

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 30, 2023

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." – Matthew 13:46



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

Thu: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	July 29	4:00 PM	Emma McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	July 30	9:00 AM	Jim Gurn (John & Sally McGrath)
Monday –	July 31	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday –	August 1	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday –	August 2	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	August 3	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	August 4	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday –	August 5	4:00 PM	Cookie & Eddie Yachymiak (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	August 6	9:00 AM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners

1st Reading: 1Kings 3:5, 7-12

God it seems, as indicated in this passage, values those who seek unselfish gifts, even God-given gifts like wisdom. Solomon had everything, but his heart yearned for understanding, and God recognized this longing. It is clear, from this passage, that God is pleased with Solomon's choice of wisdom. To know what is right is to reflect God's image within us, and to act accordingly is to live out God's plan.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Paul's complicated wordage here is really pretty simple: *to love God is to be loved by God and to be part of the divine plan*. For those who believe, this earthly life includes living within God's glory. Christ shows us the way to the Kingdom.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom is of such value that those who understand will readily give up all worldly considerations in order to have it. And those who help others to understand the Kingdom's value, the 'heads of households', use both the old teachings and new teachings to accomplish the task. Jesus wants his disciples to know that they have a great responsibility in evangelizing the people of the world, and that they will need to 'pull out all stops' in order to do so. In other words, God's Kingdom is a living thing that can be perceived differently across the ages, and though the truth of it remains eternally the same, the teaching of it will necessarily change.



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, July 30th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, August 6th – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, August 13th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, August 20th – 9:00AM

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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

7/23/2023

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 3,116.65

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. 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

July 29th/30th – Mission Appeals Week-

end: Visiting missionary priest Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Owusu Ansah from Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa

July 29th/30th – Loose Change Weekend

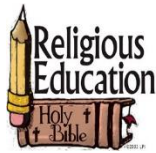


Our 2023 Sponsorship Drive is underway! This fundraiser replaces the Harvest Moon Festival and your support is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish. Contributions of any

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

As of 7/25/2023 we have received **\$20,350.31** towards our \$25,000 goal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



We would like to thank the parents of the Religious Education students for bringing your children to religious instruction. We appreciate the dedication you demonstrate for your faith. Have a great summer. See you in the Fall!

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.

Food Bank Request

There is a need in Susquehanna County for food and other essential items. Food and other products can be donated to the Trehab Food Bank by bringing them to the church and placing them in the box in the crying room next to the bathroom. Please check the expiration dates as they cannot give out expired products.

If you are shopping and see a great sale and perhaps you do not need the item for yourself, get a few extra to help out someone in the county who is not as fortunate. Perhaps you could drop a few items in the box each week. The need is ongoing.

These are some of the things they can most use: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned tuna, boxed macaroni and cheese, soup, pasta, sauce, beef stew, hash, canned fruit or vegetables, baby food, cereal.

They can also accept fresh fruits and vegetables but these should be brought right to Trehab on Route 29, 1½ miles south of Montrose on the left. If you garden, perhaps you could even plant a few extra items for them.

The Food Bank can also use items that cannot be bought with food stamps such as: cleaning products, bath soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, baby wipes, disposable diapers, toilet paper, trash bags, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dog and cat food.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

There are copies of the booklet, “This is My Body” in the racks in the back of the church for anyone who would like to take a copy.

2023 Missionary Cooperation Plan at Holy Name of Mary Parish

On behalf of the Most Rev. Matthew K. Gyamfi, the Catholic Bishop of Sunyani, Ghana, I wish to thank you for inviting us to conduct our annual Mission Appeal in your parish on the weekend of July 29 & 30, 2023.

Please permit me to give you a brief background of the Diocese of Sunyani, including some of its activities. The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa, was established in 1973. The Diocese covers an area of 19,500 Square km². Most of it is situated in poor rural areas, where most of the people are peasant farmers. These areas have lagged behind the rest of the country in education, basic infrastructure, and healthcare delivery. Because of this situation, the Diocese, when it was created, decided to make social development a major part of and tool for the evangelization of the people living in the diocese.

The Faith is relatively young. The faithful are mainly young families. They are mostly first- and second-generation Christians. In many areas, there is the need for primary evangelization. Fortunately, the response to the Faith is tremendously encouraging. The people accept the faith and join our local Church in large numbers. Some people tend to remain in the Traditional Religion, but the young are accepting the faith. Thus, our congregation is mainly composed of young people. We have over 300,000 baptized in the Diocese. This number represents a third of those who attend the Church, but do not receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for one reason or another.

The Diocese believes in the holistic development of the human person. Therefore, it has made it part of its mission to provide some basic social development projects in areas where public socio-economic services are found wanting. Thus, it focuses on the following areas: primary evangelization, provision of safe drinking water, quality healthcare delivery, and education. In addition to preaching the gospel, we try to:

- Drill water wells to provide clean safe drinking water in our rural communities.
- Establish schools at the grade, high school, and tertiary levels to provide quality Catholic education.
- Train and develop the leadership qualities of our local catechists who are at the forefront of our primary evangelization efforts.
- Open new parishes, which involves building new churches and rectories.
- Organize vocation rallies to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- Support the seminary education of our college seminarians; and
- Organize workshops on awareness and prevention of diseases such as breast cancer and screening, typhoid fever, HIV Aids, and many other communicable diseases through our health institutions across the diocese/region.

The coronavirus pandemic and the challenging economic conditions of the country has destroyed and halted almost all economic activities in the country. The diocese has been affected financially so much that we count on friends like you for support. Some of the funds we raise in your parish would be used to support the mission of the Diocese including the training of Priests and Religious. Currently the diocese has over 80 Major Seminarists at various stages of Priestly formation in different Seminaries in Ghana and abroad.

Sharing some of our experiences as a mission Church with your parishioners will ignite and re-invigorate their missionary spirit. Additionally, funds raised in your parish will enable us to better serve the people of God in our local church. **Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Owusu Ansah**, a colleague from Sunyani Diocese is scheduled to preach the missions in your Parish.

Trusting in your cooperation we ask the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary and the Lord's blessings for you and your ministry.

Yours sincerely,

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