



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Wyalusing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Extends a Warm Welcome to All



Mission Statement: We bring together a parish family to worship God, to evangelize the community, to encourage participation of youth and young adults in parish life, to pass on our faith to the next generation, to respect life and be good stewards of God's gifts.

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Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year on Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God's eternal forgiveness.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 18, 2024

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing

Saturday Vigil - 6:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM

Wednesday & Friday - 12:00 Noon

Holy Days: 12 Noon

Confessions: 5:30 PM Sat. & 10:30 AM Sun.

***OR AS SCHEDULED INSIDE BULLETIN

Mass Schedule at SS Peter & Paul Church, Towanda

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM Sunday - 9:00 AM

Monday- No Mass

Tuesday - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 8:30 AM

Website: sspeterandpaulchurch.net -570-265-2113

READINGS

FEBRUARY 19TH

MONDAY

LEVITICUS 19:1-2,11-18

MATTHEW 25:31-46

FEBRUARY 20TH

TUESDAY

ISAIAH 55:10-11

MATTHEW 6:7-15

FEBRUARY 21ST

WEDNESDAY

JONAH 3:1-10

LUKE 11:29-32

FEBRUARY 22ND

THURSDAY

1 PETR 5:1-4

MATTHEW 16:13-19

FEBRUARY 23RD

FRIDAY

EZEKIEL 18:21-28

MATTHEW 16:13-19

FEBRUARY 24TH

SATURDAY

DEUTERONOM 26:16-19

MATTHEW 5:43-48

FEBRUARY 25TH

SUNDAY

GENESIS 9:8-15

1 PETER 3:18-22

MARK 1:12-15

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, ETC.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: MASS TO END ABORTION, ROSARY AT 11:00 AM, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11:30, MASS AT 12:00 NOON

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY: MASS AT SS PETER & PAUL AT 8:30 AM

FEBRUARY 13TH – FATHER JOSE – RECTORY, SET COOK BEGINS

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT- ROSARY AT 11:00 AM, STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 11:30, MASS AT 12:00

FEBRUARY 25TH – PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE & TO COMMEMORATE 2ND YEAR OF WAR IN UKRAINE AT 2:30 PM AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH – MASS AT 5:30 & PARISH MEETING AT 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH – LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA AT EPIPHANY PARISH, SAYRE AT 7:00 PM

SAT. & SUN., MARCH 9TH & 10TH – Crystal Salsman, Director of Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center will speak at Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH – PENANCE SERVICE AT 4:00 PM AT SS PETER & PAUL, TOWANDA

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH – PENANCE SERVICE AT 2:00 PM AT ST. BASIL'S DUSHORE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH – MASS AT 5:30 & FINANCE MEETING AT 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT 11:00 AM MASS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – Glenn Layaou Sr. and Ruth Bedard, who both recently passed away. AND

THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Tolise Otis, Bob Franko, Ivette Gonzalez, Richard Bennett, Ginny Amoroso, William Walter, Jr., Chuck Bullock, Joan Abrey, John Armitage, Donna Elchin, Suky Burgess, Kelly Kulsicavage, Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahon, Grace George, Marian Miller, Ray Tenasco, Fred Storey, Stephanie McDevitt, Barbara Bodine, Cathy Stienbaugh, Sue Mullen, Mary Salay, Robert Gaumer, Silver Dempsey, Jean Caine, James Perella, Tammy Trauger, Paul & Sandra McIntyre, Keensley Middlecamp, Carmel Buneo, and Tina Clapper.

We ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF FEB 19TH – FEB 25^H 2024

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, Feb. 21st 12:00 Noon	Our Parishioners	Father Jose
Friday, Feb. 23rd 12:00 Noon	Healing for Tiffany Kilmer	Kilmer Family
Saturday, Feb. 24th 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of Thomas Rail	Pat Milne
Sunday, February 25th 11:00 AM	Healing for Bob Franko (90 th Birthday)	Kilmer Family

MINISTRY

Lector Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 24th
6:00 PM
Lou Ann Kilmer

Sunday, Feb. 25th
11:00 AM
Gene & Alice
Berger

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection February 10th, 11th & 14th 2024 = \$3,572.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory throughout the entire month of February 2024 for Lahman and Darleen Stoddard. Please remember them in your prayers.

INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you have questions about God or the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who does? If you are interested in entering the Catholic Church or receiving Confirmation, or you're just curious about Catholicism, contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com to get started. Classes are held Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's Office. There is still time to attend.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The baby bottle campaign continues through the end of February. If you can help support the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center this year, please take a bottle and add coins, cash or a check and return to the church by the end of February. Crystal Salsman, Director of Endless Mountains Pregnancy Center, will speak at Mass on March 9th and 10th. Thank you for your generosity.

SERVERS

Sunday, Feb. 25th
Trowbridges

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF

2/11 & 2/14/2024

Loose	114.00
Offertory Env	2,846.00
Dues	75.00
Ash Wed.	502.00
Easter Flowers	35.00

Total Offering to Parish
General Fund

\$3,572.00

National Collections

Care & Edu.	1.00
Europe	61.00
Total	\$62.00
Building	50.00
Cemetery	21.00
Total	\$71.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS
\$3,705.00

RECTORY, SET, COOK CONTEST

TEAM BRADFORD consists of Fr. Jose, Fr. Shinu, Fr. Tony Mathew, Fr. Toomey, and Fr. Binesh.

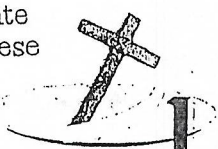
The Dish prepared was Father Jose delicious Kerala Shrimp Roast and Kerala-Style Chicken Biryani.

