

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - *January 29, 2023*

“Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.” – 1 Corinthians 1:27



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Friday	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 28	4:00 PM	Ellen Burns (Rita Matos)
Sunday –	January 29	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (Philip DeSimone)
Monday –	January 30	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	January 31	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	February 1	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	February 2	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	February 3	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	February 4	4:00 PM	Marie Cavanaugh (Sam & Beverly Arnold & Family)
Sunday –	February 5	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (George & Fran Calafut, “Mom & Dad”)

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Although this reading combines two separate chapters, it carries a common message: God expects humility, not arrogance or certainty. The remnant referred to here is the remnant of leadership left after the exile, and ultimately allowed to return from Babylon. Presumably they have learned their lesson, and will be subject to God’s laws at last.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul here makes the point that no one can (or should) consider him/herself important when standing before God, and everyone stands before God. Those chosen by God to do His work are generally considered by the world to be marginal at best, and that’s not a design flaw, but an indicator of what God expects: “*to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.*”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

The Beatitudes each describe a ‘worldly’ condition that makes a ‘Kingdom’ (or spiritual) event possible. We ponder over the meaning of these seemingly contradictory, sometimes obscure, aphorisms, but that is because we are not humble, we are not simple enough or faithful enough to grasp them. Our pride, our materialism, our desire for the tangible rewards in this life, all prevent us from opening up to the clear wisdom of Christ’s teachings. Considering the consequences of living a life based upon these words, we stumble and question and resist. Only one person ever truly lived out these words, and He died on a cross. It is a very hard lesson to learn.



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.

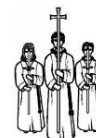
Travelers & Vacationers

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



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.



Sunday, January 29th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, February 5th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, February 12th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, February 19th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, February 26th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

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

1/22/2023

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,621.37
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

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

January 28/29 – Loose Change Weekend

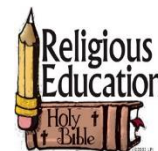
Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.com-pass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



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 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.



Please consider donating flowers for our altar!

This 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.

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary looking beautiful! Please call the rectory (570) 278-1504. Thank you!