

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 14, 2022

“Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart”. -Hebrews 12:3



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	August 13	4:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. William Yurgatis (Wayne & Dottie Hibbard)
Sunday –	August 14	9:00 AM	Garrett Kelly (The Tometchko Family)
Monday –	August 15	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Tuesday –	August 16	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday –	August 17	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	August 18	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	August 19	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday –	August 20	4:00 PM	Maybel C. Dougherty (Florence Trowbridge)
Sunday –	August 21	9:00 AM	Manny Debonis (Jack & Holly Rozanski)



1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6; 8-10

It was under Zedekiah's reign that Jerusalem was sacked by Babylon. Zedekiah sought an alliance with Egypt and rebelled against Babylonian rule, but the Babylonian King immediately crushed the revolt and sent the royal family into exile. Just prior to all of this, Jeremiah prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem and the royals were sick of hearing it, hence they cast him into the cistern. But God influenced Zedekiah, softened his heart, and despite Jeremiah's 'negative attitude', the prophet was released.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This passage seems to suggest that discouraging hardships endured by Christians of that day should be considered 'corrections' from God. Another understanding might be that life, with its vicissitudes and disappointments will always be challenging, even for Christians. Those who are in Christ, however, have a model for enduring life's inevitable pain: Jesus Christ crucified. Our final end is to be with Jesus and to see him as he truly is, whatever the earthly suffering.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

This is a hard passage to read. The sorts of divisions that Luke describes are all too familiar, historically and within our own personal lives. In the northern counties of Ireland, as example, the Christian disconnect is so pronounced that violence has been the accepted mode of resolution for centuries and it continues even today. And many of us have family members who have left the Church because of disagreements both personal and political, both spiteful and foolish no doubt. All of these divisions are hurtful and seem so patently *un-Christian* that we sometimes wonder about our faith. So what is the answer? How do we make sense out of it? When Jesus was crucified, the world stood still and the temple shroud was torn in two. A sinful world became aware of itself and perhaps the answers lie somewhere in that redefined consciousness. But one thing is certain to people of faith, whether or not we have neat little answers: *Jesus died for us and ours is but to worship him and do as he asks in the best way we can.*



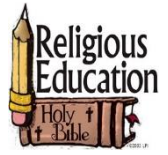
MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

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, 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., 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, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sargent, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Rosemarie Whalen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Thank you to all the families who participated in the religious education program for the 2021-2022 school year. A big thank you to the religious education teachers for their support and dedication to the children of our parish.

Have a great summer! See you in the fall!

Travelers & Vacationers

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



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

8/7/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,312.25

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!!



Sunday, August 14th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Sunday, August 21st – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, August 28th – 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.

2022 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A CATHOLIC MAN"

The 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by "Be A Catholic Man", is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme, "Be Not Afraid" is under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers to be announced. Men are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, -- all are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



Our 2022 Sponsorship Drive is still underway.

This fundraiser replaces the Harvest Moon Festival and your support is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated and we thank those who have already given. Our goal is again this year: \$25,000.

As of 8/4/2022 we have received **\$21,598** from the sponsor drive.

August

Synod Report Now Available

For six months, people throughout our diocese responded to Pope Francis' call to the Synod on Synodality by sharing their hopes, concerns and dreams for the Catholic Church. Some participated at listening sessions, and many others through an online survey. Through this participation, many themes began to emerge.

Our Diocesan Synthesis Report representing these themes has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is also available for general review. To learn more and to review the synthesis report, please visit the [Synod on Synodality page](#) on our diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Encountering Christ: Music & Meditation with Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP

The Diocese of Scranton is pleased to welcome Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D., a Paulist priest, composer, theologian, and author who will be offering a **concert on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 7:00PM, and a presentation for our local observance of the National Eucharistic Revival on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon**. The title of the two-part event is "Encountering Christ: Music & Meditation" and will be held at the Church of Saint Gregory, 330 North Abington Road, Clarks Green, PA. There is no charge for the event, but a free-will offering will be accepted. We kindly ask those attending to make a reservation at www.dioceseofscranton.org or by calling 570-207-2213. For more information, please contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 or at davidbaloga@dioceseofscranton.org.

