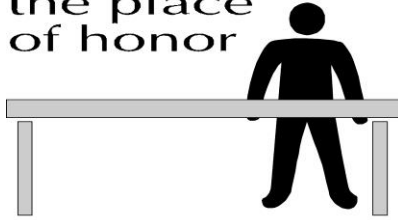


Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 28, 2022

“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.”

– Sirach 3:17

Do not sit at
the place
of honor



Those who exalt
themselves
shall be humbled

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	August 27	4:00 PM	Fr. Leo McKernan (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	August 28	9:00 AM	Manny Debonis (Diane Nowik)
Monday –	August 29	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday –	August 30	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Wednesday –	August 31	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	September 1	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	September 2	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Saturday –	September 3	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan- Mass of Healing (Jeanne Falk)
Sunday –	September 4	9:00 AM	Ed Nowik (Jack and Holly Rozanski)



1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

The message here is one of acceptance and humility. The author is 2nd century Jewish scholar, Jesus Son of Eleazar, Son of Sirach. The writing style is similar to that found in Proverbs, giving sage advice for any willing to understand. To love God, he recommends, is more rewarding by far than to be concerned with self.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

In this passage, the author compares the Theophany on Mt. Sinai and the Law that was given, with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. It seems to be suggesting that presenting and receiving the Law was couched in fear, whereas the Gospel message is given in love and received with humility. Of course, both events are linked and both events reflect God's love; it is the human will that is limited.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 14-17

To assume the high position at Christ's banquet table is to absolutely misunderstand the message of salvation. Salvation is given freely and lovingly, not conditional upon 'assuming' the righteousness of obedience to the Law. The key here is not that obedience to the Law is wrong, but that human arrogance impedes the truth of the Law. And the truth of the Law is God's love. The way we understand the gift of salvation is to recognize that all are welcome at Christ's table, not just those who seemingly obey the rules. Christ cannot be earned; Christ can only be loved.



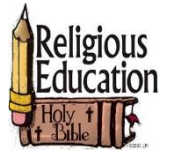
MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

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, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., 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, Bill McMahon, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergeant, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Rosemarie Whalen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Thank you to all the families who participated in the religious education program for the 2021-2022 school year. A big thank you to the religious education teachers for their support and dedication to the children of our parish.

Have a great summer! See you in the fall!

Travelers & Vacationers

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



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

8/21/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	4,058.64

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!!



Sunday, August 28th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, September 4th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, September 11th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, September 18th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, September 25th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & 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.

2022 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A CATHOLIC MAN"

The 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by "Be A Catholic Man", is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme, "Be Not Afraid" is under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers to be announced. Men are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, -- all are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



Our 2022 Sponsorship Drive is still 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. Our goal is again this year: \$25,000.

As of 8/4/2022 we have received **\$24,298** from the sponsor drive.

A Prayer for Our Students



I pray for:

Strength - that God gives them the strength to do what they need to do each day.

Courage - that they will be brave as they face the challenges that are before them.

Peace - that their hearts will be calm and peaceful as they go through their day and in their sleep at night.

Provision - asking God to provide for all that they need - for stamina, spirit, and finances - for each day.

Direction - that they will be led to embrace what is good and right.

Protection - that God keeps them safe in this increasingly unsafe world and protects them from harm and wickedness.

Joy - that God fills them with the kind of bliss joy that can only come from the Divine.

Compassion - that they will show compassion on those in need and who have less than they do.

Justice - to give them a sense of justice to stand up for what is right and to defend the weak.

Wisdom - that they will grow in knowledge and understanding.

Hope - to give them the hope that comes from above - the kind that far exceeds what we have in the here and now.

Love - that our children are filled with the love of God. That they will know how deeply they are loved, and that love will overflow onto others.

- Offered by Aaron Meis

BULLETIN BRIEFS

Wisdom from Saint John Paul II

“[R]esponsible fatherhood and motherhood directly concern the moment in which a man and a woman, uniting themselves “in one flesh,” can become parents. This is a moment of special value both for their interpersonal relationship and for their service to life: they can become parents—father and mother—by communicating life to a new human being. *The two dimensions of conjugal union, the unitive and the procreative, cannot be artificially separated* without damaging the deepest truth of the conjugal act itself. (John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, no. 12)

The logic of the *total gift of self to the other* involves a potential openness to procreation: in this way the marriage is called to even greater fulfillment as a family. Certainly the mutual gift of husband and wife does not have the begetting of children as its only end, but is in itself a mutual communion of love and of life. (John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, no. 12)

The work of educating in the service of life involves the training of married couples in responsible procreation. In its true meaning, responsible procreation requires couples to be obedient to the Lord’s call and to act as faithful interpreters of his plan. This happens when the family is generously open to new lives, and when couples maintain an attitude of openness and service to life, even if, for serious reasons and in respect for the moral law, they choose to avoid a new birth for the time being or indefinitely. (John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 97)

The moral law obliges ... [husband and wife] in every case to ... respect the biological laws inscribed in their person. It is precisely this respect which makes legitimate, at the service of responsible procreation, the use of natural methods of regulating fertility. (John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 97)

Supported by science, experience has confirmed the educational value of Natural Family Planning in contributing to an integrated vision of sexuality, marriage and responsible procreation. (John Paul II, *Address to Participants in a Course Sponsored by the Centre for Studies and Research on the Natural Regulation of Fertility*, 1993)

As ministers of a sacrament that is constituted through consent and perfected by conjugal union, man and woman are called *to express* the mysterious “*language*” of their bodies *in all the truth that properly belongs to it.... According to the criterion of this truth, which must be expressed in the “language of the body,” the conjugal act “means” not only love, but also potential fruitfulness, and thus it cannot be deprived of its full and adequate meaning by means of artificial interventions.* (John Paul II, *Theology of the Body* 123: 4;6)



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