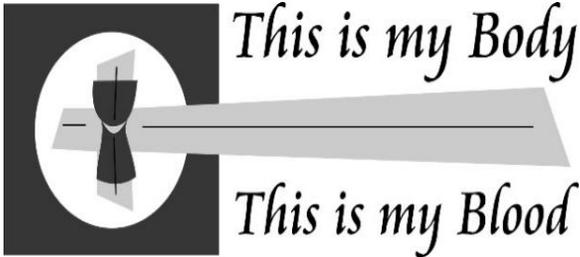


Palm Sunday - March 29, 2026

“My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.” –Matthew 26:18



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66
Monday Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Weds Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1
Saturday Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	Mar 28	4:00 PM	Betty Oleniacz – Jenn Fancher		
Sunday –	Mar 29	9:00 AM	Eileen Devaney		
Monday –	Mar 30	12:00 PM	John McGrath Birthday – Sally McGrath		
Tuesday –	Mar 31	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney		
Wednesday -	Apr 1	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney		
Holy Thur -	Apr 2	7:00 PM	Eileen Devaney		
Good Fri -	Apr 3	2:30 PM	(Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion)		
Sat East Vigil	Apr 4	8:00 PM	Frank Riancho – Frank & Rita DeRiancho		
Easter Sunday	Apr 5	9:00 AM	Eileen Devaney		

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

This is the third ‘Servant Song’, and the prophet is determined to continue preaching to the people that they will be restored to Judah by God after exile. It is clear that no one believes him, yet he continues proclaiming what he knows is true. Jesus, all during his ministry, does exactly the same thing- proclaiming that God’s people will be delivered from bondage. And, of course he is persecuted for telling them what they do not believe.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

This passage- really an ancient hymn- takes Jesus from pre-incarnation, through incarnation, to crucifixion, and then to His ultimate glory. He was with God, became man despite (and because of) his divinity, died as a man, and then rose from the dead. It is this absolutely inconceivable reality that makes salvation possible for all humankind. Ours is but to kneel before Him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 27:11-54

I have often wondered what happened to both Peter and Judas following their respective denial of Jesus. We know, of course, that Judas ended by hanging himself, and Peter eventually became the leader of the new Church. What we don’t know is what was in each of their heads and hearts immediately after the denial. It is possible to speculate on what Judas thought, based on his return of the silver and the suicide. It is likely that his betrayal, his selfish denial of Christ as friend and mentor, became so painful to him that he had to end the suffering. And, once again, he followed his own pattern and took the selfish way out. Peter, on the other hand, arguably feeling the same sort of pain, took another sort of path, and spent the balance of his life living for Christ and *dying to himself*. Two people making essentially the same mistake, experiencing the same sort of disconnection from the Truth, and suffering because of it. The only difference is the choice made and the path then followed. It is the decision, the free-will choice that follows the mistake that truly matters.



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



PARISH FINANCES

3/22/2026

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3121.00

Thank you for your generosity & support!

2nd Collection: April 3, Good Friday, Holy Land



Sunday, March 29 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Sunday, April 5 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, April 12 – 9:00AM

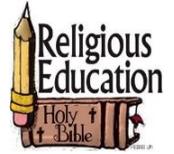
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, April 19 – 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:

- March 29....Regular Class...Palm Sunday
- April 5....NO CLASS...Happy Easter!
- April 12.....Regular Class
- April 19.....Regular Class
- April 26.....Regular Class
- May 3.....Regular Class
- May 10....NO CLASS...Happy Mother's Day!
- May 17....Regular Class...Last Class
- May 24....Pentecost Sunday....
- Confirmation at 9:00 Mass

Have a great summer!

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.



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.



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

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Travelers & Vacationers

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

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.



HOLY WEEK

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HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday – April 3rd

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:

Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord.

***Start of Divine Mercy Prayer for the Nine Day Novena**

Blessing Easter Baskets – April 4th

Saturday Morning at 11:00AM

Easter Vigil – April 4th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday – April 5th

Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives
- Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross
- Holy Saturday, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12th

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, please consider praying the Divine Mercy Nine Day Novena. It begins on Good Friday, finishing Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00 Mass. A Plenary Indulgence is granted for Praying this Novena and after making Confession.



