

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

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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

Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals:

Please call the Rectory



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 7, 2021

*He heals the brokenhearted and
binds up their wounds.*

~Psalm 147

Catholic Schools Week - February 8 - 13, 2021

The Catholic academies and schools within the Diocese of Brooklyn educate over 45,000 students in Brooklyn and Queens from early childhood through high school. With over 100 school sites, they proudly carry on a tradition of academic excellence rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education, celebrated with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, prospective students. The following is a letter from Thomas Chadzutko, Ed.D., the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Brooklyn Diocese:

Dear Families,

For the Diocese of Brooklyn, Catholic Schools Week begins February 8th. This is a joyous celebration in Catholic education, when we take time out of the busy day-to-day schedules, to pause and think about the blessings our Catholic Academies and Parish Schools provide to our families. The celebration this year centers on the theme of "Faith. Excellence. Service." These are the very tenets our Catholic Academies and Parish Schools are built upon. Our celebration this year will certainly be different, but we still seek to share the qualities that set Catholic education apart. While this year has been exceedingly challenging, it has also highlighted the strength of our Catholic Academies and Parish Schools. Their response to the trials of the past year has set us apart from public, charter, and even other private schools. This year especially, we have so much to be grateful for in our schools, and to the families that form our Catholic Academy and Parish School communities.

It is fitting that faith is the first focus in the theme of Catholic Schools Week, as this is the first focus in the mission of Catholic education, with all areas stemming from the belief in and love of Christ. Families are the first teachers in the faith; not only in their religious practices, but in raising their children with love, respect, and a strong sense of morals. We are fortunate to have classrooms filled with students who have already been shown how to walk-in Jesus' footsteps. It is through these beginnings that teachers can continue to help students grow in their faith. The strong foundation you have provided for your child will carry them into their adult lives. Students in Catholic schools are more likely to be faithful adults, practicing Catholics, and display strong moral fiber, through involvement and volunteerism. A Catholic school foundation is one that allows the faith to carry into future generations.

Excellence is demonstrated in our schools in ways that extend beyond the traditional scope of academics. Academic excellence shines in our Catholic Academies and Parish Schools, but this is only a piece of the puzzle. Catholic education supports the education of the whole child, with the understanding that academics are strong with music, art, athletics, technology, and STEM initiatives.

Through our incredible teachers, Catholic Academies and Parish Schools can offer a variety of programs, which allow students to have unique learning experiences.

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COLLECTION RESULTS — JANUARY 31, 2021

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$4,726
(This includes: \$1,885 in Church envelopes, \$540 in loose cash and checks in baskets, \$2,301 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH \$790
(This includes \$455 in Parish Building Repair envelopes, \$185 in loose cash in 2nd collection and \$150 from Faith Direct.)

JANUARY 25 2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO DIOCESE FOR CHURCHES IN NEED\$1,040
(The revenue from this collection will help fund pastoral programs for Churches in the poorer areas of Latin America, the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. Funded projects include evangelization; formation of seminarians, lay leaders, and catechists; church renovations; and social programs.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION \$241.
(This includes \$176 in previous first collection envelopes and \$65 in 2nd collection Parish Building Repair envelopes.)

Thank you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU TO ALL
 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DONORS!**

PLEDGES PAID: \$112,579
GOAL (to Diocese): \$52,974
“OVER GOAL” (to HNJ): \$59,605

As of February 1, 2021, **196** generous parishioners and friends of Holy Name of Jesus parish have completely paid their pledges to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Some pledges are still open, but as the numbers above show, the 2020 Appeal was (thanks to your generosity) a great success!

The **\$52,972** in donations that were used to meet the Diocesan goal are helping many, many people throughout the Diocese, especially during this COVID year. The **\$59,605** donated “over goal” is being returned the HNJ parish and will be used to help reduce our still-large debt obligation.

This year, I tried to send each donor a personal note of thanks. I apologize to anyone I missed, and I write this as a heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave to the 2020 Appeal.

