

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great Light, and those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death. Light has arisen”. This quotation from the prophet Isaiah that St Matthew pins down, shows that God has revealed Himself to those who ignored Him or those who didn’t know Him. Who among us doesn’t like light? Who among us prefers to live in the shadow or in the darkness, with all windows and doors locked. NOBODY. At all times in the history of mankind people are afraid of the darkness, people are afraid of the night. And rightly so. Jesus comes to the world as a Light. He is God made man without losing His divinity. This is the way He shows His light, first to the disciples. Then to us. On two different occasions, He sees two siblings and says to them: “Come”. And they followed Him. For more than two thousand years, He is saying to each one of us now and today “Come”. Are there people who don’t like light? Are there people who prefer darkness? Unfortunately, yes. Today’s gospel is about the calling of four disciples, which means that Jesus is calling us too.

WELCOME

With great joy we welcome this weekend at all our Parishes Fr. Frank Pauselli. Fr. Pauselli is Pastor Emeritus for Divine Mercy Parish and will celebrate the weekend’s liturgy in our Parishes. Let’s make Father Pauselli feel welcome.

**THANK YOU LETTER
FROM ST. JOSEPH’S CENTER**

Here is the thank you letter for our generous donations in the October baby item collection organized by SML.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your very generous donation of 459 diapers, 27 accessories, 65 pieces of clothing, baby food and wipes for St. Joseph’s Center Baby and Children’s Pantry. We continue to serve over 300 families each month. We are so grateful for your continued support and the difference we make together in our community and the lives of others.

At Saint Joseph’s Center, we value you among our greatest blessings. May God grant you and your family Peace throughout the New Year. You and your family are remembered in the prayers of the IHM Sisters and a monthly Mass at the IHM Center.

Thank you again for choosing to donate to St. Joseph’s Center Baby and Children’s Pantry.

Sincerely,

Tamara Hall, MEd

Director, Maternity & Family Services

DIOCESAN WOMAN’S RETREAT

The Bold & Beautiful Woman’s age 18+ Retreat will be at Holy Transfiguration Retreat center in Dalton Pa. on January 30 to February 1. This retreat will be led by Annette Bergeon, CEO of Endow, which is one of the only women’s organizations that has a study specifically on St. Hildegard. For more information contact the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext.1100.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE

Knights of Columbus Council 6611 will be taking orders for Superbowl hoagies after all Masses this weekend and next weekend January 31 & February 1 for delivery after the Masses on February 7 & 8. The price is \$9/ea. (4 for \$35) for your choice of Italian, roast beef or turkey. The proceeds directly benefit council activities supporting our parishes and local charities. Contact: Matt Schofield at schofieldmjs@outlook.com

LENTEN SLEEPING BAG PROJECT

All are welcome to come help make sleeping bags for the homeless in the St. Pat’s Hall on Saturday February 21st from 10am to 4pm. No sewing skills required. Donations of blankets, fabric, thread, yarn, toiletries, and men’s ties can be placed in the blue barrel at the Hall entrance. For information, please call Joan at 570-942-4481.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
PRAYER MEETING**

Let us pray for a RENEWAL in the Holy Spirit
On Monday February 2, there will be a Diocesan Prayer Meeting at 7:30pm at Divine Mercy Parish Hall 312 Davis St. Scranton, Pa. After the meeting there will be time for fellowship. If you can, bring a dessert or finger food.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

January 31 & February 1

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Barbara Williamson

9:00am (SML) Brandon Pieretti

11 am (SP) Pat Carpenter

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Ernie Pappa

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay

9:00am (SML) Stephen Zdaniewicz

11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) -Jace Biglin

11am (SP) – Kali Harvatine

Shadow – Nolan Matulevich

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Jan 29 – Bingo at SP, Doors open at 5pm, Bingo at 6pm

Jan 31 – 6th grade student Mass at OLA, 4pm

Feb 8-First Communion Parents Mtg St Pat Hall, 10am

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Julie Harvatine - jwharv03@gmail.com.

1/31/2026 - 4PM Mass at OLA for 6th grade students

2/1/2026 - SP/OLA Class

2/8/2026 - SP/OLA Class and First Holy Communion
Parents Meeting

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Kerry Pieretti - redlightgreen343@gmail.com

Jan. 31- Saturday Mass 4pm OLA

Feb 8 - Class

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK SWING DANCE

In celebration of the vocation of marriage, and National Marriage Week (Feb 7th-14th), the Diocese of Scranton is hosting a Swing Dance on Saturday, February 7th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton. The Swing Dance will feature Swing Fever Dance Band from Limekiln, PA, a 17-piece traditional Big Band. Join us from 4-5pm for the dance instruction followed by open dance from 5-8pm. Tickets to attend will be \$20/ticket in advance, and \$25/ticket at the door.

Tickets and table reservations can be purchased online by visiting <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/family-life/national-marriage-week-swing-dance-2026/>. If you have any questions, you may call or email Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 ext 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (January 27) St. Angela Merici, Virgin &

Religious Founder

8:00am (OLA)

By

Wednesday (January 28) St. Thomas Aquinas,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00am (SP)

By

Thursday (January 29) Weekday

8:00 am (SML)

By

Saturday (January 31) The Vigil of The Fourth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) David Gruss

By Bob & Andrea Walsh

Sunday February 1) The Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) John & Leona Cooper

By Mark & Mary Cooper

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of the Marrazzo &
Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Marrazzo

The Sanctuary Candle at SML

Burning this week for Sue Migliori

By The Social Concerns Ministry

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 2,166.00

Loose \$ 18.00

OLA Weekly \$ 1,704.00

Loose \$ 116.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,150.00

Loose \$ 162.00

May the Lord reward your generosity. .

ST. PAT BINGO NEWS

Bingo on Thursday doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 6pm. There will be new special kitchen offerings and lots of fun. For more info call Rita at 570-575-9874. See you then.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Before the end of January 2026, contribution statements for 2025 will be available for all registered parishioners. These statements may be used for tax purposes. Contact the office at 570-563-1622 if you need a statement.

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

Blessed Anna Maria Taigis: (wife, mother, mystic): she often went into ecstasy after receiving Communion, and Jesus Himself explained to her the reason.