

# Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2025

*“For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth’.”*

-Acts 13:47



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday–	May 17	4:00 PM	Michael Vaccaro (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	May 18	9:00 AM	Glenn Scheffler (Diane Scheffler)
Monday –	May 19	12:00 PM	Matthew Garafalo
Tuesday –	May 20	12:00 PM	Dr. Ronald Gianni
Wednesday –	May 21	12:00 PM	Ann Grippo
Thursday –	May 22	12:00 PM	Ann Grippo
Friday –	May 23	12:00 PM	Katherine Conte
Saturday –	May 24	4:00 PM	Emma McKeown (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	May 25	9:00 AM	Sue Cavanaugh (Holly & Jack Rosanski)

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14:21-27

This passage describes the close of Paul’s first mission. He appoints presbyters (priests) in all of his stops, extending (what we would call) the institutional church and securing her position in each community. Upon finishing the round trip and returning to Antioch, Paul and his companions share what God inspired them to do in His name. It is interesting to note Paul’s cautionary remarks regarding ‘hardships’ in each community. This becomes part of the early Christian identity and in the next two centuries would become incorporated into Church doctrine.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

John has a personal vision of what the Kingdom of God will be. His vision, to us, wouldn’t be literal, but there are elements that nevertheless fit even today. When John wrote this, the church was being persecuted by the Roman emperors. The contrast between the travails of those days and the comparative peace of later centuries couldn’t have been imagined by John. In fact, within the Church today we have presentation of the sacraments (God’s presence) and the Gospels to bring us a measure of joy and peace even in this life. The promise of *eternal* joy and peace is yet to come, but we are encouraged by what we have.

## Gospel Reading: John 13:31-33a

If Jesus is glorified within God and God is glorified within Jesus, then to love Jesus is to love God. If we are faithful to Jesus, we are faithful to God. To us, two thousand years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, this seems obvious. To the disciples sitting around the Passover meal in this passage, it would have been mystifying at best, but that is what the apostle is telling us that Jesus said. And then Jesus introduces his great commandment, the ‘new’ law: *Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.* If this is Christ’s Law, then to love one another, to serve one another, and to be faithful to Jesus and obedient to his commandment justifies us in both faith and works. We believe and then we obey—faith can’t be separated from what we do in obeying Christ’s Law. It is faith working through each of us, and more importantly, through the Church.



**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, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mond, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, 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

**5/11/2025**

(FY18/19 Budget) \$ (4867.00)

Sunday Collection \$ 2153.50

*Thank you for your generosity & support!*

**Next Upcoming Collection: May 31 – June 1**  
Catholic Communication Campaign



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



## 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.com-pass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.com-pass.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. should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



## Important Reminders

Memorial Day Mass will be held Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. followed by a service at the cemetery.

Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be held Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.





**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Lee John Sullivan

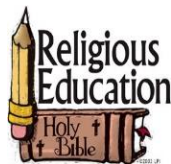
**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00AM**

Bernadetta Paolucci

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?**

If so, please contact the rectory.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

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

### **Religious Education Schedule:**

**May 18....Regular Class...Final Class**

Have a great summer!

## THANK YOU

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 would 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.

## CONFIRMATION 2025



On Monday, May 5th, the 8th grade Religious Education students from Holy Name of Mary Church, received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation at Most Holy Trinity Church in Susquehanna with Bishop Joseph Bambera as celebrant. The joint Confirmation Mass provided a beautiful ceremony for the candidates, their sponsors and families. Thank you to Joni, Kathleen and Mollie Host, for preparing these children for the reception of Confirmation over the past 2 years. Your dedication and time are greatly appreciated! Thank you to the families of the candidates for diligently bringing your children to classes and guiding them through the growth in their Faith process by your example!



Pictured above, left to right: Lucas Mooney, Vincent Follert, Sophia Strobe, Penelope Follert, Stanley Grochal, and Matthew Parr.





## 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**





## FIAT DAYS

• HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

**JUNE**  
**23-25**

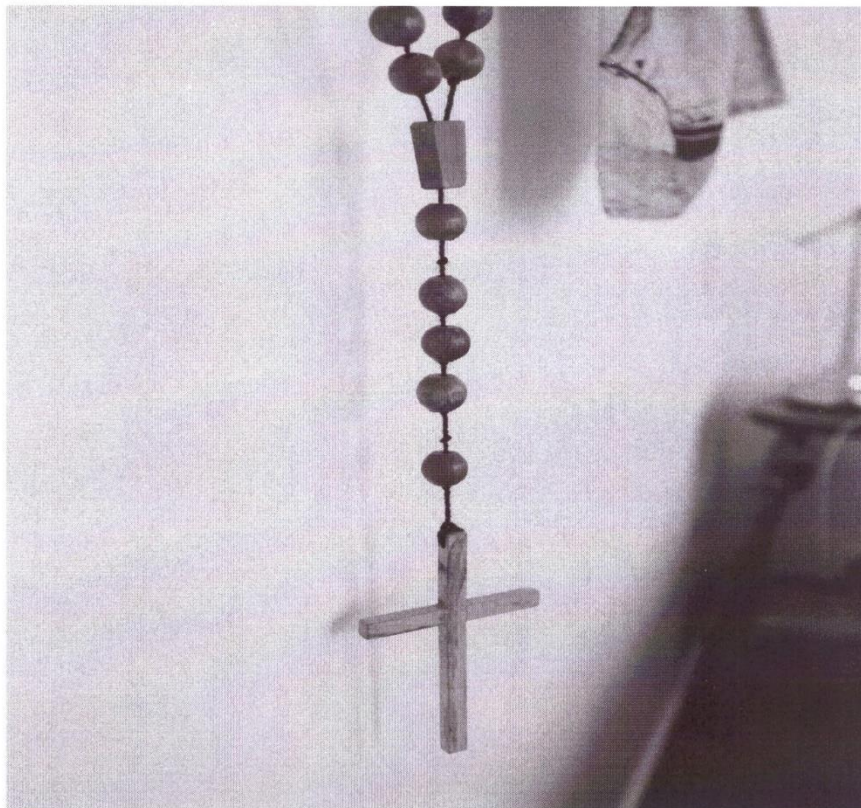


- Location: Marywood University
- Open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors in high school
- Adventure, Prayer, Dynamic Talks, Mass, Adoration, and Outdoor Activities
- Learn about vocations, better discern where God is calling you, and chat with religious sisters, priests, & Bishop Bambera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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 16TH



**VOCATIONS**



**"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."** ~Archbishop Fulton Sheen