

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 4, 2022

"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
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 3	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan – Mass of Healing (Jeanne Falk)
Sunday –	September 4	9:00 AM	Ed Nowik (Jack and Holly Rozanski)
Monday –	September 5	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday –	September 6	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Wednesday –	September 7	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Thursday –	September 8	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday –	September 9	12:00 PM	All Holy Name of Mary Parishioners
Saturday –	September 10	4:00 PM	John Parks (Genny Embleton)
Sunday –	September 11	9:00 AM	David Horton & Garry Rosengrant (Michael & Lou Ann Kilmer)

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, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, 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, Bill McMahon, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Kevin Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergeant, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, 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 8/28/2022

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,643.00

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!!

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, September 4th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, September 11th – 9:00AM

Isaiah Torres

Sunday, September 18th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, September 25th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

Sunday, October 2nd – 9:00AM

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.

BE NOT AFRAID

7th Annual Diocese of Scranton

Be a Catholic Man Conference

Oct. 8, 2022

Sat. 8 AM - 3:00 PM

Holy Redeemer High School

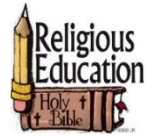
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Fear works and the devil knows it. Today we face storms like the one on the Sea of Galilee. We ask the Lord, as the Apostles did, "Do you not care if we perish?" Christ's reply to them is the same He would give to us: "Why are you afraid? [i.e., cowardly] Have you no faith?" So, in times of crisis, Jesus challenges us not to be cowards but instead to face our fears with confidence, knowing that He has already won the victory over evil.



Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education classes will begin on September 18.

Classes will be held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass will remain at 9:00 AM. At this time masks are optional for the classroom.

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, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again!

The 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by "Be A Catholic Man", is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme, "Be Not Afraid" is under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers to be announced. Men are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, -- all are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

Thank You

Our 2022 Sponsorship Drive has been a success! We have reached our goal of \$25,000.

Thank you to all who have generously contributed. HNM has done it again!!

Back to School Prayer

*Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and
knowledge to guide your people in all their
ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year,
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,
we implore your mercy.*

*Bless and protect our students, teachers,
staffs, and their families.*

*Give wisdom to the decision makers,
be they in our schools or in our homes.*

*Expand the horizons of our minds,
and deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways.*

*Enliven our faith to reach out to those in
need,*

particularly those isolated and lonely.

*In these days when so much has changed,
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,
our Divine Teacher, who is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.*

Amen.

Women's Franciscan Retreat

A one-day Women's Retreat will be hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish at St. Mary's Church in Wyalusing on Saturday, October 1, 2022. The themes of the retreat are, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14) The Lord Jesus comes to us in His Holy Mother Mary; the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Virgin (Jesus and Mary are the center of being disciples of the Lord), and we reflect on being loving and living disciples of the Lord Jesus and His mother the Holy Virgin. Father Pio and Sister Theresa will highlight what this means for women.

Fr. Pio Mandato and Sister Theresa May will be our co-presenters for this event. This is a time of prayer and fellowship with other women, and the retreat will include Mass, an opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and Eucharistic adoration followed by a Healing Service with Saint Padre Pio's glove. Please join us at 8:30 AM to register; Mass will begin at 9 AM. Lunch will be provided; however, we are not able to accommodate special dietary restrictions. A freewill offering will be available. The day will conclude at 2 PM. You won't want to miss this special event, so mark your calendar and plan for this spiritual girls' day out event. **To register, please contact Our Lady of Perpetual Help's office at 570-746-1006 by September 23rd.**

Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ is a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit. Fr. Pio was born in Italy, and received his first Holy Communion from Saint (Padre) Pio before coming to the USA. He was ordained in 1985 as a Capuchin and has been living a life of prayer for over twenty years as a hermit in solitude and, at times, going forth to preach.

Sister Theresa May C.N. (Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth) - A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she entered the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant Jesus in 1969. After formation in Assisi, Italy, she returned to the USA to teach. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth is an apostolic contemplative community of Sisters devoted to prayer and poverty currently located in Tunkhannock.