

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time— *January 28, 2024*

*"What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." – Mark 1:27*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**Mon:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

**Tue:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43

**Wed:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

**Thu:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

**Fri:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

**Sat:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 27	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	January 28	9:00 AM	Salvatore Fanci (Mike & Judy Vaccaro)
Monday –	January 29	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday –	January 30	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday –	January 31	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday –	February 1	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday –	February 2	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday –	February 3	4:00 PM	Jeanne Falk (Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	February 4	9:00 AM	Kelly O'Reilly Bush (Pat Warner & Diane)

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

In Jewish tradition all prophets followed Moses and were invested with God's Spirit accordingly. Early Christians see Jesus as the spiritual successor of this prophetic line, but also as the fulfillment of all prophesy since he alone will bring creation back into himself at the end of all time.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Well, however this verse is spun, Paul still 'prefers' celibacy to marriage. It is also true that he doesn't condemn marriage, nor does he seem to 'require' it for proper service to God. The easiest way to understand this passage is to read it in context with the earlier verses in chapter 7, where Paul clearly expects Christ's imminent return. If we truly expected Christ to return next week, we might consider putting off our wedding plans.

## Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

The key here is that Jesus, 'unlike the scribes', teaches 'with authority'. Of course, the authority is from God and the people know this (perhaps from *what* he taught, though that isn't clear). Clearly Jesus is portrayed as being received by the people as a power-filled rabbi, a prophet of substance. When Jesus then miraculously casts out the demons, that authority found in his teaching is underlined. But the teaching authority is what is important; Mark seems to understand this, as he concludes the miracle story by re-emphasizing Christ's 'authority'. Two thousand years later, we may look at the miracle with some measure of modern skepticism, but Christ's *teaching with authority* is what keeps us believing. His words of teaching issue from the Word of God.



**MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN** are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Bonnie Arcovitch, Betsy Arnold & her family, Richard Arnold, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:**  
Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**1/21/2024**

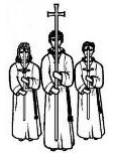
(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 2,561.75

*Thank you for your generosity & support*

***Travelers & Vacationers***

Please remember that our parish relies on your contributions, even when you are away. Thanks!!



**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Bernadetta Paolucci

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Bernadetta Paolucci

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

**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](http://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.

## PARISH EVENTS

**January 15<sup>th</sup>-February 8<sup>th</sup>**: No daily Mass  
**January 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>** – Second Collection for  
the Church in Latin America  
**January 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>** – Loose Change Week-  
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## Diocesan Annual Appeal

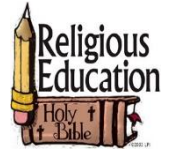


Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope or visit [www.annualappeal.org](http://www.annualappeal.org) to donate online.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how the Diocese of Scranton serves charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

Please note that there will be no daily 12:00PM Masses from Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Daily Mass will resume on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

### Religious Education Schedule:

January 28 – Regular Class

February 4 – Regular Class  
February 11 – Regular Class  
February 18 – Regular Class  
February 25 – Regular Class

March 3 – Regular Class  
March 10 – Regular Class  
March 17 – Regular Class  
March 24 – Regular Class  
March 31 – NO CLASS; HAPPY EASTER!!

Bishop Bambera has decided to replace the diocesan vestments priests wear to masses at the cathedral and other diocesan events. We will need to purchase the chasuble Fr. Philip wears for these events. If anyone would like to memorialize this vestment the cost is \$650.00.