

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

WINDSOR TERRACE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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Holy Name of Jesus Church is open **with COVID-19 safety protocols in place**. Attendance, masking, and social distancing guidelines **must** be observed at all times.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m.*

Saturday: 9 a.m.; 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.* (Spanish), 10:30 a.m.*, Noon.

*Masses noted with * are also live streamed on our Facebook page.*

Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to Noon.

Confessions

By Appointment

Baptisms

Please call the Rectory for an Appointment

Weddings

Please call the Rectory for an Appointment

Funerals

Please contact the Rectory

HOLY NAME RECTORY

245 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215-5807
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday

Masking and Social distancing guidelines must be followed.

For health and safety reasons, please try to conduct

Rectory business by phone whenever possible.

HOLY NAME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hours by appointment

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 13, 2020

COLLECTION RESULTS

DECEMBER 6, 2020 TOTAL TO PARISH: \$6,654

(Includes: \$2,363 in church envelopes, \$856 loose cash and checks in baskets from Weekly First Collection, and \$2,245 from Faith Direct; \$522 in 2nd Collection Parish Building Repair envelopes, \$242 in loose cash and checks in baskets for Parish Building Repair Collection and \$426 from Faith Direct.)

Catch Up Collection: \$1,210

(This includes \$1,140 from First Collection envelopes and \$70 from Parish Building Repair envelopes from previous weeks) **Thank you for your generosity!**

Christmas Giving Trees 2020

Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ and her team at the charity "Hour Children" need our help to make this Christmas a bit brighter for the people they serve. A list of gift suggestions is available on our parish web site:

www.holynamebrooklyn.com

Note: **Gifts cards are an excellent option, especially because of COVID-19 restrictions.** Please place unwrapped gifts in the box by the giving trees in the rear of the Church, or bring them to the Rectory during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.). **Please bring your gifts by Sunday, December 20** so Hour Children can ensure the recipients will have them in time for Christmas.



FINAL WEEKEND!

Boy Scout Troop 237's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Wreaths, Fresh Garland, Grave Blankets

Friday, December 11 — 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(while supplies last)

Outside HNJ Convent

(Prospect Park West & Windsor Place)

Please join us in celebrating the season and the coming of Christ, Our Savior with

The Music of Advent
IN HNJ CHURCH

starting at 4:45 p.m., Saturday, December 19

This mini-concert will be Immediately followed by the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND CHURCH DECORATIONS

Please include the names of those you wish to memorialize and put your envelope in the collection basket, or deliver it to the Rectory, by Monday, December 21 to ensure the names are included in the Christmas bulletin. The suggested donation is \$15 for each memorial.

If you don't have a Christmas Flowers envelope, please write "Christmas Flowers" on a plain one and provide us with your name, the names of those you wish to memorialize, and your donation.

The Holy Name Food Pantry

will distribute food from the Rectory basement from **2 - 3 p.m., Saturdays, December 19 and January 2.**

At this time: cereal, soup, and sauce for pasta are needed.

Thank you to those who have so generously contributed in recent weeks.

HNJ Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

4 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Family Mass

10 p.m. Spanish Mass

12 a.m. Midnight Mass

(Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

7:30 a.m. Mass

12 Noon Mass

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will also be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page.

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Last Sunday, the team of skilled, hardworking parish volunteers who do this every year put up the exterior garlands and the sanctuary and Gathering Space (vestibule) Christmas trees (not to be lit until much later in Advent of course). This is a major effort requiring a good deal of work on extension ladders and physical hauling of heavy pieces. I shudder to think about what commercial contractors would charge, and I thank all of the faithful members of that team for gifting the parish with their time and talent in such a specialized way.

Our Advent schedule continues with Fr. Keeney's and Deacon Gerry Devine's third and final Advent Holy Hour at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 14 in the Church and on Facebook. Fr. Keeney's reflection will be on "The Hope of Simeon and Anna". We will have "the Music of Advent" from 4:45 PM to 5:15 PM in the Church on Saturday, December 19, and Reconciliation Monday with Confessions in the Church from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, December 21. Especially see the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin about Reconciliation Monday. It has been difficult to get to Confession during the past several months, but we will be hearing Confessions in the Church (observing all safety protocols) for four hours that day.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Catholic Current provides us with the following concerning this weekend's Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday: "On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, 'The Lord is coming.' But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, 'The Lord is near.' This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday [in Advent] and Laetare Sunday [in Lent]. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink. The word 'Gaudete' is Latin for 'Rejoice.' In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy".

