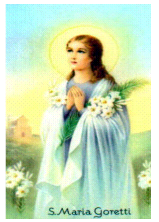




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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM **Sunday:** 9:00AM and 11:00AM **Weekdays M-W-F (only):** 8:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM & 6:00PM On Holy Day

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who visit our faith community. We hope you have received a warm greeting as you entered our church today for worship. Carry our blessings home with you and be a light to your family.

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday's from 3:30PM to 4:15PM and during First Friday's 8:30AM to 9:00AM or anytime by request or appointment. Please do not hesitate to approach Father Alex at any time concerning your desire for confession.

ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA

Every Wednesday following the 8:00AM Mass.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM
Closed on Holidays

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled by appointment.
Please call the Parish Office at 570-655-8956.

ROSARY

The Fatima Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are recited each Friday morning after Mass (except on the First Friday of each month). We invite men and women to join us for these beautiful acts of charity.

FIRST FRIDAY

A Holy Hour with Benediction, Exposition and prayers is held the First Friday of every month 8:00AM - 9:00AM.

Confessions are offered 8:30AM TO 9:00AM.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please inform the parish office at 570-655-8956 so that we can visit you or hold you and/or your loved one close in prayer.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up
from the earth, I will draw
everyone to myself."
- Jn 12:32

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

The Light is On For You—Eucharistic Adoration with Confession Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm

Lenten Scripture Study—Thursdays at 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent 6:00pm

Potato Pancake Sale—Fridays during Lent 3:00 to 6:00pm on the parish grounds, 3 for \$5.

Easter Basket Project—Name tags available in vestibule, baskets due back Sunday, March 17.

Youth Group—Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 24 @ 12pm.

Sunday/Coffee/Love (Coffee, Donuts, Hot Chocolate, and Crafts)—After 9am Mass on April 14, May 12, June 16, and July 7.

Women's Book Study—Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

Leadership Group Meetings: All are welcome. Bring your ideas!!

Prayer—Wednesday, March 13 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Service—Wednesday, April 3 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Community—Monday, April 8 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall.

FALL FEST PLANNING MEETING: Wednesday, April 10 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall.



EASTER LILY FLOWER MEMORIALS LILIES MAY BE MEMORIALIZED BY RETURNING THE SPECIAL YELLOW ENVELOPES, which can be found in the back of the church. Please include the names of those to be memorialized, or those still living, to be remembered on this envelope. The requested offering is \$15.00 per lily. The deadline for envelope return is Friday, March 22. This provides time to create the Easter bulletin insert.

DIocese of SCRANTON
VOCATIONS OFFICE



"Get Up and Pray"

Luke 22:46

Join us in praying for our
priests and seminarians
Holy Thursday, March 28th!

1. Assemble a group to visit the Altar of Repose in as many churches as you can
2. Look for the "Add Yours" sticker on @Scrantonvoc stories Thursday night
3. Share photos using the sticker & tell us which priests and/or seminarians you're praying for!

"GET UP AND PRAY"

JOIN US ON HOLY THURSDAY

TO VISIT OTHER ALTARS OF REPOSE

A Sign up sheet is available in the vestibule for those who wish to join us in visiting area church's Altar Repose. (*The altar where the Sacred Host, consecrated in the Mass on Holy Thursday, is reserved until the following day*). Details will be made available once we have a final list.

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekend of March 9-10, 2024

Sacrificial Offering	\$ 6,070.50
Care & Concerns Clinic/Food Pantry	20.00
Diocesan Collections:	
Care & Education of Priests	35.00
Holy Land	5.00
Catholic Relief Services	338.00

Online Giving March 10

Sacrificial Offering	\$ 1,030.84
Diocesan Collections:	
Care & Education of Priests	5.14

We are most grateful to all who have been faithful in contributing. Thank you for your support.



Designer Purse Bingo And Basket Raffle

Our Designer Purse Bingo/Basket Raffle is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13th**. Tickets on sale now for \$30, which includes a \$5 voucher for the food stand. Stop by or call the parish office to purchase your tickets.

If anyone wishes to donate a designer purse, or cash which we can use toward the purchase of purses, gift cards or items to make up a basket, that would also be appreciated. Please help if you can. Thank you.

A NOVEL WAY TO GIVE ALMS THIS LENT!

VOTE FOR OUR PASTOR CHIEF BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 26,
AND BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED TO WIN
GROCERY GIFT CARDS!
PRIZES AWARDED VIA RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR ON
THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON'S
FACEBOOK LIVE FEED THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION.
EACH \$10 VOTE GETS YOU ONE RAFFLE ENTRY.

