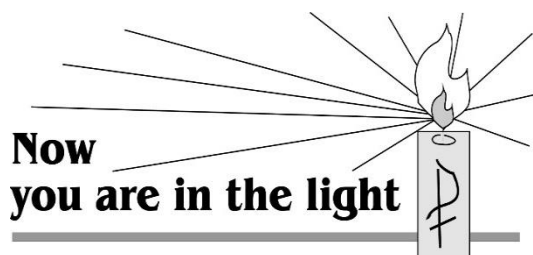


4th Sunday of Lent – *March 19, 2023*

“Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.”

–Ephesians 5:8



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	March 18	4:00 PM	Nicholas McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	March 19	9:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Monday –	March 20	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	March 21	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	March 22	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	March 23	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	March 24	12:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Saturday –	March 25	4:00 PM	Intention of Donor
Sunday –	March 26	9:00 AM	Tanya Calafut (The Gurn Family)

1st Reading: Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The prophet Samuel, a man chosen by God to instruct the people, believes that Jesse's eldest son should be anointed, but God chooses David instead, because He knows David's heart. What is logical and proper in human traditional reasoning doesn't necessarily follow God's plan. Much as the Messiah to come will not be the 'logical and proper' choice, David is chosen by God instead. David is to become the greatest of Israel's kings, and favored by God in ways incomprehensible to others.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The contrast of light and dark emphasize this passage. To live in the light is to make what is known only to God visible to all. Living in the light is difficult because we prefer to hide our own flaws from the eyes of others. But Paul points to the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, who died for those who are flawed, and wants those who are forgiven through his death to awaken and behold the Kingdom.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

In the gospel this week, Jesus gives sight to the man who asks for it, who faithfully expects to be healed. The religious experts have eyesight but do not 'see' who Jesus is, and given many opportunities to see, are still blind: the comfort of 'traditional reasoning' overshadows the light for them. It is easy to be an 'expert' - puffed up with certainty and the righteousness of human purpose. There is nothing comfortable about 'seeing' the world through the eyes of faith. *"Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains'."*



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 & her family, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Gene Bell, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, 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 Sergeant, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, March 19th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, March 26th – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, April 2nd – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Would you like to become an Altar

Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.



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

3/12/2023

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
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Sunday Collection	\$	3,768.25
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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!!

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.compass.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.

PARISH EVENTS

March 18th/19th – Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

March 25th – Post Pandemic Get Together

March 25th/26th – Loose Change Weekend

April 3rd – Reconciliation Service; 6PM



During the Lenten season, after Friday's 12:00 Mass, we will have "Stations of the Cross". This is a wonderful way to both focus your Lenten worship and prepare for Easter. Please join us.

Holy Name of Mary will be holding a Reconciliation Service on April 3, from 6:00PM-7:00PM. Father Philip, as well as 2-3 visiting priests, will be available to hear confessions (an obligation before the Paschal Mystery).

Dear Holy Name of Mary Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. God always provides, and you have demonstrated that through your willingness to support the Appeal and help others throughout the Diocese. Once again, we met and exceeded our Parish goal. As a result, for every dollar donated above the goal, seventy-five cents will be returned to our Parish and used to help maintain it.

Holy Name of Mary parish continues to be a loving, devoted and giving Parish. May God continue to bless you for your faithfulness and charitable giving.

In Christ,

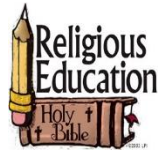
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Cheryl Kurosky

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Parish Appeal Ambassador

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.

March 19th – Regular Classes

March 26th – Regular Classes

April 2nd – Regular Classes; PALM SUNDAY

April 9th – **HAPPY EASTER; NO CLASSES**



Confirmation Corner

Confirmation candidates brought home a Confirmation folder with papers that need to be filled out by parents and containing study papers. At this time, please fill out the Confirmation Registration form and return it to me as soon as possible.

Possible Confirmation Retreat: March 18th, 10AM-3PM at St. Martin's Church, Jackson, PA. The retreat will be conducted by the Capuchin Sisters.

Confirmation Celebration Mass: May 28th, Pentecost Sunday, 9:00 AM



HOLY NAME OF MARY POST PANDEMIC GET TOGETHER

All HNM parishioners are welcome!

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Reimel Center (Old Lee's Furniture Building)

Prepare for a catered meal, adult beverages and an enjoyable conversation with parish friends. Also, we will be celebrating Fr. Philip's 25th Ordination Anniversary!

Note: Please RSVP your attendance by calling the rectory before March 16th so that we may have an accurate count for the caterer.



CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS



In a 74 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten concert in Harford, Pennsylvania. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 4 PM at the First Congregational Church of Harford, UCC, [5016 Creek Road, Harford, PA 18823](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5016+Creek+Road,+Harford,+PA+18823/@39.458,76.25,15z). The pastor of the church is Reverend Doctor Will Hagenbuch. The Mountain View Chimette Bell Ringers will be the guest performers. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering.

Brenda Grunza and Lois Ostrowski are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Linda Houck is accompanist. The group, marking its 74th season, is composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concert. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholic-choralsociety.org

Son of the Father - A Men's Retreat

Sponsored by: Be a Catholic Man, Inc.

March 31 and April 1
beginning at 6:00pm
Cost is only \$75.00



Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd. - Dalton, PA

Spiritual Guidance given by: Bishop Joseph Bambera,
Msgr. John Esseff, Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Kevin Miller,
and Jesse Martin

Info at beacatholicman.com or call (570) 351-6256