

# 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 31, 2021

“And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
‘You are not far from the kingdom of God’.”



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
<b>Monday</b>	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	October 30	4:00 PM	Juozas Urbutis (The Paolucci Family)
Sunday –	October 31	9:00 AM	Nicholas Warner (The Sullivan Family)
Monday –	Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day)	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Tuesday –	Nov. 2 (All Souls' Day)	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday –	November 3	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	November 4	12:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan – Mass of Healing (The Kilmer Family)
Friday –	November 5	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	November 6	4:00 PM	Roger Furman (Mary Ann Furman)
Sunday –	November 7	9:00 AM	Joan & Sandy Battisti (The Kilmer Family)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

This passage contains the daily prayer, the *Shema* that is still prayed today by all observant Jews. To love God is to do so completely, without reservation of body, mind, or spirit; to give God everything. This devotion is not an intellectual exercise, or a group activity- it is a way of life.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus as eternal high priest, superior to the Levites, is developed here in all possible ways. It helps to understand that these comparisons are being made to a largely Jewish church in Rome, and the specifics are clear reminders of Jesus role as divine extension, figuratively, of the Levitical line. This is important for first century Jews whose frame of reference would necessarily include Temple sacrifice.

## Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28b-34

To love God completely without reservation is the heart of the Law, and to love neighbor as oneself is the earthly enactment of loving God. Loving God without loving others is a denial of self; loving others without loving God is doomed to disillusion and suffering. Another way of looking at it is to consider Jesus as both human and divine: by loving the divine side of Jesus we are fulfilling the first part of the commandment, and by loving the fully human side of Jesus is to comply with the second part. By loving Jesus as human we understand God in the world, and by loving Jesus as God we recognize what is most precious about our humanity. Jesus is God. Jesus is human. We are His brothers and sisters.



**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 Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondì, 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, 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 10/24/2021**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,153.76

*Thank you for your generosity & support*

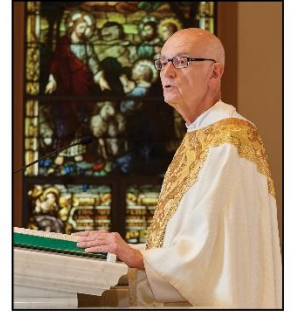


**Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!**

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION EFFORTS**

*"Televised Masses from the Cathedral allowed people to feel connected in a way that was new to many of them. They never considered it, never knew about it, never maybe even watched Mass from home but now it was necessary for them to participate in this way."*

— Monsignor Dale R. Rupert  
Pastor, Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



The 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Diocesan Office for Communications. Catholic Television staff broadcast and livestream Daily Masses from the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton to spread the Good News of the Gospel and keep people connected to their faith.

**Donate now at: [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)**

**GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED**



**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 10/28/2021 is 38%.



**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM**

Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**

Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, November 21<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM**

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.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

**December 4** – *Christmas Bazaar; Parish Center, 9AM – 3PM*



### **Our 2021 Sponsorship Drive is still underway.**

This fundraiser replaces the Harvest Moon Festival and your support is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish. We have currently raised 62% of our \$25,000 goal. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated and we thank those who have already given.

### **This year Interfaith has asked Holy Name of Mary to collect cans of cranberry sauce to assist them with**

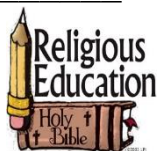


providing food for families who have signed up for the Christmas Bureau Program. There is a box in the crying room (the confessional side) labeled Cranberry Sauce.

### **Donations are being accepted through November 28.**

Providing help and hope for Christmas is a beautiful gift. Help us reach our goal of 100 cans!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



**Welcome Back! Religious Education classes have started!** Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Regular Classes

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Classes; Grades 8-12<sup>th</sup>  
Reconciliation/Practice for Family Mass

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Regular Classes; Family  
Mass/Confirmation Commitment Mass 9AM

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – NO CLASSES;  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**PLEASE NOTE: All Saints' Day, November 1, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

## **2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>: 9am – 3pm**



### **Changes to Bazaar for this**

**Year:** Due to continuing concerns about COVID-19 and declining membership in the Altar & Rosary Society, we have decided that for this year,

**the Bazaar will be held in the Parish Center** rather than in the basement of the church (where it is necessary to move all the Treasure House furnishings).

Also, we are limiting our offerings to the **homemade wreaths and Christmas items**. We will also have our customary paper raffle of a few select items.

There will be no food served nor baked goods for sale. We will not have the basket raffle nor the white elephant sale.

**Since we are limiting our offerings, that means we need more things for our Christmas tables. We are asking you to start now by looking through your Christmas items for things that you are willing to part with. They can be for indoors or outdoors.**

If you are able to help us to set up, take down, or work during the Bazaar times (9-3 on December 4), please email Sally McGrath at [sallymcg@epix.net](mailto:sallymcg@epix.net) or call 570 289-4302 and leave a message if no one answers.

**Please bring your CHRISTMAS THEMED donations to the rectory during office hours or place them in the crying room when you come to mass with a label on your box indicating it is for the Bazaar. The deadline for donations is November 18. Thank you!**

## Rosaries for Myanmar



**Our rosary collection is now over.** As Pope John XXIII said, *“The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world.”* Thanks to your generosity, missionaries at the church in Myanmar will be able to provide rosaries to many who otherwise would not have had access to one. Thank you to all those who donated!

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### STATEMENT ON ARREST OF DIOCESAN PRIEST

On October 22, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton learned that Father Gregory F. Loughney, pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, was arrested by members of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. Four criminal charges – all connected to alleged inappropriate contact with a minor – were filed against Father Loughney on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Under its longstanding zero-tolerance policy, the Diocese of Scranton immediately removed Father Loughney from active ministry pending the outcome of the investigation. The Diocese of Scranton will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in their investigation. Father Loughney will need to retain his own legal counsel, at his own expense.

Anyone who might have relevant information is urged to call the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department at (570) 895-2400, the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office at (570) 517-3052, or any local law enforcement agency. Information regarding any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can also be reported to the Diocese of Scranton’s Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at (570) 862-7551.



**We are in need of flowers for our altar!** Taking on the custom of having live flowers in the church (when liturgically appropriate) 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 donating flowers from your garden, or 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 monetary donation in the collection basket labeled “Flower Donation”.

Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory if you are interested in donating flowers. Thank you!

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### AUTUMN PRAYER

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.  
We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,  
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,  
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,  
for the smiles on pumpkins  
that bring joy to children,  
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,  
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.



God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen  
— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.