Pentecost Sunday – June 8, 2025

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were." -Acts 2:2



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SundayActs 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13MondayGn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34Tuesday2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16WednesdayActs 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19Thursday2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26Friday2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32Saturday2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday-	June 7	4:00 PM	Wayne Hibbard (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	June 8	9:00 AM	Pentecost Sunday Mary Stepney (Fran & George Calafut)
Monday –	June 9	12:00 PM	No Mass
Tuesday –	June 10	12:00 PM	No Mass
Wednesday –	June 11	12:00 PM	No Mass
Thursday –	June 12	12:00 PM	No Mass
Friday –	June 13	12:00 PM	No Mass
Saturday –	June 14	4:00 PM	Frank DeRiancho (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	June 15	9:00 AM	Father's Day All Fathers

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

In the early days, before Abraham, people raised the Tower of Babel, thinking in their arrogance that they could reach God. As a result, their punishment was to be separated by misunderstanding and by differing language, so that they would never be able to cooperate in such an enterprise again. In the courtyard told of in today's reading, the Holy Spirit filled the people with an understanding of each other's language, and what was separating people before was effectively eliminated by God. Through Jesus Christ all people could reach God through the Spirit.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians: 12:3b-7, 12-13

We are all brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and we are all equal within the Spirit; we are not the same, but we are all equal. The gifts of the Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ, are given by God to further the great Gospel mission, and to build up Christ's Body: the Church. Within the Body we are truly free to be what God has intended that we should be according to His salvation plan.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

This is that moment when, traditionally understood within our Roman Church, Jesus empowered the apostles with the sacramental faculty of reconciliation. It is also possible that the passage refers to the forgiveness associated with baptism and, if so, then the empowerment is one of recognizing that baptism follows faith in Jesus Christ and is to be administered by the apostles. Either way, or both ways, Jesus has initiated the succession of apostolic empowerment to administer these sacraments. What this passage shows is foundational structure of the Church: Jesus to the apostles through the Holy Spirit and then to all who would be evangelized and bound by God's grace as found within the Church. And our Roman tradition finds its roots expressed within scripture.



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: 570-498-0760

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph



Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Billie Jackson, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondi, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack..



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, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES		6/1/2025			
(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)			
Sunday Collection	\$	4587.00			
Thank you for your generosity & support!					

Next Upcoming Collections: June 28 – June 29 Peter's Pence Collection



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations.



Sunday, June 8th – 9:00AM Stanely Grochal Sunday, June 15th – 9:00AM Bernadetta Paolucci Sunday, June 22nd – 9:00AM Albert Paolucci Sunday, June 29th – 9:00AM Stanely Grochal

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact the rectory.



If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child for the upcoming 2025-2026 Religious Education program, forms are available at the rectory, or online on the Holy Name of Mary Church website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.

Religious Education Schedule:

Classes over for the summer!

Thank you to all the parents in our parish for having your children participate in the Religious Education program this past year. You are greatly appreciated!

Looking forward to the next year...2025-2026...we encourage you to have your children continue in their Faith formation by attending Religious Education classes at Holy Name of Mary Church.

Our numbers are dwindling, so if it is important to you to have your children receive instruction and the reception of the sacraments at HNM Church, please support this effort. Thank you again. Enjoy your summer! With blessings, Fran Calafut, DRE.

SUMMMER BIBLE STUDY

Bill, Kathleen, Mollie, and Joni Host invite you to join them for a study on the Gospel of John. The study will include a weekly pre-recorded video from Ascension Press, a discussion, and some time for fellowship.

According to Ascension Press, "Follow Me:

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ." This study will occur on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm starting on June 3 at Holy Name of Mary Parish Center. If you are interested in joining, please call or text 570-396-6228.

This study will involve eight sessions:

June 3, 10, 17, and 24

July 1, 8, 15, and 22

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FIAT DAYS

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

- IUNE + Location: Marywood University Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
 - Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
 - Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, and chat with religious sisters, priests, & Bishop Bambera Cost is \$25.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 16TH





Discuss of Selastar

Please consider donating flowers for our altar!

This is a beautiful 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.

All intentions will be announced in the bulletin. Please help us continue to keep Holy Name of Mary beautiful! Please call the rectory at 570-278-1504 or The Host Family at 570-396-6228.

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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.compss.state.pa.us/cwis and should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

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Please don't forget... there is *always* a need in Susquehanna County for food and sanitary items.

Items can be donated to the Trehab Food Bank by bringing them to church and placing them in the box in the crying room. Please check expiration dates as they can't give out expired products.







TO ALL HNM PARISHIONERS, PLEASE NOTE:

SPONSORSHIP DRIVE

The annual sponsorship drive, which was established after the

Harvest Moon festival was discontinued, is cancelled for this year. This drive raised an average \$25,000 for our parish, so it was a very important fund raiser.

The Finance Council is proposing an alternative this year. We are asking each parishioner to determine what they would be able to contribute this year, if the drive were still being held. Then, instead of providing one large, lump sum donation, divide that donation into weekly amounts and immediately add that additional amount to your current weekly offering throughout the year. For instance, if you previously contributed \$50 to the sponsorship drive, you would add one additional dollar each week to what you are already donating on a weekly basis. This would provide less financial pressure on our parishioners than one large contribution. There is a possibility the sponsorship drive will be re-instated in the future, if the need arises.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship provides us with the opportunity to help the parish with its many ministries. Help is always needed in the way of Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, cantors, altar servers, cleaning, decorating, maintenance, repairs, etc. In particular, Religious Education instructors are greatly needed. The Finance Council will have sign-up sheets on the small tables in the back of the church, so parishioners can volunteer to help with these important ministries.

POTLUCK DINNER

This year the church plans to hold a Potluck Dinner, with members providing an item to share. The dinner is tentatively planned for Saturday, August 9, after 4 p.m. mass. This will allow parishioners an opportunity to gather socially,



share family stories, and grow spiritually together. More details about this event and how you can participate will be provided in future bulletins.

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<u>SUMMER</u> <u>BLESSINGS FOR</u> <u>FAMILIES</u>



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

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I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk, give you counsel with my eye upon you. Psalms 32 : 8