

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 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’.”



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	May 10	4:00 PM	Wayne Hibbard (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	May 11	9:00 AM	All Mothers
Monday –	May 12	12:00 PM	Helen Durbin
Tuesday –	May 13	12:00 PM	Mr. Teeple
Wednesday –	May 14	12:00 PM	Helen Durbin
Thursday –	May 15	12:00 PM	Edward Smith
Friday –	May 16	12:00 PM	Eugene P. Macrosky
Saturday –	May 17	4:00 PM	Michael Vaccaro (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	May 18	9:00 AM	Glenn Scheffler (Diane Scheffler)

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul's general approach when entering a new town was to attend Sabbath at the local synagogue. For Paul, and all of the apostles at this time, worship meant attending a synagogue because they were Jews; they thought of themselves as Jews who followed Jesus, and certainly not as Christians. The mission to Pisidian Antioch was part of Paul's first missionary journey, and is chronicled here by Luke as one more example of how the Jewish leadership rejected Paul's teachings, while the gentiles seemed receptive. Perhaps of more spiritual importance is the tireless evangelism of Paul to everyone he encountered. The light of the Spirit wouldn't be extinguished.

2nd Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John is envisioning the Church triumphant having survived the persecutions of Nero and Domitian. He includes Paschal themes ('the Lamb' and 'the blood of the Lamb'), probably intending to evoke images of the martyrs connecting with Christ's own death at the hands of the Romans. The book of Revelation was written in the mid-90s, thirty years after Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles. It is interesting to note how (and why) the villains changed.

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

John's gospel, unlike the three earlier versions, tends to have a Greek flavor. John's themes are less historic sounding and more philosophic; he deals with the complexities of belief rather than simple formulas. But in this case, John has Jesus delivering a simple message that, in its direct way, states the Good Shepherd's mission: *'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.'* This message is so fundamental, and so critical (especially during the Roman persecutions when written), that it needs to be stated as clearly as possible. Note that John tacks a bit of theology on the end: *'The Father and I are one.'* Was this a reference to the Father and Son being of one mind in the matter, or the two being 'One'?



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

5/4/2025

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3184.17

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. Thank you for your generosity!



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.



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

Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS





Sunday, May 11th – 9:00AM

Stanley Grochal

Sunday, May 18th – 9:00AM

Lee John Sullivan

Sunday, May 25th – 9:00AM

Bernadetta Paolucci

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

MAY CROWNING 2025

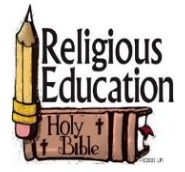


On Sunday, May 4th, 2025, we had our May Crowning at Holy Name Church. The May Queen was Sophia Strope; crown bearer, Collin Tarry; members of the Court were Teagan Goff and Penelope Follert.

Thank you to all who participated in this beautiful ceremony honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary! The witness to your Faith is greatly appreciated!



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 11....Happy Mother's Day ...No Class

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

On Sunday, May 4, 2025 Collin Tarry received First Holy Communion at Holy Name of Mary Church.

Congratulations to Collin and his family on this wonderful occasion! Many thanks to his Religious Education Teacher, Bernadetta Paolucci, for diligently preparing Collin this past year to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. And thank you to his parents for participating in his Faith life by bringing him to classes and the reception of the sacrament. May God bless and protect Collin and his family in the years ahead!



Honoring Mothers: A Catholic Tradition

Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States on the second Sunday of May since 1914. But Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into honoring your mother as well. And devotion to Mary, the mother of God and our spiritual mother, in the month of May gives this holiday depth for Catholics that goes far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day.

"God, creator and lord of the universe, chose to put himself — tiny, needy and helpless — into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering — both physical and spiritual — in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's."

The "Madonna of the Magnificat" painted by Botticelli Filipepi in 1483 portrays Mary being crowned by two angels, while she writes the Magnificat and holds her Son, Jesus.



PPC's Annual Dinner 2025

Join Providence Pregnancy Center on May 16, 2025 for our annual dinner at St. Mary's Center in Scranton. This year's featured guest speaker, Chris Bell, is the founder of Good Counsel Homes in New York City and will share about his important work of providing safe shelter to homeless pregnant women. The evening includes a cocktail hour with appetizers and a cash bar, a delicious dinner, dessert, live music and raffles. Join 500 others as we come together to celebrate and support the work of PPC, which provides critical resources to mothers in crisis including material help, counseling, housing at our maternity home Casa de Maria, and education. Tickets are only \$25 and can be purchased online at www.ppcscranton.org/events or by calling Sandy at 570-862-3001.



Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY!!