The O Antiphons: The verses of the Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and the Verses before the Gospel for the weekday Masses between December 17 and December 24 are based upon interesting parts of the Church's Advent tradition known as The O Antiphons.

Fr. William Saunders of the Diocese of Arlington, VA provided the following additional explanation: "The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of

Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil. The exact origin of the O Antiphons is not known [but, based on certain historical facts] one may conclude that in some fashion the O Antiphons have been part of our liturgical tradition since the very early Church.

The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one – Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia – the Latin words *ero eras* are formed, meaning, 'Tomorrow, I will come'. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic / titles, now speaks to us, 'Tomorrow, I will come.' So the O Antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion." (Saunders, Rev. William. "What are the O Antiphons?" *Arlington Catholic Herald* 2003.)



Scripture Insights

This Sunday's readings:

[*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28*](#)

"Although Jesus had not yet begun his public ministry, John knew that Jesus was the Messiah. And it was John's mission to prepare other people to recognize that fact. John and Jesus had first "met" in utero when Mary visited Elizabeth. Even from that early moment, John understood the significance of encountering Jesus. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the baby "leaped for joy" in Elizabeth's womb when the expectant Mary approached. Now that these two babies were grown men, John was still in the business of recognizing Jesus' significance. He describes His cousin as "the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John knew that Jesus was something special. And he made it his goal to lead others to the same realization.

Of course, as Christians in the twenty-first century, we already know that Jesus is the Messiah. But John's words still raise an important question for us today: Do we recognize the real significance of Jesus? Do we take him for granted, or do we appreciate the gift of salvation that he offers us? Today's Gospel reading tells us that John came 'to testify to the light.' Do we let the light of Christ guide our way? Today as we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, we would do well to reflect on the true light that came down from heaven."

(*Liturgical Publications Inc., Connect!, Dec. 14, 2014, P.6.*)

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9 a.m. Fr. Patrick Burns
Judith M. Caputo &
Joseph M. Caputo, Jr.
Jane Garvey
Jimmy Frost
Maureen Mills
- 5:30 p.m. Lucia Marsillo
Kira O'Dwyer
Patrick G. Heaney
Buonocore & Farran Grandparents
Rose Kavanaugh

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
Vicente R. Reselosas
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
Maria Diaz
- 10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie,
& Peter Camastro
- 12 p.m. Fr. Patrick Burns

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 9 a.m. Marie Pagliarulo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Galligan & Reynolds Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9 a.m. John McNerny

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9 a.m. Mary Christine Griffin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9 a.m. Michael Perrotta

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9 a.m. Isadore & Lena Gallucci
- 5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the
McCarthy & DeMange Families
Pablo & Eva Sierra
(Wedding Anniversary)
John Hickey *(Birthday)*
Andrea Farran
Farran Grandparents

Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in memory of
Sarah Paynton by her loving family.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Tim DeMarco; Christina DeRosa; Msgr. Michael Curran; Thomas and Peggy Flynn; Sr. Mary Lou McGrath, S.C.; Will Sutherland; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Christopher; Ita M^cGough Santomauro; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; Kathleen O'Donnell; John Passaro; Marie Racioppo; James Flannagan; Joseph Cox; Madison P. Levy; Vincent Camastro; Cheryl Jablow; Jean Thomas; Rosie Pira-Ursino; Marilyn Bloom; and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

(Names will remain on the Sick List for a four-week period. Please call the Rectory if you would like to have a name remain for a longer period of time or be returned to the List.)

... and For Our Departed Loved Ones...

We ask for your prayers for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life, especially **Mary E. Ryan**, and for those they have left behind.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society, especially **Helen Bloom**.

THE DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN

Today, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday with refrains of rejoicing. On Thursday, we'll begin to pray the O Antiphons — seven days to laud the fast-approaching Messiah. (See "Fr. Larry's Note" in this bulletin.) What to make of this in-between time, when scripture shows Jesus chiding religious leaders and Old Testament prophets preach fire and brimstone? "The day in which we now find ourselves is still night," wrote Saint Augustine. But the promise of salvation is sure. "Keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear."

