

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

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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

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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

Summer hours by appointment

email: hjreligious@gmail.com or call (718) 768-7629

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

COLLECTION RESULTS - SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 TOTAL TO PARISH: \$5,449

Weekly First Collection envelopes	\$1,584
Weekly Second Collection Parish	
Building Repair envelopes	\$724
Loose cash and checks.....	\$614
Faith Direct (Sunday First Collection).....	\$2,104
Faith Direct (Sunday Second Collection	
Parish Building Repair)	\$423

CATCH UP COLLECTION: \$785

First Collection envelopes from	
previous weeks	\$680
Parish Building Repair Envelopes	
from previous weeks	\$105

Because of COVID, "collections" are not taken up during Mass. Instead, attendees are asked to drop their donations (First and Second Collection envelopes, cash or checks) into marked baskets near the Church's exits. All donations go into the same baskets and we sort them out later. Donations made via [Faith Direct](#) come to us electronically.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

Donations to 2019 Appeal	\$112,831
Donations (thus far) to 2020 Appeal	<u>\$83,477</u>
Difference	(\$29,354)
Completed pledges to 2019 Appeal	221
Pledges (thus far) to 2020 Appeal	<u>160</u>
Difference	(61)

We continue to make progress in closing the gap between last year and this year, but we still have a long way to go. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Special Collection for the Holy Land September 12-13, 2020

As announced last week, The Vatican has asked U.S. churches to take up a special collection to support the Christian Community in the Holy Land.

Donations may be put in the baskets in the back of the Church or sent to the Rectory. Please make checks payable to *Holy Name Church*, and mark your check or envelope "Holy Land".

We'll have some envelopes available near the baskets for anyone who needs one for cash.

The Deacon's Corner

GOD'S FORGIVENESS OF US AND OUR FORGIVENESS OF OTHERS

In this weekend's Gospel, St. Peter wants to justify himself as being a "good and forgiving person." He asks Jesus if extending forgiveness seven times to someone who has hurt him is sufficient. It is interesting that Peter begins at "seven." Seven was considered the perfect or the more "complete" number. Jesus then raises it to an even more perfect or more complete number. In other words, Peter is asking, "If I forgive another completely, is that all I need to do?" Jesus responds in other words by saying, "Forgiving another must be more than complete. One must be willing to forget about the hurt and think about the other person more than oneself."

Jesus reminds His followers that His heavenly Father will treat unforgiving individuals the same way as the master in the story. As I reflect about forgiveness, I am struck by the root cause of people who are unforgiving. Unfortunately, in most cases people would rather be selfish than forgiving. They think only of their own hurt and themselves, or as Sirach in this weekend's First Reading puts it, "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." Some people focus so much on themselves and what they have experienced that they fail to look beyond themselves to the other person(s) involved. It is when we center everything on ourselves and our anger that we fail to see God's actions.

Forgiveness is not just one of the many endearing qualities of our God, but a trait which we must practice with others. Alone, we can neither forgive nor can we ask for forgiveness. It is when we are aware of how forgiving God has been to us that we can experience forgiveness of, and from, other people.

LET US TRUST IN JESUS!

~Deacon Mike Saez

Holy Name's Religious Education Classes Begin Sunday, September 20 via ZOOM

Children in grades 1-8 in non-Catholic grammar schools should attend religious education classes to help them grow in their Catholic faith and prepare them to receive their sacraments. Due to COVID restrictions, Fall 2020 classes will be held remotely, via ZOOM.



If you have any questions, or wish to register your child in Holy Name's program, contact Kathryn Sisto, Coordinator of Religious Education, by:

- Completing the on-line registration form: <https://forms.gle/fcCtUWkaU3jvCv1w9>
- Emailing her at hjreligioused@gmail.com, OR
- Calling 718-768-7629.

— GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH —

A Note From Fr. Larry

Franklin Rafael Hernandez was baptized in HNJ Church on Sunday, September 6. It is our pleasure to welcome him as our newest Catholic Christian and to congratulate his parents, godparents, grandparents, and loved ones for bringing Franklin into God's family.

