



**Our Lady of Hope Parish**  
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# FIRST COMMUNION



# 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday May 5, 2024

10:30 AM Catherine Braden—Bruce & Siblings

### Tuesday May 7, 2024

8:00 AM Norma Beres—Cindy Dorzinsky & Family

5:30 PM St. Anthony of Padua Novena

### Thursday May 9, 2024

8:00 AM Len & Jean Conwell—Ron & Pat Royek

5:30 PM Feast of the Ascension—Holy Day Of Obligation

### Saturday May 11, 2024

4:00 PM Frank & Mary Strobel—Pat Kinsman  
& Barbara Jacobs

### Sunday May 12, 2024

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

SANCTUARY VOTIVE - In Memory of Grace &  
Charles Revitt—By Daughter-in-law, Geraldine

### Sunday Collection

\$3,802.00

### Loose

\$267.00

### Air Condition

\$689.00

### St. Mary's W. Wyoming Cemetery

\$460.00

### Holy Trinity Cemetery

\$201.00

### Church in Latin America

\$277.00

### Missions Appeal

\$164.00

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE—For the month of May, the request from the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is Non-Dairy Creamer. Your generosity and kindness means so much for those who have so little. God bless you.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION—It will be celebrated this Thursday, April 9th, with masses scheduled at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM in the main church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

### MOTHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS—

Beginning this weekend and throughout the month of May, your mass intentions for your mothers and grandmothers will be honored-God bless them and pray for them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—This Sunday, two of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. They are Mark Kijak and Lilah Morgan. We ask that you please pray for them. Our sincere thanks to Michele Missal for being their Catechist and her assistants. God bless these beautiful children.

### 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 DEVOTION - 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.

HOLY REDEEMER IS HIRING—Holy Redeemer is now hiring a Maintenance Staff member for Monday-Friday. This full-time, salaried position includes benefits and a competitive salary. Send resume to:

Holy Redeemer High School

Attn: Cody Opalka

159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd.

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Questions? Call 570-829-2424 or email  
copalkaholyredeemerhs.org

### REFRESH YOUR FAITH AND

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL—It is scheduled on June 8, 2024 at Marywood University. You register online 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.

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.

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## PRAYER

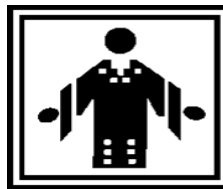
My Lord and my God, abide in me, dwell in me, work with me, and love others through me so my joy will be complete. Amen.

## LET'S REFLECT

### **Know Christ, Love Christ, and Love Christ in Others.**

“Love one another as I have loved you,” says Jesus. At the heart of all Christian faith are the words of the apostle John, who says that god’s very being is love. “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “You are to love one another...it is I who chose you.” Has God chosen us to love everyone? Some people are easy to love, especially those who act and think like us. At times, though, it can be difficult to show love towards family and friends we generally like, let alone those outside our circle of friendships. Why is this? The main reason we have trouble loving others is sin, both ours and the sin of those we are trying to love. Without the power and grace of God, we can be very selfish. Without God’s grace, it’s easier for us to love ourselves and prioritize our own time, wants, needs, and narrow-minded wills than to love others through the eyes of God, whose holy will is always in our best interest. Jesus never promised that love would be easy. He showed love and compassion to everyone, even those who mocked and hated Him. He embodied love in all His words and deeds, showing love back to those who hurt Him and those nobody else seemed to care about. He especially loved the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, and excluded. Jesus was unafraid to show love by setting healthy boundaries, sharing hard truths with the lost, and giving correction and forgiveness to those who repented to direct them on the right path. God’s love is divine, and we are mere humans with too much reliance on our feelings and selfish attitudes, so how can we possibly love everyone as God commands? God demonstrated His love for us through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, His only Son, who suffered, died, and rose again to save us. He showed us that love is a sacrifice of ourselves for others. The more we know Jesus, the more we love Him, and we will want to love Christ as reflected in the faces of others. Every time we receive Christ’s Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist and we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us, Jesus strengthens us to love as He loves.

*How can you give the love of Christ to someone this week?*



# FROM THE PASTOR

Even though I am 74 years of age, I can’t help but be a bit sentimental on Mother’s Day. Memories do abound. I have the family photo album dating back to my infancy. As I thumb through the pages, it demonstrates a gallery of photos of precious moments. Most of them had mom in them or in some rare moments taken by her. Maybe this would be a good day for you to pull out your family album. Cherish the memories! Cherish the love! Well, with that aside I came across a poem written by my famous poet, Edgar Guest. He wrote it for Mother’s Day. It’s obviously outdated but thoughts on this day are never out of date. It reads:

*- Mother’s Day -*

*Gentle hands that never weary toiling in love’s vineyard sweet. Eyes that seem forever cherry when our eyes they chance to meet. Tender, patient, brave, devoted, this is always mother’s way. Could her worth in gold be quoted as you think of her today? There shall never be another quite so tender, quite so kind, as the patient little mother; nowhere on this earth you’ll find. Her affection duplicated; none so proud if you are fine. Could her worth be overstated? Not by any words of mine. Death stood near the hour she bore us, agony was hers to know, yet she bravely faced it for us, smiling in her time of woe; down the years how oft we’ve tried her, often selfish, heedless, blind, yet with love alone to guide her, she was never once unkind. Vain are all our tributes to her if in words alone they dwell. We must live the praises due her; there’s no other way to tell, gentle mother that we love her. Would you say, as you recall all the patient service of her, you’ve been worthy of it all?*

### LOTTERY WINNERS

April 24, 2024	883	Norma Galella
April 25, 2024	116	Sue C.
April 26, 2024	480	
April 27, 2024	401	