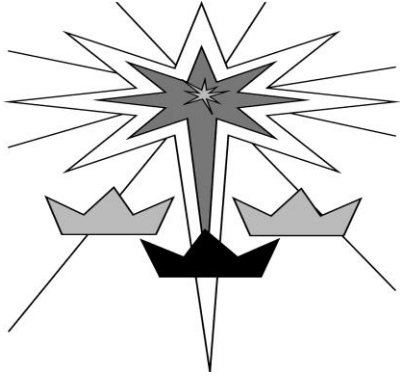


Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026

*“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” –Isaiah 60:1*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	Jan 03	4:00 PM	Irene Shimkus – Paolucci Family			
Sunday –	Jan 04	9:00 AM	Lois Rosler			
Monday –	Jan 05	12:00 PM	Special Intention – Bill & Brenda Hector			
Tuesday –	Jan 06	12:00 PM	Luke Farrel – Tom & Kate Kurosky			
Wednesday	Jan 07	12:00 PM	For Those in Purgatory			
Thursday	Jan 08	12:00 PM	Jack Snyder			
Friday -	Jan 09	12:00 PM-	Jean Farrel - Tom & Kate Kurosky			
Saturday –	Jan 10	4:00 PM	Leo Povoromo			
Sunday –	Jan 11	9:00 AM	For Those in Purgatory			

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Jerusalem has been the center of all worship, the Temple of God. As such, the early Church interpreted this passage as the fulfillment of God’s promise in Jesus Christ, the light that shines on all humanity. The secondary meaning is that it points to God’s universal gift, as exemplified by the visit of the Magi.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Jesus Christ is revealed to all humankind through the evangelization of St. Paul and his followers. When Paul died, the Church was made up of both gentiles and Jews, worshipping together and taking the strengths and gifts of both cultures forward into the future.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Traditionally, the Magi were thought to be gentiles, and though Matthew doesn’t say this specifically, today’s OT reading refers to emissaries from *Midian*, *Ephah*, and *Sheba*, all gentile nations. This is important because it symbolizes the recognition by all nations of Christ’s sovereignty. There is great supernatural majesty in this story, with Magi (astrologers, perhaps, who draw meaning from the movement of the stars) following one bright, mystical star with hope and trust to the birthplace of Jesus- from the line of David in the City of David. They give their kingly gifts to this baby, fulfilling prophecies spoken eons before, bowing down to him gratefully and humbly. And, perhaps unknowingly, they thwart the evil machinations of a great, jealous king by obeying the message given them in a dream. There is such magic in this story that God seems to leap out of the words



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 Rocchia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



PARISH FINANCES

12/28/2025

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3653.00
Christmas Collection	\$	11804.61

Thank you for your generosity & support!

2nd Collection: Church in Latin America

January 24-25



Sunday, January 4 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Sunday, January 11 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, January 18 – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, January 25 – 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:

December 28....NO CLASS
January 4....Regular Class
January 11....Regular Class
January 18....Regular Class
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 Pascuska at 570-862-7551.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.



Travelers & Vacationers



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



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



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“WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN”

Yes, that means that we need to de-decorate the Church from its current beautiful Christmas disposition, and get it back down to “Ordinary Time”. (With the exception of the lovely urn arrangements at the entrance to the church, thanks to Ted and Mary Ann Beeman, which have endured an entire Advent and Christmastide. These will remain until February 2 as reminders of the beauties of the Season.) So, this will take place immediately after 9:00 Mass on Sunday, 1/11.

Thank you all in advance for your efforts!

+90 - John Siedlecki



Annual Women’s Ministry Retreat



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 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

Annette Bergeon Keynote Speaker

Michael Corsini Worship Leader

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.



The Ministries of the Diocese

The Diocese offers many giving opportunities that directly benefit those in need and help build up the Kingdom of God. Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (Diocesan Annual Appeal) provide essential funding for five ministries which serve every Catholic parish, school and family and many community individuals and families in 11 counties. Ministries supported by the Appeal include Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants, Catholic education in schools and parishes, seminarian education and care of our retired and ill clergy, Parish Life programs and services and Catholic Media and communications. Additional giving opportunities include our Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program, the Vocations Golf Tournament in support of Seminarian Education and Estate Planning to make gifts to the Diocese and to parishes. For more information, call 570-207-2250.

During Jubilee Celebrations



"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14)



The Holy Father Addresses Young People

"Dear friends, we are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and fixed, but for an existence that is constantly regenerated in giving, in love. And so we continually aspire to something more that no created reality can give us," he added, "we feel a great and burning thirst, so great that no drink of this world can quench it. Faced with this thirst, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to quench it with ineffective substitutes! Let us listen to it, instead! Let us make it a stool on which we can climb, so that we can look out, like children, on tiptoe, at the window of our encounter with God. We will find ourselves before Him, who awaits us, or rather, who knocks gently on the window of our soul (cf. Rev 3:20). And it is beautiful, even at 20 years of age, to open our hearts wide to Him, to allow Him to enter, and then to venture forth with Him, toward the eternal spaces of infinity."