Wednesday, September 9 was a very full day. It was the first day of school for our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy, housed in the former Holy Name School building. Thanks to a tremendous effort by Academy principal Stephanie Germann and her staff, SJWCA is offering full-time, in-school instruction for Grades PreK 3 through 8, in compliance with all masking, social-distancing and sanitizing protocols. It was wonderful to see the children (in their uniforms!) being dropped off by their parents for an "as close as possible traditional first day of school" in this far from traditional year.

Wednesday was also the day of Msgr. Joseph Nagle's Funeral Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church in Belle Harbor. Msgr. Nagel resided in Holy Name Rectory from 2012 to 2017 while he served as Director of the Brooklyn Diocese's Office of the Propagation of the Faith. He passed away peacefully but somewhat unexpectedly on September 4 (as we reported on our parish Facebook and web pages). He was a wonderful, much-loved priest who served for almost 50 years in many important pastoral and diocesan assignments. Bishop DiMarzio presided, Bishop Massa preached (very movingly) and four Bishops and over 40 priests concelebrated at Monsignor Nagle's Funeral Mass. He was a great help to this parish and to me personally during our time together at Holy Name. May he rest in peace.

Wednesday, September 9 was also the Memorial of St. Peter Claver, a 17th century Spanish Jesuit missionary priest who spent years ministering to thousands of slaves brought in captivity from Africa to Cartagena, Columbia. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops had asked that this be a day of prayer for racial justice and solidarity. On Wednesday evening, I concelebrated at a Diocesan Mass offered for that purpose at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral. Fr. Alonzo Cox, the pastor of St. Martin de Porres/St. Peter Claver parish in Bedford Stuyvesant, preached powerfully. Auxiliary Bishop Neil Tiedemann was the main celebrant. In his remarks after Communion, Bishop Tiedemann reminded those present that the U.S. Catholic Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter *Open Wide Our Hearts* was a call to conversion inviting people of faith "to open our minds and hearts to Christ's love for all people and to the experiences of those who have been harmed by the evil of racism".

As I write this note, we are preparing for the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday, September 11 which will be both our SJWCA School Reopening Mass and our Memorial Mass (followed by a Prayer Service) for those killed in the 9/11/2001 Terrorist Attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the related plane crash in Pennsylvania.

Monday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Consider that "it might seem strange to non-believers that the instrument of our Savior's torture and execution is the symbol of our faith. But believers know that the cross represents Christ's defeat of death, the symbol is one of triumph." (*Take Five for Faith, September 14, 2020.*)

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings (Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35):

"FORGIVENESS IN COMMUNITY"

This gospel is a troubling tale. Jesus tells a parable of a king settling accounts with a debtor who begs for patience. Out of pity, the king writes off the debt. But when that same official throttles a servant who pleads for similar patience, the king, hearing of the incident, renounces the one he had forgiven and has him tortured "until he paid" (however that might be done). "My Father," Jesus concludes, "will treat you the same way."

What happened to "seventy times seven times"? The king's sentencing of the first debtor to torture doesn't seem so very forgiving—especially after only one failing.

The key is that the failing is radical unforgiveness. It's as if the refusal to forgive, by its very nature, locks us into a torturous circle. So tightly closed against pardoning the other, we have sealed ourselves off from the very experience of pardon.

It is hard to believe that God could forgive endlessly. We, for our part, surely would not. Forgive again and again and again? We think that if we forgive too easily, people will walk all over us—our children, our spouses, our friends, our enemies. We offer ourselves more "realistic" counsel. "I'll forgive, maybe once, or if they forgive me first, or if there is some promise of change, or if they don't do it again, or if they acknowledge their sin."

But such a tactic leads to a tortured soul. The weight of unforgiven hurt bends and burdens us. We carry grudges like clinkers, burnt up and cold.