God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Larry Ryan, Pastor

Catholic Schools Week *(continued from previous page.)*

We are immeasurably thankful for the teachers, who have demonstrated their excellence over this past year, through their flexibility in their delivery of instruction. We have been through remote, hybrid, and in-person learning and with each change, our faculty and staff have responded to meet the needs of students and families. The very opening of Catholic Academies and Parish Schools to in-person learning, during this school year speaks volumes to the excellence of our schools and the commitment to providing quality education to all students. I would be remiss not to thank our families for the excellence they have shown in their support of teachers and our schools. Parents and guardians have been tasked with many additional jobs this year, in supporting their child’s education. Without this partnership, academic excellence would be impossible. Our students grow not only through the academic excellence provided by teachers, but also through the support which comes from their homes and families.

It is a unique privilege to serve students and families through Catholic education. Service within Catholic Academies and Parish Schools can be viewed in many ways. It is the service of our teachers to the school community, the service of our families in providing for their children, and it is the way students learn to serve others. Acts 20:35 shares with us ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive... This spirit of giving is alive in our Catholic Academy and Parish School communities, as students learn, not only to give through material items, during events such as food drives, they also learn the importance of the love they give to others. This is once again a reflection of the foundation provided by their families; for a student to understand that the love they give can change the world. Students who are a part of Catholic education are more likely to demonstrate service through volunteering and community engagement and are also more likely to show their love of others, with an increased openness to differences and embracing of others.

Our schools are blessed with families within their communities who make the sacrifice to send their children to Catholic Academies and Parish Schools. This is not always an easy decision, especially during this school year. The gift of sending a child to a Catholic Academy or Parish School is providing them with a foundation for life through faith, excellence, and service; qualities we see reflected not only in our schools but in the families that comprise our school communities.

Thank you for your continued faith in the mission of Catholic education and for entrusting the most precious gift into our school communities, your children.

Yours in Faith,

Thomas Chadzutko

Thomas Chadzutko, Ed.D.

Superintendent ~ Catholic School Support Services



A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

This will be a short note. Snow, and snow removal, have taken up a lot of our time since the massive storm that lasted from Sunday through Wednesday. Many thanks to our custodian, John Murphy, for all the hours of hard work he has been putting into this still ongoing effort.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see my letter of appreciation to everyone who contributed to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. You know how important the Appeal is to our Diocese (especially during this COVID year) and to this parish as we continue to work to reduce our debt obligations. Thank you all and God bless you for your generosity.

Please see the item at the bottom of this page inviting new participants to join one of the *Why Catholic?* small groups for the program's Spring season. Prior participation is NOT a prerequisite.

This coming week, February 8-13, is Catholic Schools Week in the Brooklyn Diocese. At HNJ, we will open the week at our 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, February 7. Our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy (housed in the former Holy Name parish school building) will be celebrating the week with a series of events for students, parents, and the parents of prospective students. Starting on the front page of this bulletin, you will see a letter from Dr. Thomas Chadzutko, the Superintendent of Schools in the Brooklyn Diocese, describing the many academic and spiritual successes of our Catholic schools and academies, especially during this COVID year. The theme for this year's celebration is "Faith. Excellence. Service.", a combination of virtues that are in ample supply in SJWCA.

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

*Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:
(Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39)*

"Today's Scripture readings might be understood as invitations to reflect on the mystery of suffering. In the First Reading, Job, the blameless and upright man who was rich in family, land, and animals until his life was turned upside down, reflects on the human condition. He, who had recognized that he had once been the recipient of God's many blessings, now sees life with different eyes. Interestingly, today's verses begin with rather generic remarks about the human state and move to lines that speak specifically of Job's experience of misery and darkness. The Psalm refrain proclaims, 'Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.' If seen as a direct response to Job, the refrain would indicate that Job's condition is not permanent.

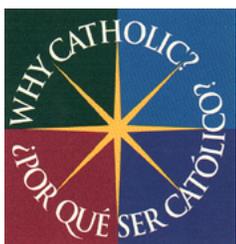
For the third consecutive week, the Gospel is from the first chapter of Mark. The verses for today's selection immediately follow last week's reading, in which Jesus performed his first miracle. With no time wasted and no verses excluded, Jesus moves from the synagogue to Simon's house, accompanied by Simon, Andrew, and James (two weeks ago, these men were 'called' in the Gospel reading).