SCAN TO VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVORITE COLLARED COOK
OR VISIT
DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG

PRESENTED BY:

HawkFamily
FOUNDATION



Novena to St. Anthony of Padua

Every Tuesday beginning March 26 at 5:30pm at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave, Wilkes-Barre. The theme for this year's novena is *The Real Presence Miracle of all Miracles the Holy Eucharist*. For information call 570-824-7832

LOOKING FOR MORE?
JOIN US FOR THE

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

April 4, 2024, 6pm
St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin PA

Includes

Eucharistic Adoration, Speaker, Reconciliation
With music by Joel Kankiewicz and Praise &
Worship with the CCR Music Ministry of the
Scranton Catholic Charismatic Conference

Sponsored by the Office of
Vocations and the Office of the
Catholic Charismatic Renewal



The 2025 Mass book is
now available to schedule
Masses. Please call the
office or stop to schedule a Mass. Our office hours
are Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated this Tuesday, March 19th, with a special Solemn Mass at 7:00p.m. at the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Principal celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton. Masses will also be celebrated on the Feast Day at 8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Providence Pregnancy Center is hosting our annual dinner at St. Mary's Center in Scranton on April 11th from 5:30 to 8:30. Our keynote speaker, Sr. Deirdre Byne joins us to share a powerful message. Sister is a retired Army Colonel, a surgeon, and a religious sister. Raffles, live music, dinner, and dessert will make this a night to remember! Tickets are \$23.00, but for the month of February, we are holding a special for \$20.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at ppcscranton.org/events or by calling PPC at 570-341-7045 to arrange. All proceeds benefit the critical work of helping pregnant mothers in crisis by offering material help, counseling, community referrals, and housing. Don't delay; last year's dinner sold out!



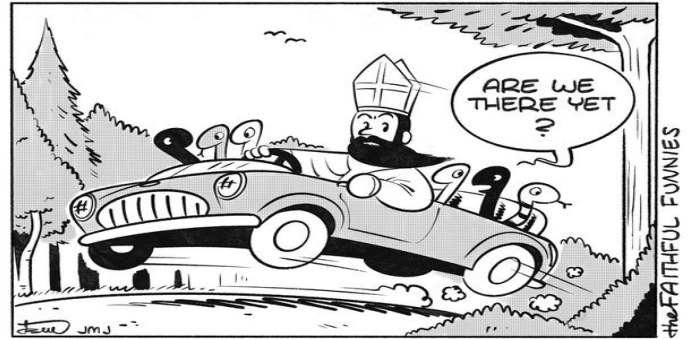
**Religious Education
(Grades K-8)
March—April Schedule**



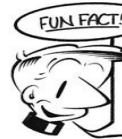
- Mar 17** Regular Classes (Confessions Grades 2-8)
Mar 19-21 Living Stations Practice 6pm
Mar 22 Living Stations 6pm
Mar 24 Regular Classes and 11am Children's Mass
MAR 31 **NO CLASSES—Happy Easter!**
April 7 Regular Classes (1st Communion Practice)
April 14 Regular Classes (1st Communion Practice)
April 21 Regular Classes (1st Communion Practice)
April 28 Last Class and 11am Children's Mass

Michele Christ, DRE
 SMG.Religious.Education@gmail.com or 570-655-8956.

"Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?"



"There weren't planes in those days!"



The fossil record indicates that there most likely weren't ever any snakes in Ireland. BUT St. Patrick did tell the Emerald Isle about Jesus, banishing darkness.

In Loving Memory

*John Baran
 Regina Baran
 Eileen Hoban Clancy
 Anthony N. Colonna
 Elizabeth Colonna
 James L. Conlon, Jr. & Jean Conlon
 Coleen Clancy Conlon
 James A. Dougherty
 Robert Faber
 Andrew A. Fioriti
 Mary & Martin Gallagher Family
 Walter & Celestine Gottlieb
 Stanley Harenza
 Rita M. Kearney
 Thomas L. Mahle
 Cheta & Mario Malvizzi
 Frank Magdalinski
 Leonard & Gen McHale
 Michael T. Morrissey
 Chester & Mary Pietras
 Giuseppe Rinaldis
 Adam J. Smith
 Michele Turco
 Mr. & Mrs. William Shea
 Michael P. Yazurlo*

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve

raing	<u>g</u> <u>r</u> <u>a</u> <u>i</u> <u>n</u>
wehat	_____
desi	_____
iveg	_____
lefi	_____
serev	_____
fuser	_____
glyro	_____
oicev	_____

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).



**ST. MARIA GORETTI
 &
 ST. MARK
 PRAY FOR US!**



RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**IF THE PITTSSTON AREA SCHOOL IS DELAYED
OR CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER,
DAILY MASS WILL BE CANCELLED**

Monday, March 18, 2024

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Gregory Sereditch

by Larry & Ann Marie Ofcharsky

5:30-7pm Eucharistic Adoration with Confession

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00am James O'Malley *by Mark, Sarah & Henry Edlund*

Thursday, March 21, 2024

NO MASS

6:00pm Scripture Study "Wisdom Books"

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00am George & Theresa Rebar Family

by Betty & Bob, Jr. Panatieri

6:00pm Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:30pm Mary Ann Hughes *by Husband, Bill Hughes*

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00am Deceased Members of Martin & Mary Gallagher

Family by Estate of Margaret Gallagher

11:00am The People of the Parish



SANCTUARY CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

† Josephine Pascucci *by Family*

† Special Intentions *by Mary Ann Kosik*



Please extend a warm welcome
to our newest members:

**John and Nina Pappas, Ann Marie Kowalick, Kayla
Schwallie, Corey Tokash,
Stephen and Kathleen Dellacave and
their daughter Lilly**



EASTER BASKET PROJECT BASKETS DUE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17

If you took a name from the Easter Basket project,
please return it to the church vestibule with the tag attached
to the basket this Sunday, March 17. Thank you for help-
ing make Easter special for these children.