

4th Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” –Matthew 1:21



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Mon: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Tue: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Wed: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Thu: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Fri: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Sat: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	December 17	4:00 PM	Morgan Turner (Roberta Collins)
Sunday –	December 18	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday –	December 19	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	December 20	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	December 21	12:00 PM	Tanya Calafut (George & Fran Calafut, Mom & Dad)
Thursday –	December 22	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	December 23	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil	4:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil	9:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Sunday –	December 25 – Christmas	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

The line of David is continued with the predicted birth of Ahaz’s son, Hezekiah. At the time of Isaiah’s prophesy, the northern kingdom and Syria were attacking Judah, and Ahaz was in deep political trouble. Assurance that David’s line would continue, despite these troubles, was assuring to the people.

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

To be the descendent of David meant that Jesus had credibility among the Romans who had been taught by Peter and others who were, perhaps, more conscious of their Jewish roots in the spread of the new Christian faith. It also helps emphasize the human side of Jesus Christ, tying him to the world and not just to the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

This reading underlines the supernatural origin of Christ’s birth, unapologetically pointing to the virgin birth. Jesus came from David’s line, through Mary (and legally by Joseph) and thus fulfilling the messianic prophesies. But the key is that Jesus is both God and human, setting the stage for the upcoming crucifixion and resurrection that would change the world. It is also important to note Joseph’s part in all of this: defying tradition and accepting the message of the Lord.



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 Mondy, 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 Sergent, 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 12/11/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,426.75

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 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

Sunday, January 1st – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, January 8th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

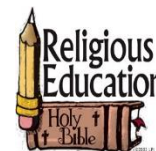


Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar linen members, etc. Please pick up a bottle of wine in the sacristy. Merry Christmas!

PARISH EVENTS

December 18th – Church Decorating for Christmas following the 9AM Mass
December 24/25th – Loose Change Weekend

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 18th – Regular Classes; Church decorating for Christmas

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.



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!

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

- John 4:8



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*

Donate now at:
annualappeal.org
or click the QR code below



GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

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 93% 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!



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,
SATURDAY 4:00PM & SUNDAY 9:00AM**