

# Second Sunday of Advent– December 8, 2024

“John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”. Luke 3:3

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	December 7	4:00 PM	Judy Vaccaro (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	December 8	9:00 AM	Mildred Megali (Glenn & Diana Shreffler)
Monday –	December 9	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday –	December 10	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Wednesday –	December 11	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday –	December 12	12:00 PM	Thomas Walsh (Pat Gurn)
Friday –	December 13	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday –	December 14	4:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Rita & Frank DeRiancho)
Sunday –	December 15	9:00 AM	The Shreffler Family (Glenn & Diana Shreffler)

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Advent is a time of celebration because the Lord is coming! This passage from Baruch is filled with celebratory language and imagery that fits the occasion. Jesus will bring justice to the world: *For God will show all the earth your splendor. You will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Scholars believe that this letter was written by Paul from a prison cell. It is also believed that this letter predated the knowledge that Jesus would not be returning physically, as the early church thought, during their lifetime. So, the reference to ‘the day of Christ Jesus’ is assuming that the Church of Philippi would need to hold out until they witnessed Jesus’ return. But one of the messages here remains clear: that through love and service our Christian understanding grows and it becomes easier as a result to do the right thing.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a transition figure, bridging the understanding of God as Lawgiver with the understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s Law. John announces Jesus to the world. Baptism was not something new in the Jewish world. Although it was not called ‘baptism’, it was a ritual part of preparing for the Jewish Sabbath as well as for certain holy days; it signified purification. At the time of Jesus it was also used by certain rabbinical schools to welcome gentiles into Judaism. As such, people responded to John’s baptism with some measure of familiarity. However, symbolically, the baptism that John offered pointed to the washing away of all sin that would, in the person of Jesus, become universally available to all humankind. Pairing up John as a transition figure with ritual purification suggests a change of some sort that is not temporary, but a life change. And so it is.



**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, 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 Rocchia, 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.

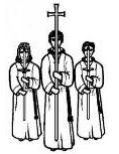


**PARISH FINANCES 12/1/2024**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	4228.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity &amp; support</i>		

**Travelers & Vacationers**

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



**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**  
 Albert Paolucci  
**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**  
 Lee John Sullivan  
**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 AM**  
 Bernadetta 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**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Bazaar; 9AM – 3PM

**December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>** – Second Collection:

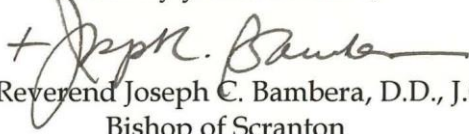
Retirement Fund for Religious

**December 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>** – Loose Change Weekend

## **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,

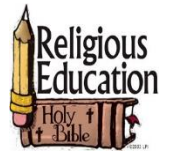


Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

## **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:**

December 1 – **NO CLASSES**

December 7 – HNM Bazaar

December 8 – **NO CLASSES**

December 15 – Regular Class

December 22 – Regular Class; Family Mass

December 25 – Merry Christmas!

December 29 – **NO CLASSES**

January 5 - Regular Class

January 12 - Regular Class

January 19 - Regular Class

January 26 - Regular Class

## **Christmas Bazaar Time Again! Saturday, December 7: 9AM-3PM**

- Hot Foods:

Pulled Pork, Chili, Hot Dogs, Soups, Sandwiches

- Baked Goods
- Raffle Items
- Home Made Wreaths





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## **Christmas Season Mass Schedule**

*Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord*

Vigil Masses will be celebrated at

4:00PM and 9:00PM

The Holy Name of Mary Choir will sing at the 9:00PM Mass

*Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord*

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM



*Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

*The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM

**PLEASE NOTE: We will be having a Confession service on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. Father Philip will be joined by a visiting priest to hear Confessions.**