

4th Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
Yet so we are.” 1 John 3:1



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	April 20	4:00 PM	Walter & Louise Luzniak (Oleh & Margie Posnachiwsky)
Sunday –	April 21	9:00 AM	Joan Gant Host (Host & Flanagan Families)
Monday –	April 22	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Tuesday –	April 23	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Wednesday –	April 24	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Thursday –	April 25	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Friday –	April 26	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Saturday –	April 27	4:00 PM	Mary Kufta Franks (Marion Hanjaras)
Sunday –	April 28	9:00 AM	Morgan Turner (Roberta Collins)



1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

This account of Peter’s speech before the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem is intended to defend not only curing the beggar (pointedly a beggar known outside of the Temple gates), but also the role of Jesus as Messiah. In the early days only a handful of people knew the story of Jesus, and this retelling became a testimony of faith. The first people to challenge the apostles were the religious officials in Jerusalem and their influence was significant, hence the physical healing of the beggar was suggestive of the spiritual healing of salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Interesting that the author emphasizes that, in this life, we cannot know what we will be in the next life, but we will be like Jesus because *we shall see him as he is*. Interesting because the glorified body seen by his followers after the resurrection but before the ascension was apparently not *as he is*; also, presumably, we must be like him in order to see him. It is enough to make a person curious.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus states clearly that he knows his sheep, his followers, and that he has *other flocks* that he must also lead. This passage has always been interpreted as referring to the gentiles as the *other* flock, and if the passage was written by men in the first century and only attributed to Jesus, then that is the most logical interpretation. But what if Jesus actually meant something more far reaching? It could refer to people other than Jews, or maybe even people other than the non-Jews of that era. With a little Christian generosity, it could be said that Jesus died for *all* humankind, even those who would never ‘hear’ the gospel.



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.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & her family, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, 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, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondri, Luis Muloski, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Dolores Slatter, 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 4/14/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,649.80
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, April 21st – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, April 28th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci
Sunday, May 5th – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres
Sunday, May 12th – 9:00AM
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.

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.

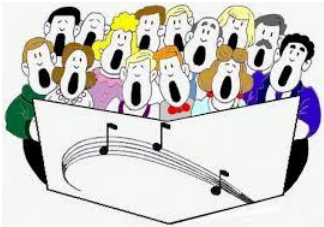
It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 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

April 27th/28th – Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

April 27th/28th – Loose Change Weekend

Singers Needed for Special Concert!



We are looking for singers that are willing to commit to a short schedule of rehearsals during April - June, followed by one concert in June.

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If you've ever thought about giving the choir a try, but aren't sure of going full-time, now is your opportunity to give it a try!

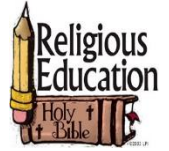
If you are an instrumentalist, you are also very welcome to join!
Please contact Kristin Allen-Murray for more information @ krisallenmurray@aol.com or (915) 247-9131.



Please return Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl donations to the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms are available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

April 21 – Regular Class

April 28 – Regular Class

May 12 – NO CLASS ... Happy Mother's Day!

May 19 – Regular Class, Last Class;

CONFIRMATION MASS

June 2 – Graduation Mass for Religious Education Seniors



Confirmation Corner

The following service hour projects have been arranged for Confirmation Candidates. They can participate in any or all of the hours in the area that they may need service hours in. Service is always encouraged beyond the required number of hours. Details about the following hours has been emailed home to parents.

Service hours....Church

Sunday, April 28....11 to 12

Service hours....Community...making Blessing Bags

Sunday, April 21...11 to 12

DATE OF CONFIRMATION MASS IS ... Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 9AM Mass.

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton has been created. The Catholic Foundation will provide a trusted way for individuals to provide meaningful and lasting impact to sustain Diocesan parishes, schools and agencies for years to come. Donors may contribute cash donations, estate gifts, IRA contributions and gifts into endowment funds that will provide long-term support for the work of the church. Endowment funds will be invested to earn revenue. The principal value of an endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings are distributed for charitable purposes as determined by donors. The new Catholic Foundation will give people an opportunity to support our Catholic faith in perpetuity. Gifts of any size are welcome. The Foundation offers many benefits to you, including assistance and advice tailored to your needs and giving interests and tax advantages of various types of gifts. The Catholic Foundation assets are separate from diocesan funds. No one can appropriate funds from the Foundation for any purpose other than those specified by the donor. Catholic Foundation staff is happy to help you design a gift that meets your personal needs and charitable goals. They can be reached at info@catholicfoundationscranton.org, or (570) 207-2212.

Please don't forget ... there is always a need in Susquehanna County for food and other essential items. Food and other products can be donated to the Trehab Food Bank by bringing them to the church and placing them in the box in the crying room next to the bathroom. Please check the expiration dates as they cannot give out expired products.

Most needed are: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, soup, pasta, sauce, beef stew, hash, canned fruit or vegetables, baby food, cereal. Thank you!



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!

Also, if you have an interest in helping to make our weekly flower arrangements for the altar, please contact Pam Tometchko at (570) 267-5577.

For Flowers That Bloom

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



