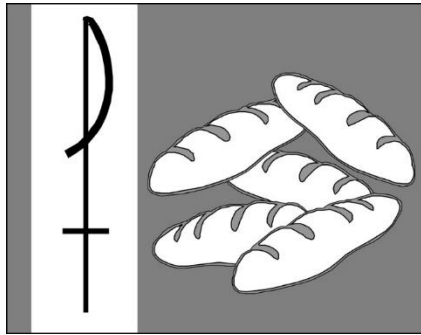


# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 13, 2023

*“Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’” – Matthew 14:31*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**Mon:** Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

**Tue:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Wed:** Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

**Thu:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1

**Fri:** Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

**Sat:** Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	August 12	4:00 PM	Mary H. Buechler (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	August 13	9:00 AM	Cecilia Ely (Judy Kelly)
Monday –	August 14	12:00 PM	Gene Ball (Debbie Perkins)
Tuesday –	August 15	12:00 PM	Cecilia Ely (Judy Kelly)
Wednesday –	August 16	12:00 PM	Gene Ball (Larry & Marilyn Burke)
Thursday –	August 17	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	August 18	12:00 PM	Joan E. Nelson (Beverly Pasteka)
Saturday –	August 19	4:00 PM	51 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – John & Sally McGrath (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	August 20	9:00 AM	Cecilia Ely (Judy Kelly)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:19a, 11-13a

This is a very simple, almost childlike story that draws on primal symbols of God's presence: the power of nature, of God's creation. But, as Elijah discovers, God reveals Himself to those seekers who look beyond the natural, beyond the obvious. Elijah learns that God is much closer, more intimate than noisy demonstrations permit. He learns that God is like a whisper at the entrance of the cave- the cave where he is sheltering from the storms of life.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul here is lamenting the sad fact that certain of his people have 'officially' rejected Jesus as (being) the Messiah. He recognizes that God has worked out His plan through the lives and culture of the Jewish people, but he can't understand how that blessed, chosen people could then reject the fruits of their storied history. Note that Paul doesn't blame anyone, nor does he declare the rejection inconsequential, he simply anguishes over it; he is too wise to judge. As in the first reading, God's presence is found in the unexpected.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the water has become one of those clichés that makes most of us uncomfortable- not because of the supposed improbability of it, but because it has become a sort of joke to secular nonbelievers. But what is really going on here? Like Elijah finding God whispering to him apart from the storm, the disciples find Jesus walking to them in the midst of the storm. The message here isn't that Jesus can walk on water, but that Jesus is present to us no matter how dire the circumstances, and no matter where we find ourselves. And, not coincidentally, the message isn't that Peter lacked faith, but that Jesus was there to lift him up when his own fear prevented him from trusting his Lord. We are all stranded in the same boat, threatened by the same storms, and Jesus will always come to us where we are.



**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 Bonnie Arcovitch, Betsy Arnold & her family, Richard Arnold, Gene Ball, 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, 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, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



#### Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

#### Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

#### Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

#### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

### 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

8/6/2023

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 3,194.50

*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](http://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**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;** Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 5:00PM

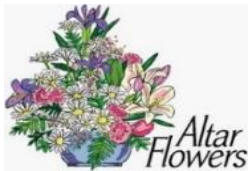
**August 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> – Loose Change Weekend**



**Our 2023 Sponsorship Drive is underway!** This fundraiser replaces the Harvest Moon Festival and your support is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish. Contributions of any

amount are greatly appreciated and we thank those who have already given.

As of **8/8/2023** we have received **\$21,870** towards our \$25,000 goal.



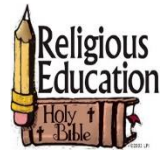
**Please consider donating flowers for our altar!** This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lord, the Holy Spirit,

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) 278-0497.**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



### **TEACHERS NEEDED!!**

**The Religious Education program is in need of two teachers.... One for grades 3 through 6 and one for grades 7 and 8....Confirmation preparation.** In the past years parents who had children in the Religious Education program volunteered their time to teach in the program. If we do not get people to step up to this need....we may not have a Religious Education program at Holy Name of Mary Church this coming school year. So PLEASE consider this in your decision making....and HELP us out so your children can continue to receive religious instruction.

If you feel moved by the Spirit to volunteer as a teacher....Please contact Fran Calafut at 570.396.5879.



We have two teachers leaving the Religious Education program. **We wish to thank Jenn Tometchko and Joe Tometchko**

**for giving their time to the Religious Education program.** Your dedication and concern for the children of Holy Name of Mary Church each Sunday is greatly appreciated. You will be missed!

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



*“The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, **when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory**, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.” The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a **singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection** and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. (CCC 966)*

**Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 5:00PM.**

