

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 25, 2021

“Since Jesus knew that they were going to come carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.” -John 6:15



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	July 24	4:00 PM	Charlene McMahon (The Tometchko Family)
Sunday –	July 25	9:00 AM	Nancy O’Neill (Richard & Maureen Jordan)
Monday –	July 26	8:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Tuesday –	July 27	8:00 AM	John Petro
Wednesday –	July 28	8:00 AM	Intention of Donors
Thursday –	July 29	8:00 AM	Intention of Donors
Friday –	July 30	8:00 AM	Thomas James Mirabito (Richard & Maureen Jordan)
Saturday –	July 31	4:00 PM	Kathy Bozzo (Mary Ferris)
Sunday –	August 1	9:00 AM	John Derochis (George & Fran Calafut)



1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

This passage is a kind of Old Testament model for today’s Gospel reading. This emphasizes the notion that Jesus fulfills the earlier traditions by calling attention to the generosity and loving concern of God by repeating it ‘up on the mountain’ for the five thousand. Elisha, in terms of expressing God’s favor, serves as the archetypal servant.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

This is a sort of reminder: *we have been baptized, sanctified, and called to be one with the Lord and each other.* All of this is a given for those who believe in Jesus Christ, but not because we will it; it is a given because God wills it. So what the author here is saying is that we need to recognize what God has done with us and let Christ work through us in the world.

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

Jesus, by repeating the model established by Elisha (see the first reading), fulfills in himself both the servant and prophetic roles. The true miracle isn’t that five thousand were fed, but that Jesus became the true bread that would feed all humankind forever; this story provides linkage between God’s ancient promise and Christ’s ultimate and final role. The last piece of the passage reminds us of the misunderstanding that the people have regarding Christ’s purpose: it is not to be an earthly king who satisfies temporary earthly needs, but rather it is much larger and eternal in scope. Christ’s purpose is not to dazzle us with Godlike miracles, but to bring us into relationship with God. Miracles come and go, but God’s love is forever.



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, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, 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, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lenas Russell, Dorothy Sergeant, 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 7/18/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,208.25

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!!

Thank You for your support!

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

Diocese of Scranton
2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
BOUND TOGETHER IN *Flope*



- Sunday, July 25th – 9:00 AM**
Lee John Sullivan
- Sunday, August 1st – 9:00 AM**
Isaiah Torres
- Sunday, August 8th – 9:00 AM**
Bernadetta Paolucci
- Sunday, August 15th – 9:00 AM**
Bernadetta Paolucci
- Sunday, August 22nd – 9:00 AM**
Isaiah Torres

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

DAILY MASS RESUMES



Father Philip will resume saying daily Mass beginning Monday, July 26th. Please note the time change. **For the remainder of the**

summer, daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM.

Bishop Announces Date for Reinstating Sunday Mass Obligation

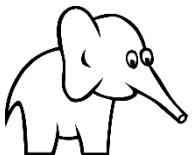
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, released a letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton indicating the Sunday Mass obligation will be reinstated August 15, 2021, in the Diocese of Scranton.

This change will also occur in each diocese in Pennsylvania on the same date.

In his letter to the faithful, Bishop Bambera emphasized that people who are seriously ill or have a serious health risk, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of being part of a large group will continue to be legitimately excused from participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.

PLEASE READ BISHOP BAMBERA'S LETTER, FOUND ON PAGE 4 OF THIS BULLETIN.

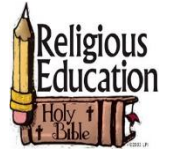
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE July 23-25 at the Parish Center



Friday, 8AM – 5PM
Saturday, 8AM – 5:30PM
Sunday, 9AM – 2PM

ETHNIC FOODS!
HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS!
BAKED GOODS!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



We ask the members of Holy Name of Mary parish to keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments:

First Holy Communion students:
Silas Mooney, Albert Paolucci, & Brent Smith

Confirmation candidates:
Tanner Holtmaster, Makenzie Krupinski, Geovani Lopez, & Lee John Sullivan

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION!

First Holy Communion:
August 15 at the 9:00AM Mass

Confirmation:
August 22 at the 9:00AM Mass

Diocese Thanks Parishioners for Support of Diocesan Annual Appeal



The 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Bound Together in Hope has concluded with gifts and pledges of nearly \$4.1 million from 20,800 donors. This is 91% of the goal of \$4.5 million. Forty-six parishes surpassed their Annual Appeal parish goal. Those parishes are all listed on the Diocese of Scranton website.

“I am extremely grateful to our parishioners, clergy and friends for their support of the 2021 Annual Appeal,” Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, said. “I appreciate the generosity of so many of our faithful especially in this most difficult year when everyone has faced struggles of their own.”



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July 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than a year, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed unique challenges in our lives. It has brought hardship and struggle to some - separation, anxiety and isolation to others. We pray for those who have been directly affected by the virus, those that are still impacted by its effects and those who have lost loved ones.

Since March 2020, there has been a dispensation in the Diocese of Scranton from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. In light of the continued decline in cases and hospitalizations locally, that dispensation will end on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This change will occur in each diocese in Pennsylvania on the same date.

The Sunday celebration of Mass is the center of the Church's life. The importance - and necessity - to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is rooted in our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels us, as Christians, to unite ourselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. Put simply, attending Mass is an encounter with Our Risen Lord.

This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in His Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith.

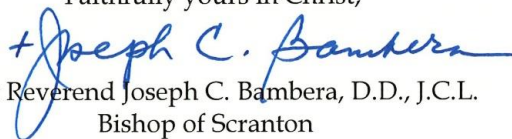
As Pope Francis reminded us in his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." Long before we knew a pandemic was on the horizon, the Holy Father reminded us the Sunday encounter gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage and to go forth with hope.

I invite and encourage all of the faithful in our community - including those who may have left the Church long before the pandemic - to return to the Table of the Lord - and be nourished by the Bread of Life! Our participation at Mass in-person is a gift for our own spiritual well-being, happiness and eternal salvation. It is also our responsibility to our brothers and sisters with whom we journey in faith.

It is important to note that people who are seriously ill or have a serious health risk, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of being part of a large group will continue to be legitimately excused from participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Those individuals are still encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading Sacred Scripture and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all.

Please continue to pray for all of our clergy and religious - who work tirelessly to make sure our parish communities remain safe and vibrant!

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton