

# Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2022

*“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Sun:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

**Mon:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

**Tue:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wed:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

**Thu:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

**Fri:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Sat:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday – Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Intention of Donor
<b>Saturday – Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil</b>	<b>9:00 PM</b>	Intention of Donor
<b>Sunday – December 25 – Christmas</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday – December 26	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday – December 27	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday – December 28	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday – December 29	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday – December 30	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday – December 31	4:00 PM	Nicholas & Emma McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday – January 1	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

The Church has always found Christ woven throughout the Old Testament scriptures and within Isaiah is found the most pointed references. Christ is synonymous with the Lord who restores (or establishes) ‘Zion’, the new Christian Church. The ‘sentinels’ are those who like the Magi in the gospel of Luke see signs of Christ’s birth. And of course Christ brings salvation to all humankind.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

The author here is obviously addressing at least one Jewish-Christian community, possibly Alexandria. It is also possible that the epistle was intended for Jewish-Christians in several communities. The intention is to point out the messianic threads found in Jewish scripture that Jesus picked up and used in His teachings. At this time (perhaps as early as 60 AD) the growing Christian Church was not considered separate from Jewish tradition and it was important to maintain these sorts of ties. In the arc of salvation history it is of course still important today. God’s plan is rooted in Jewish tradition and finds its fulfillment in the revelation of Jesus Christ; there can be no separation.

### Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

In this reading John begins with Jesus Christ, the light of the world, follows through with the incarnation, and leads up to the earliest days of the Church. John makes clear that Jesus is God, present at the beginning of time, and made ‘visible’ to us in human form. It is through Jesus that we find life, new life. As the ‘Word’ became flesh, not as a result of natural means but by God’s supernatural means, so are we saved; God is the Son and the Son has become the light that saves the world, shining into our souls and illumining the path to salvation.



**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, JoAnne 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 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

**12/18/2022**

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 2,797.47

*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!!



**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00PM**

Isaiah Torres

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00PM**

Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00AM**

Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – 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.

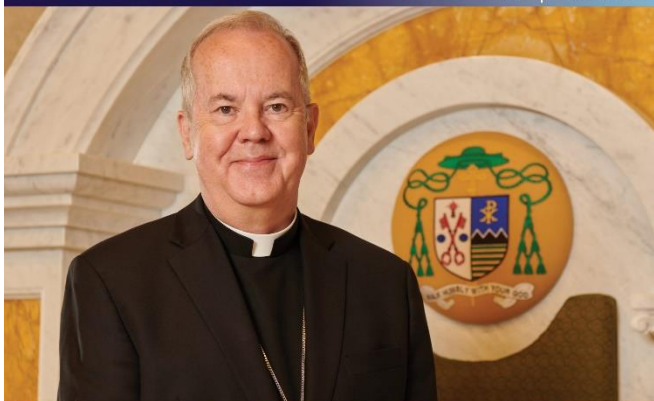


## PARISH EVENTS

**December 24/25<sup>th</sup> – Loose Change Weekend**

*"The Diocesan Annual Appeal helps us come together as one community of faith to provide the essential ministries that no one parish can do on its own."*

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



### **Thank You for Changing Lives!**

Your **generosity** to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal reaches tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

We are called to share our gifts with others to build the Kingdom of God. Your support of the Appeal provides support that fulfills **basic needs** and **builds the future of our church**.

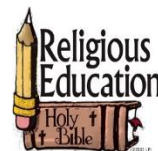


**GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

## 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](http://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!

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas (NO CLASSES)**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – Happy New Year (NO CLASSES)**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – Regular Classes**



## WHAT YOU SEE IN THE CHURCH THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

My thanks to all who showed up and participated in the decorating of our Church for the Christmas Season 2022-2023 on Sunday, 12/18. Names are too numerous to mention, but a special thanks to Pam Tometchko for her flower expertise, and to Al Reimel and Patrick Mooney for their fearless help in dealing with the parts of the decorating process that involve ladders! And also a special thanks to Joe Tometchko, Bill Host, and Quentin Kraynak, who assisted on 12/17 with the "staging" of the many items that go into making Holy Name of Mary Church a beautiful place to worship for the Holidays. May God bless you all this Christmastide, and throughout the New Year!

John Siedlecki



**2022**

## **Christmas Season Mass Schedule**

*Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord*

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

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*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**