

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7, 2024

“I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.”

- 2 Corinthians 12:9



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	July 6	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	July 7	9:00 AM	Jo Dillon – Birthday Anniversary (Alan & Joann Reimel & Family)
Monday –	July 8	12:00 PM	Elizabeth Hildner
Tuesday –	July 9	12:00 PM	Margarita Clark
Wednesday –	July 10	12:00 PM	Elvira Gisoldi
Thursday –	July 11	12:00 PM	Rose Branch
Friday –	July 12	12:00 PM	Joan Rafferty
Saturday –	July 13	4:00 PM	Joan Nelson (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	July 14	9:00 AM	Joan Gout Host (The Host Family)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel was a prophet during the Babylonian exile of the Jewish leadership and was one of the three thousand or so leaders living in exile. Tradition has it that he was called by God during this time to preach of the destruction of Jerusalem. Because his warnings were so dire, and because he was familiar to the Judeans, Ezekiel was not taken seriously. Despite this, the prophet spoke the words given him by the Lord. Standing up for what is right isn't always popular

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Many have speculated about the 'thorn' Paul refers to in this familiar passage, and it is an enticing question. The exact nature of Paul's problem, however, is really not the issue. What matters is how God uses it. Paul's faith combined with God's grace, transforms Paul's personal 'thorn' experience into something that furthers God's plan. We live only for a brief instant, but our mortal lives can have immortal meaning within the context of God's greater good.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Faith is a curious thing: if we have it, God multiplies it and we can do miraculous things; think of someone like Dorothy Day as an example. But if we have no faith, our efforts are hollow and our lives yield only ashes. When Jesus tried to teach in his own land, to the people he knew when growing up, he was rejected for his efforts. What is the connection between familiarity and disrespect? Why is it that sometimes we dismiss the gifts and treasures offered to us by those closest to us? Do we know them too well? Is it because, perhaps, they have grown and we haven't; or maybe because we are uncomfortable with people changing around us? Whatever the reason, Jesus struggled with the same issue. Maybe the lesson is to give honor to those closest to us *as well as love*. If we can do that then faith will follow and when we have faith in others, they can do miracles.



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.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & her family, 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., Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, 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, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Florence Trowbridge, 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, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



PARISH FINANCES 6/30/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,835.75
Mission Appeal		851.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, July 7th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci
Sunday, July 14th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, July 21st – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, July 28th – 9:00AM
Isaiah Torres

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-267-5577 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

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 27th/28th – Loose Change Weekend
August 4th – Appreciation Dinner; 11:00AM



APPRECIATION DINNER

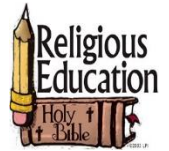
Please join us for an appreciation dinner on Sunday, August 4th at 11:00AM on the church grounds.

There is no charge for the dinner but we do need to know whether or not you will be attending. **Please RSVP by Monday, July 22nd** so that we may give an accurate count to our caterers.



First Friday Adoration is held from 11:00am-12:00pm the first Friday of every month. Adoration is followed by the noon Mass. Please consider spending some extra time with the Lord!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass. Classes generally begin the third week of September and end in May.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.



Thank you to all the families who participated in our Religious Education program. We appreciate your support.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! See you again in the Fall!



The 2024 Sponsorship Drive is still underway!

This fundraiser is vitally important for the financial health of the Parish and contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU** to those who have already given.

As of **7/2/2024** we have received **\$17,575** towards our \$25,000 goal.



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious orders. Also pray for those men and women who are serving now as well as those who passed on before us.

Pastoral Note

The Sacrament of Marriage within our faith is a beautiful, fruitful way for us to serve Christ. By example, the parents can teach their children what Christian marriage means. As Catholics we are given matrimony as a sacrament that is fundamental to our happiness as man and woman becoming one, living together during good times and bad, but always together in Christ. (C1621-1632)

Please know that anyone who is hospitalized locally, or has a relative who is, is encouraged to contact the rectory for *Anointing of the Sick*. If you are away from the Parish, contact a Catholic Church in that area. This is an important sacrament and all Catholic Priests will be happy to help. (C1499-1525)

Additionally, our faith walk in this life begins with the sacrament of Baptism and ultimately finishes with a funeral Mass and Christian Burial. These are both critically important events for every Roman Catholic. The Christian who dies as a Child of God is fulfilling his/her faith within the Christ's *Paschal mystery*. In the Funeral Mass we celebrate this union that leads to God's Kingdom. (C1680-1690)

Finally, our Sacraments are loving gifts given to us by Jesus Christ. These gifts are treasures that we can both celebrate joyfully and cling to with humility. Our Lord knows us and loves us. The sacraments ensure it.

Arise for Life with Jim Caviezel

Join us for "Arise for Life with Jim Caviezel," a special event benefiting the Providence Pregnancy Center (PPC). Best known for his portrayal of Jesus in 'The Passion of the Christ,' Jim Caviezel will visit Scranton on October 16, 2024, to share a powerful pro-life message. The event will take place at The Theater at North and will feature a silent auction as well as Jim Caviezel's keynote speech. For those interested in meeting Jim Caviezel in person, please contact PPC for sponsorship opportunities at help@ppcscranton.org or 570.341.7045. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit www.ppcscranton.org/events.



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.

This does not have to be an expensive endeavor! Consider purchasing inexpensive bouquets from the grocery store. We will be happy to arrange them for you! You can even simply place an envelope with your intention and a monetary donation in the collection basket labeled "Flower Donation".

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!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY



Bill, Kathleen, Mollie, and Joni Host invite you to join them for a study on the Bible and the Church Fathers. The study will include a weekly pre-recorded video from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, a discussion, and some time for fellowship. Regarding the video series, the St. Paul Center states: "In the Bible and the Church Fathers, you'll learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture."

This study will occur on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm starting June 4 at the Host family residence in Montrose. If you are interested in joining, please call or text 570-396-6228 for more details and directions.

The study will include 12 sessions on the following days: June 4, June 11, June 18, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20, and August 27. We will not meet on June 25. If you're not able to make all the sessions, you're still welcome to attend the ones you can.