Mark's Gospel moves quickly. Immediately after entering the house, Jesus is told that Simon's mother-in-law was ill. Jesus took her hand and 'helped her up.' Later that evening, Jesus cured 'many who were sick . . . and he drove out many demons.' Before dawn, Jesus and his companions left the house, and the text tells us that Jesus prayed. It would seem, however, that this prayer was brief, since 'everyone' was looking for him. Jesus' response is one of incredible kindness. He is ready to move on to wherever he can preach and heal.

- ✠ Have you ever found yourself feeling like Job? If so, express your pain to God, either quietly in your heart or in a journal.
- ✠ If you have experienced the darkness expressed by Job, take time to reflect on today's Psalm. Use the words 'the Lord heals the brokenhearted' as a mantra.
- ✠ Reflect on the readiness of Jesus to heal those in need of healing. Ask that he might heal your wounds."

(Eklund, Rebekah; Howell, Maribeth; Marshall-Patterson, Teresa. At Home with the Word© 2021 (pp. 88-89). Liturgy Training Publications.)

WHY CATHOLIC? SPRING 2021 SEASON ABOUT TO BEGIN



Our parish *Why Catholic?* groups are preparing for their Spring 2021 Season with the theme "Celebrate: The Sacraments".

Each *Why Catholic?* group is comprised of approximately 10 people who gather, either via ZOOM or in-person (observing all COVID protocols), for six weekly 90-minute sessions per season. Each session includes prayer, Scripture, and voluntary faith-sharing discussion, with a solid Scriptural and Catechism of the Catholic Church foundation.

These small groups have proven to be a valuable part of the spiritual life of the parish for several years, and new participants are always welcome. For additional information, please contact the Rectory office or email Alayne Cox at acox42@nyc.rr.com.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 7:30 a.m. William & Mary Dolan
Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. Felix DeJesus
(1st Anniversary)
The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie,
& Peter Camastro
- 12 p.m. The People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- St. Jerome Miliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- 9 a.m. Louise Miller

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9 a.m. Robert & James Boyd

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- St. Scholastica, Virgin
- 9 a.m. Brendan O'Halloran

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Our Lady of Lourdes
- 9 a.m. William J. Krumbholz

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9 a.m. Patrick Grinsell

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9 a.m. William J. Krumbholz
- 5:30 p.m. Guiseppa & Carmela Marsillo
Rich & Jane Perin
Anthony Masella

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 7:30 a.m. Michael Joseph Cain, Sr.
Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Anthony Masella
- 12 p.m. Franceso Pira

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

We will distribute food from the Rectory basement from **2-3 p.m. on Saturdays, February 13 & 27.**

At this time, we need 1lb boxes or bags of rice. (We are unable to divide larger packages for distribution.)

Thank you to Michele and Larry Nardo for their food donation in memory of the deceased members of the Devine and Nardo families.



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: Allison Mary Heart, Mary Hannan, Liam Budgell, Miriam Rodriguez, Ita M'Gough Santomauro; Richard and Frances Day; Jason, Ann and Mary Q.; Tim DeMarco; Christina DeRosa; Msgr. Michael Curran; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; Kathleen O'Donnell; John Passaro; Marie Racioppo; James Flannagan; Joseph Cox; 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 **William P. M'Nally** and **Madison P. Levy**, and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society, especially **Noreen Thompson**.

FEBRUARY 11: MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Turn to Mary

Much of Jesus' ministry had to do with some form of healing, and today's memorial, **Our Lady of Lourdes**, recognizes Mary's 18 reported appearances in Lourdes, France, a place of pilgrimage known for healing powers. Millions of people a year travel to Lourdes in search of healing; many report spiritual peace and transformation, and a handful even report experiencing cures without medical explanation. [February 11] is also **World Day of the Sick**. It's an ideal day to ask Mary to intercede on behalf of healing that we need — or that our friends and loved ones desire.



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FEBRUARY 7-14: NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of **National Marriage Week** (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2021 is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor."

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

www.catholiccurrent.org

"Even when I cannot get out to join the community in prayer, God remains present, as Saint Augustine wrote, 'in my deepest interiority.' However lonely I feel, I am not alone, for at the core of my very being is Another."

Father Timothy Radcliffe, O.P. (2020 May, Commonweal) Prepare the Word