

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— *January 21, 2024*

"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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 20	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Alice Drexinger)
Sunday –	January 21	9:00 AM	Victoria Rayappan (John & Sally McGrath)
Monday –	January 22	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Tuesday –	January 23	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Wednesday –	January 24	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Thursday –	January 25	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Friday –	January 26	12:00 PM	NO MASS
Saturday –	January 27	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	January 28	9:00 AM	Salvatore Fanci (Mike & Judy Vaccaro)



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.

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, Nancy Flannery, 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 Rocca, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



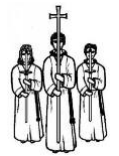
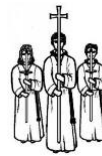
LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:
Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 1/15/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,857.00
<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, January 21st – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, January 28th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, February 4th – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, February 11th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci

Sunday, February 18th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan

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
January 27th/28th – Second Collection for
the Church in Latin America
January 27th/28th – Loose Change Week-
end

Diocesan Annual Appeal

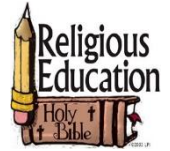


Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope or visit www.annualappeal.org to donate online.

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!

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:

January 21 – Regular Class
January 28 – Regular Class

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.

Bold & Beloved Women's Retreat

A Spiritual Retreat, Designed
By and For Women

The Bold & Beloved Retreat will feature reflections and discussions on the teachings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, led by Kara Kardell and Fred Shellabarger, founders of Draw Near, a movement that draws people close to Christ and one another.



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
Women's Retreat
Bold and Beloved
Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux
January 26-28, 2024
Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

For more information, contact the Office for Parish Life (570) 207-2213 x1100

Register at:
<https://tinypurl.com/BoldandBeloved>

\$75 student
\$125 shared room
\$175 single room



Kara Kardell
Sinner striving for sainthood.
Wife and mother of 3.

Fred Shellabarger
Husband, Father, Spiritual Assassin.
Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.

Check in: 4pm – 6:45pm on Friday, January 26, 2024
Check out: 12:30pm – 1:30pm on Sunday, January 28, 2024
Cost: \$75 student (18-23)
\$125 shared room
\$175 single room
\$145 Good Samaritan (donation for a woman who cannot afford to attend)

“[God] looks much more at what we are than at what we do; and we are, in His eyes, what we sincerely want to be for Him!”
~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

PRAYER FOR ENTERING THE NEW YEAR

God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.
May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright, Loyola Press

