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CELEBRATION

OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND—Saturday 4:00 pm

—Sunday 9:30 am

WEEKDAY—Tuesday 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from

3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or

by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY—THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**3RD SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2023**

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

EXODUS 17:3-7

ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

JOHN 4:5-42

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU

The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir. The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it.

"The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water"

was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?

Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will.



Confessions at

Saint Therese's Church: Mondays:

March 13, 20 & 27 from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Lenten Penance Service

on MONDAY, APRIL 3

at 7:00 p.m.—Saint Therese's Church

The main and ramp room doors will be open for those wishing to attend.



Taize Prayer Around the Cross

In preparation for the solemnities of Holy Week and Easter, we invite you to join us for "Taize Prayer Around the Cross" on Sunday, March 19, at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. This reflective and prayerful service of song, scripture, and silence will feed the soul and nourish the spirit as we prepare to enter the holiest week of the year. Please join us.

LENT OBSERVANCE—MARCH 17, 2023

A dispensation from the Friday Lenten observance of abstaining from meat has been granted for those celebrating the Feast of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2023. In keeping with the sacrificial nature of the Lenten season, I ask that all who receive this dispensation offer some act of charity for the well-being of God's holy people.

Faithfully yours in Christ, *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Scranton



LENTEN HOLY HOUR

WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Kingston Deanery, will take place on

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00PM

St. John the Baptist Parish—

126 Nesbitt Street, Larksville, PA 18651.



AND THE WINNER IS: TEAM PADRES!

Thanks to 375 generous donors, we won and raised more than \$ 26,000.00 in support of anti-hunger initiatives at Catholic Social Services, The Back Mountain Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, and "Fork Over

Love". Our TWO year total is just over \$ 57,500.00.

How amazingly generous are YOU???

Click on <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2023PASTORCHEF> to view our GAME WINNING VIDEO PLAY BY PLAY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Tuesday 03/14 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 03/18 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 03/19 9:30 a.m.

Mociun & Poganis Families
Colleen Cetnarowski
George Bolcarovic

Requested by:
Ray & Flo Mociun
Sister & Daughters
Family

Congratulations to our 2023

Bishop's Youth Award recipients:

Emma and Sophia Schoenwetter (8th grade).
The Bishop's Youth Award celebrates current eighth and twelfth grade youth who have demonstrated a commitment to their parish and embody the spirit of the Church. These students will be recognized at a Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 7.



Stations of the Cross:

"Everyone's Way of the Cross"
Fridays at 7:00 P.M. at St Therese's.
"Stewardship Way of the Cross"
Friday, March 24, at 7:00 P.M. A virtual presentation will be available at [Facebook.com/1LittleFlower4U](https://www.facebook.com/1LittleFlower4U).

The Holy Spirit transforms our Minds and Hearts

Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Savior and Humble Lord. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who encourage others, especially the younger generations, to love, respect, and obey the Lord. Do you trust in God's love and allow his Holy Spirit to fill you with a thirst for holiness and righteousness in every area of your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with a burning desire and reverence for God's life-giving word so that you may grow day by day in the wisdom and knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness.



St. Patrick's teaching of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity showed people the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. For this reason, shamrocks are a central symbol for St. Patrick's Day. This is also a day when everyone is Irish.

*May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Word of God direct us. Saint Patrick*



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for Loretta Appleby, Don Hunter Sr., Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Joyce Kishbaugh, Florence Mickley, Christopher Mortensen, Alicia Raptis, Tom Roarty, Kathi Melvin Ruane, Michael Spudis, Jim Starbuck & Lilly Stroud.



As part of your Lenten journey, you might want to view the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd season of "The Chosen." It is, in my estimation, one of the finest and most realistic portrayals of Jesus and his disciples. Consider :

"The Chosen" on YouTube.com *Father Jim*



The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle

IS BURNING THIS WEEK OF:
MARCH 12 to MARCH 18, 2023:
IN MEMORY OF:
The deceased members of our Parish



The Light of the Sanctuary Candle

is BURNING THIS WEEK OF:
MARCH 12 to MARCH 18, 2023:
IN MEMORY OF:
MOCIUN & PONGANIS FAMILIES
Requested by: Ray & Flo Mociun

SECOND COLLECTION

next weekend for
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.
Thank you in advance for
your generous support.

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:68

WEEKEND COLLECTION
03/05/2023

\$ 3,402.00