

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time— *January 17, 2021*

*"John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said: Behold, the Lamb of God." – John 1:35*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Mon:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tue:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

**Wed:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

**Thu:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

**Fri:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**Sat:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	January 16	4:00 PM	Kathy Swaha (Caesar & Edith Siedlecki)
Sunday –	January 17	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
Monday –	January 18	12:00 PM	Frederick Murty
Tuesday –	January 19	12:00 PM	Gerard Perry
Wednesday –	January 20	12:00 PM	Frank Gillgallon
Thursday –	January 21	12:00 PM	Frank Gillgallon
Friday –	January 22	12:00 PM	Gloria DeBartolo Meo
Saturday –	January 23	4:00 PM	Kathleen Meachum (Caesar & Edith Siedlecki)
Sunday –	January 24	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory



### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Samuel, not understanding initially who calls him, is led to recognize that God is calling. It was only through Eli's instruction that Samuel could finally understand. Like Samuel, most of us need the help of others, those more mature in the ways of the Lord, to assist us. This is the most basic responsibility of the Church, and all of us make up the Church. When we are young, we are like Samuel in this passage; when we have been instructed by the Church and the Holy Spirit, we in turn become like Eli.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Many scholars believe that Paul was criticizing the pagan practice of 'temple prostitution' in this passage. Corinth was a particularly corrupt city and the Corinthians, even those who were new Christians, were still influenced by it. Additionally, the new community was being plagued by Gnosticism, a heretical belief that the body was totally separate from the soul and so what was done with it was unimportant. Paul taught rightly that the body was God's temple, and the two were inseparable, hence harming the body was equivalent to harming God's dwelling place.

### **Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42**

Note that the first two disciples who follow Jesus are directed to Him by John the Baptist. This underlines the symbolic direction given by baptism to discipleship. It is also interesting to note that when Jesus asked them, "What are you looking for?" they answer, "Where are you staying?" This is an odd way to respond – answering one question with another seemingly unrelated question. It would make more sense if they had indicated that they were seeking the Messiah, or perhaps a holy teacher, but they didn't. Perhaps they wanted to make certain that he was legitimate, that he was 'the Lamb of God' as John had said, or maybe they were looking for permanence, for the truth in a chaotic world. Knowing where he was 'staying' may have been equivalent to knowing where he would always be – with them; that this Jesus would never leave them. Not such an odd question after all, it seems.



**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 Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Brandy Golden, Brenda Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Rosemary Kelly, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Mulo-ski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberley 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, and 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 1/10/2020**

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3747.00

*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!!**

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

*There are many new faces who come because they need the food to survive... One little child asked her father, 'What are we eating tonight?' He said, 'Whatever that lady is going to give us.'*



Lee Ann Lywiski, St. Joseph Food Pantry Supervisor, Hazleton

**10,501 families were served in Catholic Social Services food pantries from March to July, 2020.**



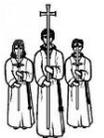
**C**atholic Social Services touches more than 300,000 lives each year, offering more than food and shelter to the poor and forgotten. Staff and volunteers restore human dignity and give hope to needy individuals and families through counseling, emergency help, employment assistance and permanent and transitional housing, including special care and support for veterans.

Visit [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

**2020 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Our Parish goal: **\$16,000**. Percentage of Goal pledged as of 1/14/2020 is 96%.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL APPEAL VIDEO IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE HOLY NAME OF MARY WEBSITE:**  
**[www.holynamenameofmary.com](http://www.holynamenameofmary.com)**



**ALTAR SERVERS NOT NEEDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

**Reservations are no longer needed for Masses at this time.**



**We are looking for someone to help with snow removal from the walkways and sidewalks**

**around the church. If interested, please call the rectory.**

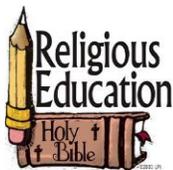


The books in the back of the church are free for you to take. Add some faith-based reading to your day!



2021 Calendars are available in the back of the church for you to take.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**



Thank you to all the families who signed up for the Edmodo on-line classroom for Religious Education. We have successfully begun our program and we hope that your children are enjoying the on-line platform.

New materials for the program will be distributed in January. You will be contacted with details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

## **Virtual Grief Support Group**

Winter and the post-holiday season can be difficult times to navigate grief, particularly during an ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate.

The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30. The remaining dates of the virtual meetings will be January 20 and 27. For more information please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or the parish office at 570-344-7231.

## **Act of Consecration for the United States**

Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, we adore Your majesty and acknowledge Your supreme eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we place the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to You. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Have mercy on our President and on all the officers of our government. Protect family life in our nation. Grant the precious gift of many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, and all who are in need.

Mary Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, Patroness of our land, we honor you and ask your maternal protection and care for us. Obtain for us the graces we need to live and die according to the Will of your Divine Son. Amen.

## Thank You from Jesse Tree / Kiwanis Toy Drive



This past year affected parishioners of Holy Name of Mary in many different ways. The effect that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the daily lives of our parish community was uncertain and dramatic in some cases. Despite these uncertain times, the spirit of Love that Jesus manifested in his ministry on earth continues to be shared by the faithful members of our parish family.

On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Montrose Area and Interfaith's Susquehanna County Christmas Bureau, I would personally like to extend a gracious and heartfelt "THANK YOU" for helping make the Christmas Season of 2020 a blessing to the less fortunate children and families in our area. Through your Love of Jesus and your fellow man, you truly helped to make a difference in their lives.

Despite all the financial concerns of this past year, the response was overwhelming. Our parish donated an extremely generous total of \$2,680.00 (\$1990 last year). Many parishioners increased their donations in anticipation that the need would be greater this year. All of this money was used to purchase new toys and gifts.

Because of the limited attendance at Mass this year, the Jesse Tree had 25 toy and gift tags (instead of the usual 50 tags in previous years) and all of these were taken by the parish family. 23 of the completed tags were returned and I used some of the donated money to purchase the 2 toys and gifts that were not returned. Many other individuals, organizations, and churches throughout Susquehanna County also participated in the Toy Drive by donating toys and gifts and/or money.

As expected, there was a bigger need to help all the families that applied for assistance. The final results were that over 692 families with 1,035 children woke up on Christmas morning to the joy of having presents under their Christmas tree. A total of over 3,105 new toys and gifts were donated and distributed. In addition, many senior adults were provided food baskets and gifts. All total, 1,987 children, parents, and seniors were served and helped this year. May the Love of Jesus bless you and you families for caring and sharing through your many acts of kindness!!

-- Ed DeWitt, Montrose Kiwanis Club