

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 2024

“But of that day or hour, no one knows,  
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” -Mark 13:18



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40                  |

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday –  | November 16 | 4:00 PM  | Judy Vaccaro (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)                |
| Sunday –    | November 17 | 9:00 AM  | Judy Vaccaro (Fran & George Calafut)                 |
| Monday –    | November 18 | 12:00 PM | In Thanksgiving to St. Jude                          |
| Tuesday –   | November 19 | 12:00 PM | Charity Perez  |
| Wednesday – | November 20 | 12:00 PM | All Souls in Purgatory (Angelo & Jackie Scarfalloto) |
| Thursday –  | November 21 | 12:00 PM | John Kurtz   |
| Friday –    | November 22 | 12:00 PM | John Pappas  |
| Saturday –  | November 23 | 4:00 PM  | Judy Vaccaro (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)                |
| Sunday –    | November 24 | 9:00 AM  | Judy Vaccaro (HNM Religious Education Teachers)      |

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

This is one of the few true apocalyptic forms of writing to be found in the Old Testament, and it follows the usual pattern. It begins with dire warnings and occurrences, followed by a separation of good and bad elements at a supposed future, and then ending with a symbolic transition into something mysterious- in this case a sort of resurrected light-like spirit. It is chosen for today's reading because it seems to pair up with the gospel reading.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

As with all of the other Hebrew passages we have been reading over the last few weeks, the author is referring to Christ's priestly role. However, we now have Christ waiting for the 'end' of the earthly time so that judgment can commence and the children of resurrection can come into their reward.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32

That Jesus will come again, the *parousia*, is being described here. The language and imagery is pure 'apocalyptic', the same style as that used in the first reading today. Apocalyptic writing is intended to be overstated, so that the message will be heightened for the listener (or reader) - it should not be taken literally. Christ's return is a fundamental part of our faith and has been taught by the Church since the first century- that part is literal. The 'signs' of Christ's return as structured- the fig tree lesson as well as the unusual celestial predictions- are intentionally loaded with vague symbolism. Jesus is telling his followers that the end of the world will happen, but that they really don't know when. He seems to suggest that it will become apparent when the time 'is ripe', but that in itself means almost nothing without more specific clues. Again, the vague manner in which this is described is typical of apocalyptic storytelling. The important thing to remember is that Jesus will return and we should *always* be ready.



**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.

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 Mondy, 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 11/10/2024**

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| (FY18/19 Budget)  | \$ | (4867.00) |
| Sunday Collection | \$ | 3,068.25  |

*Thank you for your generosity & support*

**Travelers & Vacationers**

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



**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Bernadetta Paolucci  
**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Lee John Sullivan  
**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Stanley Grochal  
**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
Albert 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](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.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

**November 16/17** – Second Collection: *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

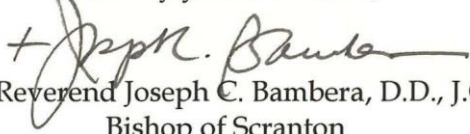
**November 23/24** – Loose Change Weekend

**November 28** – Thanksgiving Day; Mass at 9AM

## **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,

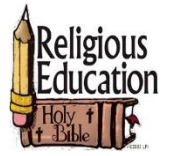


Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

## **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](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!

## **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:**

November 17 – Regular Class  
November 24 – Regular Class  
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**

## **Please Bring Your Raffle Items**

Please bring your raffle items for the Christmas Bazaar to the rectory Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 9 and 3 or on Wednesday between 9 and noon. If you are unable to do that, you can call Esther Rayias at 570-289-4858 to make arrangements for drop-off. You can also put them into a plain box marked Altar and Rosary and put them into the crying room in the church. We can also take items on Wednesday, December 5 between 1 and 3 PM at the Parish Center but would prefer to have them earlier. Gift cards or certificates can also be placed in an envelope marked to the Altar & Rosary Society and with your name on it and dropped in the collection basket on the weekends.

If you would prefer to make a traditional raffle basket, we will be happy to receive that as well.

## 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

The Holy Name of Mary parishioners are being asked again this year to share the joy and spirit of Christmas by helping those families and children that are in need of some assistance this year. Listed below are two faith sharing experiences that will enhance the Christmas season for our neighbors.

**JESSE TREE** - The Jesse Tree is placed on our side altar during this coming week's Masses (11/16 & 11/17). It will contain 25 tags of specific toys/gifts for individual children. Gifts purchased should be in the \$25 to \$45 range **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 make a cash donation or purchase a NEW toy or gift and leave it under the Jesse Tree or drop them off at Kost Tire on Grow Avenue in 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, 884 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.