5th Sunday of Lent – March 21, 2021

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me." - John 12:26



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Mon: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thu: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 **Fri:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 **Sat:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Saturday – | March 20 | 4:00 PM | George Yankay (Alan & Joann Reimel-"Month's Mind Mass") |
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| Sunday – | March 21 | 9:00 AM | Tina Carlin- Mass of Healing (Gene & Valerie Trowbridge) |
| Monday – | March 22 | 12:00 PM | All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners |
| Tuesday – | March 23 | 12:00 PM | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday - | - March 24 | 12:00 PM | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday – | March 25 | 12:00 PM | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Friday – | March 26 | 12:00 PM | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday – | March 27 | 4:00 PM | Brad & Ellen Booker-50 th Wedding Anniversary (Fran Tometchko) |
| Sunday – | March 28 | 9:00 AM | Juozas Urbutis (The Paolucci Family) |

1st Reading: Jeremiah 32:31-34

Jeremiah is speaking here to the Jewish leadership exiled in Babylon with the message of God's upcoming release from captivity when the Law would be so dear to them that it would be written on their hearts. The early Church viewed this as a foreshadowing of Christ's gift that released all humankind from sin and mortality; the Law then becomes the Holy Spirit dwelling within the hearts of all believers.

^{2nd} Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

This is a difficult reading to understand, not because it isn't clear but because it implies that Jesus was imperfect. The 'perfection' spoken of refers to Christ's completion of His human mission, that is, His crucifixion, death, and resurrection which resulted in salvation for humankind. Christ was not imperfect in the common sense, but He did suffer as all humans suffer.

Gospel Reading: John12:20-33

John's gospel, very much unlike the other three, is concerned with the meaning behind Christ's words and acts over anything else. In this case, the author is focused on Christ's death and resurrection: death that must precede a new birth and resurrection then bringing all humankind (including Gentiles like the Greeks) into Himself. The message about God honoring those who serve the Son is probably directed at the Greeks waiting in the wings, so to speak, to 'see' Jesus. After the resurrection, all will recognize who Jesus is including those 'waiting to see'. It is the same today: *those who serve Jesus will be honored by 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, Charlene McMahon, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly 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, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, 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 | 3/14/2021 |
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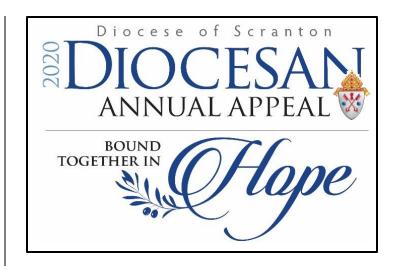
| (FY18/19 Budget) | \$ (<u>4867.00)</u> |
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| Sunday Collection | \$ 2,061.00 |

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 obli-

gations. Thank you!!



2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000.** Percentage of Goal pledged as of 3/18/2021 is 111%.







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

<u>March 28th</u> – Palm Sunday <u>April 1st</u> – Holy Thursday

April 2nd – Good Friday

<u>April 3rd</u> – Easter Vigil

April 4th – Easter Sunday

SEE PAGE 4 OF BULLETIN FOR COMPLETE HOLY NAME OF MARY SCHEDULE

"The Light Is On For You"



Fr. Philip will hear confessions every Monday from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM during Lent. Please take advantage of this in preparation for Easter!

Diocese of Scranton CTV Holy Week/Easter Schedule

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the following Holy Week and Easter services from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, celebrated by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton.

- Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord's Passion on March 28 at 12:15pm.
- Chrism Mass on March 30 at 4:00pm.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1 at 5:30pm.
- Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, April 2 at 12:10pm.
- Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 3 at 8:00pm.
- Easter Sunday Mass, April 4 at 10:00am.

The Way of the Cross Led by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

Parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to use "The Way of the Cross" led by Bishop Bambera to help their faithful this Lenten season. The video is available for download on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel.

2021 Catholic Women's Conference



For more information, see Page 5 of the bulletin and visit www.cwcnepa.com.

Virtual Grief Support Group

Winter can be a difficult time to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scanton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate. The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The dates of the virtual meetings will be April 7, 14, 21 and 28. For more information, please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or at 570-344-7231.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Unit 4 Gospel Weeklies are ready for pickup at the Rectory. Rectory hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9AM-3PM, and Wednesday 9AM-12PM. We appreciate your continued support and participation in the Religious Education program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – March 27th

Blessing and Distribution of Palms at 4:00PM

Palm Sunday Mass - March 28th

Distribution of Palms at 9:00AM

Holy Thursday – April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday – April 2nd

Good Friday Service at 2:30PM: Stations of the Cross followed by the Passion

Easter Vigil – April 3rd

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

(*Easter baskets will be blessed in the church

Easter Sunday – April 4th

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Reservations for Mass are not required, but masks which cover the nose and mouth are mandatory.

PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHURCH.

This is crucial in case a Mass attendee tests positive for COVID-19 and we need to contact vou.





Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, June 19, 2021 Marywood University* \$40 In person/\$20 Virtual

With Merciful Love



Theresa Bonopartis



Father Chris Alar



Sister Virginia Joy



Music Taylor Tripodi



Hostess
Jeannine Lesante

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Make the check out to the Diocese of Scranton. Mail to:
Stephanie Westington, Treasurer
Refresh Your Faith Conference
P.O. Box 202, Dunmore, PA 18512

*Outdoor tented seating with social distancing protocols in place