Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15, 2023

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

- Isaiah 49:6



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6 **Thursday** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 14	4:00 PM	Doris Durand (Genny Embleton)
Sunday –	January 15	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (Joanne DePeters)
Monday –	January 16	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	January 17	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday -	January 18	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	January 19	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	January 20	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	January 21	4:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Sunday –	January 22	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (Angela Salloux)

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

There are several references in 2nd Isaiah to the 'servant'. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the servant is generally thought to be a personification of Judah; hence Jacob (named Israel) will be *brought back to him*. But the early Church, pointing to the servant who would be a *light to all nations*, saw in this servant a foreshadowing of the messiah. Both are true.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Here Paul emphasizes that the church at Corinth is only one location in which the Church of God is found; the Church proper is universal, i.e., catholic. In God's Church, the true Body of Christ, there is nothing special about any one location. What is 'special' is that it has been formed by the grace of God as one of many locations. In fact, the only true 'location' is within the heart and mind of God and we are graced with participating in it.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

The message here, for the people of John's era, is that Jesus is the Son of God, the sacrificial Lamb who takes away all sin from humankind, and accordingly is not a follower of John the Baptist (this was a contentious issue among some folk of the day). The message for us today is that Jesus is and always will be both God and human; as human he is baptized as we all are baptized. Baptism with water is of the natural world; baptism of the Spirit is given by Jesus in a super-natural sense. The dual nature of Jesus is represented in both types of baptism respectively. Some people in John's world were inclined to believe that Jesus was a follower of John the Baptist. Ironically, we today are sometimes inclined to believe that our beliefs should be subordinate to the solid, predictable world of today. This passage teaches that Jesus comes first, both then and now.



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





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.

2023

PARISH	FINANCES	1/8/

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(<u>4867.00)</u>		
Sunday Collection	\$	3,469.75		
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 obli-

gations. Thank you!!

Travelers & Vacationers

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









Sunday, January 15th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci
Sunday, January 22nd – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres

<u>Sunday, January 29th – 9:00AM</u> Lee John Sullivan

<u>Sunday, February 5th – 9:00AM</u> 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.

2022 Annual Appeal Update



Congratulations to all! Thanks to all contributing parishioners, both those who have made outright gifts, and those who have pledged, we have once again met our goal! Holy Name of Mary is helping

our larger Catholic community reach out to those in need! THANK YOU!

PARISH EVENTS

<u>January 16 – Martin Luther King Day;</u>
Rectory Closed
<u>January 21/22</u> – Second Collection for the Church in Latin America
<u>January 28/29</u> – 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.

January 15th – Regular Classes
January 22nd – Regular Classes
January 29th – Regular Classes
February 5th – Regular Classes
February 12th – Regular Classes
February 19th – Regular Classes
February 22nd – Ash Wednesday ... Lent Begins
February 26th – Regular Classes; FAMILY
MASS AT 9:00AM

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of an assistant for the classroom of Jenn Tometchko in Religious Education on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11. If we were to get several people, we could consider a rotation. The children are wonderful and it could be a rewarding experience. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

<u>Thank You from Jesse Tree/</u> <u>Kiwanis Toy Drive</u>

Despite the impact of high inflation rates, our parish family responded to the Jesse Tree and the Kiwanis Club Toy Drive in a loving, blessed, and caring manner. Our faith continues to strongly believe in Jesus' command – "When you do it for the least of my brethren, you do it for Me".

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Montrose Area and Interfaith's Susquehanna County Christmas Program, I would personally like to extend a gracious and heartfelt "THANK YOU" for helping make the Christmas Season of 2022 a blessing and a joy for the less fortunate children and families in our area. Because of your kindness and charity, you truly helped to make a difference in their lives.

Our parish donated an extremely generous total of \$3,710.00 (\$3,010 last year) to the Kiwanis Toy Drive. There was a significant number of new donors from our parish family.

Combined with gifts from the pubic, a total of \$9,140 was donated. All of this money was used to purchase new toys and gifts for Susquehanna County Interfaith.

The Jesse Tree had 25 toy and gift tags and all of these were taken by parishioners. All of the tags were returned with the purchased toy or gift and given to Interfaith for distribution. Many other individuals, organizations, and churches throughout Susq, County also participated by taking tags and donating toys and gifts and/or money.

This year there was a big need to help all the families that applied for assistance. The final results were that over 625 families with 1,083 children woke up on Christmas morning to the joy of having presents under their Christmas tree. A total of over 3,500 new toys and gifts were donated and distributed. In addition, many senior adults were provided food baskets and gifts. A total of 1,976 children, parents, and seniors were served and helped this year. May the Love of Jesus bless you and you families for caring and sharing through your many acts of kindness!!

-- Ed DeWitt, Montrose Kiwanis Club



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us on the eve of the 50th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.