

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 30, 2022

*He said to them: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34 |

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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|-------------|------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday–   | January 29 | 4:00 PM  | Joe Scarfalloto (Sally & John McGrath)                 |
| Sunday –    | January 30 | 9:00 AM  | Candy Wells (George & Fran Calafut)                    |
| Monday –    | January 31 | 12:00 PM | All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners                     |
| Tuesday –   | February 1 | 12:00 PM | All Souls in Purgatory                                 |
| Wednesday – | February 2 | 12:00 PM | All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners                     |
| Thursday –  | February 3 | 12:00 PM | Dan Murphy- Mass of Healing (Michael & Lou Ann Kilmer) |
| Friday –    | February 4 | 12:00 PM | All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners                     |
| Saturday –  | February 5 | 4:00 PM  | Sandy Kamarauskas (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)             |
| Sunday –    | February 6 | 9:00 AM  | Gretchen Green (George & Fran Calafut)                 |



### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

These verses refer to Jeremiah's call to be a prophet, and then his subsequent troubles in being God's prophet. For the Christian Church, this 'call' is similar to Christ's 'call' and the persecutions that follow. When God reaches out to direct humankind, through a spokesperson, the result can be miraculous or it can be defensive and ugly; it all depends upon how we receive it.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

This passage is well known to all of us, and it holds so much promise and so much mystery that we never tire of reading it. Rather than applying contextual and/or historical filters to Paul's words, it may be more spiritually worthwhile to consider an alternate approach. When reading the passage, capitalize the 'L' in 'love' and think of it as God. God is Love and the world can only begin to understand what that means. But someday we will understand and that promise makes each day of life a new treasure

### Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The first thing to note here is that the reading skips two entire chapters, and includes only the first four verses of the first chapter. The first chapter verses introduce the gospel as Luke's (presumed objective) version, and the fourth chapter verses give a sort of mini version of the beginning of Christ's ministry. Luke emphasizes a couple of important points here: that Jesus ministered under the influence of the Spirit, and that He was the fulfillment of messianic teaching. So putting the two parts together suggests that what we are reading is an accurate account of what happened both chronologically and spiritually. Luke was writing for a primarily Greek audience so the intention is to teach, rather than preach and to approach Christ's life in a logical, objective sort of way.



**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, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, 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, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jesse Wells, 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, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

### PARISH FINANCES

**1/23/2022**

|                   |    |           |
|-------------------|----|-----------|
| (FY18/19 Budget)  | \$ | (4867.00) |
| Sunday Collection | \$ | 2,270.00  |

*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!!**

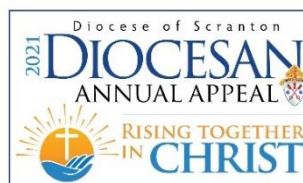
## SUPPORT RETIRED CLERGY & SEMINARIANS



*"The work we do in prayer and support of one another is the work of discipleship and evangelization. Like our Lord shared in the parable of the sower who went out to sow, seeds are planted and we may not see the results, we may not see the fruit of the work and the support that we give and we offer, but they do bear fruit with the help of the Lord."*

— Rev. Gregory A. Reichlen  
Assistant Vocation Director  
Pastor, Church of Saint John, East Stroudsburg  
Native of Susquehanna County

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### 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 1/27/2022 is 100%.



**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** – Collection for the  
“Church in Latin America”

### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING** **AND** *Sending Forth*



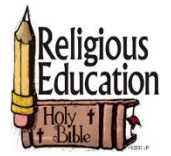
**FOR**  
**BISHOP-ELECT**  
**JEFFREY J. WALSH**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**  
**at 12:10 p.m.**  
**Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton**

On December 21, 2021, Pope Francis appointed the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

As Bishop-elect Walsh prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Gaylord on March 4, 2022, parishioners and friends of the Bishop-elect are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth in gratitude for his ministry of service to the People of God in the Church of Scranton. The Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 12:10 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral. It will also be televised live on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** If you would like to register your child, registration forms will be available at the rectory of the church. You may register for classes at any time.