USHER IN A RENEWED ADVENT

This Advent season is so different from any other in our lifetimes, and the holidays may not allow for worship in person with our faith communities or celebrations with beloved families. For many of us, this brings sadness to these Advent days as we mourn the loss of familiar rituals. The poetic words of theologian, educator, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman remind us that the work of Christmas is to "find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry... rebuild the nations and bring peace among others." Let us pray for the grace to overcome any disappointment we feel and focus on feeding the hungry, having compassion for the broken, and rebuilding the relationships around us. In such practices, we will find Advent hope and peace.



My Soul *Rejoices*
in my God.

~ Luke 1

~ TakeFiveForFaith.com

Spend Time With the Lord as We Prepare for Christmas

Advent 2020 Holy Hour

7 p.m., Monday, December 14

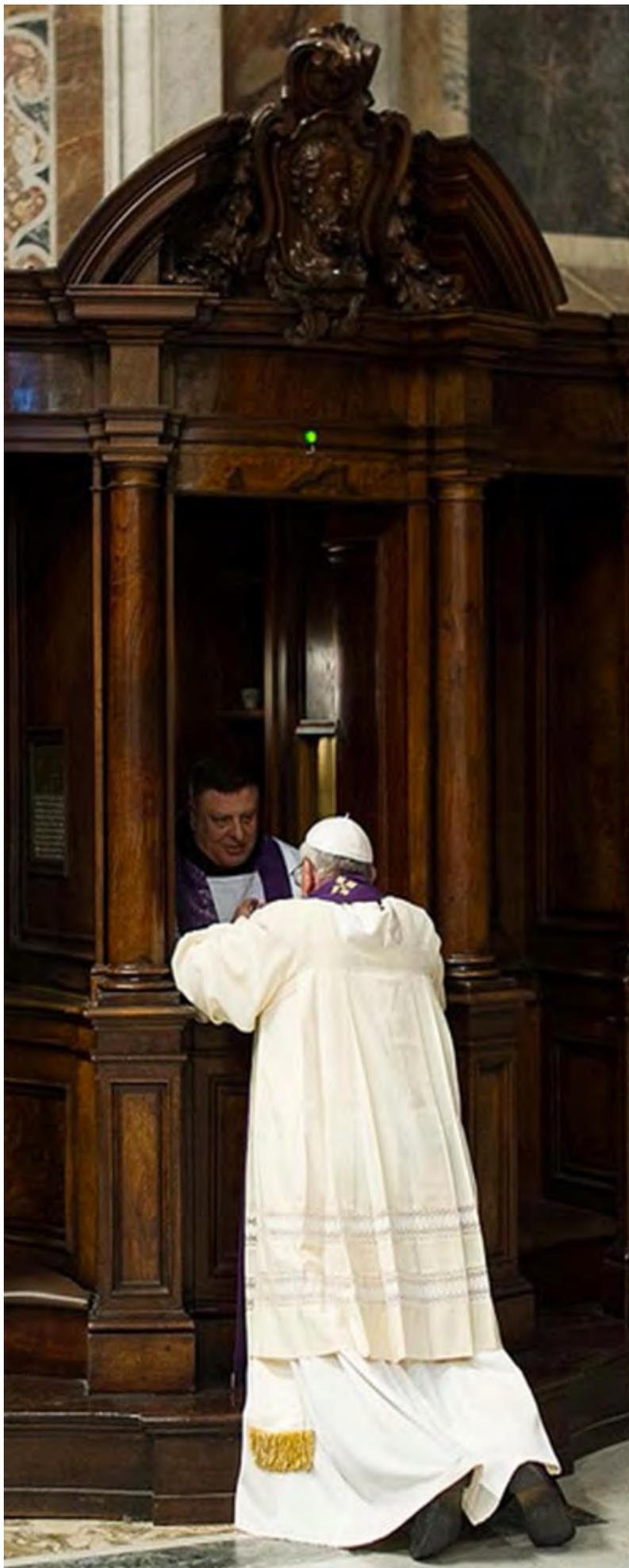
Reflection by Fr. Charles Keeney:
"The Hope of Simeon & Anna"

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also livestreamed on [Facebook.com/HolyNameBrooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameBrooklyn)

This is the last in a series of three Advent Holy Hours. The November 30 and December 7 recordings are available for viewing on Holy Name's Facebook page.





Advent Reconciliation Monday December 21st

Everyone needs to be made
right with God.

Holy Name of Jesus
is offering Confession
4:00pm to 8:00pm

Please partake in this special
opportunity during Advent
to receive God's mercy through
the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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