

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2021

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel." – Mark 1:15



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Mon:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

**Tue:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**Wed:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**Thu:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

**Fri:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

**Sat:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – February 20	4:00 PM	Susie DeVanna (The Tometchko Family)
Sunday – February 21	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday – February 22	12:00 PM	Eleanor A. Kurosky (Cheryl Kurosky)
Tuesday – February 23	12:00 PM	John Peter Lee
Wednesday – February 24	12:00 PM	Helen Munley
Thursday – February 25	12:00 PM	Regina Turner
Friday – February 26	12:00 PM	John Driscoll
Saturday – February 27	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday – February 28	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners



### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

This was the first covenant made between God and humanity. Unlike the Old Testament covenants to follow, which were ostensibly made between God and the Chosen People, this was intended as a pledge to all humankind *as well as* all other living creatures. It is no coincidence that God's first covenant is non-specific regarding the human family and the last covenant, salvation through Jesus Christ, also embraces all humankind. It is also interesting to consider that God included *all life forms*, not just humans, in the covenant.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Peter (or perhaps a later scribe) connects up the symbol of water flooding the world with baptism. It is likely that this was understood as the water buoying up the eight humans on the surface of destruction much as the waters of baptism lift humans up sacramentally to salvation. The author makes it clear that the water of baptism does not wash away physical 'dirt', but the spiritual sort. To recognize that Christ's salvation has taken away sin is the message.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:2-15

Mark's version of Christ's desert experience seems very short and almost terse when compared to Matthew and Luke. But, curiously, Mark suggests something that the other two do not: *He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.* Mark also says nothing about Jesus fasting for the forty days. Some commentators believe that this was intended to suggest that the angels fed Jesus during the forty days, much the way the Israelites were fed manna during their forty years in the desert. Whatever the reason for this difference, the result was the same: Jesus was symbolically prepared during His desert experience for the ministry to follow; as God prepared the Israelites for the Promised Land, Jesus was prepared for announcing the Kingdom of God to all humankind.



**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.

**LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:**

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberley Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen, and George Yankay.



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:**

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

**PARISH FINANCES 2/14/2021**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3222.00


*Thank you for your generosity & support*



**Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

*There are many new faces who come because they need the food to survive... One little child asked her father, 'What are we eating tonight?' He said, 'Whatever that lady is going to give us.'*



Lee Ann Lywiski, St. Joseph Food Pantry Supervisor, Hazleton

**10,501 families were served in Catholic Social Services food pantries from March to July, 2020.**

Diocese of Scranton **BOUND TOGETHER IN HOPE** ANNUAL APPEAL

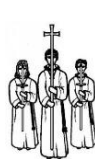
Catholic Social Services touches more than 300,000 lives each year, offering more than food and shelter to the poor and forgotten. Staff and volunteers restore human dignity and give hope to needy individuals and families through counseling, emergency help, employment assistance and permanent and transitional housing, including special care and support for veterans.

Visit [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 2/18/2021 is 108%.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME OF MARY WEBSITE:**  
[www.holynameofmary.com](http://www.holynameofmary.com).



**ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.



## Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

1. **Almsgiving** – generously giving to those in need
2. **Fasting** – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
3. **Prayer** – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?

1. By **“giving up”** things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.
2. By **“doing”** things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.
3. By **“adding”** to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

## Lenten Reconciliation

One of the greatest opportunities given by the Church to assist us in our response to the Lord’s invitation to conversion is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once again, the Diocese of Scranton is participating in **“The Light Is On for You.”**

## **“The Light Is On For You”**

Fr. Philip will hear confessions every Monday from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM during Lent. Please take advantage of this in preparation for Easter!



During Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger – and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

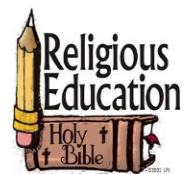
Matthew’s Gospel reminds us that we are responsible for helping all of our sisters and brothers, even those who are strangers to us. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” – *Matthew 25:40.*

CRS invites you to place the cardboard container in your home and to put money not spent due to your fasting and other things given up for Lent. At the end of Lent the Rice Bowl is brought to Mass and placed in the collection basket. The proceeds are then sent to the Diocese and used for hunger relief within our diocese and used for development projects in poor nations. **The Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Please take one home!**

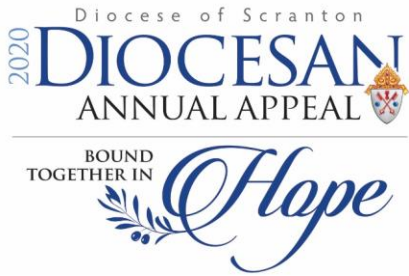
**Little Black Books for daily meditation during Lent are available in the back of the church for you to take.**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Thank you to all the families who picked up their Unit 3 Gospel Weekly materials. We appreciate your continued support and participation in the Religious Education program.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



Dear Holy Name of Mary Parishioner,

***“Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6,7).*** We want to thank you for responding to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and helping Holy Name of Mary attain its 2020 goal. Your sacrifice to help our brothers and sisters in need demonstrates your love and commitment to them and to our diocese.

2020 was an extremely challenging year due to the pandemic. It affected everyone’s life and many livelihoods, resulting in more people needing assistance than ever to survive. Our parish benefits from the annual appeal with a grant to supplement our social concerns program. As a result, the parish is able to help more individuals in our community with funds for bills, groceries, gas, and heat. You truly live out the gospel message of Jesus who said, ***“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, that you did for me” Matthew 25:40.***

As we enter the season of Lent, may you continue to be blessed by our Heavenly Father. We pray you will have a holy and transformative 40 days.

Yours in Christ,

Father Philip Rayappan

Cheryl Kurosky, Appeal Representative