

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 11, 2024

*Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean." – Mark 1:41*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	February 10	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Alice Drexinger)
Sunday –	February 11	9:00 AM	Victoria Rayappan (John & Sally McGrath)
Monday –	February 12	12:00 PM	Michael Podrasky (deceased)
Tuesday –	February 13	12:00 PM	Genevieve Kurosky (Tom & Kathleen Kurosky)
Wednesday –	February 14*	5:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	February 15	12:00 PM	Catherine & Peter Povanda (deceased)
Friday –	February 16	12:00 PM	Maggie Podrasky – for good health
Saturday –	February 17	4:00 PM	Kathleen McGrath (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	February 18	9:00 AM	Paul Kurosky – 10 year anniversary of his death (Cheryl Kurosky)

*ASH WEDNESDAY



1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

This passage seems somehow barbaric to us today, and that is as it should be. However, it must be understood that in those days, prior to modern medical knowledge, leprosy was considered to make a person unclean and contagious. Also, in Jewish law, lepers were unclean spiritually and could only be *rejected or accepted* by a priest; this ties in with today's gospel.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul here encourages the Corinthian Church to treat others, whatever their differences may be, as Christ would treat them. The issue of eating improperly, according to Jewish dietary laws, or as the pagans eat, is immaterial to the Christian; what matters is how people are treated, not what or when they eat. In a larger sense, Paul is teaching that customs come and customs go, but Christ is forever and that should be the focus of every Christian.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Clearly the healing is not the point here. Jesus healed the leper, true, but more importantly he replaced the law(s) regarding cleanliness before God. Jesus represents forgiveness of all things mortal- disease, sin, and death itself. The healing was simply a demonstration in the physical of what Jesus was (is) within creation. God is bigger than human custom and bigger than human fears; God holds all human understanding and meaning and purpose within a greater understanding, a greater meaning, and a greater purpose. Our foolish and limited ways are not God's ways, and yet God loves us. For us, loving God in return despite our limitations and blindness is the best path to take and Jesus shows us how.



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.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Bonnie Arcovitch, Betsy Arnold & her family, Richard Arnold, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, 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, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, 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 2/4/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,151.75
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, February 11th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci
Sunday, February 18th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, February 25th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

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

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.

PARISH EVENTS

**February 14th – Ash Wednesday:
Mass at 5PM**

**February 23rd/24th – Loose Change Week-
end**

Diocesan Annual Appeal



*Lent begins on Ash
Wednesday, Feb. 14*

**OUR CALL TO
SERVE**
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

*"Whoever cares for the poor
lends to the Lord, who will
pay back the sum in full."*

Proverbs 19:17

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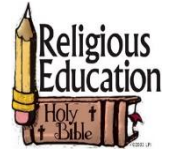
The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on 'almsgiving,' which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 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 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!

Little Black Books of Lenten prayers and reflections and Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available for you to take in the back of the church.

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 web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

February 11 – Regular Class
February 18 – Regular Class
February 25 – Regular Class

March 3 – Regular Class
March 10 – Regular Class
March 17 – Regular Class
March 24 – Regular Class
March 31 – NO CLASS; HAPPY EASTER!!

Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambara

For the second consecutive year, all of the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton are invited to a Lenten Holy Hour with the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambara, Bishop of Scranton, to commemorate the Year of Parish Revival for the National Eucharistic Revival. These gatherings will take place in each of the twelve deaneries of the Diocese of Scranton.

The Lenten Holy Hour for our deanery, the Sayre Deanery, will take place on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at Epiphany Parish, 304 South Elmer Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840.

During the Year of Parish Revival, which lasts through June 2024, every parish in the country is being invited to offer opportunities to parishioners where they can be healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – and then be sent out on mission “for the life of the world.”