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes –short teachers' meeting in parish center after class

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes-  
Grades 3-6 Reconciliation

## **LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY**

Loose Change Sunday will begin again this weekend, and will take place on the last weekend of every month.



## **Are you looking for some ideas for nurturing marriage?**

**Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day** (Sunday, Feb. 13), **February 7 through 14, 2022.** This year's theme is "*Called to the Joy of Love*". For ideas to celebrate in your parish or in your marriage, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week>



# Our Pilgrimage with the Saints

Kristopher W. Seaman

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:

Each Sunday, just before singing the “Holy, Holy, Holy,” the words in the Preface note that we pray with the angels and saints. These words prior to the Hosanna vary depending on the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, but each Preface notes that our prayers are said in union with heavenly voices.

That we pray with the angels and saints has been part of the Church’s teachings for centuries. The Church on earth is connected to, or in union with, its members who are in heaven—the angels and saints. This means that every Sunday when we come together to worship and glorify God, we gather with the angels and saints around the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

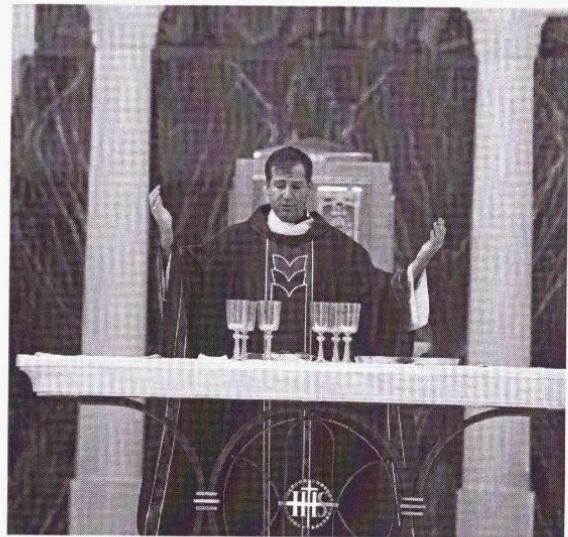
The Church recognizes the saints as the holy ones (the word *saint* comes from the Latin word for *holy*). As exemplars of what it means to dedicate one’s life to God, the saints model for us what it means to worship and glorify God. When we pray with the saints, then, we are praying with those who have arrived at what we hope is our final destination.

The second aspect of praying with the saints is that of pilgrimage. From the days of the early Church, Christians have journeyed to Jerusalem to follow the path of Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection, as well as to the places where the saints have lived. But a pilgrimage does not need to be to a distant place. We are on a pilgrimage, too, when we follow God’s invitation to grow deeper in faith. While we are in our homes preparing to participate in Mass, we are beginning a liturgical pilgrimage.

Pilgrimages can take on a penitential aspect, as portrayed in Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, a fourteenth-century story of pilgrims journeying to the shrine of St. Thomas Becket. Those on a pilgrimage with this penitential aspect seek to deepen their life in Christ according to the saints, while recognizing how their lives often fall short of God’s will and compassion. We see this in Eucharistic Prayer I when it states:

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, / hope in  
your abundant mercies, / graciously grant some share /  
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs. . . .

The liturgy is our regular pilgrimage site or place where we recognize that we fall short, that we have not reached the sanctity of the angels and saints, though God repeatedly invites



The Holy Spirit is the gift of God himself to transform us in his divine love.

us to a holy life. Yet the liturgy also is a time when we glimpse and participate in our final home around the heavenly banquet table.

Eucharistic Prayer I alludes to this when it states:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: / command  
that these gifts be borne / by the hands of your holy  
Angel / to your altar on high / in the sight of your divine  
majesty, / so that all of us, who through this participa-  
tion at the altar / receive the most holy Body and Blood  
of your Son, / may be filled with every grace and heavenly  
blessing.

Thus, liturgy is a pilgrimage during which we pray with the angels and saints as we live in the hope that one day, we too might be as they are.

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