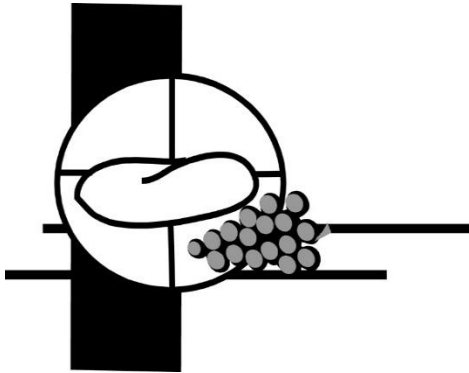


6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - *February 15, 2026*

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill the law.” – Matthew 5:17*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	I Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	Feb 14	4:00 PM	Kathleen McGrath – John & Sally McGrath		
Sunday –	Feb 15	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners		
Monday –	Feb 16	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory		
Tuesday –	Feb 17	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory		
AshWeds -	Feb 18	5:00 PM	Paul Kurosky – Cheryl Kurosky		
Thursday	Feb 19	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory		
Friday -	Feb 20	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory		
Saturday –	Feb 21	4:00 PM	In Thanksgiving – John & Sally McGrath		
Sunday –	Feb 22	9:00 AM	Eleanor Kurosky – Cheryl Kurosky		

Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Each of us can make a ‘free will’ decision regarding God and his humanly understood ordinances. This is not to say that we are disinclined to sin, but that we are created in such a way that we can choose God instead. Perhaps the message here is that God never *causes* us to sin, or to act ‘unjustly’. It is important, however, to remember that God extends His grace to us so that our choices are less murky.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Human wisdom is not God’s wisdom, and human maturity is not the maturity God expects. The mystery of the cross elevates Christ to the finality of ‘maturity and wisdom’, and to recognize it is necessary to approach it in faith. We can never know how much God loves us, but by focusing on the cross, we can accept that His love is always there for us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus makes it clear that God’s Law continues to be in place, and then he underlines it with examples drawn from the Decalogue that exact not only a strict adherence to outward obedience, but to inward obedience as well. In fact, if the old Law was hard to follow, Christ’s interpretation of it is even harder. What this says, pretty clearly, is that we need God’s grace to choose the right path. Theoretically, we can be ‘perfect’, but practically, we need God to help us every step of the way. When we accept Christ’s guidance, the Spirit helps us through it all and never deserts us as we struggle to be free.



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 Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



PARISH FINANCES

2/8/2026

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	1751.25

Thank you for your generosity & support!

2nd Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe
2/18/26



Sunday, February 15 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Sunday, February 22 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, March 1 – 9:00AM

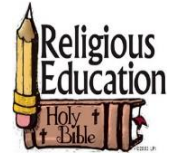
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, March 8 – 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 Feb:

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.



Travelers & Vacationers



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



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.

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TEACH US TO PRAY

How can I communicate with God?



What gets in the way?



Lenten Men's Retreat

March 13-14, 2026

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA

Includes Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation

\$85 meals and accommodations, \$60 commuters, \$50 students

Register online at www.beacatholicman.com

Questions? Call Joe Adcroft at 570-380-5070



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



February 18 is Ash Wednesday.
Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm.



Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS



SCAN TO REGISTER

EZRA 10:4

**A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE
PRIESTHOOD**

Rev. Alex Roche



Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke
151 OLD NEWPORT ST, NANTICOKE, PA 18634

Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office


MARCH 6-7, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026



Lenten regulations for observance of Abstinence and Fasting in the Diocese of Scranton:

1. ABSTINENCE (meaning no meat for that day) and FASTING are to be observed on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.
2. ABSTINENCE (no meat) is to be observed on ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
3. All Catholic adults, from 18 to 59 years of age, are bound by the law of FAST.
4. FASTING means one full meal may be eaten each day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.



2026 Lenten Holy Hours with Bishop Bambera

February 19
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing

February 24
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Brodheadsville

February 25
Saint Ann Parish, Williamsport

February 26
Divine Mercy Parish, Scranton

March 2
Saint Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel

March 3
Saint Carlo Acutis Parish, Olyphant

March 5
Saint John Bosco Parish, Conyngham

March 12
Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea

March 16
Saint Therese Parish, Shavertown

March 19
Saint John Vianney Parish, Montdale

March 23
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville

March 24
SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Plains

All Holy Hours to
begin at 7 p.m.

