

# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 14, 2026

*At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned. – Mt 9:36*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

<b>Sunday</b>	Ex 19:2-6a, Rom 5:6-11, Mt 9:36-10:8
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
<b>Friday</b>	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday -	June 13	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho – Frank & Rita DeRiancho		
Sunday -	June 14	9:00 AM	Matthew Simonetti – Fran Calafut		
Monday-	June 15	12:00 PM	For John Walsh – Tom & Kathleen Kurosky		
Tuesday –	June 16	12:00 PM	For Dorothy Knafla		
Wednesday -	June 17	12:00 PM	For Dorothy Knafla		
Thursday -	June 18	12:00 PM	For Dorothy Knafla		
Friday -	June 19	12:00 PM	For Dorothy Knafla		
Saturday -	June 20	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho – Frank & Rita DeRiancho		
Sunday -	June 21	9:00 AM	Matthew Simonetti – Fran Calafut		

### First Reading, Exodus 9:2-6a

In this passage we find Moses and the Israelites at Sinai. The Lord has instructed Moses to let the Israelites know that they are dear to him, and that they will always be so. In the history of salvation this is an important moment, showing that God will protect his people and prosper them.

### Second Reading, Romans 5:6-11

We learn here that God has once again entered time, subjecting his only son to an ignominious death so that we, his people in faith, will be saved. We are now the brothers and sisters of Christ forgiven of our sins and justified by his death. Sin is always a distancing from God. Christ's sacrifice brings us as close as possible to the Father through the Son.

### Gospel Reading, Matthew 9:36- 10:8

Jesus sees the multitude of people following, feels their need for him, and then on all levels understands what that truly means. His guidance, his healing power certainly, but they also long for something that that they probably don't realize: a sense of forgiveness. Jesus recognizes that their earthly leaders cannot provide these things, that they will always fall short. At that moment, just as God did from Mt. Sinai, Jesus instructs his twelve apostles to deliver his message in every tangible way to these followers. He can give them what they long to receive.



**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, 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 Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



**PARISH FINANCES**

**6/7/2026**

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2752.11

*Thank you for your generosity & support!*

**2nd Collection: Peter's Pence, June 27/28**



**Sunday, June 14 – 9:00AM**

Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, June 21 – 9:00AM**

Stanely Grochal

**Sunday, June 28 – 9:00AM**

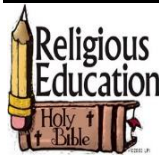
Bernadetta Paolucci

**Sunday, July 5 – 9:00AM**

Albert Paolucci

**Become an Altar Server! Call the**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Classes are held in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass is at 9:00 AM. 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.

**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.



**\*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.compss.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compss.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, Travis Walter.

**Travelers & Vacationers**

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



**As you may have heard**, I have been re-assigned to *Holy Child Parish* in Mansfield, PA. It is sad for me to leave, please know that. I have been truly blessed during my time as your pastor here at *Holy Name of Mary*. We have accomplished much together over the years but I have to say that what I will remember is all of you. Your support, your determination and willingness to give of yourselves to your Parish, has been inspirational. But most of all, you have consistently shown how much each of you loves our Lord and our Blessed Mother. Thank you! Please know that you will always be in my prayers.

Fr. Kevin Miller, currently at *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Parish*, Hazleton, will be your new Pastor. Please welcome and support him as you have me. The transition will be effective July 15, 2026. Please pray for both us in our new assignments.

Always yours in Christ,  
Fr. Philip



**On Saturday, July 11, after the 4:00PM Mass, we will have a going away dinner for Fr. Philip at the VFW here in town. It will be a full, catered dinner so please bring your appetite! We need to let the caterer know how many to serve, so please call the rectory 570-278-1504. If no one answers, just leave a message. Do this as soon as possible. Thanks!**



**Please consider donating flowers for our altar!**



This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. Blessed Mother.

Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!



*Pictured above is Teagan Briget Faustina Goff.*

### CONFIRMATION 2026

On Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday, Teagan Goff, 8th grade student from Holy Name of Mary Church, received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation with Fr. Philip Rayappan as celebrant.

Thank you to Joni Host, Kathleen and Mollie Host, for preparing Teagan for the reception of Confirmation over the past 2 years. Your dedication and time are greatly appreciated! Thank you to Teagan's family for bringing her to classes and guiding her through the growth in her Faith process.



Below is Linda Sorge, a new Catholic and Parishioner! Linda was Confirmed on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**These three scripture readings** trace the divine arc of salvation: from God's covenant with Israel and the unmerited grace of Christ's sacrifice, to the empowering mission of the Church. Together, they reveal a God who redeems us not to isolate us, but to equip and send us as agents of healing in a hurting world.

### **Exodus 19:2-6a: The Call to Covenant Identity**

In the first reading, God reminds Israel of their miraculous deliverance from Egypt, using the tender image of being borne on "eagles' wings". God establishes a covenant, declaring them to be His "special possession" and a "kingdom of priests".

**The Implication:** This passage redefines the people's identity. They are chosen not for privilege alone, but for a holy purpose—to mediate God's presence and blessing to the rest of the world. Obedience is not a heavy burden, but the grateful response of a freed people living in alignment with their Creator.

### **Romans 5:6-11: The Radical Proof of Grace**

Paul's letter to the Romans outlines the unearned and radical nature of this covenant under the New Testament. He highlights a profound theological reality: Christ did not die for the righteous, but for the "weak," the "ungodly," and while we were still "sinners".

**The Implication:** Human beings were helpless and alienated from God, yet divine love intervened. Reconciliation with God was achieved entirely through the blood of Christ, transforming our status from enemies to adopted children. Paul grounds our hope in the utter dependability of God's grace—if God saved us when we were enemies, He will certainly preserve us as friends.

### **Matthew 9:36-10:8: Compassion and Commission**

The Gospel brings the themes of Exodus and Romans into active, earthly ministry. Jesus looks at the crowds, seeing them as "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". His heart is moved with profound pity, leading Him to declare that the "harvest is abundant but the laborers are few".

**The Implication:** Jesus does not stop at feeling compassion; He takes action. He summons His disciples, gives them His own authority, and commissions them to go to the "lost sheep". He commands them to heal the sick, cast out demons, and proclaim that the kingdom is at hand. Crucially, He instructs them: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give".

### **Synthesizing the Message**

These readings form a cohesive spiritual sequence:

1. **The Foundation (Exodus):** God calls us to Himself and forms us into a holy community.
2. **The Power (Romans):** We are redeemed and reconciled not by our own goodness, but by the sacrificial death of Christ.
3. **The Mission (Matthew):** Empowered by that grace, we are sent out into the world to share God's healing love with those who are lost, hurting, or marginalized.

