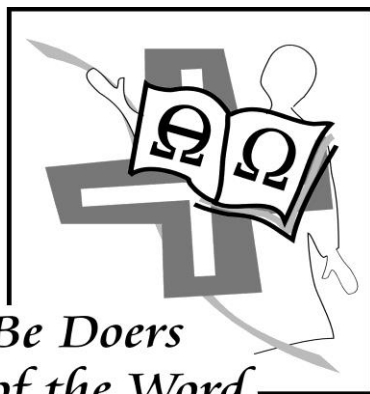


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 29, 2021

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.” –James 1:22



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – August 28	4:00 PM	Charlene McMahon (George & Fran Calafut)
Sunday – August 29	9:00 AM	Kathy Bozzo (Mary Ferris)
Monday – August 30	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday – August 31	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday – September 1	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Thursday – September 2	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Friday – September 3	8:00 AM	Special Intention for Conversions (Anonymous)
Saturday – September 4	4:00 PM	Emma McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday – September 5	9:00 AM	Kathy Bozzo (Mary Ferris)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Deuteronomy is structured in a unique way, unlike any other of the five books making up the Torah. It is written almost like a lecture from Moses to the Israelites towards the end of his life, just prior to entering the Promised Land. Moses is exhorting the people to always obey Torah Law and, presumably, not to add anything to it. This is directed at loving God above all else, as reflected in the Law, rather than anything that might be added later from the traditions of other cultures. For the Jewish people, to obey God was synonymous with obeying Torah Law; it was a way of returning God's love through obedience.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

In this passage, James, one of the 'catholic' authors, follows his central theme of reflecting Christ's salvation gift through service to others. The old controversy of faith versus works is well addressed here: "*Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.*" 'Faith' is human acknowledgment of God's great gift, and 'works' are how we live out our faith; the two really can't be separated.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jewish adherence to dietary and purification rituals is an extension of the Law as interpreted by centuries of rabbinical study of the Torah (and other writings). Jesus here is not objecting to following these rituals piously, but rather to using the rituals as a cover for agendas that have nothing to do with loving God. Jesus was a Jew and well understood how these rituals were intended to serve God. He is criticizing the hypocrisy of the practitioners, not the rituals. A proof of this is the way we Catholics follow certain centuries-old rituals in the Church that are not found in the Commandments, the Beatitudes, or even in the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. For example, consider the faithful devotion many of us have to the Rosary and ask the question: *would Jesus criticize such devotion because it isn't found in the Bible?* It seems pretty unlikely. On the other hand, if someone says the Rosary every day but slanders his or her neighbor, and uses the 'devotion' as a cover, Jesus might have a problem.



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, Jo-Anne 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, Wayne Hibbard, 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, 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 8/22/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,002.50
<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!!

Thank You for your support!

Thanks to your generous gifts, our parish has reached its goal for the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal

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Sunday, August 15th – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, August 22nd – 9:00 AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, August 29th – 9:00 AM
Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, September 5th – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta 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.

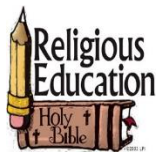
Bishop Releases New Video to Welcome Home Catholics

As of August 15, the Diocese of Scranton has reinstated the Mass attendance obligation. Bishop Bambera is welcoming home Catholics across all 11 counties.

The celebration of the Mass is the center of our lives as Christians. It is where we are drawn close to Jesus and receive His body and blood – his very life – in the Eucharist.

To view the video, please go to the Home page of our website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION



Congratulations to Silas Mooney, Brent Smith, and Albert Paolucci of the First Holy Communion class who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, August 15. May God Bless and protect them through the years as they grow strong into the Light

of Christ.

With COVID this past year, we had an online platform for religious education instruction. We are fortunate and grateful to have families who persevered in their Faith through the ups and downs of maneuvering this platform for instruction. THANK YOU to the communicants and their families for being steadfast in their Faith.

We had a wonderful celebration Mass with families and friends in attendance. Thank you to Mike Vaccaro and Mary Ann De Witt for providing the music. And thank you to Mollie Host for cantoring.

Blessings to all today and always!

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Confirmation Religious Education class who celebrated the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation on August 22! We wish to thank the children and their parents for their cooperation and support and understanding during this past unusual year! We had a wonderful Mass reflecting hope for a faith filled future for these children. We are proud of you ...Tanner, Geovani, Makenzie, and Lee John for professing your Faith and wish you continued blessings.

Thank you to Mike Vaccaro and Mary Ann Dewitt for providing the music. And a big thank you to Andy Vaccaro for cantoring the Mass and assisting in the preparation of the children for Confirmation this past year. Thank you also to Pam Tometchko for the beautiful flower arrangements for the altar. Thank you to Fr. Philip...the celebrant of the Confirmation Mass. May God bless and protect all of you in all you do in the days ahead!



Pictured with Father Philip (l-r): Makenzie Krupinski, Geovani Lopez, Lee John Sullivan, and Tanner Holtsmaster

