

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:

Saturdays, 4:50 - 5:20 p.m. in the Church; or by appointment

Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals: Please call the Rectory

SUNDAY *of* DIVINE MERCY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021



A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I'll begin by congratulating Rhianna and Michael Marusarz, who were baptized, confirmed, and made their First Holy Communions at our Easter Vigil. We happily welcome them as our Parish's newest Catholic Christians. I also want to thank all of you who donated Easter gifts to the Parish, and those of you who generously gave to our Good Friday collection for the Sacred Sites in the Holy Land, and the Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday collections for HNJ Parish and for the care of our Senior Priests in the Brooklyn Diocese.

I'll repeat the recognition and thanks I extended on Easter Sunday to all those who helped carefully prepare for, and reverently celebrate, our Holy Week Liturgies. That includes: Cheryl Jablow and her Environmental Committee (including several younger parishioners) who cleaned and helped arrange the flowers in the Church; our Director of Music, Ivonne Rojas, and her singers who practiced for several weeks to provide us with beautiful music in English and Spanish; Nick Sisto, the Master of Ceremonies for our major liturgies; Maryellen Keogh, the Coordinator of our RCIA program; our lectors, sacristans and ushers; Custodian John Murphy and the Rectory staff upon whom there were even greater demands during this busy time; and especially our Deacons, Abel Torres, Michael Saez, and Gerry Devine, as well as my fellow priests, Frs. Charles Keeney and Emmanuel Canduah. And of course, as always, I thank *you*, the people of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, for your faith and your continuing support of this parish and me. I know that the Risen Lord will bless you and your loved ones.

Combined attendance at our Easter Triduum Liturgies was about 630 persons. We have had close to 1,500 in the Church in past years, but 630 is a vast improvement over last year's Triduum at the height of the coronavirus shutdown, when John Murphy and I were the only ones physically present. This year's increased attendance reaffirms that we, as Catholics, are eager to gather as a community to pray and to praise God. May this be an indication that the despair and pain we've endured for the past year is now turning to hopefulness and a brighter future.

This Sunday is both the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. There is an indulgence available for those who, on that day, take part in a devotion in honor of the Divine Mercy or who recite the Our Father, the Creed and a devout prayer to the Merciful Lord Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (either exposed or

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COLLECTION RESULTS — APRIL 4, 2021

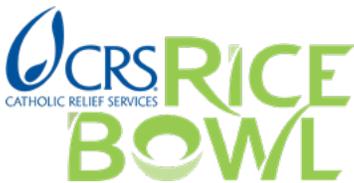
1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH \$7,137
(This includes: \$3,004 in church envelopes, \$1,664 in loose cash and checks in baskets and \$2,469 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TO DIOCESE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS
(This collection will be reported at a later date.)

EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH
(This collection will be reported at a later date.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION: \$859
(This includes \$819 in previous first collection envelopes and \$40 in 2nd collection Parish Building Repair envelopes)

Next weekend, April 17/18, our 2nd collection will be a Diocesan/National Collection for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please be as generous as your means allow.



Please be sure to return your Rice Bowls **no later than Tuesday, April 13** so that we can send our donation to Catholic Relief Services in a timely fashion.

You can place your Rice Bowl in the Collection Basket at Sunday Mass, or send it to the Rectory Office. Thank you!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — APRIL 11

April 11, 2021 is both the Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Image will be displayed on our altar during the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass on April 10, and all of our Sunday Masses on April 11.

We will also have a livestreamed Divine Mercy Holy Hour in the Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 11. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet; the prayers (Our Father, Apostles Creed, and Hail Mary for the Intentions of the Pope) necessary for the Plenary Indulgence available for that day; time for silent prayer, and Benediction.



We hope you can join us, either in Church or via livestream on our [Facebook](#) page or Parish [web site](#).



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

2021 ACA Goal	\$55,623
2021 ACA Pledges (thus far)	<u>-\$37,831</u>
Difference	\$17,792
Donors to 2020 ACA	196
Pledges (thus far) to 2021 Appeal	<u>-66</u>
Difference	130
Total Donated to 2020 ACA	\$112,579
2021 ACA Pledges (thus far)	<u>-\$37,831</u>
Difference	\$74,748

We still have a long way to go (both in number of donors and in amount donated) to match last year's ACA results. Please make a pledge to help us meet our Diocesan Goal and to receive "over goal" dollars back to reduce HNJ Parish's debt obligations.

TO DONATE:

Complete and submit your Pledge Card;

Scan the QR Code;

Go to: AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

OR Text ACA to 917-336-1255



Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Easter Flower Offerings

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

FROM:

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| The Arguera Family | Edwin Arguera |
| The Digiosaffatte Family | Linda Digiosaffatte |
| Pasquale Esposito | Edward F. Esposito |
| Farran & Buonocore Families | Eva Farran |
| Guilla Rodriguez & Harvey Ableman | Harry Rocio |
| Onofre Family | Rosa Onofre |
| Thomas Mendez | Mr. & Mrs. Anselmo Rojas |
| Joseph C. Stasiak | Mary Stasiak |
| Dan & Margaret Sullivan | Diana & Danny Sullivan |
| Anthony & Ann DiNatale | Diana & Danny Sullivan |
| Louise Iovine | Diana & Danny Sullivan |
| Ashlyn Leide | Diana & Danny Sullivan |

in the tabernacle). In a vision, Jesus told St. Faustina that those who had gone to Confession at a time reasonably before Divine Mercy Sunday (such as since the beginning of Lent) and who, still being in the state of grace, received Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, would obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishments due to sin.

