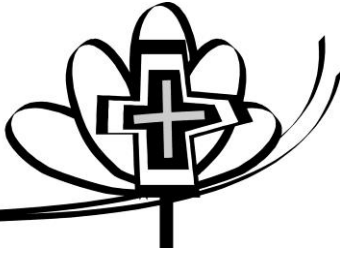


# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 27, 2025

*“If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” -Luke 11:13*

GOD GAVE US  
NEW LIFE  
IN COMPANY  
WITH JESUS



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13  
**Monday** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Jn 11:19-27  
**Tuesday** Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday** Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37  
**Saturday** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	Jul 26	4:00 PM	Emma McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	Jul 27	9:00 AM	Eleanor Kurosky (Cheryl Kurosky)
Monday –	Jul 28	12:00 PM	Francis Ryan
Tuesday –	Jul 29	12:00 PM	Vincent Zora
Wednesday –	Jul 30	12:00 PM	John P. O’Malley
Thursday –	Jul 31	12:00 PM	Dorothy K. Walsh
Friday –	Aug 1	12:00 PM	<b>First Friday;</b> Leo Cherest
Saturday –	Aug 2	4:00 PM	Henry Baranowski
Sunday –	Aug 3	9:00 AM	Karen Hoyt

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

This early Abraham story makes the point that God is just, only condemning those who are truly sinful, and not taking the innocent with them. In this case, the people of Sodom are so guilty of transgressing God’s laws that not even ten innocent people could be found. Although the story may be somewhat fanciful, it does show God’s inclination to be merciful, as well as His willingness to listen to human petitions for mercy.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

The idea that Christ’s death on the cross has ‘taken away’ our sin- both the sin of Adam and our personal sin- is so fundamental to Christian faith that no true believer could ever question it. The ‘mechanics’ of atonement have been debated for centuries, but the simple fact of it seems to be part of our deepest, almost unconscious, understanding of what the Christ event is all about. God’s mercy knows no bounds.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

When Jesus gives to his disciples the Our Father, he is teaching them not only *how* to pray, but in effect encouraging them *to* pray. He emphasizes and illustrates this in verses 5-13, finishing with the promise of receiving the Holy Spirit. All prayer involves a contract of sorts between God who is merciful, and humans who are sinful yet repentant. As salvation history unfolds, Abraham’s simple prayerful petitions for the people of Sodom reach their symbolic zenith in Christ’s prayer given to his disciples. The fruit of all prayer is Christ’s sacrifice, God’s response to the cries of dying humanity. In our secular world it is easy to lose sight of this, but within God’s creation, within our deepest thoughts and desires, we hunger for God. The path to being with God is Jesus Christ, and prayer is how we find the path.



**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: 570-498-0760.

### 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 Mondy, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack



### 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, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



### PARISH FINANCES

**7/13/2025**

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 2783.00

*Thank you for your generosity & support!*

**Next Upcoming Collection: October 18-19**

World Mission Sunday

*(Please make checks out to the Propagation of the Faith)*



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

**Travelers & Vacationers:** Please remember we rely greatly on your contributions. Thank you for your donations!



**Sunday, July 27 – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta Paolucci

**Sunday, August 3 – 9:00AM**

Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, August 10 – 9:00AM**

Stanely Grochal

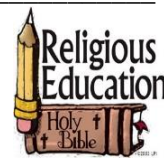
**Sunday, August 17 – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta Paolucci

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?**

If so, please contact the rectory.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



If you would like to register your child for the upcoming 2025-2026

Religious Education program, forms are available at the rectory or online on the church website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



### PARISH POTLUCK DINNER

**Please join us for an appreciation dinner Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM on the church grounds. All are welcome!**

*"They broke bread and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." — Acts 2:46*

**Please RSVP by Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **How to RSVP:**

- Call the rectory at 570-278-1504
- Use the sign-up sheets in the church.
- Visit the free website:  
<https://mealtrain.com/gzvvyo>
- Email [holynameofmarypotluckdinner@gmail.com](mailto:holynameofmarypotluckdinner@gmail.com)
- Use the QR code





## Things still needed for the Potluck Dinner:

- Small table tents or umbrellas
- Bags of Ice and some Coolers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Drinks: Bottled water, Soda, etc.
- Snacks, Dips, or things that don't require heating or extensive cooling (chips, cookies, etc.)
- Outdoor games that are safe for our younger guests (frisbees, cornhole, etc.)

