

Solemnity of Mary– *January 1, 2023*

“The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.” -Luke 2:16



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Mon: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tues: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Wed: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thu: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	December 31	4:00 PM	Nicholas & Emma McKeown
Sunday –	January 1	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday –	January 2	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	January 3	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	January 4	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	January 5	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	January 6	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	January 7	4:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Sunday –	January 8	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

1st Reading, Numbers 6:22-27

This blessing indicates God’s promise, his protection, and his love for the people. By extension, since God is three persons, the person of Jesus Christ is part of that blessing, and his incarnation makes that blessing a physical reality. When Jesus entered into reality, the world experienced the promise made flesh, and the blessing made eternal.

2nd Reading, Galatians 4:4-7

Jesus was born of woman, fully human and subject to the same human trials as all other humans. As Paul says, this happened in order that all humanity might become *like Jesus* in the sense that they could be saved from mortality and inherit eternal life. And of course today we recognize Mary’s unconditional assent to God’s plan, and her assent is the better part of our human will.

Gospel Reading, Luke 2:16-21

Jesus is born in the humblest of circumstances, and is initially recognized by the most humble of humans: shepherds. But Jesus is not an earthly king, not a great and celebrated person. Instead, the God who descended to human incarnation was simple, unassuming, and born to be killed by those who found his simple teachings too controversial, too revolutionary, and far too truthful. In his human form, Jesus was circumcised under the law, was restricted by (yet driven by) all that the law required, and he held those who operated deceitfully under that same law accountable. Jesus was humble, simple, almost painfully human, but like his Mother, he assented to God’s *true* law and ultimately died for it. But it was God that we destroyed, and our loving God forgave us for it. And if we are to ever understand this sort of forgiveness, we need to look to Mary and her loving assent.



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, Gene Bell, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Philip Donahue, Jeanne Falk, 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, Lennas Russell, 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

12/25/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
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Sunday Collection	\$	17,301.75
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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!!

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, January 1st – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, January 8th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, January 15th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, January 22nd – 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.

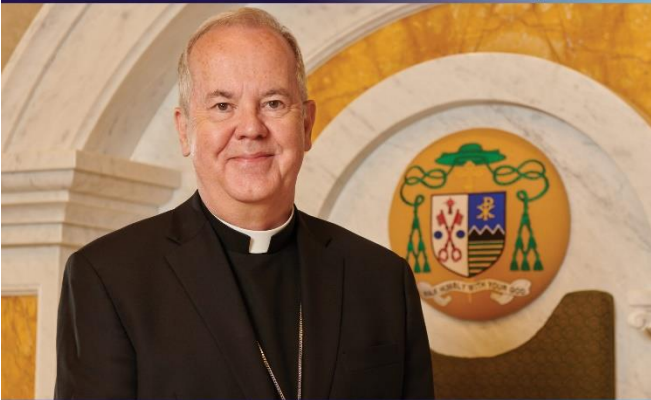
Happy New Year!

PARISH EVENTS

December 31/Jan 1 – Loose Change Weekend

*"The Diocesan Annual Appeal helps us come together as **one community of faith** to provide the **essential ministries** that no one parish can do on its own."*

- Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton



Thank You for Changing Lives!

Your **generosity** to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal reaches tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

We are called to share our gifts with others to build the Kingdom of God. Your support of the Appeal provides support that fulfills **basic needs** and **builds the future of our church**.

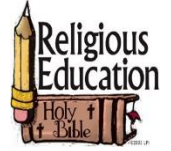


GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal. **Holy Name of Mary is 93% towards our goal of \$16,000.** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the back of the Church 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00 AM Mass. At this time, masks are optional for the classroom.

If you are new to HNM parish and would like to register your child, registration forms are available at the rectory, as well as online in the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal. Thank you for your participation and support.

January 1st – Happy New Year (NO CLASSES)
January 8th – Regular Classes

WHAT YOU SEE IN THE CHURCH THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

My thanks to all who showed up and participated in the decorating of our Church for the Christmas Season 2022-2023 on Sunday, 12/18. Names are too numerous to mention, but a special thanks to Pam Tometchko for her flower expertise, and to Al Reimel and Patrick Mooney for their fearless help in dealing with the parts of the decorating process that involve ladders! And also a special thanks to Joe Tometchko, Bill Host, and Quentin Kraynak, who assisted on 12/17 with the "staging" of the many items that go into making Holy Name of Mary Church a beautiful place to worship for the Holidays. May God bless you all this Christmastide, and throughout the New Year!

John Siedlecki



HISTORY OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Catholic Church observes many important feasts during the Twelve Days of Christmas. This includes the feasts of Saint Stephen, Saint John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family. However, none of these feasts are as important as the one observed on the eighth day of Christmas — the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

In the early centuries, Christmas was originally celebrated on January 6, along with the Feast of the Epiphany. After Christmas started to be celebrated with its own day and feast on December 25, the octave or eighth day of Christmas took on a new meaning. Celebrating the feast of the Mother of God, Mary, on January 1, became a common tradition in the East and most of the West. As this holiday was never officially established by the Church in the universal calendar, celebrating the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus Christ took the place of the Solemnity of Mary on January 1.

When the Novus Ordo was introduced, the liturgical calendar was revised, and the Feast of the Circumcision was sidelined in favor of reviving the ancient practice of the Solemnity of Mary. Thus, January 1 was once again dedicated to the Mother of God, and this time as a universally celebrated feast.

The Church has deemed the Solemnity of Mary a holy day of obligation. This day reminds Christians of the role she played as a Blessed Virgin, which eventually led to their salvation. After all, the birth of Christ wouldn't have been possible without Mary.