

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2024

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." – Mark 1:38



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tue: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	February 3	4:00 PM	Jeanne Falk (Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	February 4	9:00 AM	Kelly O'Reilly Bush (Pat Warner & Diane)
Monday –	February 5	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday –	February 6	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Wednesday –	February 7	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Thursday –	February 8	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday –	February 9	12:00 PM	Catherine & Peter Povanda (deceased)
Saturday –	February 10	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Alice Drexinger)
Sunday –	February 11	9:00 AM	Victoria Rayappan (John & Sally McGrath)



1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job was a wealthy, contented man, and more importantly, he is an innocent man who deserves no 'divine' punishment. He is challenged by misfortune and learns that life can very easily turn from happiness to suffering despite his innocence. (In the end of the book, Job realizes and accepts that God alone makes up the rules; both joy and misery are part of God's domain. Suffering, then, has no humanly understandable explanation. Earning grace, so to speak, is not possible. Job accepts that it is enough to be alive in God's mystery.)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul here explains that his mission has been initiated by God, is defined by God, and is for God alone. He makes it clear that those who hear him speak hear him because he tailors the gospel message for their ears; he effectively takes himself out of the picture. Paul was the greatest evangelist of all time in large part for that reason. Paul serves as God's conduit rather than as an important man of God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus saves people. This passage simply and directly chronicles a series of healings and exorcisms that, through his actions, define Christ's mission. Jesus was not a philosopher, nor was he a founder of some new religion. He was not an inscrutable teller of tales, nor a teacher of oracles. Jesus was not what everyone thought he was, and probably is not what we think he is today. But we can be certain that he was, is, and always will be the *Savior of the World*. We can learn about Jesus and we can study his historical presence, we can paint his picture, sing him songs, pray him prayers, but in the end we can only know Jesus by encountering Him and, in the words of Job:

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:2-6)



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 Sergent, 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 1/28/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,416.00
<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 4th – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres
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

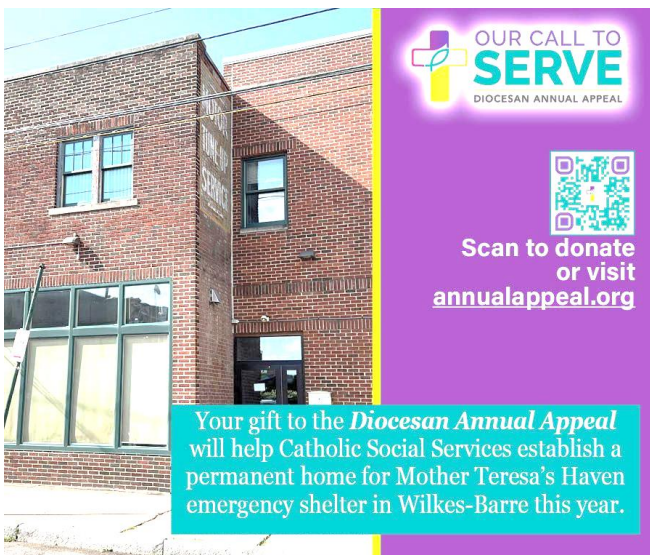
It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter 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

January 15th-February 8th: No daily Mass
February 14th – Ash Wednesday:
Mass at 5PM
February 23rd/24th – Loose Change Week-
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Diocesan Annual Appeal

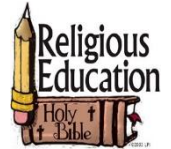


Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope or visit www.annualappeal.org to donate online.

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!

Please note that there will be no daily 12:00PM Masses from Monday, January 15th – Thursday, February 8th. Daily Mass will resume on Friday, February 9th.

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 4 – Regular Class
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!!

Bishop Bambera has decided to replace the diocesan vestments priests wear to masses at the cathedral and other diocesan events. We will need to purchase the chasuble Fr. Philip wears for these events. If anyone would like to memorialize this vestment the cost is \$650.00.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT

The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

1. ***Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.***
2. ***Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.***
3. ***All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday*** are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.
4. ***All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year*** are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and 2 smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

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.
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**Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated
February 14 at 5:00PM**

ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent

