



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **An Update from Fr. Larry**

This update includes **new mandates** from the Diocese of Brooklyn.

### **Churches and Masses**

- All public Masses and liturgies remain cancelled (including all Holy Week and Easter Masses liturgies). The faithful are encouraged to view Masses and liturgies via cable TV and live streaming. Call the Rectory for assistance.
- Effectively immediately **all Churches will be closed at all times**. Funerals and weddings will not be permitted in Church. Weddings should be postponed. If absolutely necessary, graveside services can be done at the discretion of cemetery administration.

### **Rectory Office Hours**

- Effective immediately all Rectory Offices will be **closed**. Holy Name of Jesus Rectory phones will be answered from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, Monday through Friday. At other times, for routine matters, leave messages to be returned the next day. We will try to handle as much as possible by phone.
- If you have an emergency at any time, call the Rectory number (718-768-3071) and listen to the prompts.

### **Pastoral Concerns**

- Fr. Larry will be available for Confessions in the Rectory by appointment. He will also be available for administration of the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) at home or in the hospital or to assist in any way he can, always with proper precautions. Call the Rectory if you need a priest.
- Bishop DiMarzio has given a dispensation this year from abstinence from meat on Fridays in Lent. Remember that Fridays remain days of penance and prayer.
- The Catholic Charities Call Center (718-722-6001) is available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday for assistance with social and mental health services.

### **Financial Concerns**

- **If you can afford to**, please begin on-line giving via [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) (using HNJ's Parish Code NY349) **as soon as possible**. Call the Rectory with questions.
- Envelope donors: please mail your envelopes to the Rectory. Consider switching to on-line giving via Faith Direct.
- Thank you for helping us (**if you can**) during this difficult time.

### **Communications**

- We will try to stay connected as much as possible by phone, email, our parish webpage: [www.holynamebrooklyn.com](http://www.holynamebrooklyn.com), our parish FaceBook page, and our bulletin (which will be in our website under the tab [Important Info](#)).

**I am praying for all of you. Please pray for me and all priests.**