The great tragedy is that if we wish to exempt ourselves from the law of Jesus, the law of love and forgiveness; if we establish for ourselves a new reality; if vengeance and retribution are what we embrace as most true and reliable, then that is what we are left with. Hell is not so much the punishment by God as it is the result that our punishment of each other demands.

In the church, in our families, in our hearts, we have all experienced the logic of unforgiveness. Even at the age of five, a child might be heard to mutter, "I'll never talk to them again." If the judgment hardens, it is only the heart of the judge that grows cold. The words, "I will never forgive you," can shut tight the heart of the one who utters them, definitively deadened and alone.

It is true, as the psalmist said, that "the Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion." But in our refusal to accept the reality of Jesus, we enthrone the reality of resentment as the law of life. There is an unyielding recalcitrance about unforgiveness. It is a rejection of love. We refuse to give it; we make it impossible to receive it.

When the Lord answers Peter's question, how often we should forgive, he says, "not seven times but seventy times seven times." Jesus is not recommending a mathematics of reconciliation. He is using the extreme numbers to suggest the unbridgeable chasm between a forgiving and an unforgiving universe. His parable may be less about the retribution of God than it is about a state of soul so hardened that even a kind and compassionate God could not soften it. (*Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, "The Word Embodied", St. Louis U. Sunday, 9/13/20*)

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

9 a.m. Siegfried Schemitsch

5:30 p.m. Peter & Anna Heaney

Edward Gelling
Michael Gibbons
Mary M^cCerlaine
Yolanda Quinones
(7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:30 a.m. Those enrolled in the Parish
Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Maria Diaz
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
5th Apparition

12 p.m. Dolores Staniszewski

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9 a.m. Mary Ann Purdy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9 a.m. Michael Hynes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9 a.m. Vito John DiLeo, Sr.
(Birthday)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9 a.m. Mary Giamboi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9 a.m. Brendan O'Halloran

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Saint Janarius, Bishop & Martyr

9 a.m. Lorraine Wald

5:30 p.m. Louise & Gerald Nevola

Catherine Mullin
Joseph Sullivan
Ralph & Alfred Casagrande
Brian M^cCabe

Memorials

The Hosts and Wine have been donated in loving memory of **Vito John DiLeo, Sr.** for his birthday by Lillian and Liana Betancourt.

The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in loving memory of **Mary Viscito** by Marilyn, Chris, and Barbara.

For Those Who Are Ill:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Devika Jewnarian, Joseph Travato, Patty Budgell, James Flannagan, Michael Garcia, Sheila Judge Connors, William Krumbholz, Ann Pope, Deacon John Hardy, Maria Sisto, Tom Byrnes, Edelmira Espinosa Areiza, Patricia Medina, Joseph Cox, Madison P. Levy, Vincent Camastro, Cheryl Jablow, Jean Thomas, Gerard Kent, Andrew Mazzella, Mary Hannan, Nicoleta Cordero, Josephine Barrucco, J.M.J, Carolyn Lucca, Migdalia Cintron, Thomas Flynn, J. Lyle, Dino Sisto, Richie and Frances Day, Debbie and Rebecca Wareham, Ann Quigley, Richard Booher, Ellen Papa, Victoria Smith, Rosie Pira-Ursino, Patrick Cregg, Marilyn Bloom, Joe Gallagher and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

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, and also for those they have left behind.

Please remember those enrolled in our **Purgatorial Society** on Sundays at 7:30 a.m.



FREE FLU SHOTS

**Walgreens Pharmacy Department
will administer free flu shots**

at Holy Name

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020
in Shepherds Hall**

If you are interested in receiving a flu shot, please contact the Rectory and provide your name and phone number. This will help ensure that Walgreens brings the correct number of vaccines.

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*The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger,
and rich in compassion. ~Psalm 103*



The Holy Name Food Pantry will distribute food from the Rectory basement from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, September 19 and October 3, 17, & 24.

At this time, tuna and cereal are needed. Thank you for your continued support.