

# 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



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 14, 2021

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you  
fill me with the joy of salvation. ~ Psalm 32*

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT AT HNJ PARISH

Ash Wednesday, February 17, is the gateway to Lent. We have forty precious days during Lent to open ourselves up to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of one who created us, knows us and loves us. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we have forty days to face ourselves and to learn to not be afraid. We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But, with God's grace, we can learn to live this life more fully and allow God to transform us.

**Distribution of Ashes:** Ashes will be distributed in HNJ Church on Ash Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. (Ashes Only); at the 9 a.m. Mass; from 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. (Ashes Only); and at the 7 p.m. bilingual Evening Mass. Because of COVID precautions, ashes will be distributed in a different way than in previous years. As you are aware, there are two formularies or phrases that can be used in the distribution of ashes: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"; or "Repent and believe in the Gospel". In past years, the priest or other minister would say either one of those formularies to each person who came forward to receive ashes and mark each person's forehead with ashes in the form of a cross. This COVID year, the priest will say either one of the formularies only once from the altar, and at a safe distance from the congregation. Then the priest (and any other ministers) will sanitize his (their) hands, put on a face mask, go to the place of distribution (e.g., at the foot of the altar), and sprinkle a small amount of ashes on the top of the head of the recipient (who will also be masked) without saying anything. This procedure minimizes physical contact, including speech, between minister and recipient. Although we are not accustomed to this procedure in the United States, the distribution of ashes by sprinkling on the top or crown of the head is quite customary in much of the "Catholic World", including Rome itself.

**Fasting and Abstinence:** Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. On a Fast Day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

It should be noted, especially in this COVID year, that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, these regulations do not oblige. Some other form of self-denial suitable to your condition should be substituted.

**Easter Duty:** After they have made their First Holy Communion, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time. By special permission, in the United States, the period for fulfilling this precept is extend- *(continued on next page...)*

**COLLECTION RESULTS — FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH .....\$4,444**  
*(This includes: \$1,373 in church envelopes, \$505 in loose cash and checks in baskets and \$2,566 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)*

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH .....\$1,176**  
*(This includes \$373 in Parish Building Repair envelopes, \$314 in loose cash in 2<sup>nd</sup> collection and \$489 from Faith Direct.)*

**CATCH UP COLLECTION .....\$1,100**  
*(This includes \$695 in previous 1<sup>st</sup> collection envelopes, \$100 from Faith Direct and \$305 in 2<sup>nd</sup> collection Parish Building Repair envelopes.)*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**The Rectory Office Will Be Closed  
 Monday, February 15, 2021  
 in observance of the  
 Presidents' Day Federal Holiday**

Our regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb 16:

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday**

Masking and Social Distancing are required. Because of COVID, we recommend that you try to conduct Rectory business via phone whenever possible: (718) 768-3071.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT** *(cont'd from front page)*

ed to include the period from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21) until Pentecost (May 23). It should be noted that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect. Therefore, the obligation to receive Holy Communion reasonably can be transferred to another time this year.

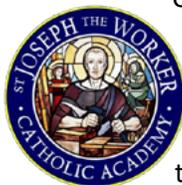
**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession):**

We will resume hearing Confessions in the Church on Saturday evenings during Lent, from 4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. (Note the new, shortened time period). Confessions will be heard in the well-ventilated sanctuary, with the priest and penitent wearing masks and being socially-distanced. Confessions will continue to be heard in the Rectory by appointment. Information will be provided about Reconciliation Monday later in Lent.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** 7 p.m. on Monday evenings (English); after the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings (English); and 7 p.m. on Friday evenings (Spanish).

**Monday Evening Holy Hours:** 7 p.m. on Monday evenings in Lent. The Holy Hours will include both the Stations of Cross and a brief period of Eucharistic Adoration.

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
 Registration Now Open For September 2021**



Our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy offers excellent all-day, in-school instruction for Pre-K 3 through Grade 8, carefully observing all COVID protocols. Registration and re-registration for the 2021-22 School Year is now open. New tuition rates are posted on the Academy's website: [sjwca.org](http://sjwca.org). Financial aid is available for qualifying families.

**Returning Students:**

If you have not yet re-registered for the next school year, please go to <https://sjwca.schooladminonline.com> and complete your re-registration form. Current students do NOT need to re-apply for admission.

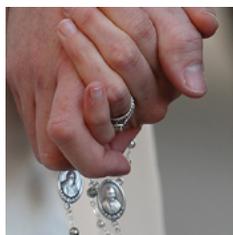
**New Students:**

Please go to <https://sjwca.schooladminonline.com> to create an account and fill out an application!

