

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5, 2021

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." -Mark 7:37



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37-23
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	September 4	4:00 PM	Emma McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	September 5	9:00 AM	Kathy Bozzo (Mary Ferris)
Monday –	September 6	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Tuesday –	September 7	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Wednesday –	September 8	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Thursday –	September 9	8:00 AM	Intention of Donor
Friday –	September 10	8:00 AM	Special Intention for Conversions (Anonymous)
Saturday –	September 11	4:00 PM	Edward & Anne Burns (Florence Trowbridge & Family)
Sunday –	September 12	9:00 AM	Robert Bottger, Sr (The Sullivan Family)

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

This passage sounds more like 2nd Isaiah than 1st Isaiah, since the first 39 chapters are understood to have been written in Jerusalem prior to the exile. Whatever the case, this passage paints a glorious picture of God's kindness and favor when the Judeans are returned to Jerusalem after Babylon. Of course the passage is selected for this week to pair up with the Gospel reading: '*Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.*'

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

This epistle was probably written in Jerusalem, assuming the author was either 'James the Just' or 'James the Great', both residents of Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. This is important because it helps explain why the author was concerned about how the rich and the poor are treated by their fellow Christians. In Jerusalem, unlike most of the fledgling Churches of the time, the members were both wealthy and poor, and the social order would have been an issue.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37

This passage has a number of interesting pieces to it: First, this healing, unlike many in the other Gospels, is a 'hands-on' sort of procedure, and gives the Lord a sort physician's aura and hence makes him seem humanly accessible rather than divinely distant. Second, the significance of making '*the deaf hear and the mute speak*' would not be lost on those familiar with the scriptures (like Isaiah 35:4-7). And last, the miracle itself is (also) an analogy, not just a simple demonstration of God's providence. Physical miracle aside, the true miracle is what happens to all who *hear* Jesus' words and are *spiritually* healed as a result. The apostles then and now who hear the words of Jesus are prompted by the Spirit to speak the good news to others.



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, Ellen Burns, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, Jo-Anne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, 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, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly 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, 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 8/29/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,728.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		



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



Our
Parish Goal



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



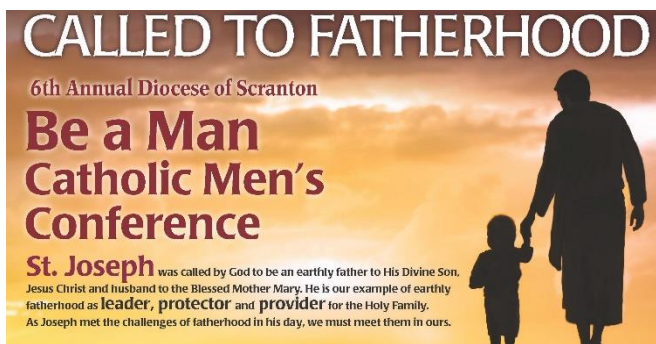
Sunday, August 15th – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, August 22nd – 9:00 AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, August 29th – 9:00 AM
Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, September 5th – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta 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.



A Catholic Men's Conference is planned for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. This will be the sixth such Event. The theme is "Called to Fatherhood" under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by 'Be a Catholic Man.' This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), Jim O'Day (active in Men's Ministries, Lacrosse Coach, and Self-Defense Instructor), and Karl Keating (Author and Catholic Apologist). All men --- single, married, and clergy, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world are encouraged to attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession --- a lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 till Oct. 9th) www.BeaCatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



PLEASE NOTE: THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.



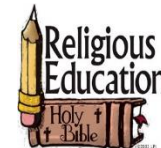
Family Fun Day!

Family Fun Day at Knoebels

As part of our Year of the Family observance, the Office for Parish Life is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Knoebels Amusement Resort on Saturday, September 18th. Groups or individuals are welcome to enjoy all that Knoebels has to offer from 12pm to 8pm and take advantage of our discounted ticket offer! You can choose from a **Lunch and Ride Package** (\$25 per person includes a bagged lunch and \$20 worth of ride tickets) or a **Discounted Tickets Only** option (\$20 worth of ride tickets for \$17). Regardless of the package you choose, you are welcome to take advantage of our reserved pavilion for lunch or to simply gather with your family and friends.

To purchase tickets by credit card, visit www.dioceseofscranton.org. To order and pay by check, call (570)207-2213 ext 1155. All orders must be paid in advance. The deadline to place orders is September 16.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS

Religious Education classes will begin on September 19.

Classes will be held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. As per Bishop Bambera, **masks are required to be worn by all vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults.** Families previously registered last year will receive a registration form in the mail. Please fill out this form and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again!

