure pathway to our home in heaven.

St. Paul calls on all Christians to follow Jesus' example and love one another with humility, gentleness, and patience. Jesus's message of love, truth, forgiveness, peace, hope and justice is for everyone.

Sacred Scripture repeatedly reveals God's preferential love for the poor, the vulnerable, the oppressed, and the lost. Christ calls His followers to unite with Him through the gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit to reach the hearts of those who live in poverty. This poverty does not only exist in financial need. Jesus wants us to reach out to those starving for love, thirsting for friendship with God, and struggling for justice and peace.

Jesus is the answer. Our call as Christians is to know and love Christ so much that we reflect Him in our lives, and others will see Him in us. When we love God with our whole hearts, minds, and souls, we will see Christ in others, too, and we will joyfully share our faith and trust in the Lord as we strive in humility to serve those in need of God's mercy and grace.



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Recently, one of our local daily newspapers printed an insert entitled, A Tribute to Moms and Dads. It was a beautiful presentation of the significance of family life and how parents and grandparents impact our lives. Of course, the insert included a plethora of advertisements like restaurants, jewelry stores, candy shops, florist, shoe stores, etc. There were even Ads for hearing aides and fixing grandma's dentures. The articles were wholesome and even a bit inspiring—the family as unbreakable and a place to learn life's lessons, remembering our forefathers, and yes the family that cares to preserve traditions. Yes, it was well done. But the glaring admittance of the family as a place where we come to know the presence and love of God was striking. There was one reference of the kids attending Church where they fidgeted, pinched, whispered and kicked the kneeler. It couldn't have been our Church, could it? That was it unless I missed something. I guess it was not mentioned because of the fear of promoting religion. God forbid! As we celebrate this day in honor of our mothers and grandmothers, my first thought of them and family is about how real God was to us because of the faith lived and demonstrated by family, especially mother. It was their faith that spiritually strengthened us to face the challenges of life and to be strong when life didn't go your way, it took prayer and worship. There was a section on how you do the things your parents did. Well, yes, I find myself like my parents and grandparents in some ways, the way I express myself or even my walk and the tone of my voice. But most of all, I pray that I can teach others what they taught me—that Jesus Christ is the Master Teacher in my life and the legacy they left me about faith, hope and love will be shared with future generations.

LOTTERY WINNERS

May 1, 2024	880	
May 2, 2024	686	Bill J.
May 3, 2024	715	Ruthie Wren
May 4, 2024	392	