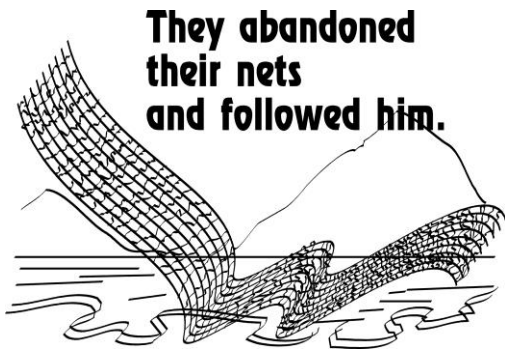


3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - *January 25, 2026*

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."

- Matthew 4:22



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23
Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	Jan 24	4:00 PM	Virginia Sperlazzo – Kilmer Family		
Sunday –	Jan 25	9:00 AM	Billy Kinny/Healing – Kilmer Family		
Monday –	Jan 26	NO MASS			
Tuesday –	Jan 27	NO MASS			
Wednesday	Jan 28	NO MASS			
Thursday	Jan 29	NO MASS			
Friday -	Jan 30	NO MASS			
Saturday –	Jan 31	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan – Kilmer Family		
Sunday –	Feb 1	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory		

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Zebulon and Naphtali (Galilee) were regions found in the Northern Kingdom. The passage probably refers to God restoring these territories to Israel (from Assyrian rule), or perhaps to Judah as part of a larger restoration of the two kingdoms. The early Church viewed this reference to these largely gentile territories within a larger context as foreshadowing Christ's 'light' to all nations, hence today's gospel reference.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Apparently, Paul is objecting here to the petty political affiliations within the Church at Corinth. He makes the point clearly that within the body of Christ, all are members who have been baptized, and that silly divisions are unacceptable. In other words, he seems to say, there is only one leader for the baptized: Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

This is the beginning of Christ's ministry and, not coincidentally, it finds its start with John's arrest and its location within the gentile region of Galilee. Christ recruits his first disciples and preaches the Kingdom to people within that region. The 'Light of the World' is (this seems to suggest) intended to shine on all humankind, Jew and gentile alike. Matthew eliminates any doubt in his narrative about Christ's supernatural influence which is immediate and uncompromised: *'At once they left their nets and followed him.'* And then, *'immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.'* Peter, Andrew, James and John, men with families and responsibilities, know exactly what to do: follow Jesus Christ. Of course, this may have been more literary device than reality, but the point is still well taken: *when Jesus calls us, we should respond.*



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN available to pray for you or your loved ones. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-498-0760.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, Doris Carnese, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Billie Jackson, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



PARISH FINANCES

1/18/2026

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	<u>2839.00</u>

Thank you for your generosity & support!

2nd Collection: Church in Latin America

January 24-25



Sunday, January 25 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Sunday, February 1 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, February 8 – 9:00AM

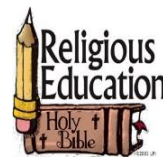
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, February 15 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Become an Altar Server! Call the Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes began on Sunday, September 21. Classes are held in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass is at 9:00 AM. Families previously registered last year should have received a registration form in the mail. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms are available at the rectory. Also you can find a registration form on the Holy Name of Mary Church website under the pull down menu under Religious Education.

The following is the schedule for classes for Jan & Feb:

January 25....Regular Class
February 1....Regular Class
February 8....Regular Class
February 15...Regular Class
February 22...Regular Class
February 22....Family Mass

Thank you to those parents who support their children in their Faith Formation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the rectory.



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 at www.compss.state.pa.us/cwis and should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

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In the Midst of Winter



Lord:

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak, remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul. - Amen



Let us pray for those who proudly serve in the military: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, David Place, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Nancy Travis, Travis Walter



Annual Women's Ministry Retreat

 *Office for Parish Life*

Bold and Beloved

Women's Retreat

Inspired by the teaching of St. Hildegard of Bingen

January 30-February 1, 2026

For more information, call (570) 207-2213 x1100



Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Register at dioceseofscranton.org



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
through
DECEMBER 5TH!!!

Registration closes January 16, 2026



The Office for Parish Life is hosting it's 4th Annual Women's Ministry Retreat: Bold and Beloved, the weekend of January 30th to February 1st. Please see the bulletin for information and contact the Office for Parish Life with any questions.



Travelers & Vacationers



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

A Call To Vocations

Those living in the world today know many things: despair, anxiety, doubt, confusion. To say we are living in a time of great hope doesn't seem like the obvious description, and yet, as Christians, we know this to be true – for hope requires “placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817).

The Diocese of Scranton rejoices in hope as more of our young people decide to answer the Lord’s call. This year, Bishop Joseph Bambera accepted five new seminarians from three different countries, four different counties, and five different parishes. The increasing number of seminarians for the Diocese of Scranton correlates to national trends noted in the 2025 CARA Report, which surveyed more than 300 men preparing for priestly ordination across the United States.

God has given you a vocation to serve him in a way that no one else can. This vocation may be to serve him as a diocesan priest. If you place your trust in the Lord, you too can discover the hope found in loving and serving God and then share that hope with a world that is all too familiar with despair.

- Have you ever felt called to follow a plan greater than your own?
- When you hear God’s word, are you filled with a desire to share it?
- Do you want to lay down your life to minister to God’s people?
- Are you drawn to the diocesan priesthood?

If you answered “yes” to one or more of these questions, God may be calling you to serve his people as a priest. Where do you go from here?

- First and foremost, listen to God’s voice in prayer. As the Catechism tells us, “Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire” (CCC 1820).
- Connect with your parish priest and become active in the life of your faith community through the sacraments, service, and fellowship.
- Check out the material available on this site and our social media accounts for more information about events and discernment tips.
- Reach out to our vocation director, Fr. Alex Roche, for a conversation.
- Trust that your God has a plan for you, that he sustains you through it all, and that he is inviting you *to know the hope that is found in his call.*

To get in touch with the Vocations Office, please email vocations@dioceseofscranton.org or contact **Father Alex Roche**, our Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

We are here to support you every step of the way!

