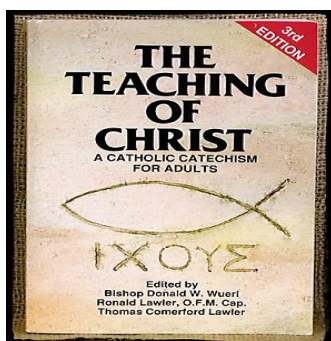


31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 5, 2023

"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." -Mat 23:12



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Mon: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

Tue: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thu: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	November 4	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Jeanne Falk)
Sunday –	November 5	9:00 AM	Victoria Rayappan (John & Sally McGrath)
Monday –	November 6	12:00 PM	Maggie Podrasky – for good health
Tuesday –	November 7	12:00 PM	Less Patrick (Calvin Dean)
Wednesday –	November 8	12:00 PM	Michael Podrasky (Deceased)
Thursday –	November 9	12:00 PM	Alice Walsh (Rita Matos)
Friday –	November 10	12:00 PM	Catherine & Peter Povanda (Deceased)
Saturday –	November 11	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Beverly Pasteka)
Sunday –	November 12	9:00 AM	Victoria Rayappan (Fran & George Calafut)

1st Reading: Malachi 14b-2:2b, 8-10

In this reading, which dates after the exile, the prophet is criticizing the religious leaders for not fulfilling their roles properly. However, the key here has to do with his question in the last part: *‘Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?’* It can be understood as pointing to God as the ‘Father’ of all, not just Jews, not just priests, and perhaps even by extension, not just Christians. All labels are meaningless without doing what God expects of us.

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul is teaching here about (the business of) teaching. He makes it clear that when he and his fellow Christians preach the gospel, they are planting the Word of God, not just the words of Paul. The value of preaching lies not in the charisma of the preacher, but in the investment of God in the hearing. Some preachers (homilists) are eloquent and some plain, but the gospel is always from God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Self-importance is certainly not uncommon and most of us have experienced it- in others and, if we are being honest, also within ourselves. The human ego swells with position and power, money and accomplishment, and sometimes even with religiosity. It’s just the way we humans are. Jesus here is saying that we, those who worship and (by extension) receive the sacraments, should follow the directions given by the religious leaders (rabbis, priests) because they teach what was given by God to Moses (and presumably by Christ to His disciples), but that *the human failings* that plague the religious leaders should not be followed. When religiosity becomes more important than God, we should pay attention to 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 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, Jamie Myers, Joan Nelson, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergeant, 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

10/29/2023

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,012.50
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

Travelers & Vacationers

Please remember that our parish relies on your contributions, even when you are away. Thanks!!



Sunday, November 5th – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, November 12th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, November 19th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, November 26th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

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

November 18th/19th – Second Collection:
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day;
Mass at 9:00AM

November 25th/26th – Loose Change Week-
end

HNM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **December 2: 9AM – 3PM**

Food is Back at the Bazaar

The Holy Name of Mary Christmas Bazaar will include food again this year. We will be serving hot dogs and wimpies as well as homemade soups. The soup can be eaten in or taken home to enjoy. There will also be a variety of baked goods to eat in or to take home.

We will be offering a bake sale this year and would appreciate any baked goods that you could bring to sell. You could start baking now and freeze some cookies or other items for the bazaar. We will be letting you know when to drop off items on Friday December 1 or you could bring them Saturday morning on the day of the Bazaar which will be from 9-3 on December 2.

We also will be having a raffle of new items. These will be available at the Bazaar to see and to submit entries. If you have any new items that you don't need, please donate them to the Altar & Rosary Society for the raffle. Or perhaps you could purchase something that you spot at a great price to put out on our raffle table. Another possibility would simply be to purchase a gift card or to obtain a gift certificate from a local business. The raffle drawing will be at 2:30 PM on the day of the Bazaar.

When you are visiting Christmas in Montrose on December 2, don't forget to stop in to the Parish Center for a snack, lunch, or baked goods or soup to take home. Buy some raffle tickets at the Bazaar. This year, we will not be mailing raffle tickets but we expect to have many items to win.

Of course, we will also be selling homemade wreaths!



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: DO NOT
park in front of the
Church or directly
opposite it.**

A bottleneck is created making it difficult for vehicles, especially trucks, to pass between. It is difficult for people to cross the street safely. Also, the 'SLOW: Pedestrian Crossing' sign, placed in the center of the street, has been hit several times. Thank You.



**The Pregnancy
Center has a Home**

The Providence Pregnancy Center in Scranton succeeded in getting enough

donations to purchase the funeral home that will be converted to a home for pregnant women. There will also be other services offered through that location.

If you were able to donate anything to help in this purchase, thank you!

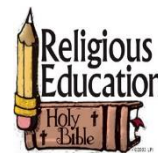
CRANBERRY SAUCE COLLECTION



It's hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner. With that in mind, Interfaith has once again asked Holy Name of Mary to collect donations of canned cranberry sauce.

Donations may be left in the marked box in the crying room or brought to the rectory during office hours. There will also be a box in the Parish Center if you would like to drop off donations before Religious Education classes on Sunday. The deadline for donations is November 30. Thank you for your generosity!

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION NEWS**



Religious Education classes have begun.

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:

November 5 – Regular Class

November 12 – Regular Class

November 19 – Regular Class

November 26 – **NO CLASSES;**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church
describes purgatory this way:**

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. (Catechism, 1030) Purgatory is a state of purification for those who have died without mortal sin but still need to be purified from venial sins. The reason for this is that "nothing unholy can stand before God" (Rev. 21:27) and we need to be completely purified of sin before we can experience the Beatific Vision.

PLEASE NOTE: Prior to the Divine Mercy Sunday, on 4/8, it is strongly suggested you make a confession on Saturday, on 4/7. There are many graces offered by participating in the masses for the weekend, but only if a good confession is made.