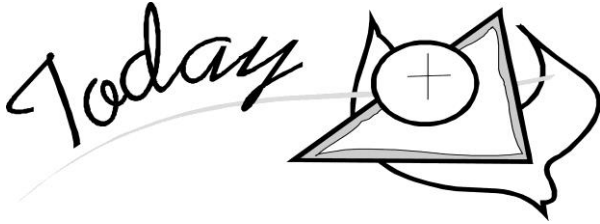


# Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2025

*“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.” - Luke 2:40*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
<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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	February 1	4:00 PM	Michah Dietz (Mass of Healing)	Michael & Lou Ann Kilmer
Sunday-	February 2	9:00 AM	Rosemarie Whalen (Mass of Healing)	Patricia Whalen
Monday-	February 3	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday-	February 4	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday-	February 5	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday-	February 6	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday-	February 7	12:00 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Saturday-	February 8	4:00 PM	Regina Janov	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday-	February 9	9:00 AM	Tolise Otis (Mass of Healing)	Michael & Lou Ann Kilmer



### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Some scholars consider the messenger to be Malachi, while others believe it refers to an angel of the Lord; most early Christian interpretations see the messenger as John the Baptist. All interpretations view the messenger as a figure who calls for a purification of the priestly rites of sacrifice and a return to the Torah, or the Laws of God.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

This passage clearly recognizes Christ in his role as High Priest, who through his own human death becomes the sacrifice for all humanity, and through his own divinity serves as the translator of that sacrifice into life eternal for that same reborn humanity. This is where the ancient Jewish rites of Temple sacrifice become complete.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus' is being presented at the Temple in order to fulfill the Law, i.e., circumcision. This can be understood in two fundamental ways. First, Jesus is raised in and meets all the traditional requirements of his people before God; he is obedient to the strictures of God's Law. Secondly, and more importantly, his presentation foreshadows a greater obedience, a greater fulfillment, as the completion of God's Law before humankind. Symbolically, Simeon recognizes Jesus as Messiah and submits to the Truth of it by giving himself over to the inevitability of death, but with the sure knowledge of Life for all, Jews and gentiles alike. Simeon, at least within scriptural chronology, is the first to accept Christ in this formulaic way. Anna, as prophet, provides not just confirmation of the Messiah's presence, but lends authenticity to his arrival (as a prayerful fixture within the Temple itself). It is almost as if Simeon and Anna become spiritual surrogate parents within the Temple announcing his Lawful role within God's plan.



**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, Phyllis Fritz, 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 Mondy, 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, Dolores 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 1/26/2025**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	<u>2681.76</u>

*Thank you for your generosity & support*

**Travelers & Vacationers**

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



**Sunday, February 2 – 9:00 AM**  
Albert Paolucci  
**Sunday, February 9 – 9:00 AM**  
Lee John Sullivan  
**Sunday, February 16 – 9:00 AM**  
Bernadetta Paolucci  
**Sunday, February 23 – 9:00 AM**  
Stanley Grochal

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** If so, please contact the rectory.

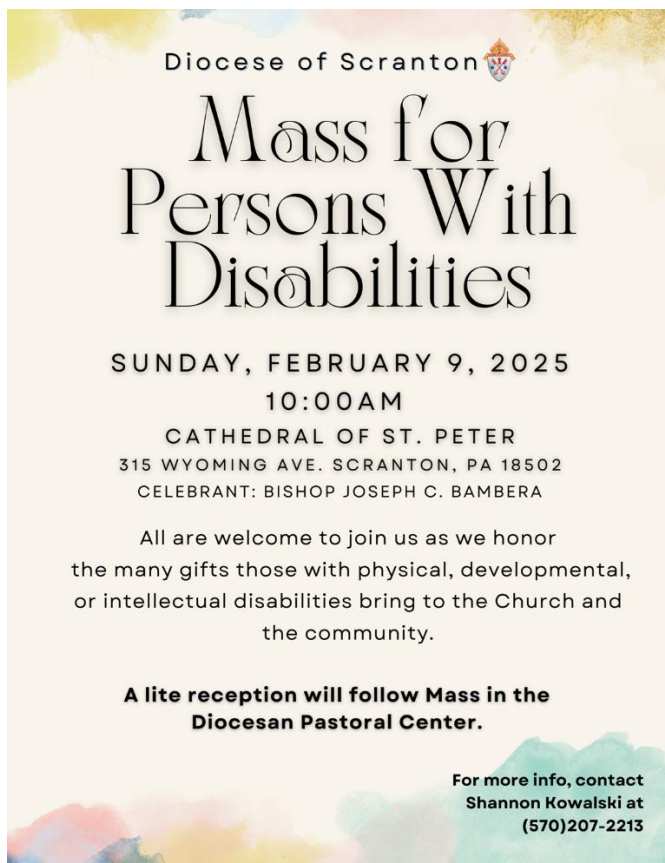
**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**


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](http://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.

## 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](http://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!



Diocese of Scranton 

# Mass for Persons With Disabilities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
10:00AM

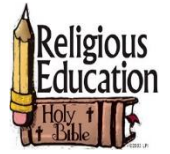
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER  
315 WYOMING AVE. SCRANTON, PA 18502  
CELEBRANT: BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA

All are welcome to join us as we honor the many gifts those with physical, developmental, or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community.

**A lite reception will follow Mass in the  
Diocesan Pastoral Center.**

For more info, contact  
Shannon Kowalski at  
(570)207-2213

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

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:

February 2 – Regular Class  
February 9 – Regular Class  
February 16 – Regular Class  
February 23 – **Family Mass at 9:00**  
followed by Regular Class



### ADOPT A POINSETTIA

After providing beauty to our altar through the Christmas season, the poinsettia plants will be adopted out. Feel free to grab one or two on the table in the sacristy after both masses February 8-9.

# FIVE YEAR PARISH LIFE TREND



## Holy Name of Mary Parish

Pastor: Rev. Phillip S. Rayappan

### Sayre Deanery

- Epiphany, Sayre
- Holy Name of Mary, Montrose
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dushore
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing
- Saint Brigid, Friendsville
- Saint Michael, Canton
- Saints Peter and Paul, Towanda

## PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Number of Households	202	205	206	210	209
Number of Parishioners	559	571	572	585	581
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	2	2	2	2
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	123	131	108	108	49

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Baptisms	3	2	4	0	1
First Holy Communions	0	0	3	3	5
Confirmations	5	5	3	4	4
RCIA/Baptism	1	0	0	0	0
RCIA/Full Communion	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0	1	0
Funerals	9	6	9	3	8

## FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Religious Education K-8	11	17	20	22	25
Religious Education 9-12	0	3	3	3	0
Catholic School Students	0	0	7	0	0
Adult Faith Formation	0	0	15	0	0

\*All data in this report has been supplied to the Diocese by your Parish. 2024 data is from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.



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