

# 2nd Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

“There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.” Isaiah 11:9



## Second Sunday of Advent

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	December 3	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	December 4	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Monday –	December 5	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	December 6	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	December 7	12:00 PM	Eva Beppler (Cheryl Kurosky)
Thursday –	December 8	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	December 9	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	December 10	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	December 11	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

This reading is so well known that it has almost become a cliché. There is, however, some remarkable imagery that stretches the imagination and emphasizes the glorious ‘unnaturalness’ of God’s power, one that can cause carnivores to eat hay, and poisonous reptiles to allow human children to play with their young. The Christ event changes everything; the predictable course of the world is redefined and goodness prevails.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15:4-9

The ‘encouragement of the scriptures’ that Paul references here is the messianic promise that is woven throughout the Old Testament. Jew and gentile become brothers and sisters in the New Church, with differences no longer recognized. It should also be noted that the Church, in *Nostra Aetate* (Vatican 2 document): *Indeed, the Church believes that by His cross Christ, Our Peace, reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in Himself.*

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Christ’s incarnation, as proclaimed by John the Baptist, would sweep over all of creation. From virgin birth to ascension, the miraculous would become commonplace. Paupers, lepers, criminals, and saints would find themselves in communion with one another, and kings would bow down in humility. Advent is not limited to the birth of Jesus; rather, Advent leads us to the fulfillment of God’s plan. The advent of Jesus Christ’s entry into human history is a time for renewal of hope, and rebirth of innocence, even in the jaded world of today. A child is born, and humanity is given the opportunity to grow up.



**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 Mond, 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 Sergeant, 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

**11/27/2022**

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 3,793.25

*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!!

## Travelers & Vacationers

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



**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Isaiah Torres

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Lee John Sullivan

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

**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**

**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*

**Our 2022 Sponsorship Drive has been a success! We have reached our goal of \$25,000.**

**Thank you to all who have generously contributed. HNM has done it again!!**

## PARISH EVENTS

**December 10/11<sup>th</sup> – Second Collection:**  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
**December 24/25<sup>th</sup> – Loose Change  
Weekend**

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE)



Diocese of Scranton  
**DIOCESAN**  
ANNUAL APPEAL

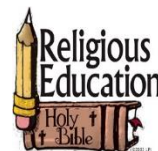


**GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

### **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 88% 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**



Classes will be held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. At this time masks are optional for the classroom.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular Classes**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Regular Classes**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> – Regular Classes**

**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**



## **FAMILY MASS**

On Sunday, November 20, we celebrated the first Family Mass of the Religious Education program at Holy Name of Mary Church. Thank you to all the children who actively participated in the various parts of the Mass under the direction of Mike Vaccaro. Most especially a big thank you to the high school class ...Bernadetta Paolucci, Lee John Sullivan, and Isaiah Torres and their teacher, Mike Vaccaro. Thank you also to Mary Ann DeWitt for providing the music. As always, we appreciate the support of the parents and families who continue to bring their children to the celebration of their Faith.





## JESSE TREE/ KIWANIS TOY DRIVE:



**JESSE TREE** – Thanks to the charitable and kind parishioners of Holy Name of Mary, all the gift tags have been taken from the JESSE TREE. **As a reminder, they need to be returned and placed under the Jesse Tree no later than MONDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>. DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT. Please make sure the Tag is securely attached to the gift or the bag/box it is placed in.**

All of the gifts will be taken to Interfaith for distribution to families and children. If you have any questions regarding the tag you selected, you may call Diane at Interfaith – 570-278-1776.



### KIWANIS TOY DRIVE

– The Kiwanis Club of Montrose Area has conducted an annual Toy Drive for the past 44 years. Our goal is to collect new toys and cash donations in order to provide each child with 2 or 3 new toys. Cash or check donations can be given to Ed DeWitt or mailed to him at P.O. Box 345, Montrose, PA, 18801. Checks should be made out to 'Montrose Kiwanis Club'. Also, they may be left with Father Phillip, Pam, or Dennis in the rectory. In addition, new toys can be purchased and dropped off at Kost Tire on Grow Avenue in Montrose. All toys and cash donations will be given to Interfaith's Christmas Bureau for distribution to needy children. Last year, over 1100 children received Christmas presents because of the love and caring shared by the many generous and faithful people at Holy Name of Mary and throughout Susquehanna County.



Little Blue Advent Books of prayers and reflections are available in the back of the church for you to take and use during this special season.



## CHRISTMAS 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 USUAL 10:00AM CHRISTMAS DAY  
MASS TIME

## In This Holy Season

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.