



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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As we continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 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 26TH
MONDAY
DANIEL 9:4B-10
LUKE 6:36-38

FEBRUARY 27TH
TUESDAY
ISAIAH 1:10, 16-20
MATTHEW 23:1-12

FEBRUARY 28TH
WEDNESDAY
JEREMIAH 18:18-20
MATTHEW 20:17-28

FEBRUARY 29TH
THURSDAY
JEREMIAH 17:5-10
LUKE 16:19-31

MARCH 1ST
FRIDAY
GENESIS 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A
MATTHEW 21:33-43, 45-46

MARCH 2ND
SATURDAY
MICAH 7:14-15, 18-20
LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

MARCH 3RD
SUNDAY
EXODUS 20:1-17
1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25
JOHN 2:13-25

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 THRU MARCH 25TH - FATHER JOSE – RECTORY, SET COOK (PLEASE VOTE)

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH – MASS AT 5:30 & PARISH MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH –**PALM SUNDAY** – 11:00 AM PROCESSION FROM THE HALL TO CHURCH WITH PALMS.

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

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH – MASS AT 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH- MASS AT 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH – BLESSING OF THE BASKETS AT 10:00 AM AT SS PETER & PAUL

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL – MARCH 30TH – MASS AT 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31ST – MASS AT 11:00 AM

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF ROSS ON COMPLETING THE RITE OF ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 18TH AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER IN SCRANTON.[†]

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF FEB 26TH – MARCH 3RD 2024

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, Feb. 28th 12:00 Noon	NO MASS	NO MASS
Friday, March 1st 11:30 AM	Stations of Cross only	NO MASS
Saturday, March 2nd 6:00 PM	End Abortion	Pro-Life
Sunday, March 3rd 11:00 AM	Healing for Joan Abrey	Kilmer Family

MINISTRY
Lector Schedule
Saturday, Mar. 2nd 6:00 PM Bill Prichard
Sunday, Mar. 3rd 11:00 AM Eva Weaver

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection February 17th & 18th 2024 = \$1,744.00

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – William Gannon, Glenn Layaou Sr. and Ruth Bedard

AND

THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Tolise Otis, Bob Franko, Vette 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.

Sick, Hospitalized and Homebound, Please call office or notify Father Jose.

SERVERS
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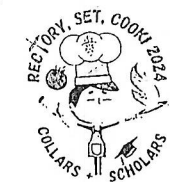
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF FEB. 18th	
Loose	204.00
Offertory Env	1,508.00
Dues	
Ash Wed.	30.00
Easter Flowers	2.00
Total Offering to Parish General Fund	
\$1,744.00	
National Collections	
Care & Edu.	
Europe	23.00
Total	\$23.00
Building	20.00
Cemetery	
Total	\$20.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	
\$1,787.00	

RECTORY, SET, COOK CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JOSE AND TEAM BRADFORD FOR PLACING 6TH SO FAR IN THE COOK-OFF. (Fr. Jose, Fr. Shinu, Fr. Tony Mathew, Fr. Toomey, and Fr. Binesh) We still have time to vote and donate!

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

Please help Father Jose and Team Bradford by donating on-line to Diocese of Scranton and select your "favorite Chef" and complete the donation information. You can also 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. 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!

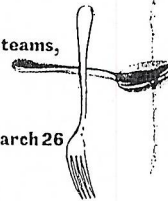


Move your favorite
pastor chefs up these
"collar-nary"
leaderboards
TODAY!

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



**\$10 =
1 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.)



REPENT

Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

He Was Transformed Before Them

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain where he was transfigured before them. When the experience was over, Jesus told them not to say anything about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept silent, but the three of them couldn't help but talk to themselves about what rising from the dead could mean.



As Catholics in a modern world, we can still empathize with the disciples' confusion. Like them, we don't have any scientific understanding of what occurred to Jesus and we discuss what resurrection will really mean for us.

The Transfiguration is a powerful reminder that death is not the end of life. If death meant complete annihilation, then Elijah and Moses would not have appeared with Jesus. In this way, the Transfiguration foreshadows the Resurrection. Although the apostles didn't understand what was happening at the time, later, when the Son of Man had risen from the dead, they were able to understand what the Transfiguration meant.

During this second week of Lent, we are asked to think about how we can be transformed through the power of the risen Lord, and we are reminded that one day, we, too, will be resurrected.

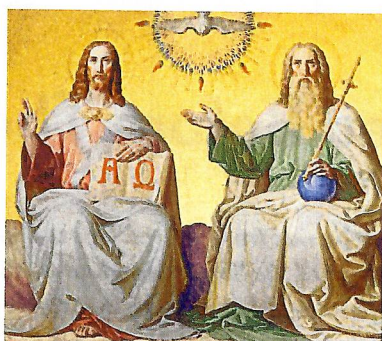
POINTS TO PONDER

- What would I like transformed in my life by Easter?
- As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me? Give thanks for those transformations and for those yet to come.
- What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?

CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

The Last Four Things

St. Alphonsus Liguori recommended that we contemplate the “last four things” especially during Lent. These are: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. While talking about these with children can be difficult, parents can use the season of Lent as a way to gently introduce the topics. One aspect to emphasize is that heaven, as Pope St. John Paul II said, is not “an abstraction



nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity.” Heaven, then, is living an eternity in the presence of and in relationship with our loving God. Likewise, the Church teaches that hell is not so much a physical place, but the choice to turn away from God and the deep pain of separation from our Lord (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1033).

Catechism CONNECTION

“Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. “The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 555

LENT PRAYER

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

“Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

— 1 Corinthians 15:51–52

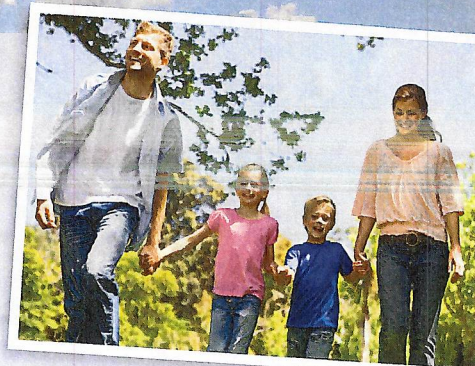
Dear God, I don't know what lies ahead for me, but I trust that your love will be with me now and until the end of time.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON Mount of Transfiguration

The traditional location for the Mount of Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, about 11 miles west of the Sea of Galilee. Mount Tabor rises about 1,800 feet above the level plain below. It was identified as the site of the Transfiguration as early as the third century by the theologian Origen. The Church of the Transfiguration, a Franciscan church built on the ruins of a centuries-old Byzantine church, now stands at the summit of Mount Tabor.

“Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us.”

— Pope Francis



FamilyActivity

Stations of the Cross

Did you know you can create your own Stations of the Cross? While many Stations in churches are elaborate and ornate, all that is required is to have 14 crosses, preferably wooden, located so that you can take a step or two between each one. As a family activity, create 14 crosses from small twigs or branches and place them in a line in your backyard or living room. Walk together as a family, remembering the events of the Passion. At each cross, bow or kneel and say, “Because, by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.”

