

First Sunday of Lent – March 9, 2025

*Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God,
And him alone shall you serve.’ Luke 4:8*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
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-	March 8	4:00 PM	Chris Washack	Debbie Perkins
Sunday-	March 9	9:00 AM	Judy Vaccaro	The Host Family
Monday-	March 10	12:00 PM	Lucien Kurosky	Tom & Kathleen Kurosky
Tuesday-	March 11	12:00 PM	Lucy Costano	
Wednesday-	March 12	12:00 PM	Joan McGrath O'Hara	
Thursday-	March 13	12:00 PM	Michael Naples	
Friday-	March 14	12:00 PM	Hilda Polosky	Milan & Cecelia Hibbard
Saturday-	March 15	4:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday-	March 16	9:00 AM	Gurn Swami Rayappan & Victoria	The Host Family

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The central event of Jewish tradition is the Exodus. The Holy remembrance of the event down through the ages is woven throughout the Old Testament. God delivered the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the homeland that even today is found in the new State of Israel. We are given this passage to read at the beginning of Lent in order to underline God's providence and our commitment to always remember His great gifts.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

This is a basic, almost understated, confession of faith. It should be recognized, however, that it is not a formula for salvation and it was never intended to be such; catechesis, sponsorship into the community, and baptism are requirements. This confession of faith was no doubt viewed as a pledge of sorts, like the Apostle's Creed, and was probably used in early liturgical services. But having said all of that, the confession is simple and pure and easily understood by Jews and Greeks alike during Paul's time and even by folks today.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

For Jesus, this story of temptation spells out his absolute devotion to God and his commitment to follow the path ahead. Jesus was without sin, and this forty-day desert experience set the pattern for his ministry and the fundamental message for humankind: to follow God only, to serve God in this life, to recognize that there is more than materialism in life, and to be humble before your Creator. Entering into the Lenten season offers each of us the opportunity to find our own commitment to God once again. Through his death and resurrection Jesus made us his brothers and sisters before God, so in a real way we can be one with him in our own desert experience during Lent.



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, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sergeant, 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.



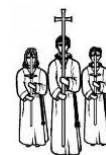
Save the Date

Friday, April 4th 4-7PM

St. Brigid Parish will host their Annual Lenten Fish Dinner at St. John Neumann Hall in Choconut, PA. Eat-In or Take-Out available.

\$14.00 includes:

Baked or Fried Haddock, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Roll, Applesauce, Dessert and Drink (drink with eat-in only)



Sunday, March 9 – 9:00 AM

Stanley Grochal

Sunday, March 16 – 9:00 AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, March 23 – 9:00 AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, March 23 – 9:00 AM

Albert Paolucci

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

PARISH FINANCES

3/2/2025

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	<u>3560.81</u>

Thank you for your generosity & support



Confirmation Corner

March 9....Service Hour at 11:00 following class

March 16....Service Hour at 11:00 following class

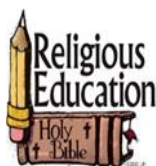
March 23....Confirmation registration forms are due

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 9.....Regular Class

March 16....Regular Class

March 23....Regular Class

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**

Most Holy Trinity Church at 5:00 PM

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

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



— Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth —



"Come and See"

Retreat Weekend

for Young Women Ages 15-27

Friday, April 4 - Sunday, April 6, 2025

3:00 PM on Friday through 11:30 AM on Sunday

LOCATION:
Mother of the Eucharist Convent
6100 Jacks Hollow Rd.,
Williamsport, PA

**RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED**
Please call Sister Christina
570-745-3334

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH:
www.capuchinsisters.com

"I need no more: I know Christ, the poor Crucified One." -St. Francis of Assisi

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

March 21st-23rd, 2025

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
Dalton, PA

REGISTRATION FEE:

First Time Participants - \$200

Trainees (2nd or 3rd time at ISLI) - \$215

includes meals, lodging, retreat materials and a t-shirt



Register today at dioceseofscranton.org



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. 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.



Lenten Men's Retreat April 4-5, 2025

BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Ctr., 1000 Seminary Road, Dalton, PA

Overnight Friday 6:00 PM to Saturday 2:00 PM

Adoration • Benediction • Reconciliation • Mass with Bishop Bambera

Guest speaker: **John Edwards**

Founder of Pew Ministries and host of "Just a Guy in the Pew" Podcast

- Mind and Heart of a Leader
- What Men Want / What Men Need
- How to Build A Successful Men's Group
- Next Steps / Practical Suggestions

Cost: \$100 includes lodging
\$75 without lodging

For information
contact Joe Adcroft:

570-351-6256

register by March 27 at:

BeACatholicMan.com



VOCATIONS



SCAN TO REGISTER
Open to Men 18 +

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A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE
PRIESTHOOD
Rev. Alex Roche



Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke

Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office

MARCH 21-22, 2025

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