

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022

“Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.” – James 5:7



Third Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	December 10	4:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Sunday –	December 11	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday –	December 12	12:00 PM	Thomas Walsh (The Gurn Family)
Tuesday –	December 13	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	December 14	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	December 15	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	December 16	12:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Saturday –	December 17	4:00 PM	Morgan Turner (Roberta Collins)
Sunday –	December 18	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

As with all prophecy, the meaning may not be fully understandable until much later. The words of Isaiah refer to Judah’s restoration after the exile, but God’s full meaning can only be understood with the advent of Jesus Christ. The signs of the Messiah are: *‘Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.’* And, of course, we now understand Isaiah’s words more fully.

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Jesus Christ entered human history 2000 years ago, and He will complete human history upon His return. The entire Christ event is marked by Advent, from nativity to final judgment, and the beginning and the end can’t be separated. Christmas is not just a marker for Christ’s birth, but it also marks Christ’s entire purpose. We must be patient, because Christ will be returning. Advent is the reminder.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

In prison John seems to be questioning what he already knows is true: that Jesus is the Messiah. I suspect that from the prison cell (in which we all find ourselves at one time or another), each of us asks the same question. And Jesus’ answer for each of us is the same as it is for John: *the signs have been posted, the Word has been spoken, and anyone who accepts me is blessed.* Doubts follow us from one crisis to the next, and they will never go away. But Jesus has fulfilled the promise, and the promise breathes New Life into us from moment to moment; we need only listen to the gentle whisper within.



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, Gene Bell, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Ellen Burns, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Kathleen Conklin, 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 Mondri, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Joan Nelson, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



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 12/4/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	5,318.75

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!!

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, December 11th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, December 18th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Saturday, December 24th – 4:00PM

Isaiah Torres

Saturday, December 24th – 9:00PM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, December 25th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server?

If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.



Thank you to all who donated cranberry sauce. Thanks to your generosity Holy Name of Mary was able to contribute 169 cans to Interfaith.

PARISH EVENTS

December 10/11th – Second Collection:

Retirement Fund for Religious

December 18th – Church Decorating for Christmas following the 9AM Mass

December 24/25th – Loose Change Weekend

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

- Romans 15:13



Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in need each day. As Christmas draws near, ask God what gift you can offer him in support of the poor, lonely and vulnerable in our community.

*Help Our Parish Reach Its
Goal by the end of 2022*



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

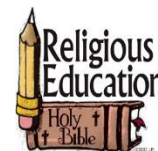
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00 AM Mass. At this time, masks are optional for the classroom.

If you are new to HNM parish and would like to register your child, registration forms are available at the rectory, as well as online in the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal. Thank you for your participation and support.

December 11th – Regular Classes

December 18th – Regular Classes

December 24th – Christmas Eve

December 25th – Merry Christmas (NO CLASSES)



January 1st – Happy New Year (NO CLASSES)

January 8th – Regular Classes

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION:



During Advent, Father will hear confessions Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:30PM, following the 9:00AM Mass on Sundays, and by appointment by calling the rectory.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal. **Holy Name of Mary is 89% towards our goal of \$16,000.** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the back of the Church or visit www.annualappeal.org to donate online. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how the Diocese of Scranton serves charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!



That's right, it's time to think about decorating our church for the Christmas season! We will do this immediately after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 12/18. We should be able to get it done in one fell swoop, but even if we don't, we have a week to do the "fine-tuning" to make everything look nice. So if you could help with this, we would greatly appreciate it!



2022

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Masses will be celebrated at
4:00PM and 9:00PM

Sunday, December 25th

The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM*

***PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR TRADITIONAL
10:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIME**

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S WILL FOLLOW THE USUAL WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE