

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 31, 2025

*“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.”*  
– Sirach 3:17

Do not sit at  
the place  
of honor



Those who exalt  
themselves  
shall be humbled

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a  
**Monday** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday** Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday** Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday** Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday** Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday–</b>	Aug 30	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan
<b>Sunday –</b>	Aug 31	9:00 AM	Guru Swami & Victoria Rayappan – Host Family
<b>Monday –</b>	Sept 1	12:00 PM	Ann Michell
<b>Tuesday –</b>	Sept 2	12:00 PM	Lisa Liotto
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sept 3	12:00 PM	Paul T. Manley
<b>Thursday –</b>	Sept 4	12:00 PM	Patricia Casey
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday –</b>	<b>Sept 5 *</b>	12:00 PM	Andrew Kuzma <b>*1<sup>st</sup> Friday @11:00</b>
<b>Saturday –</b>	Sept 6	4:00 PM	Mrs. Joan Catalano
<b>Sunday –</b>	Sept 7	9:00 AM	Michael Hibbard – Mom & Dad

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

The message here is one of acceptance and humility. The author is 2<sup>nd</sup> century Jewish scholar, Jesus Son of Eleazar, Son of Sirach. The writing style is similar to that found in Proverbs, giving sage advice for any willing to understand. To love God, he recommends, is more rewarding by far than to be concerned with self.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

In this passage, the author compares the Theophany on Mt. Sinai and the Law that was given, with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. It seems to be suggesting that presenting and receiving the Law was couched in fear, whereas the Gospel message is given in love and received with humility. Of course, both events are linked and both events reflect God's love; it is the human will that is limited.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 14-17

To assume the high position at Christ's banquet table is to absolutely misunderstand the message of salvation. Salvation is given freely and lovingly, not conditional upon 'assuming' the righteousness of obedience to the Law. The key here is not that obedience to the Law is wrong, but that human arrogance impedes the truth of the Law. And the truth of the Law is God's love. The way we understand the gift of salvation is to recognize that all are welcome at Christ's table, not just those who seemingly obey the rules. Christ cannot be earned; Christ can only be loved.



**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 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, Dolores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack



### PARISH FINANCES

**8/24/2025**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	4560.00

*Thank you for your generosity & support!*

**NOTE: August 30/31 is Loose Change Sunday**

**Next 2nd Collection: September 6/7  
Gaza Relief**



**Sunday, August 31 – 9:00AM**

Stanely Grochal

**Sunday, September 7 – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta Paolucci

**Sunday, September 14 – 9:00AM**

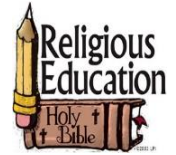
Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, September 21 – 9:00AM**

Stanely Grochal

**Become an Altar Server! Call the Rectory**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### Religious Education classes begin on Sept 21, Catechetical Sunday.

Classes will be held in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass is at 9:00 AM. Families previously registered last year will receive a registration form in the mail. Please fill out this form and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be 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. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again! If you have any questions or concerns, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

### \*PLAYSTATION OR XBOX REQUEST\*

If any parishioner happens to have an old Playstation or Xbox that is no longer being used...and would like to donate it to a child from HNM church....please contact Fran Calafut at 570.396.5879. Thank you!



### ALTAR FLOWERS



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the rectory.

### 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, and Travis Walter



### 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.

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with deep joy that I invite each and every one of you – clergy, religious, and lay faithful – to join me on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, in celebration of the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. It is a sacred time of renewal, reconciliation, and grace for the entire Church – a time to rediscover the hope that only Christ can give in a world marked by anxiety, division, uncertainty, and fear. This Pilgrimage



will be a visible sign that hope is alive in our

hearts, in our families, and in the Church of Scranton.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception – affectionately known as “Mary’s House” to honor Our Blessed Mother – has been designated as a special place of pilgrimage during Jubilee Year 2025 by the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As the largest Catholic church in North America, the Shrine is a most fitting place for us to pray, give thanks, and to be strengthened in our mission as witnesses of hope. Visiting the Basilica will also provide pilgrims with the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence of the Jubilee.

I ask for your help in having the faithful of our Diocese come together as a people of hope, united in faith. With gratitude for your witness and your love for the Church, we entrust this pilgrimage to the intercession of the Immaculate Conception.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

## JUBILEE YEAR INDULGENCE INFORMATION



During Jubilee Year 2025, the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become “pilgrims of hope.” For this to occur, each person must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy.

For centuries, a feature of Holy Year celebrations has been the granting of an Indulgence, which the church describes as a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for their sins.

“Every sin ‘leaves its mark’ even after a person has received forgiveness and absolution through the sacrament of reconciliation,” Pope Francis wrote in the document proclaiming the Holy Year. “Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as ‘every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory,’” he wrote, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Those who cannot make a Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome are nevertheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies receiving an Indulgence during the Jubilee Year 2025. To receive an Indulgence, the faithful in the Diocese of Scranton may do the following:

### 1. MAKE A VISIT TO A DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE CHURCH SITE

In the Diocese of Scranton, the following churches are specifically designated pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025:

- Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA
- Saint Ann Basilica, 1250 St. Ann Street, Scranton, PA
- Saint Augustine Church, 295 Church Road, Brackney, PA
- Saint Boniface Church, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA
- Saint Gabriel Church, 122 South Wyoming Street, Hazleton, PA
- Saint John the Evangelist Church, 150 Terrace Street, Honesdale, PA
- Saint Nicholas Church, 226 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Saint Matthew Church, 78 Ridgeway Street, East Stroudsburg, PA

The faithful can obtain the Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit the Jubilee site and recite the Our Father, and the Profession of Faith (Apostles/Nicene Creed).

### 2. SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION

Celebrate sacramental reconciliation within 20 days before or after the seeking of the indulgence (which includes the intention of sincere detachment from all sin).

### 3. RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Receive Holy Communion during full, conscious, active participation at Mass.

### 4. PRAY FOR THE INTENTION OF THE POPE

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nonetheless, one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for his intention.

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



# Holy Name of Mary Youth Choir

## Catholic Music Formation Program

We are excited to announce the formation of the **Holy Name of Mary Youth Choir**, a new music and faith enrichment program for youth in our parish!

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### Open to students ages 7–18, our Youth Choir Program offers:

- Weekly choral rehearsals with professional music instruction by Kristin Allen
- Leadership opportunities as Junior & Senior Assistants for students ages 13-18
- Opportunities to sing at Sunday Masses, feast days, and parish events
- Training in many different types of liturgical music, including Gregorian Chant
- Beginner's course in singing in Latin and several other languages
- Training in music theory, vocal technique, and sight-singing
- Training about composers, music history, and the Catholic Mass
- Personal lessons may be available (separate from our rehearsals) for a small fee

**Parents, Grandparents, or Guardians, please consider registering a student and have them refer a friend!**

**Rehearsal Schedule will be announced once at least 5 students have enrolled.**

To register a student, please fill out the form below and return it to Kristin Allen Murray at weekend Masses or via email: [kristinallen18801@gmail.com](mailto:kristinallen18801@gmail.com).

Registration forms can also be picked up at the piano in the church every weekend.



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade/Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School/Homeschool: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_



