

First Sunday of Advent– *December 1, 2024*

*“Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound
in love for one another and for all.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12a*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5; 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	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	November 30	4:00 PM	John G. McGrath (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	December 1	9:00 AM	William Jones (Glenn & Diana Shreffler)
Monday –	December 2	12:00 PM	Michela Capozzoli
Tuesday –	December 3	12:00 PM	McAtte & Master Families
Wednesday –	December 4	12:00 PM	Susan Stone (Joe & Diane Conigliaro)
Thursday -	December 5	12:00 PM	Lorin Dennison
Friday –	December 6	12:00 PM	Maryann Gatto
Saturday –	December 7	4:00 PM	Judy Vaccaro (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	December 8	9:00 AM	Mildred Megali (Glenn & Diana Shreffler)



1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

When Jeremiah spoke these words he was probably referring to the end of the Babylonian exile. From a Christian perspective, these words can be seen as the advent of Jesus Christ, God’s final deliverance of ‘justice’.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Paul is here encouraging the people to love one another in expectation of Christ’s imminent return. This is an obvious scripture choice for the beginning of Advent. In the second part of the reading, Paul is reminding the community of Thessalonica about how he instructed them when they first met, and again this is a fitting passage for Advent.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

This passage seems like an odd choice for Advent. We tend to think of Advent as the season for anticipating and then celebrating the birth of Jesus, and so it is. But it can easily be thought of as the season for anticipating the *Parousia*, the second coming of Jesus. As Christians we can fold these two events together by remembering that Jesus Christ is both human and divine. Jesus was born, as all of us were born, and yet His return will be in the full glory of Divinity. In this way the birth and the return are one and cannot be separated. Our preparation for the celebration of Jesus birth can’t help but remind us of why He was incarnated in the first place: *to die for us, for our human capacity to sin, and then to raise us up with Him*. The mystery is as compelling today as it was in the first century. Perhaps the best way to consider the mystery is to do what Mary did: just accept the gift and praise God for the incomparable blessing.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-498-0760.

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, 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, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondì, 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.



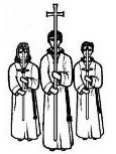
LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 11/24/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3040.50
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, December 1st – 9:00AM
Stanley Grochal

Sunday, December 8th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, December 15th – 9:00 AM
Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, December 22nd – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact 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 electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

PARISH EVENTS

December 7th - Christmas Bazaar; 9AM – 3PM

December 7th/8th – Second Collection:

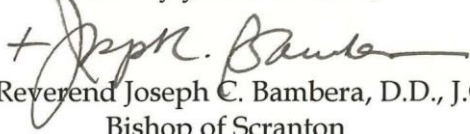
Retirement Fund for Religious

December 28th/29th – Loose Change Weekend

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Every December 8, Catholics joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, December 8 will fall on a Sunday – specifically, the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. As we quickly approach the end of the liturgical year, I am keenly aware that many parishes have already finalized their schedules for December. Therefore, I am hereby granting a dispensation to the Catholic faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9, 2024 throughout the territory of the Diocese of Scranton.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

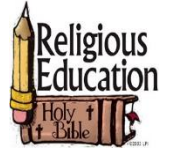


Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope or visit www.annualappeal.org to donate online. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how the Diocese of Scranton serves charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass. Classes began on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church website under the Religious Education portal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

Religious Education Schedule:

December 1 – **NO CLASSES**
December 7 – HNM Bazaar
December 8 – **NO CLASSES**
December 15 – Regular Class
December 22 – Regular Class
December 25 – Merry Christmas!
December 29 – **NO CLASSES**

Time is Growing Short

The Holy Name of Mary Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday December 7 from 9-3 in the Parish Center.

We need to receive your donations of new items (or almost new) and gift cards as soon as possible. We will also take traditional theme baskets.

Please bring your items to the rectory during office hours (M, T, Th 9-3 and W 9-12) or put them in the crying room of the church in a box marked "Altar and Rosary" or bring them to the chapel on Thursday December 5 between 1 and 3 PM.

Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Altar and Rosary".

Your support is very important to the success of our event!

Christmas Bazaar Time Again!

Saturday, December 7: 9AM-3PM

The Holy Name of Mary Christmas Bazaar will include food again this year. We will be serving pulled pork, chili, hot dogs, and sandwiches, as well as homemade soups. The soup can be eaten in or taken home to enjoy. There will also be a variety of baked goods to eat in or to take home.

We will be offering a bake sale this year and would appreciate any baked goods that you could bring to sell. You could start baking now and freeze some cookies or other items for the bazaar. We will be letting you know when to drop off items on Thursday December 5 or you could bring them Saturday morning on the day of the Bazaar which will be from 9-3 on December 7.

We also will be having a raffle of new items and gift cards. These will be available at the Bazaar to see and to submit entries. If you have any new items that you don't need, please donate them to the Altar & Rosary Society for the raffle. Or perhaps you could purchase something that you spot at a great price to put out on our raffle table. Another possibility would simply be to purchase a gift card or to obtain a gift certificate from a local business. The raffle drawing will be at 2:30 PM on the day of the Bazaar.

When you are visiting Christmas in Montrose on December 7, don't forget to stop in to the Parish Center for a snack, lunch, or baked goods or soup to take home. Of course, we will also be selling homemade wreaths and table decorations!



Just a reminder that we will be accepting donations of Brownie Mix for Interfaith's holiday food drive until December 5. Donations may be left in the marked box in the crying room or brought to the rectory during office hours.

JESSE TREE / KIWANIS TOY DRIVE

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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd. 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.

If you were not able to get a Jesse Tree gift tag, 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 – The Kiwanis Club of Montrose Area has conducted an annual Toy Drive for the past 46 years. 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, Pam, 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 900 children received Christmas presents because of the love and benevolent caring shared by the many generous and faithful people at Holy Name of Mary and throughout Susquehanna County.