

2nd Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2021

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." – Mark 9:10



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – February 27	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday – February 28	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday – March 1	12:00 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving (Anonymous)
Tuesday – March 2	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Wednesday – March 3	NO MASS	
Thursday – March 4	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Friday – March 5	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Saturday – March 6	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday – March 7	9:00 AM	Mary Jo Bayer (The Sullivan Family)

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13, 15-18

There are at least two ways to look at this story. First, it can be understood as Abraham's obedience which ultimately leads to God's mercy. The second, and perhaps the more interesting consideration, is to focus on Isaac's willing acceptance of his father's instruction. After all, Isaac was a child and likely to be fearful when Abraham brandished the knife before the altar- human sacrifice was certainly not unknown in those days. But Isaac loved his father and obeyed. Sounds like foreshadowing to me.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul's question is as relevant today as it was in pre-Constantine Rome: *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Like Abraham did with Isaac, the Father did with Jesus; our inheritance is the mercy shown to Isaac. Christ's intercession is what pulls it all together. Any threat that the world makes against us is nullified by this certainty: *God loves all human-kind and Jesus died so that we might live.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

The transfiguration is clearly intended to link up Jesus with the theophany on Mt. Sinai when Moses received the tablets, and it is an important message. But in a lesser sense what is the purpose of emphasizing Peter's terror regarding the event? It is obviously more than just Peter's well established inability to understand Jesus' teachings because the other apostles were equally fearful. So what is it? Some commentators believe that Peter represents someone in the writer's time, perhaps a group that believed Christ to be fully divine rather than both human and divine, hence fear at the disclosure. But when God instructs the three to keep quiet about the event, *until the resurrection*, it suggests that what would soon take place would eliminate the fear and emphasize Christ's human/divine nature. The three just needed to wait in order to understand. Not a bad lesson for 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: 570-278-4590.

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.



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 2/21/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	1660.00

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!!

Did You Know...



You May Make a Gift to Your Parish or to the Diocesan Annual Appeal Directly From Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional individual retirement account, you can use all or part of your *required minimum distribution* to support your parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

Distributions must be sent directly to your parish or the Diocese by the plan administrator of your IRA.

For information, please contact
Jim Bebla,
 Diocesan Secretary of Development,
Jim-Bebla@DioceseofScranton.org
 570-207-2250

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 2/25/2021 is 108%.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME OF MARY WEBSITE:
www.holynameofmary.com.



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.

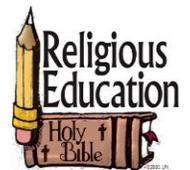
Matthew’s Gospel reminds us that we are responsible for helping all of our sisters and brothers, even those who are strangers to us. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” – *Matthew 25:40.*

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!**

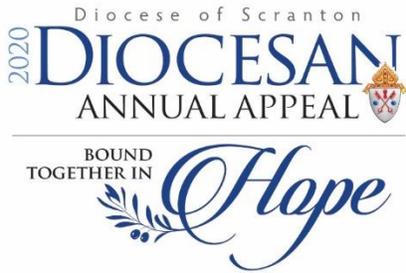
Little Black Books for daily meditation during Lent are available in the back of the church for you to take.

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,

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Cheryl Kurosky, Appeal Representative