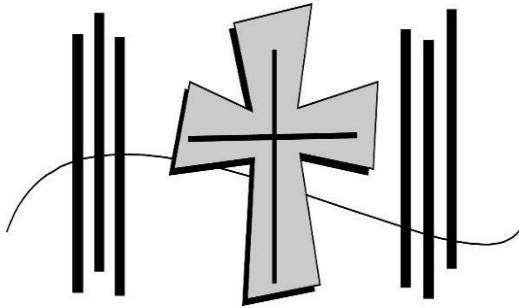


4th Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026

“For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth’.” -Acts 13:47



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Apr 25	4:00 PM	Repose of Kevin Walsh – Kilmer Family		
Sunday	Apr 26	9:00 AM	Repose of Richard & Virginia Sperlazzo – Kilmer Family		
Monday –	Apr 27	12:00 PM	Repose of Victoria Rayappan – Kilmer Family		
Tuesday –	Apr 28	12:00 PM	Morgan Turner – Roberta Collins		
Wednesday -	Apr 29	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney		
Thursday -	Apr 30	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney		
*1st Friday -	May 1	11:00 PM	Eileen Devaney (1st Friday Devotions @ 11:00 Mass @ 12:00)		
Saturday -	May 2	4:00 PM	Marie Cavanaugh – Beverly Cavanaugh & Family		
Sunday	May 3	9:00 AM	Deceased of Kilmer Family – Kilmer Family		

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter is simply saying to the people of Israel that Jesus is now, after the resurrection, to be recognized as the One who serves as master, teacher, and protector; it is now revealed that they need to know him as he was always meant to be known. It is also important for them (and us) to know that Jesus brings forgiveness and salvation, God’s promise fulfilled.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Suffering is difficult to reconcile with God’s love: why does a loving God allow suffering? But the answer is found in this passage; it is through Jesus Christ, the perfect human, that we are to bear our suffering, and in doing so we move towards what will finally be our own perfection. Peter is saying here that those who *do what is good for the right reasons* may suffer in this life, but Jesus has already born those sufferings, and we truly share them with him. In this way, suffering can become a type of grace.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

The Good Shepherd protects his sheep, and those who are among the flock recognize the shepherd. Of course, during Biblical times shepherds were not well respected by the larger population- they were dirty, smelly, generally ignorant, and lived on the margins of society. It is not difficult to imagine Jesus using this parable (or possibly two parables combined) to chastise the Pharisees. They would be offended by the comparison between ‘the good shepherd’ who sincerely watches over the people, and the official religious authorities who (by implication) do not. An ignorant shepherd ‘gets it’, but a polished and well-educated Pharisee does not. This isn’t a complicated message for those who faithfully follow Jesus: like a Good Shepherd, Jesus watches over his Church, protecting *us*, feeding *us*, and bringing *us* safely home in the end.



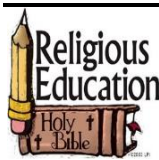
MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN available to pray for you or your loved ones. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-498-0760.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH: We

remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Billie Jackson, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondri, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes began on Sunday, September 21. Classes are held in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass is at 9:00 AM. Families previously registered last year should have received a registration form in the mail. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms are available at the rectory. Also you can find a registration form on the Holy Name of Mary Church website under the pull down menu under Religious Education.

The following is the schedule for classes for Feb:

- April 26.....Regular Class
- May 3.....Regular Class
- May 10....NO CLASS...Happy Mother's Day!
- May 17.....Regular Class...Last Class
- May 24.....Pentecost Sunday....
- Confirmation at 9:00 Mass
- Have a great summer!**

Thank you to those parents who support their children in their Faith Formation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



PARISH FINANCES

4/19/2026

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2586.00

Thank you for your generosity & support!

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions, April 25/26



Sunday, April 26 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, May 3 – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, May 10 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Sunday, May 17 – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Become an Altar Server! Call the

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 at www.compps.state.pa.us/cwis and should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



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, David Place, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Nancy Travis, Travis Walter



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 HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
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If you are interested in donating flowers for our Altar in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the rectory.



PLEASE NOTE:

In our Holy Name of Mary Cemetery, please remove all Christmas flowers, arrangements and/or decorations by Wednesday, April 22, 2026. After that date they will be removed and disposed of so we can prepare for Spring.

Once again, only trash goes in the trash cans- not rocks, dirt or grass. It is impossible to carry down to the Church for collection. Instead, rocks, dirt and grass can be thrown over the embankment behind the maintenance shed.

Please do not throw your trash into the field. It has to be picked up and disposed of by us. Let's keep our cemetery clean and beautiful. Thank you!

- The Staff



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



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Those who are among the flock recognize the shepherd.