Visit for more info: <https://futuresineducation.org>



**2021 Year of Renewal**  
 STRENGTHENING THE BONDS BETWEEN  
 SCHOOLS, PARISHES, AND OUR COMMUNITY



**World Marriage Day 2021  
 February 14**

*To have. To hold.  
 To honor.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE  
 FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

<b>6:30 to 7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ashes Only</b>
<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass and Distribution of Ashes</b>
<b>2:15 to 3:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Ashes Only</b>
<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Bilingual Mass (English &amp; Spanish) and Distribution of Ashes</b>

*Please see the article on the 1<sup>st</sup> page for information concerning the Distribution of Ashes in time of pandemic.*

## A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

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On Wednesday morning, as part of our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy's *Catholic Schools Week* activities, Fr. Keeney and I gave a combination of in-person and "virtual" (via ZOOM) Vocations presentations to Academy students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. As you may know, Fr. Keeney is responsible for both the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) programs in the Brooklyn Diocese, and maintains close personal and professional connections with the foreign missions. Before his Vocations presentation, Fr. Keeney blessed the CRS Rice Bowls that will be distributed to the Academy and Parish Religious Education program students for Lent. These Rice Bowls are small "pop-up" cardboard boxes similar to the Mite boxes many of us might remember from our youth. They are excellent tools for introducing young people to alms giving. For more information see <https://www.crsricebowl.org>.

As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, this Sunday, February 14, is both Valentine's Day and World Marriage Day. We extend our best wishes to all married couples, and we will have a special blessing for them at this weekend's Masses.

Monday, February 15, is the secular Presidents' Day national holiday. Our Rectory Office will be closed. At our 9 a.m. Mass, we will offer prayers for reconciliation within, and God's continued blessings upon, our great nation.

Please see the separate item in this bulletin about Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Lent.

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### SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

*Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:*

*(Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Gospel: Mark 1:40-45)*

Today's readings from the Book of Leviticus and the Gospel of Mark give attention to a disease identified as leprosy. A bit of background can be quite helpful in understanding these texts.

First, what the Scriptures refer to as leprosy (*tzaraat* in the Old Testament and *lepra* in the New Testament) should not be understood as synonymous with the illness of this name today. The word *leprosy* seems to have been a generic term used to refer to a variety of skin conditions, one of which might have been leprosy (Hansen's disease). Second, specific laws were designated for the purpose of restricting the spread of communicable illnesses, with skin diseases being among them. While these laws may sound harsh to us today, they are best understood as safeguarding the well-being of the community. Third, in addition to making a person unclean, which resulted in isolation from the community, leprosy was often associated with sin.

In our passage from Mark, we hear that a leper approached Jesus and said: "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus wasted no time in responding. He touched the man! This was unheard of! He touched a leper! Jesus then said to the leper, "I do will it. Be made clean." And immediately the leprosy left the man. Jesus then instructs the man to follow the prescriptions of the Law. Interestingly, within the next thirty-four verses of Mark, in five episodes, some consider Jesus as one who does not uphold the Law but violates it.

Today's Psalm refrain could easily be understood as the prayer of the leper whom Jesus cleansed. "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

- ✠ Can you identify laws or common practices that exclude people on the basis of appearances?
- ✠ Imagine yourself as the leper in today's Gospel. How do you feel when you experience the touch of Jesus?
- ✠ Read today's Responsorial Psalm. Can you identify with the psalmist who has experienced the saving action of a tender and loving God?

# Mass Intentions

## 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. Francesco Pira

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9 a.m. Brother Gregory Galligan

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9 a.m. Thomas W. Rhatigan

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday

9 a.m. Kenneth Dolan  
7 p.m. Marilyn Agnes Shatinsky

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9 a.m. Joseph McNerney

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9 a.m. Patrick Galligan

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9 a.m. Eva Mendez  
Joseph Rivela  
5:30 p.m. Robert F. Mullin  
William P. McNally

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society  
9 a.m. The People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Michael Monforte  
12 p.m. Walter & Martha Kash

## HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

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



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

## Memorials

The Altar Candles have been donated in memory of **Christopher Barzal** by his loving wife, Carol.

### 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<sup>c</sup>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 and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

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## FEBRUARY 14: WORLD MARRIAGE DAY & VALENTINE'S DAY

### Staying the course

Quarantine is hard on relationships: both with the people you can't yet risk seeing in person, as well as those with whom you happen to be locked down. Families that have survived a long year of "acute togetherness" might congratulate each other on their success. Spouses, too, might reward each other for going the distance, without much distance, since last spring. On this World Marriage Day, take some time to reflect together on ways your vital relationships have been tested in a long period of crisis. Ask for forgiveness where necessary. Offer yours freely.

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## FEBRUARY 17: ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

### Invitation to love

We enter the Lenten journey with the intention to draw closer to God by means of prayer, generosity, and fasting. Talk to God and share what is on your mind, read the daily scripture, practice the prayer of meditation. Find ways to be generous with time or treasure: write a card, heal a broken relationship, bake bread to share, donate to a group that cares for the under-served. And admit that some fasting — whether from gaming, social media, or worrying — could improve your connection to God. This Lent is an opportunity, not a burden. Embrace it with hope. Live it with love.



## WHY CATHOLIC? - NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME

HNJ's *Why Catholic?* small groups are preparing for the Spring 2021 Season with the theme "Celebrate: The Sacraments". **New participants are welcome - prior participation is not required.**

Each group gathers, either via ZOOM or in-person, for six weekly 90-minute sessions per season. Sessions include 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.

For additional information, please contact the Rectory office or email Alayne Cox at [acox42@nyc.rr.com](mailto:acox42@nyc.rr.com).