

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 20, 2022

“But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful.” -Luke 6:35



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1 Sm 26:2-7-9,12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	February 19	4:00 PM	Sandy Kamarauskas (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	February 20	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Ron & Anne Teel)
Monday –	February 21	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Tuesday –	February 22	12:00 PM	Eleanor Kurosky (Cheryl Kurosky)
Wednesday –	February 23	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday –	February 24	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Friday –	February 25	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday –	February 26	4:00 PM	Marie Cavanaugh-15 th Anniv. of Passing (The Sam Arnold Family)
Sunday –	February 27	9:00 AM	Candy Wells (Ron & Anne Teel)

First Reading, 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The message here, of David sparing Saul's life, ties into the gospel reading (of forgiveness) easily. But there is more to it than that. David was not like other men. Abishai, as example, wanted to slay Saul while they had the chance. David, however, saw beyond this and seemed to say: *God allows me to choose between killing Saul and letting him live- I choose to honor God's anointed King and let him live. How can this not be interpreted as a kingly gesture?* David understood the subtleties of preparation.

Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul's theology here is fundamental to our understanding of how Christ's salvation works for us. It also places us, created humans, on a bridge between earth-bound animals and heavenly spirits. We are developing, growing, emerging into the light of spiritual consciousness. Christ's crucifixion is the bridge, and His resurrection the welcome to cross over.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Christ's words, his concepts, are not alien to us- in fact, most of our western understanding of moral behavior fits nicely into these concepts. But the import of these words, these concepts, on an emotional level doesn't seem to fit quite as easily. We pay lip service to "loving our enemies", but we aggressively neutralize them when they get in our way: sometimes with words, sometimes with social distance, and sometimes with more lethal means. However we deal with them, the intent has very little to do with "loving them". If we honestly consider our enemies, we have to accept that it is almost impossible to imagine loving them in any meaningful way. But then, we are human. Fortunately, blessedly, we can mitigate our natural tendencies with the presence of Jesus Christ in our life. If we can't love our enemies, we can let Jesus love them for us from within us. An interesting concept to consider, yes?



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, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, 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, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jesse Wells, 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, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



PARISH FINANCES

2/13/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,483.30

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!!

SUPPORT PARISH LIFE INITIATIVES

"Our primary goal is to share the Gospel, evangelize and share our faith and bring people back to the Church if they are not there"

— Jose Flores
Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Scranton



The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Office for Parish Life, which works directly with parishes to provide training and support services to guide the faithful. This summer, the office launched a new weekly radio program in Spanish to share the Gospel message with the Hispanic community.

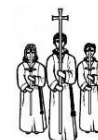
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2021 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 2/17/2022 is 100%.



Sunday, February 20th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, February 27th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and Albert Paolucci

Sunday, March 6th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, March 13th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, March 20th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta and 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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

SIGNPOSTS:

HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND TRUST
THE WORK OF GOD'S HAND IN ONE'S LIFE

MARCH 25-26

HOLY FAMILY CENTER
151 OLD NEWPORT ST.
NANTICOKE, PA 18634



REGISTRATION FEE:
\$20.00

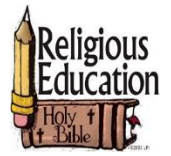
RETREAT LEADER:
FATHER PAT ROGERS, SJ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
JESUIT CENTER,
UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

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YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on Friday, March 25. This 24-hour retreat is titled "**Signposts: How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life.**" The retreat will consist of interactive sessions led by Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at the University of Scranton, small group discussion, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, Mass, and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. Registration fee is \$20.00. To register and/or for more information, visit dioceseof-scranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes are being held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** If you would like to register your child, registration forms will be available at the rectory of the church. You may register for classes at any time.

February 20th – Regular Classes-
Grades 3-6 Reconciliation

February 27th – Regular Classes-
Grades 3-6 Youth Mass

March 6th – Regular Classes

March 13th – Regular Classes

March 20th – Regular Classes-
Grade 7 Reconciliation



We are in need of flowers for our altar! Taking on the custom of having live flowers in the church (when liturgically appropriate) is a wonderful way to honor

Our Lord, the Holy Spirit, and Our Blessed Mother. It is also a special way to honor beloved family members who have predeceased us, or to recognize a significant family event such as an anniversary or birthday.

This does not have to be an expensive endeavor! Consider donating flowers from your garden, or purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory if you are interested in donating flowers. Thank you!

**You are being enriched in every way for all
generosity, which through us produces
thanksgiving to God .**

-2 Corinthians 9:11

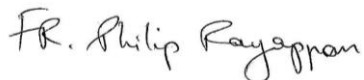
Feb. 18, 2022

Dear Holy Name of Mary Parishioners,

We are grateful to you for all you do in support of our parish to grow and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ. We also appreciate your support of our Diocese through your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal each year and helping us attain our goal again this year. Your faith and love shines through your gifts to the Appeal. Gifts to the Appeal provide much needed support to so many diocesan and parish-based programs, as well as services that teach, heal, and feed those who hunger in body, mind, and spirit.

When we work together in unity with the Holy Spirit and serve one another as our Lord Jesus Christ served, we truly live our faith. May God continue to watch over, and bless, you.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Philip Rayappan



Cheryl Kurosky, Parish Appeal Rep.