

Fourth Sunday of Advent– December 22, 2024

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.” –Matthew 1:21



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	December 21	4:00 PM	Nicholas & Emma McKeown	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday –	December 22	9:00 AM	Donna Megali	Glenn & Diane Schreffler
Monday –	December 23	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday –	December 24	4:00 PM	All HNM Parishioners	
	(Christmas Eve)	9:00 PM	All HNM Parishioners	
Wednesday–	December 25	9:00 AM	All HNM Parishioners	
Thursday–	December 26	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory	
Friday –	December 27	12:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday–	December 28	4:00 PM	Isabelle Haynes	Frank & Rita DeRiancho
Sunday –	December 29	9:00 AM	Glenn Scheffler	10 O’Clock Prayer Group



1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah was a prophet who lived during the Assyrian invasion, about 700 BCE, but his concern seems to have been centered on Judean disregard for the Law and how it caused suffering among the poor and marginalized. The quote here references the birth of the messiah who would continue the reign established by King David. The early Church, of course, sees this as an oracle of sorts pointing to the birth of Jesus. Both can be true.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author here is emphasizing Christ’s purpose: *to become flesh in order to sacrifice that flesh for the salvation of all humankind*. At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but the birth is meaningless without acknowledging that the crucifixion must follow; the two are one and can’t be separated.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45

In this passage Mary is recognized as the mother of Christ, the messiah, the one who was promised. When Elizabeth shouts out that Mary is blessed because she believed, it is emblematic of how Christ is to be received; Mary is the first human to demonstrate faith. It is also important to see that even the unborn, from within the womb, recognize the messiah as prophesy being fulfilled. Although this passage is a familiar one, it never fails to excite because of its intent: to herald the coming of Jesus Christ. As a side note, particularly in light of recent events, the unborn child who would become John the Baptist though unborn yet knows his savior and his God. Could there be a more eloquent justification for protecting the unborn? God knows us from conception, but this passage perhaps suggests that the unborn also know God.



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.

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, Wayne Hibbard, Hilgner, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, 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 12/15/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	3,475.00

Thank you for your generosity & support

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, December 22nd – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Tuesday, December 24th – 9:00PM
Lee John Sullivan & Stan Grochal

Wednesday, December 25th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta & Albert Paolucci

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

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.

PARISH EVENTS

December 28th/29th – Loose Change Weekend

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope or visit www.annualappeal.org to donate online. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how the Diocese of Scranton serves charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

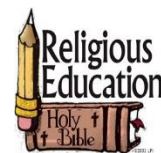
May you all have a most Blessed and Joyful Christmas Season!!

*From Father Philip and
Parish Staff*



THANK YOU: If you are a Eucharistic minister or lector, please pick up a bottle of wine from the sacristy as a thank you for your service to Holy Name of Mary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass. Classes began on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

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 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:

December 22 – Regular Class; Family Mass
December 25 – Merry Christmas!
December 29 – **NO CLASSES**

January 5 - Regular Class
January 12 - Regular Class
January 19 - Regular Class
January 26 - Regular Class



“IT’S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!”

That’s right, it’s time to think about decorating our church for the Christmas season! We will do this immediately after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 12/22. We should be able to get it done in one fell swoop, so if you could help with this, we would greatly appreciate it!



2024

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th

The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Masses will be celebrated at
4:00PM and 9:00PM

The Holy Name of Mary Choir will sing at the 9:00PM Mass

Wednesday, December 25th

The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM



Wednesday, January 1st

The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM