

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 30, 2025

“Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.” Luke 15:23-24



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday-	March 29	4:00 PM	Regina Janov	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday-	March 30	9:00 AM	John & Molly Flanagan	The Host Family
Monday-	March 31	12:00 PM	Gerard Sheridan	
Tuesday-	April 1	12:00 PM	Romayne Kerl	
Wednesday-	April 2	12:00 PM	Joseph Loughney	
Thursday-	April 3	12:00 PM	Joseph Loughney	
Friday-	April 4	12:00 PM	Joseph Loughney	
Saturday-	April 5	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday-	April 6	9:00 AM	Joan Gat Host	The Host Family



1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The people have been brought out of Egypt and into the promised land of Canaan; they can now live from the bounty found in God's promise, the land, rather than from manna. In effect, they have survived the desert thanks to God's direct shepherding and are now able to live freely. Of course, with freedom comes responsibility for decisions made and, like the Prodigal Son in today's gospel reading, the Israelites would find themselves straying from God's Law.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

To be *saved* is not the same as being without responsibility for one's own actions, and when those actions take us away from God's love, we must be reconciled with Him again. Paul here is encouraging the Corinthians to always remember that Christ has made them new creatures only through his sacrifice and (fully human) separation from God; accordingly, they must always be aware of their human nature and the need to return to God when they stray.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable of the Prodigal Son is a rich source of Christian wisdom and can be mined of content almost indefinitely. But the simplest interpretation is still the best: *God, like the father in the story, is always ready to forgive.* The jealous son cannot forgive and places himself in a position that excludes him from celebration; forgiveness is God's invitation to the heavenly banquet. Christ's message, from start to finish, is always about forgiveness and the benefits are not just for those who are forgiven, but also (and maybe more importantly) for those who are able to forgive others. It is through the prism of letting our resentment and anger go, forgiving, that Christ's light for the world is refracted and the rainbow colors of faith, hope, and love can then be seen. And the rainbow thus created is very much like the first covenant that God made with humankind; the first and the last then blend perfectly. The banquet table is ready and the Father is expecting us; the celebration will be unsurpassed and unimaginable! After all, we have been forgiven.



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 Mondie, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Alfred Place, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



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

3/23/2025

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2243.85

Thank you for your generosity & support.



Lenten Fish Dinner

Friday, April 4th 4-7 PM hosted by
St. Brigid Parish at St. John Neumann Hall
in Choconut, PA. Eat-In or Take-Out available for \$14.



The Second Collection this weekend (March 29-30) will be for **Catholic Relief Services**.



LENTEN RETREAT

Men, it's not too late to register for the Men's Lenten Retreat, next weekend, April 4-5 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat center in Dalton PA. For more information and to register, please go to the Be A Catholic Man website. The retreat, "Be Imitators of Christ" will include talks by John Edwards, Adoration, confession and Mass with Bishop Bambera. The cost of \$100 includes two meals and lodging. www.BeACatholicMan.com



**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.com-pass.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.



Sunday, March 30 – 9:00 AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, April 6 – 9:00 AM

Stanley Grochal

Sunday, April 13 – 9:00 AM

(Palm Sunday)

Bernadetta Paolucci

Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 PM

(Holy Thursday)

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Stanley Grochal

Lee John Sullivan

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



Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent
following the 12:00 PM Mass



Easter Reconciliation

Palm Sunday, April 13th @2:00PM

Confessions will be heard by
Fr. Pio Mandato and Fr. Philip

Fr. Philip will continue hearing confessions
every Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM



Operation Rice Bowls, please return the
weekend of Palm Sunday, but no later than
Good Friday.



Confirmation Corner

March 29....Confirmation Retreat at St Ann's
Basilica

April 13....Service Hour booklets are due

April 27....Rehearsal for Confirmation at Most
Holy Trinity Church in Susquehanna
(time to be determined)

May 5....Confirmation Mass at Most Holy Trinity
Church at 5:00 PM. Children should be
there at 4:00.



**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:

March 30....Family Mass at 9:00 followed by
Regular class

April 6.....Regular Class

April 13.....Regular Class

April 20....Happy Easter....No Class

April 27.....Regular Class

May 4....First Holy Communion at 9:00
Followed by Regular Class

May 5....Confirmation Mass at 5:00 PM
Most Holy Trinity Church

May 11....Happy Mother's Day ...No Class

May 18....Regular Class...Final Class


You're 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 2025 Holy Year of Hope.

JOIN US
**MONDAY
MARCH 31
@ 7:00 PM**

**HOLY HOUR
WITH THE BISHOP**

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Sayre Deanery, will take place on Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 101 Churchill Street, Dushore.

**IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY PARISH**
101 Churchill Street
Dushore, Pa 18614
(570)-928-8865





FIAT DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

JUNE 23-25

- Location: Marywood University
- Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
- Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
- Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, and chat with religious sisters, priests, & Bishop Bambera
- Cost is \$25.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 16TH

Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS




HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday- April 13th

Jesus Entry Into Jerusalem at 4:00PM & 9:00AM

***Reconciliation at 2:00PM**

Holy Thursday – April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday – April 18th

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM:

Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion of the Lord.

***Start of Divine Mercy Prayer for the Nine Day Novena**

Easter Vigil – April 19th

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

Easter Sunday – April 20th

Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives
- Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross
- Holy Saturday, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27th

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, please consider praying the Divine Mercy Nine Day Novena. It begins on Good Friday, finishing Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00 Mass. A Plenary Indulgence is granted for Praying this Novena and after making Confession.