You can vote by writing a check to Our Lady of Perpetual Help or Father Jose Kuriappilly and on the memo line write TEAM BRADFORD. You may put your check in the offertory basket or drop off at the Office. Also, below is information on how to vote on-line. Donations will benefit Catholic Social Services', Food Kitchens and Pantries, and Men's and Women's Shelters. All donations are also tax exempt. Please support Father Jose!

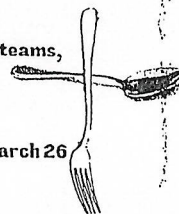


A ONE-TWO PUNCH FOOD FIGHT VS. HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS!

Move your favorite
pastor chefs up these
"collar-nary
leaderboards
TODAY!



**\$10 =
I VOTE!**



WHO: 37 brave Diocese of Scranton priests, or, as we like to call them, **PASTOR CHEFS**, on 30 teams, plus several student sous chefs, guest chefs, and three media personalities!

WHAT: Rectory, Set, Cook! III: Collars + Scholars

WHEN: Feb. 13, 2024, through the end of Lent, with Top Chefs and Top 10 named as of 5 p.m. March 26

WHERE: Any desktop, laptop or mobile device/cell phone

WHY: To feed the hungry and house the homeless within the Diocese of Scranton while also supporting our parishes.

HOW:

- 1 Click on the **OUR CHEFS** tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click **VIEW**, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the **PLAY** key.

- 2 Click on a chef's (or team of chefs) page, select **DONATE NOW** and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as you wish as often as you wish for as many chefs as you wish!
- 3 Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chefs/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)



The First Week of Lent

REPENT AND BELIEVE

*Meditations for the
Season of Lent*

Jesus in the Desert

Mark 1:12–15

Before Jesus began his ministry, the Spirit drove him out into the desert. After 40 days he emerged to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand and to encourage the people to “repent, and believe in the gospel.” As we begin the season of Lent, we, too, enter into our own desert as part of our renewal of heart.

Today’s Gospel contains two key events of the beginning of Jesus’s ministry. First, he went out into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan and ministered to by angels. Next, after the death of John the Baptist, Jesus announced that the “time of fulfillment” was at hand, and he began his preaching and teaching. What lesson lies here for us? While Lent is a time of service to others, it must also be a time of preparation and renewal of self. We cannot give what we do not have. Just as Jesus had to spend time in the desert, so we, too, need to take time to allow God to show us where we need to change and give us the conviction to act on those changes.

POINTS TO PONDER

- What will I do this Lent as an outward sign of my repentance?
- What would I like to accomplish spiritually over the next six weeks?
- What is one thing I will do daily during this Lenten season?

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst. ... ‘Repent and believe,’ Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — he knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.”

— Attributed to St. Teresa of Calcutta



CATHOLIC INSIGHT

40 days in the desert

Why did Jesus spend 40 days in the desert before beginning his ministry? The number 40 has a special meaning in Scripture and is symbolic of preparation before a major life change. Moses spent 40 days fasting and praying on Mount Zion when he received the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:28). An Israelite patrol spent 40 days spying on the land of Canaan before reporting back to Moses and Aaron (Nm

13:25). And the entire Israelite people spent 40 years wandering in the desert before gaining access to the Promised Land (Nm 14:34). Jesus likewise spent 40 days before leaving his old life as the son of the carpenter to bring new life to the entire world.

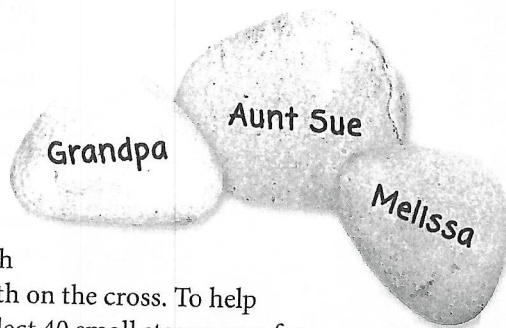
SIGNS OF THE SEASON *By Any Other Name*

The word "Lent" has a specific religious connotation today, but originally it was used to mean "spring." It derived from the Germanic root word for "long," because in spring the days begin to get longer. In Latin-based languages, the word for the season derives from the term *quadragesima*, meaning "fortieth," indicating the fortieth day before Easter. In other parts of the world, the name means "a time of fasting."

FamilyActivity

Family Calvary Stones

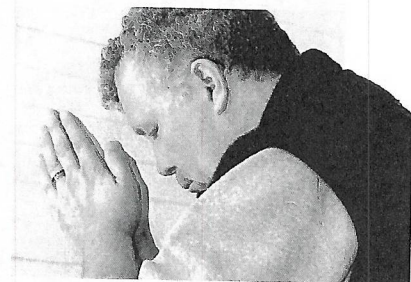
The days of Lent have traditionally been used as a spiritual pilgrimage, in which we symbolically travel with Jesus to his death on the cross. To help emphasize the idea of Lent as a journey, collect 40 small stones, one for each day of the season. (These are sometimes available at craft stores.) Each night at dinner, pray for one person and write his or her name with a marker on one of the pebbles. Collect the stones in a small bowl, and during Holy Week use them to make a "mound" of prayer that holds up a crucifix.



CatechismCONNECTION

"The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1438



LENT PRAYER *Unto to you, I cry, my God!*

"Repent, and believe in the gospel."

— Mark 1:15

*Lord, help us see today and
all of its stresses in the light of
your eternal love.*