

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time— *January 24, 2021*

*"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."* – Mark 1:14-15



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Mon:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

**Tue:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

**Wed:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

**Thu:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

**Fri:** 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34

**Sat:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 23	4:00 PM	Kathleen Meachum (Caesar & Edith Siedlecki)
Sunday –	January 24	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners
Monday –	January 25	12:00 PM	James B. Walter
Tuesday –	January 26	12:00 PM	Florence Nalevanko
Wednesday –	January 27	12:00 PM	John Siedlecki- 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Passing (John & Sharon Siedlecki)
<b>Thursday –</b>	<b>January 28</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday –	January 29	12:00 PM	Otto P. Robinson
Saturday –	January 30	4:00 PM	Dick Allen (Ed Hartman & Genny Embleton)
Sunday –	January 31	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners

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## 1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

This book was written after the exile during a period of strict Torah fundamentalism. The author was probably trying to deliver a message to his Jewish audience: *God is a universal God, who welcomes all*. Very much like Jesus, preaching the Kingdom of God, Jonah preaches to the Ninevites God's love and mercy. It is telling that Jonah is reluctant to do God's bidding, and is surprised (even upset) that the Ninevites, Gentiles, actually listen. Changing one's opinion, particularly about others, is hard.

## 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul here is no doubt anticipating an immediate return of Christ, and hence cautions against worldly pursuits. But despite the fact that Christ has yet to return the advice at its core is still valid because *no one of us* can know when the end of life will come. Nothing is permanent, everything changes, and no life is immortal.

## Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus here is announcing his purpose: *to preach the Kingdom of God*. Included in this, Mark emphasizes the place that Jesus has in the story, that is, Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise. The gospel is good news for all of humankind and in order to *get it*, change is required. That change, or 'repentance', includes loving God faithfully and believing in the Kingdom. When Jesus preaches it is literally the Word of God, the divine Logos become flesh. As we hear Jesus we can be transformed, changed, and our lives can be swept up in the mystical reality of the Kingdom. It's all about faith.



**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, and 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 1/17/2020**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3076.00

*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 Communications**



*The Daily Mass is a big part of my life. It brings our Lord into your home. It connects you with your faith and faith community. It gives me hope and courage! You don't feel so left out when you're homebound.*

*The Catholic Light does the same. I enjoy seeing our school kids putting their faith into action...When you give to the Appeal you can see how the money is used.*

**Karen Magnotta, Dunmore**

**S**haring the Gospel message is the vital mission of Diocesan Catholic Media and Communications, a ministry made possible by the Annual Appeal. Helping people stay connected with their faith has perhaps never been so important as during the isolation of the virus pandemic.

The Diocese delivers the Good News through *The Catholic Light* Newspaper, the Diocesan website, DioceseofScranton.org, and CTV broadcasting the Daily Mass from St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, and producing "Our Faith Our Diocese," local programming.



To learn more and make a gift visit [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 1/21/2020 is 97%.

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

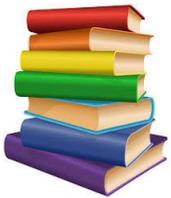
## PARISH EVENTS

**Reservations are no longer needed for Masses at this time.**



**We are looking for someone to help with snow removal from the walkways and sidewalks**

**around the church. If interested, please call the rectory.**

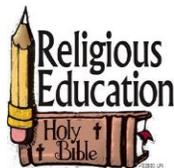


The books in the back of the church are free for you to take. Add some faith-based reading to your day!



2021 Calendars are available in the back of the church for you to take.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Thank you to all the families who signed up for the Edmodo on-line classroom for Religious Education. We have successfully begun our program and we hope that your children are enjoying the on-line platform.

New materials for the program will be distributed in January. You will be contacted with details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



## **Please consider donating flowers for our altar for 2021!**

This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

**This does not have to be an expensive endeavor!** Consider purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and a monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!

## **Are you looking for some TLC for your marriage?**



Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, February 7 through 14, 2021.

Get ideas for celebrating this event together, and register for a virtual marriage enrichment event with Chris and Linda Padgett (English) or Joel and Nora de Loera (Spanish).

For details, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.dioceseofscran-ton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>

## Thank You from Jesse Tree / Kiwanis Toy Drive



This past year affected parishioners of Holy Name of Mary in many different ways. The effect that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the daily lives of our parish community was uncertain and dramatic in some cases. Despite these uncertain times, the spirit of Love that Jesus manifested in his ministry on earth continues to be shared by the faithful members of our parish family.

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Montrose Area and Interfaith's Susquehanna County Christmas Bureau, I would personally like to extend a gracious and heartfelt "THANK YOU" for helping make the Christmas Season of 2020 a blessing to the less fortunate children and families in our area. Through your Love of Jesus and your fellow man, you truly helped to make a difference in their lives.

Despite all the financial concerns of this past year, the response was overwhelming. Our parish donated an extremely generous total of \$2,680.00 (\$1990 last year). Many parishioners increased their donations in anticipation that the need would be greater this year. All of this money was used to purchase new toys and gifts.

Because of the limited attendance at Mass this year, the Jesse Tree had 25 toy and gift tags (instead of the usual 50 tags in previous years) and all of these were taken by the parish family. 23 of the completed tags were returned and I used some of the donated money to purchase the 2 toys and gifts that were not returned. Many other individuals, organizations, and churches throughout Susquehanna County also participated in the Toy Drive by donating toys and gifts and/or money.

As expected, there was a bigger need to help all the families that applied for assistance. The final results were that over 692 families with 1,035 children woke up on Christmas morning to the joy of having presents under their Christmas tree. A total of over 3,105 new toys and gifts were donated and distributed. In addition, many senior adults were provided food baskets and gifts. All total, 1,987 children, parents, and seniors were served and helped this year. May the Love of Jesus bless you and you families for caring and sharing through your many acts of kindness!!

-- Ed DeWitt, Montrose Kiwanis Club