1st Sunday of Lent – *February 26, 2023*

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for the day is its own evil."- Matthew 6:34



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	February 25	4:00 PM	Ellen Burns (Johanna Reed)
Sunday –	February 26	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (D. Feece)
Monday –	February 27	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	February 28	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	March 1	12:00 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving (Anonymous)
Thursday –	March 2	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	March 3	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	March 4	4:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Sunday –	March 5	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

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1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

In the readings today we see the entire salvation arc of God's promise up to the incarnated, earthly ministry of Jesus. In the first reading, human free will is born and its exercise results in sin. That sin then becomes the burden of all humankind. Consciousness of responsibility for our actions is God's greatest gift to us, and ignoring that responsibility is how we fall.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Adam (in the Hebrew: 'human') metaphorically lost Eden for humankind, and Jesus regained it. Essentially this is Paul's teaching. In between is the history of human sin, proving that our responsibility for our actions is not enough; we are condemned to repeat history without the grace of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Consider that Jesus, the new Adam, is tempted as all humans are tempted, and yet he does not succumb. Jesus is the model for a new human- a human who, through grace, can focus on God and the Kingdom rather than the lower inclinations that pull us away from transcendence and back into the un-evolved state represented by Adam. The Lenten season reminds us not only of what we are, but of what we can be. Salvation, after all, doesn't only involve the end result- it is all about what we are *right now*.



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, Jo-Anne 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 Mondi, 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 Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, 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		2/19/2023		
(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(<u>4867.00)</u>		
Sunday Collection	\$	2,736.65		
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 obli-

gations. Thank you!!

Travelers & Vacationers

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





Sunday, February 26th – 9:00AM Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci Sunday, March 5th – 9:00AM Lee John Sullivan Sunday, March 12th – 9:00AM Bernadetta Paolucci Sunday, March 19th – 9:00AM Isaiah Torres

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-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at <u>www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis</u>. 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

February 25th/26th – Loose Change Weekend



HOLY NAME OF MARY POST PANDEMIC GET TOGETHER

All HNM parishioners are welcome!

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 5:00 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.



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 26th – Regular Classes; FAMILY MASS AT 9:00AM March 5th – Regular Classes March 12th – Regular Classes

March 19th – Regular Classes March 26th – Regular Classes April 2nd – Regular Classes; PALM SUNDAY April 9th – HAPPY EASTER; NO CLASSES





Confirmation Corner

Confirmation candidates brought home a Confirmation folder with papers that need to be filled out by parents and containing study papers. At this time, please fill out the Confirmation Registration form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Some dates...

Possible Confirmation Retreat: March 18th (Details coming at a later time) Confirmation Celebration Mass: May 28th Pentecost Sunday, 9:00 AM

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/youngadult-ministry/young-adult-retreat/.

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS



In a 74 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten

concert in Harford, Pennsylvania. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 4 PM at the First Congregational Church of Harford, UCC, <u>5016 Creek Road</u>, <u>Harford</u>, <u>PA</u> <u>18823</u>. The pastor of the church is Reverend Doctor Will Hagenbuch. The Mountain View Chimette Bell Ringers will be the guest performers. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering.

Brenda Grunza and Lois Ostrowski are copresidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Linda Houck is accompanist. The group, marking its 74th season, is composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concert. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at <u>www.catholicchoralsociety.org</u>

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