Please call the Rectory or email us at:  
[holynamenameofmarypotluckdinner@gmail.com](mailto:holynamenameofmarypotluckdinner@gmail.com) if  
you can help!



## MEMORIAL OF ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE

This commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, and is also known as the feast of grandparents. It honors their role in raising Mary, who would become the mother of Jesus, and highlights the importance of grandparents in family and faith.



## NFP Awareness Week July 20–26

“Pursue a lasting love ... Marriage.  
Create hope for the future! Natural

Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage” is the theme of this year’s national Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 20–26, 2025).

Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for certain natural methods used to achieve or postpone pregnancy. It is based on scientific research and day-to-day observations of the signs and symptoms of fertility that occurs as part of each menstrual cycle.

Want to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in our diocese?

Visit <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/>



## 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 electronically 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.

## Have You Ever Considered A Vocation to the Priesthood?

Those living in the world today know many things: despair, anxiety, doubt, confusion. To say we are living in a time of great hope doesn't seem like the obvious description, and yet, as Christians, we know this to be true – for hope requires “placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817).

As Catholics around the world continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, our local Church in the Diocese of Scranton also rejoices in hope as more of our young people decide to answer the Lord’s call. This year, Bishop Joseph Bambera accepted five new seminarians from three different countries, four different counties, and five different parishes.

The increasing number of seminarians for the Diocese of Scranton correlates to national trends noted in the 2025 CARA Report, which surveyed more than 300 men preparing for priestly ordination across the United States.

God has given you a vocation to serve him in a way that no one else can. This vocation may be to serve him as a diocesan priest. If you place your trust in the Lord, you too can discover the hope found in loving and serving God and then share that hope with a world that is all too familiar with despair.

- Have you ever felt called to follow a plan greater than your own?
- When you hear God’s word, are you filled with a desire to share it?
- Do you want to lay down your life to minister to God’s people?
- Are you drawn to the diocesan priesthood?

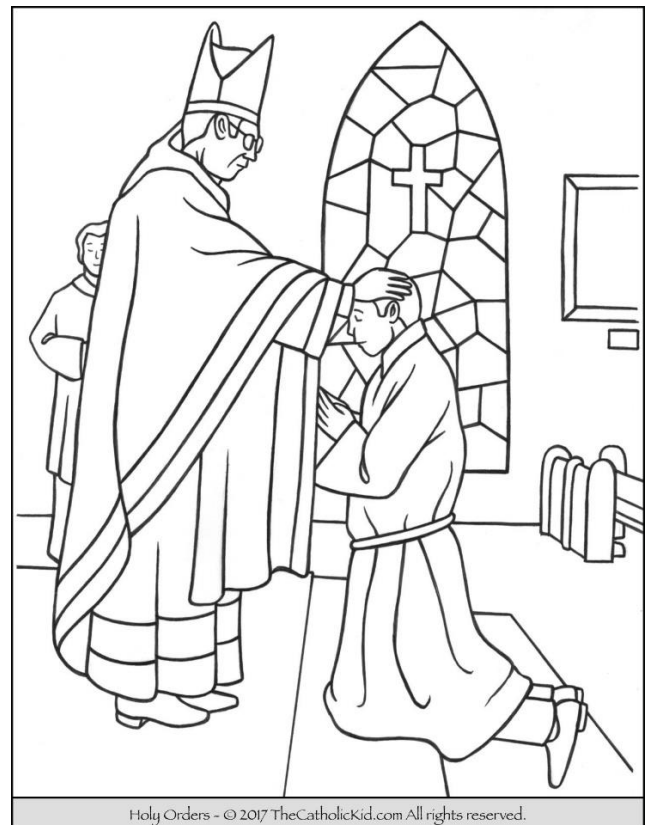
If you answered “yes” to one or more of these questions, God may be calling you to serve his people as a priest. Where do you go from here?

- First and foremost, listen to God’s voice in prayer. As the Catechism tells us, “Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire” (CCC 1820).

- Connect with your parish priest and become active in the life of your faith community through the sacraments, service, and fellowship.
- Check out the material available on this site and our social media accounts for more information about events and discernment tips.
- Reach out to our vocation director, Fr. Alex Roche, for a conversation.
- Trust that your God has a plan for you, that he sustains you through it all, and that he is inviting you *to know the hope that is found in his call.*

To get in touch with the Vocations Office, please email [vocations@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofscranton.org) or contact [Father Alex Roche](#), our Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

We are here to support you every step of the way!



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