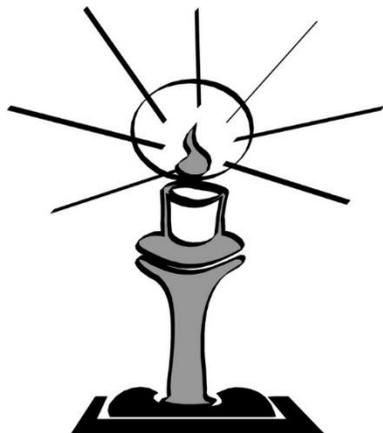


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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - *February 8, 2026*

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?”

-Matthew 5:13



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:	
Sunday	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	Feb 7	4:00 PM	Richard Burdick – Phil & Brenda Hector		
Sunday –	Feb 8	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners		
Monday –	Feb 9	NO MASS			
Tuesday –	Feb 10	NO MASS			
Wednesday	Feb 11	NO MASS			
Thursday	Feb 12	NO MASS			
Friday -	Feb 13	NO MASS			
Saturday –	Feb 14	4:00 PM	For All Souls in Purgatory		
Sunday –	Feb 15	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners		

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

The theme is one of selflessness and of sharing with the poor. To do so is to bring God’s light into the world, and to illumine the darkness that can otherwise cover the world. This is the heart of Christian life in community and in the way we conduct ourselves in the larger (even non-Christian) world.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

There is very little human wisdom to be found in the message of the cross- there is only Christ crucified for our sin. To non-believers, the crucifixion is distasteful and foolish, and speaks to human weakness rather than human strength. Paul knew this, but he also knew that within that weakness *God’s strength* was to be found, and nothing could be more powerful. To give up wisdom, human certainty, is to embrace the faith that casts God’s light into a dark world.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

The disciples were to become ‘the light of the world’. Through their ‘illumination’, the world would be transformed, and humankind would step out of the darkness and reach for something better. Christ’s teachings have been spread throughout the world, and it can be said without exaggeration that His gentleness and forgiveness have raised the consciousness of all humanity. There is much work yet to be done, but if the *‘lamp is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house’*, then God’s plan will continue to unfold and, as Christ instructed His disciples two thousand years ago, the Church will be the instrument through which that plan comes to fruition



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 Mondri, 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

2/1/2026

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

Thank you for your generosity & support!

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



Sunday, February 8 – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, February 15 – 9:00AM

Stanley Grochal

Sunday, February 22 – 9:00AM

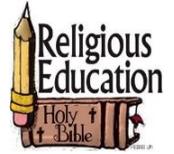
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, March 1 – 9:00AM

Albert 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 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 Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

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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



Walter

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



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to lead Holy Hours in each of the Diocese's 12 deaneries, continuing a tradition that began several years ago.

The Lenten Holy Hour for the Sayre Deanery will be held on Thursday, February 19, 7:00 PM, at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Wyalusing.**

All are invited and encouraged to attend. The theme for this year's Lenten Holy Hour will be "Finding Peace in Challenging Times."

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special opportunity to gather for prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic devotion during the Lenten season.

Holy Name of Mary Parish

Pastor: Rev. Phillip S. Rayappan

Sayre Deanery

- Epiphany, Sayre
- Holy Name of Mary, Montrose
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dushore
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing
- Saint Brigid, Friendsville
- Saint Michael, Canton
- Saints Peter and Paul, Towanda

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Number of Households	208	202	205	206	210
Number of Parishioners	566	559	571	572	585
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	2	2	2	2
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	146	123	131	108	108

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Baptisms	3	3	2	4	0
First Holy Communions	0	0	0	3	3
Confirmations	6	5	5	3	4
OCIA/Baptism	0	1	0	0	0
OCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	1	0	0	0	1
Funerals	5	9	6	9	3

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Religious Education K-8	7	11	17	20	22
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	3	3	3
Catholic School Students	0	0	0	7	0
Adult Faith Formation	2	0	0	15	0

*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2025 data is from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.



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