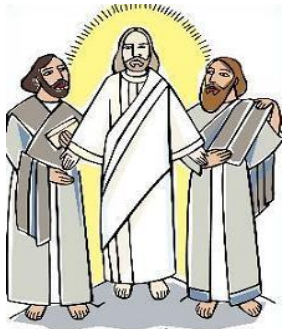


2nd Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2024

*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*



Jesus' Transfiguration

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 24	4:00 PM	Marie Cavanaugh (Sam & Bev Arnold & Family)
Sunday –	February 25	9:00 AM	Michael Hibbard (Mom & Dad)
Monday –	February 26	12:00 PM	Michael Podrasky (deceased)
Tuesday –	February 27	12:00 PM	Catherine & Peter Povanda (deceased)
Wednesday –	February 28	12:00 PM	Ad intentionem dantis
Thursday –	February 29	12:00 PM	Maggie Podrasky – for good health
Friday –	March 1	12:00 PM	Michael Hibbard (Mom & Dad)
Saturday –	March 2	4:00 PM	Jeanne Falk (Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 3	9:00 AM	Ed Luecke (Corky & Pam Staats)

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.

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.



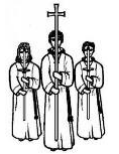
LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:
Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 2/18/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,886.29
<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 25th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, March 3rd – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, March 10th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, March 17th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, March 24th – 9:00AM (Palm Sunday)
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 23rd/24th – Loose Change Week-end

Diocesan Annual Appeal



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!



Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday during
Lent following the
12:00PM Mass.**

LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6PM Friday, March 15 until 2PM Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton.

Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, and Fr. Brian Van Fossen, Mike Donovan, opportunities for Adoration and Confession, and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter.

The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center. If you have not already registered you can use this link: <https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>

For more information visit www.beacatholicman.com or contact Joe Adcroft at jadcroft@kknepa.com or call 570-380-5070.

The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE

This month will mark two years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began and all people of goodwill are invited to join together to pray for an end to the war. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of the Diocese of Scranton, and Father Myron Myronyuk, Pastor, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton, will celebrate a 'Prayer Service for Peace and to Commemorate the Second Year of War in Ukraine' at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. While in-person attendance is highly encouraged, the Prayer Service will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton

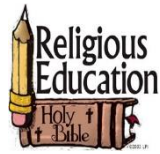
Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera

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. Bambera, 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.”

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 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!!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ATTEND RETREAT



The Religious Education Confirmation candidates from Holy Name of Mary Church attended a Confirmation retreat on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. The day long retreat was conducted by the Marywood University Campus Ministry and the theme was the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Children from 6 area churches were in attendance. The retreat was received well by our candidates and their teachers...considering the event to be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience!

Thank you to the children who participated in this event and to their parents for supporting the development of their Faith. Also, a big thank you to their teachers who attended with them...Joni Host and Kathleen Host. We appreciate your enthusiasm and dedication to the Confirmation class and the time you give to the children of HNM parish.

Pictured from left to right are: Noah Tarry, Abigail Alexander, Ms. Joni Host (teacher), Kylee Pond, and Shamus Goff.