

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 16, 2024

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man was to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.” - Mark 4:26.”



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Mon: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

Tue: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

Wed: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

Fri: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23

Sat: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	June 15	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	June 16	9:00 AM	Marty Dillon – Anniversary of his death (Alan & Joann Reimel & Family)
Monday –	June 17	12:00 PM	Mollie & Joni Host (The Host Family)
Tuesday –	June 18	12:00 PM	Margarita Clark
Wednesday –	June 19	12:00 PM	Diane Belly
Thursday –	June 20	12:00 PM	Margaret & Charles Clark
Friday –	June 21	12:00 PM	Carmine Giganti
Saturday –	June 22	4:00 PM	Ed Luecke (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	June 23	9:00 AM	Vincent & Michael Sola (Diana Shreffler)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Ezekiel prophesied during the Babylonian exile and this imagery refers to the restoration of the monarchy in Israel. In a larger sense, as the Lord gives, the Lord takes away; and in this instance shows that He can give it back again. Human understanding and human acts are insignificant compared to those of the Lord. The Lord has a salvation plan and we humans can only accept that it is as it will be.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Paul here speaks to the reality of faith in Jesus Christ: *we can only do what our faith directs us to do and accept that it fits within God's plan.* The trials and pains of this earthly existence (as part of, and counterpoint to, the joy of living within God's creation) are necessarily wrapped up in the great mystery that only faith and hope can satisfy. It is God's love that wraps us up and makes it all meaningful, and then prepares us for the final Judgment that can be seen as a meta-membrane between the mortal and the eternal.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

The parable of the mustard seed is a take on the first reading from Ezekiel: *the Lord causes the tree to grow and the Lord fills the tree with life.* The Kingdom of God then is life as promised through Jesus Christ; we can't fully grasp its meaning. What we can grasp is that there is a plan and God makes it happen, often without our comprehension and always without our permission. To be mortal is to appreciate the beauty of the tree and to bask in its shade; to live fully in the Kingdom is to know the tree for what it is, without artifice and without illusion. Eternal Love has no confinement and exists unfettered by words or concepts or measure.



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 Mondri, 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 6/9/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	1,8941.00
<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, June 16th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, June 23rd – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci
Sunday, June 30th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, July 7th – 9:00AM
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.

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

June 29th/30th – Second Collection: Peter's Pence

June 29th/30th – Loose Change Weekend

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.

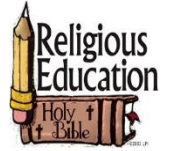


The 2024 Sponsorship Drive is still underway!

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 **6/11/2024** we have received **\$12,825** towards our \$25,000 goal.

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!

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.

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.



Happy Father's Day!



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!

Summer Blessing for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

- *The Catholic Review*