Please consider the following commentary on the relationship between this Sunday's Gospel, Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday: *"On this Sunday the Church celebrates the gift given to us to truly encounter Jesus in his sacraments. Divine Mercy Sunday is not a deviation from the joy of Easter; it is instead a celebration of that joy. Critics of the feast have said that it makes no sense after [the] penitential season of Lent. But it is indeed our celebration of Easter that makes Divine Mercy Sunday most powerful. The feast grew out of the visions of St. Faustina Kowalska. She experienced not a wispy, Ghostlike Jesus but a real person with whom she had conversations. The Jesus who rose from the dead is truly alive. He does not await his body at the end of time as we do. His transformation is complete and we see in him the promise of eternal life. It is that Jesus that offers us mercy and, in his very existence, shows us our future. ... The Gospel reading from St. John speaks of Jesus giving the power of the sacrament of Penance to the apostles. Cardinal Justin Rigali [then Archbishop of St. Louis] wrote in a 1998 pastoral letter to priests, 'The Scripture readings lend themselves to linking Easter and Divine Mercy since the texts highlight the forgiveness of sins. The disposition of trust in God's mercy is essential for receiving the graces God wants us to have.'*" (Connect!, Liturgical Publications Inc., April 12, 2015, pp. 2-3)

Details concerning our parish observance of Divine Mercy Sunday appear elsewhere in the bulletin.

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SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

*Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:
([Reading I: Acts 4:32-35](#); [Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6](#); [Gospel: John 20:19-31](#))*

INVITATION TO BLESSEDNESS

Poor "Doubting Thomas" has suffered rather unfairly under that traditional nickname. The problem with it is not only that it rather ignores the second half of today's Gospel (in which, of course, he becomes Believing Thomas), but also that it seems to single out Thomas as the one disciple who didn't believe a report that Jesus had risen. In fact, though, across the four Gospels we find many examples of confusion and doubt among Jesus' disciples in the wake of the momentous event of the resurrection. Both Mark (16:11) and Luke (24:11) relate the universal disbelief with which the women coming from the empty tomb were met by the disciples, and even many of those who encounter the risen Jesus do not recognise him, whether the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:16) or Mary Magdalene in the garden (Jn 20:14).

Indeed, when we survey the Gospel accounts, we don't find a case where a human witness to the resurrection is believed (for that, at least as far as the scriptural narrative relates, we must wait until Pentecost, Ac 2:41); in each instance where someone comes to believe that Christ is truly risen, it is because they have seen him. We might go further, and say it is because he has revealed himself to them; simply seeing him is not necessarily enough for his disciples to recognise him, or to understand that he is not a ghost but has risen from the dead (Lk 24:37).

So we shouldn't think of Thomas' doubt as something which singles him out among the disciples. The contrast Christ makes between those whose believing follows or doesn't follow seeing would put all the disciples together with Thomas on the side of those who have seen before they believe. Rather, this episode is one of several which illustrate how hard it was for the disciples to understand and accept what had happened: it helps shake us out of any complacent sense that the Resurrection was an obvious consequence of the events we commemorated in Holy Week, when in fact it is something which turns the order of the world on its head.

Understanding this also helps us think about what is being said of those who, unlike Thomas and the other disciples, have not seen and yet believe. Christ calls such people 'blessed'. It is all too tempting for us Christians, who ourselves have not seen and yet believe, to read this as a word of congratulation, an approving moral judgment on our faith: we have believed in Christ, the line of thinking goes, and so, as a result, we are blessed. When we consider Christ's resurrection appearances, though, we come to see this statement in a rather different light. In these accounts, it is Jesus who appears, Jesus who reveals his identity, Jesus whose words and actions invite the disciples' response. His act comes first, and only once he has revealed himself are his disciples able to recognise and accept the truth of the resurrection.

All the more then for us, the blessedness attributed to those who have not seen but believe can be understood not as a reward for belief, but a condition of belief: it is because God has freely given the gift of faith - something we have not earned and never could - that we are able to profess Christ's resurrection. Just as Jesus invites Thomas to put his hand in his side, and so doubt no longer but believe (Jn 20:27), we also are invited to encounter Christ in the Scriptures, in the sacraments, in the life of the Church whose mission it is to bring people to that faith in Christ through whom sins are forgiven. As St John says in the verses immediately following today's Gospel, 'these [signs] are written' in this book 'so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.' (Jn 20:30-31)

Mass Intentions

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Catherine Montalbano
12 p.m. Francesco Pira

MONDAY, APRIL 12

9 a.m. Ezra Clark Stillman

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

9 a.m. Eva & Michael M^cInerney

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

9 a.m. John Lehpaner

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

9 a.m. The People of the Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

9 a.m. Geraldine Canubida
(20th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9 a.m. Luigi Marsillo
5:30 p.m. Rosemarie Papa
Anna & Pavel Svitan
Mary Bloom

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie,
& Peter Camastro
12 p.m. Walter & Martha Kash

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

We will distribute food from the Rectory basement:

**2-3 p.m. on Saturdays,
April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22.**

We thank Rosie Pira-Ursino for organizing and accepting food donations from her customers at "Modern Touch Unisex Salon" for Holy Name's Food Pantry.

Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles have been donated in loving memory of **Geraldine Canubida** by her sister, Ronnie Sheehan.

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: Adana; Judy Heegan; Mary Brunton; Helen Rafferty; Allison Mary Heart; Liam Budgell; Miriam Rodriguez; Ita M^cGough Santomauro; Richard and Frances Day; Jason, Ann and Mary Q.; Tim DeMarco; Christina DeRosa; Msgr. Michael Curran; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; 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 **Grace M. O'Donnell**, **Kathleen O'Donnell**, and **Mary Hannan**, and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

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The Message of Divine Mercy

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.



St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (*Diary*, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742).

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*Blessed are those who have
not seen and yet believe.*

- John 20:29