

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2023

*“Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.” –Leviticus 19:17*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	February 18	4:00 PM	Paul Kurosky (Cheryl Kurosky)
Sunday –	February 19	9:00 AM	Ellen Burns (Johanna Reed)
Monday –	February 20	NO MASS	
Tuesday –	February 21	NO MASS	
Wednesday – Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday)		5:00PM	Eleanor Kurosky (Cheryl Kurosky)
Thursday –	February 23	NO MASS	
Friday –	February 24	NO MASS	
Saturday –	February 25	4:00 PM	Ellen Burns (Johanna Reed)
Sunday –	February 26	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (D. Feece)

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

To love your neighbor as yourself actually has two important parts: the first is to love (‘respect’ might be a better word) yourself, and then to love your neighbor. This is not armchair psychology but practical advice. Folks who have very little self-respect invariably find fault with those around them. Knowing that God loves us, just the way we are, makes it very difficult to dislike others.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Each one of us is united to Christ, sharing in the Body of Christ. As Paul says in this passage, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” This knowledge should not be minimized or ignored or denied- it is the very meaning of our faith. Paul reminds us that human wisdom is secondary to the wisdom of God and that God’s wisdom dwells within us. This ‘indwelling’ is a mystery that can never be fully understood by mere human wisdom, and so faith is required. Faith is needed to find the meaning of faith.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

This is a hard lesson. To love those who persecute us is not just difficult, but painful and demeaning. Jesus doesn’t tell us to avoid our persecutors, or even to just ignore them, but to love them. How do we love those who cause us injury? It seems impossible, and it is impossible if we rely solely on our own resources. But with the Spirit dwelling within us, and with God’s grace encouraging us, and with Christ teaching us with His death on the cross, it is just possible to do. And what value is there in loving your persecutors? It brings God’s love into the world. It removes a little bit of hatred and replaces it with a little bit of love. It is a hard lesson to learn, but one that our Lord loves us enough to expect.



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: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Gene Bell, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Philip Donahue, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Joan Nelson, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, February 12th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, February 19th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, February 26th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, March 5th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Would you like to become an Altar Server?

If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

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.



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

2/12/2023

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
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Sunday Collection	\$	3,141.75
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Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

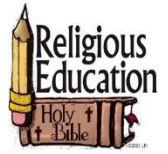
PARISH EVENTS

February 20th – President's Day; Rectory Closed

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday; Mass at 5:00PM; Second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

February 25th/26th – Loose Change Weekend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00 AM Mass. At this time, masks are optional for the classroom.

If you are new to HNM parish and would like to register your child, registration forms are available at the rectory, as well as online in the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal. Thank you for your participation and support.

February 19th – Regular Classes

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday ... Lent Begins

February 26th – Regular Classes; **FAMILY MASS AT 9:00AM**

HOLY NAME OF MARY POST PANDEMIC GET TOGETHER

All HNM parishioners are welcome!

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 5:10 pm

Place: Reimel Center (Old Lee's Furniture Building)

Prepare for a catered meal, adult beverages and an enjoyable conversation with parish friends. Also, we will be celebrating Fr. Philip's 25th Ordination Anniversary!

Note: Please RSVP your attendance by calling the rectory before March 16th so that we may have an accurate count for the caterer.

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of an assistant for the classroom of Jenn Tometchko in Religious Education on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11. If we were to get several people, we could consider a rotation. The children are wonderful and it could be a rewarding experience. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



**ASH WEDNESDAY
IS FEBRUARY 22ND.
MASS WILL BE
HELD AT 5:00PM.**



PLEASE NOTE:

The rectory will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

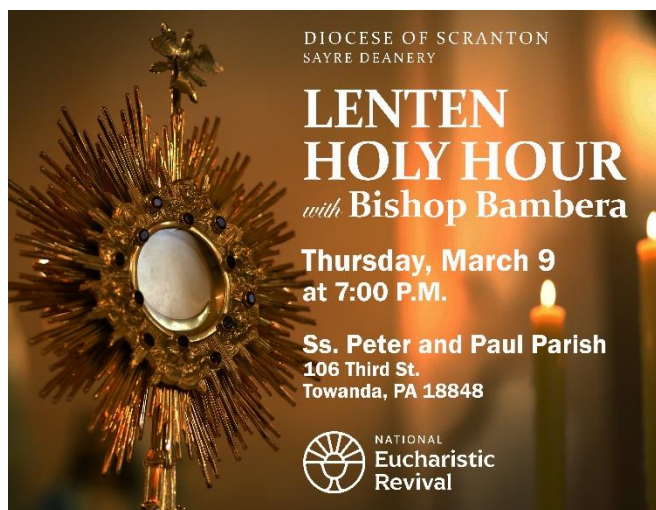
LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA



All of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton. **The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Sayre Deanery, will take place on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00PM at Saints Peter and Paul Parish--106 Third Street, Towanda, PA 18848.**

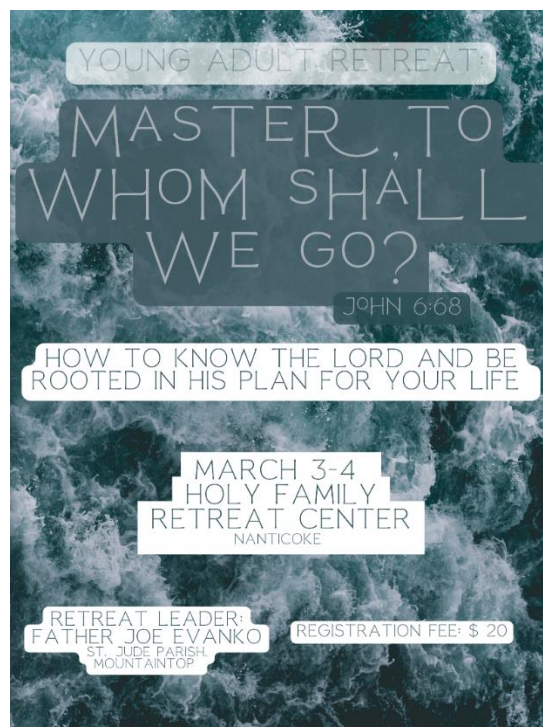
At their November 2021 General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to move forward with plans for a National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The multi-year Eucharistic Revival began on Sunday, June 19, 2022, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.

Mark your calendars and plan on joining Bishop Bambera as we pray for renewal in our devotion to Jesus Christ present to us in the Eucharist.



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

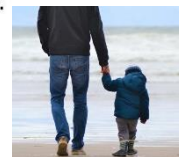
The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations is hosting a Young Adult Retreat March 3-4 at Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke. This year's theme is, *Master, to Whom Shall We Go? How to Know the Lord and Be Rooted in His Plan for Your Life*. Father Joe Evanko will be our retreat leader. The retreat is open to young adults ages 18-35, and the registration fee is \$20. To register, please visit <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/word/young-adult-ministry/young-adult-retreat/>.



Son of the Father - A Men's Retreat

Sponsored by: Be a Catholic Man, Inc.

March 31 and April 1
beginning at 6:00pm
Cost is only \$75.00



Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd. - Dalton, PA

Spiritual Guidance given by: Bishop Joseph Bambera,
Msgr. John Esseff, Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Kevin Miller,
and Jesse Martin

Info at beacatholicman.com or call (570) 351-6256