

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time— *January 31, 2021*

*"What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." – Mark 1:27*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
**Mon:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tue:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43  
**Wed:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thu:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
**Fri:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
**Sat:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 30	4:00 PM	Dick Allen (Ed Hartman & Genny Embleton)
Sunday –	January 31	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners
Monday –	February 1	12:00 PM	Rose Marie DeAndrew
Tuesday –	February 2	12:00 PM	Joseph P. Marion
Wednesday –	February 3	12:00 PM	John Brier
Thursday –	February 4	12:00 PM	Petra Torres
Friday –	February 5	12:00 PM	Hector Torres
Saturday –	February 6	4:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday –	February 7	9:00 AM	Irene Kopal (George & Fran Calafut)



### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

In Jewish tradition all prophets followed Moses and were invested with God's Spirit accordingly. Early Christians see Jesus as the spiritual successor of this prophetic line, but also as the fulfillment of all prophesy since he alone will bring creation back into himself at the end of all time.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Well, however this verse is spun, Paul still 'prefers' celibacy to marriage. It is also true that he doesn't condemn marriage, nor does he seem to 'require' it for proper service to God. The easiest way to understand this passage is to read it in context with the earlier verses in chapter 7, where Paul clearly expects Christ's imminent return. If we truly expected Christ to return next week, we might consider putting off our wedding plans.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

The key here is that Jesus, *'unlike the scribes'*, teaches *'with authority'*. Of course the authority is from God and the people know this (perhaps from *what* he taught, though that isn't clear). Clearly Jesus is portrayed as being received by the people as a power-filled rabbi, a prophet of substance. When Jesus then miraculously casts out the demons, that authority found in his teaching is underlined. But the teaching authority is what is important; Mark seems to understand this, as he concludes the miracle story by re-emphasizing Christ's 'authority'. Two thousand years later, we may look at the miracle with some measure of modern skepticism, but Christ's *teaching with authority* is what keeps us believing. His words of teaching issue from the Word of God.



**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 1/24/2020**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,276.00

*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!!**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE Grants**

*"There are six of us and two toddlers. It means a lot to us to come here. We've lost income due to COVID. This helps feed our family. Thank you to everyone who helps, especially during this very hard time."*



Laura Houseknecht, right, with daughter, Victoria, left.

Parish volunteers serve over 120 hot meals in a monthly drive-by community meal to those in need.

**EPIPHANY PARISH, SAYRE**

Funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, Social Justice Grants have been especially critical this year in helping parishes respond to increasing needs for food and assistance in local communities. Grants also help parishes offer evangelization, emergency relief and outreach programs for children and the elderly.



Parishes in Bradford, Susquehanna and Sullivan Counties Receiving 2020 Grants

- Epiphany Parish, Sayre
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Dushore
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Wyalusing
- SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Towanda

Visit [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 1/28/2020 is 100%.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME OF MARY WEBSITE:**

**[www.holynameofmary.com](http://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.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> – *Second Collection***; Aid to Central & Eastern Europe

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – *Ash Wednesday*\***; Mass at 5:00PM

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Ashes will NOT be distributed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions**

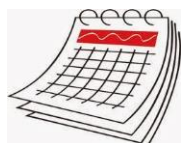
*Reservations are no longer required for Mass.*



**We are looking for someone to help with snow removal from the walkways and sidewalks around the church. If interested, please call the rectory.**

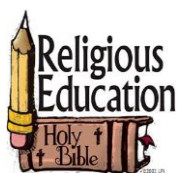


The books in the back of the church are free for you to take. Add some faith-based reading to your day!



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.dioceseofscanton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>