

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

“Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep”.-Romans 13:11



First Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – Nov 29	4:00 PM	Richard A. Embleton – Genny Embleton
Sunday – Nov 30	9:00 AM	John Collins – The Family
Monday – Dec 1	NO MASS	
Tuesday – Dec 2	12:00 PM	Maria Sacco
Wednesday – Dec 3	12:00 PM	Nancy Landis
Thursday – Dec 4	12:00 PM	Major Joseph Baccagno
1st Friday – Dec 5	12:00 PM	Michael Gunning (Devotions at 11:00AM)
Saturday – Dec 6	4:00 PM	Gary Smith – Ed Hartman
Sunday – Dec 7	9:00 AM	Joan Cavanaugh

PLEASE NOTE: Monday, Dec 8, is The Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.



1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

This passage describes the end of time, when all will be obedient to (and within) God’s plan and peace will finally come to the world. It is interesting to note that all nations, all people, will go forward to God’s judgment. If they were fearful of punishment, would they ‘stream toward it’? It is God’s eternal love that draws them.

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

With Christian baptism comes an understanding of God’s promise of salvation for all humankind at the end time. This ‘end’ is as near as the Kingdom and the light that shines from it. Each of us, each believer, is walking Christ’s path, drawing closer and closer to the finality of these times. But together, as Church, we are already illumined by Christ’s glorious light, and together we move from finality of days to the eternity of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37- 44

No one knows when Christ will bring all of creation back into Himself, and no one should know. What we can know, and should know, is that Jesus Christ awaits us with arms wide open and welcoming. The imagery of ‘*one will be taken, and one will be left behind*’ is at first upsetting, but upon closer examination, it carries with it a message of hope. The message is not that half of all men and women will be left behind, but that the promise will be fulfilled with immediacy for those who trust in Christ. The imagery is meant to encourage us to focus on the light of Christ rather than on worldly matters. Before becoming a Christian, the woman ground grain; after becoming a Christian, the woman ground grain. After becoming a Christian, the woman understood. The grinding of the grain didn’t change.



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

11/23/2025

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	<u>3358.33</u>

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Next 2nd Collection: Retirement for Religious

December 13-14



Sunday, November 30 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, December 7 – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, December 14 – 9:00AM

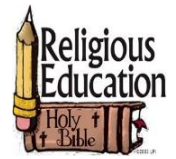
Stanely Grochal

Sunday, December 21 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

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 Oct & Nov:

November 9 - Regular Class
November 16 - Regular Class
November 23 - Regular Class
November 30 - NO CLASS...Happy Thanksgiving!
December 7 - Regular Class
December 14 - Regular Class
December 21 - Regular Class
December 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
December 28 - NO CLASS

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be an
Advent Penance Service Dec 14 @ 2:00PM.
Two priests will be available.



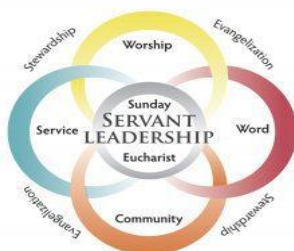
Travelers & Vacationers



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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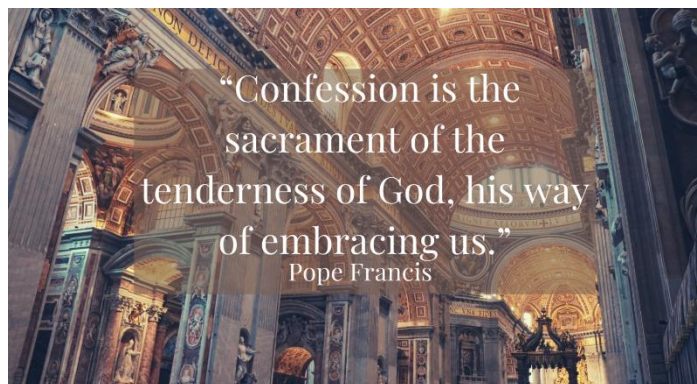
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Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy... The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing. When I go to confession, it's for healing: healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that I did to make it unwell."

- Pope Francis

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. An Early Bird Special for Registration is available until December 5th. 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.

Christmas Bazaar Time Again!

The Holy Name of Mary Christmas Bazaar on Saturday December 6 from 9-3 will include food again this year. We will be serving hot dogs, sandwiches and chili as well as homemade soups. Also, many baked goods will be available. All can be eaten in or taken home to enjoy.

We will have a bake sale this year, so please bring any baked goods that you could to sell. You could start baking now and freeze some cookies or other items for the bazaar. We are asking you to drop off items on Saturday, December 6 at 8 AM in the Parish Center.

The Altar and Rosary Society will also be selling fresh homemade wreaths and table decorations. There will also be some items for sale and raffle items.

When you are visiting Christmas in Montrose on December 6, don't forget to stop in to the Parish Center for a snack, lunch, or baked goods or soup to take home.



JESSE TREE - Thanks to the charitable and kind parishioners of Holy Name of Mary, all the gift tags have been taken from the JESSE TREE. As a reminder, they need to be returned and placed under the Jesse Tree no later than WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd. **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT.** Please make sure the Tag is securely attached to the gift or the bag/box it is placed in.

All of the gifts will be taken to Interfaith for distribution to families and children. If you have any questions regarding the tag you selected, you may call Diane at Interfaith – 570-273-8695.

You may still purchase a NEW toy or gift and leave it under the Jesse Tree or drop them off at Kost Tire, 555 Grow Avenue, Montrose.

KIWANIS TOY DRIVE – Our goal is to collect new toys and cash donations in order to provide each child with 2 or 3 new toys. Cash or check donations can be given to Ed DeWitt or mailed to him at P.O. Box 345, Montrose, PA, 18801. Checks should be made out to 'Montrose Kiwanis Club'.

Also, they may be left with Father Phillip or Dennis in the rectory. In addition, NEW toys can be purchased and dropped off at Kost Tire on Grow Avenue in Montrose. All toys and cash donations will be given to Interfaith's Christmas Bureau for distribution to needy children.

Last year, over 850 children received Christmas gifts because of the love and caring shared by the many generous and faithful people at Holy Name of Mary and throughout Susquehanna County.

