



DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025



Sunday April 27

10:30 AM Bonnie Wasilewski– Bonk Family

Tuesday April 29

8:00 AM John & Elizabeth Grencavage–
Daughter, Margaret Molitoris

5:30 PM **St. Anthony Padua Novena**

Friday May 2

8:00 AM Thomas Hasaka– Andrea Grella

Saturday May 3

4:00 PM Walter Letanski– Glenn &
Lee Ann Baumer

Sunday May 4

10:30 AM Maryann Charnichko– Family

Sanctuary Votives– In Memory of Barbara Wren–
By Jerry & Ann Curley

Blessed Mother Votive– Nancy & Angelo Procida–
By Caroline

4/13 Collection

Sunday Collection **\$4,288.00**

Loose **\$404.00**

4/20 Collection

Sunday Collection **\$2,801.00**

Loose **\$541.00**

Holy Thursday **\$1,017.00**

Easter Collection **\$10,905.00**

Choir- If you would like to join the choir and sing at Fr. Terry's 50th Anniversary Mass, please contact Andrea @ 570.881.2118 and arrive early, May 4th, at 1 PM.

Thank you– Thank you to John & Olga Siddons for your donation to the parish In Memory of George Kebles. Also to Michael Havrilosin for your donation to the parish In Memory of Maryanne Charnichko.

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.

Next Sunday-50th Anniversary Celebration– Our Pastor will be honored with a special celebration next Sunday, May 4th. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be at 2 PM here at Our Lady of Hope. After the mass, a dinner will be held at the Mohegan Pennsylvania Casino hall. Father has spent his entire career in the Wilkes-Barre area. 20 of those years he has been the pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish. God bless him with good health and happiness for many days to come. Ad Multos Annos! –Please remember, the 2 PM mass satisfies your Sunday obligation.

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. You can also reach out to Sue at the rectory to purchase and if you can help out and sell horses, that would greatly be appreciated. Accepting Sponsors! \$25/Sponsor.

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/>

First Friday Visitations– This week Deacon Bill and/or Father Terry will make the monthly calls to our shut-ins. As always, they will call each communicant before the visit. If anyone wishes to receive, please notify our parish office. If you are unavailable, let us know. Benediction and Sacred Heart Devotion will follow Friday's mass.

Easter Raffle Winners

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| 1. Eileen Kacmarski | 9. Judy Martin |
| 2. Gerald Flora | 10. Jean Huntzinger |
| 3. Elizabeth Lovecchio | 11. Stan Matulewski |
| 4. Sam Castellino | 12. Joe Zasada |
| 5. Dorothy Mangan | 13. Rich Berditus |
| 6. Bernadette Hivish | 14. David Halchak |
| 7. Ron Mikielski | 15. Gene Shinal |
| 8. Ann Krull | 16. Sandy Boris |
| | 17. Lorraine Elick |

*If you have not picked up your prize yet, please reach out to Heather at the rectory.

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

A Prayer After Easter Sunday

O God of the Last Supper

God of the Cross

And God of the Empty Tomb

We come before You now and we pause. We inhale the scent of snow white Easter lilies.

We see the rain as it falls in veils and sheets for April Showers.

And we listen.

Holy week has passed.

But how we long to live by the marvelous story we have heard.

Let us remain ever beside You at the table of the Last Supper.

Show us who is hungry.

Give us the courage to offer them bread from your table. Show us who is thirsty. Give us the strength to lift up the cup of your love

Most of all, show us how to linger at the table, serving others doing all that we do. In remembrance of You. And the way You were when You walked this earth. We lift these simple, limited words Up to You, O God.

Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR

In the first Divine Mercy message, Pope Francis gave a powerful teaching on God's mercy. He spoke of how "true peace...comes from the experience of God's mercy", of Jesus Christ revealing Himself to us as "Mercy in the Flesh," and of our call to boldly "proclaim Christ the Risen Lord" by "trusting in the mercy of the Lord forever." Pope Francis also emphasized how Pope St. John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday. Over 50,000 who were present in St. Peter's Square heard this address that day. Pope Francis teaches us that Easter peace is the "fruit of the victory of God over evil" and "the fruit of forgiveness." God's victory over evil and forgiveness of our sins revealed is Our Lord suffering, death and resurrection. Pope Francis goes on to say the key to our personal relationships with Jesus is our faith and trust in Him, as we are called to live by faith and not by sight. Through the eyes of faith we are invited to a personal encounter with Him as Mercy in the flesh. In the light it makes perfect sense when Jesus told St. Faustina that we are asked to personally sign the Divine Mercy image with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You." Pope Francis encouraged us to boldly witness to our faith in the Risen Lord by "trusting in the mercy of the Lord"...the Spirit of the Risen Lord casts out fear from the hearts of the Apostles and pushes them out of the Upper Room, to bring the Gospel. We also must have more courage to witness to faith in the Risen Lord! Let us not be afraid to be Christian and live as Christians! We must have the courage to go out and proclaim Christ the Risen Lord, for He is our peace. "Trusting in the mercy of the Lord forever, because He is waiting for us, He loves us." So, be encouraged by Pope Francis to boldly proclaim and live your faith in the Risen Lord. As you do, join in praying" Jesus, I trust in You!"

Thanks— Father Terry, Deacon Bill and Fr. Ghezzi wish to thank all those who sent them cards and chocolates for Easter. NO KIELBASA! Some of you were very generous, too. God Bless!!