

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



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2021

*This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

Mark 1: 15

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I am writing this note on Ash Wednesday afternoon between liturgies because we're expecting as much as seven inches of snow tomorrow. Thank God that today was cold, but sunny and dry. We have had a great turn-out to receive Ashes under this year's COVID "sprinkling" protocols. Many HNJ parishioners are beginning Lent well. We pray that each of us will keep up the good work, to include making a good Confession. Keep in mind that, as we have been doing throughout COVID, we will continue to hear Confessions by appointment in the Rectory. Also, we will hear Confessions in the Sanctuary of the Church from 4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. on Saturday evenings before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

As you see elsewhere in this bulletin, this coming weekend is the Announcement Weekend for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. I realize that, due to COVID delays, the 2020 Appeal only officially ended on January 31, but the 2021 Appeal is beginning now, on its scheduled starting date. You will be hearing much more about this. For now, I'll just say that COVID and its effects are still very much with us. The needs of the Diocese-wide programs (which the Appeal supports) and of HNJ Parish (which is the recipient of all "over goal" dollars) remain great. The success of the 2021 Appeal is very, very important to many people (including me!). Thank you for your understanding and support.

COLLECTION RESULTS — FEBRUARY 14, 2021

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$4,035
(This includes: \$956 in church envelopes, \$513 in loose cash and checks in baskets and \$2,566 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$1,007
(This includes \$328 in Parish Building Repair envelopes, \$190 in loose cash in 2nd collection and \$489 from Faith Direct.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION\$3,828
(This includes \$2,656 in previous first collection envelopes and \$165 in 2nd collection Parish Building Repair envelopes.)

Thank you for your generosity.

Each one must give
as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR HELPING SJWCA SAVE SOLES!

We received the following note from our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy, thanking HNJ parishioners for supporting their shoe drive in January. Hats off to everyone who was able to contribute footwear!

“A big, gracious, thank you to all who supported the shoe drive held by St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. We surpassed our collection goal and we currently have 2,700 pairs of shoes. The drive has officially ended.

All funds raised will be used to upgrade our technology and will benefit all the students at the academy.

All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain, and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe, and house their families.”



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
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I am **the**
You are **CHURCH**
We are **together**

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal begins this week.

We encourage you to watch the brief 2021 ACA Video online at:

CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can on its own.

Let us pray that the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal will be successful in both allowing us to reach out in love to those in need, and in uniting us together in Christ as One Church.

We hope you will join Holy Name of Jesus Parish in “proclaiming the gospel of God” by participating in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Donate at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

*Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:
([Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15](#); [Reading II: 1 Peter 3:18-22](#); [Gospel: Mark 1:12-15](#))*

FLOODS AND DESERTS

Death by water. Or death for lack of it. Whichever, they may well symbolize our deepest dreads.

The biblical story of the Great Flood, with its harrowing destruction, is generally believed to include early Mesopotamian accounts of wide disaster. But the Hebrew and Christian traditions interpret it in the context of history made intelligible by God. It has moral and spiritual import, not only for the people but for the person. Floods strip us of everything, even the land to stand on. We can only wait or go under. If we sink, we suffocate. We disappear. Water is one of those great impersonal forces of the earth, before which we, even in our technological abundance, can find ourselves abandoned and helpless.

And yet water, despite its chaos, is the promise of life. Water is sustenance and cleansing. It is refreshment, purification, and promise. Thus Noah, as the embodiment of Israel, the church and perhaps all humankind, is given a regenerating covenant in the midst of utter loss. "There shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." Later, Isaiah (Is 54) will remind Israel of God's eternal love and pity—the only anchor in existence for Noah and all of us to depend on.

Jesus, too, knew the flood, the waters of death and life. And his going under in baptism became the first sign of his own death, his own passing through the chaos, his new covenant. His people would come to see the church, born of the water from his side, as the realization of Noah's promise.

The desert is also an image of lostness, if not death. It has its own chaos and dislocation. Dreadful and waterless, the desert can only be survived if it is traversed. To stop is to succumb.

And so, just as the Hebrew people spend forty reluctant years learning of the desert's hardship and wisdom, learning that only God can be their security and guide, learning that God alone can be their final food and water, so Jesus in the desert spends forty days of radical dependency, his bread not the result of his own power but of his feeding on the will of the One who sent him. He in turn will become our food, not only multiplying loaves in the desert, but offering his body as our nurture and drink.

Lent has a long history.... Eventually it was launched with the observance of Ash Wednesday, so that Jesus' own forty days in the desert could be re-enacted in Christian practice. Earliest liturgical celebrations in Lent were framed in the context of baptism and penitence. We plunge into the covenant of Jesus and ratify our own symbolic admission of frailty before the forces of nature. By the tenth century, ashes became death's remembrance.

What pulls this all together is the bleak fate of death. We return to the dust from which we came, a terrible sentence....Every death, if we are up to admitting it, is a catastrophe. We all go under. We all die, dry and alone. Death is the flood unending, a wasteland that does not cease. Whether it is all water or all desert, life is a sheer irrational terror if water or desert is all there is.

And yet Lent invites us to enter the water and to walk the desert—to stare death itself in the face. Lent focuses on the two dominant symbols of our terror and asks us to pass through them to the other side.

God incarnate invites us. Jesus calls us to enter the waters of death with him, so as to rise. He leads us through the desert of godforsakenness to arrive at the land of promise. Lent is about our destiny.

Having himself not sinned, Jesus, Paul reminds us, became our sin and tasted its fruit of death in order to disarm it. As the "promised one," the promise of God, he also transforms the great images of dread to signs of life.

Christ is water that does not drown us but slakes our thirst and cleanses our sin. And he himself walks all the deserts of our lives to be the path through exile and serve as food and drink along the way.

(Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, "The Word Embodied", St. Louis U. Sunday, 2/21/21)

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9 a.m. Patrick & Ruth M^cCarthy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

9 a.m. Eileen Purdy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9 a.m. Intentions of
Michael & Imelda Donohoe
(50th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9 a.m. Genriarina Di Re

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9 a.m. Catherine Brown

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9 a.m. Walter Sadowski

5:30 p.m. Marilyn Agnes Shatinsky
Salvatore Torio
William P. M^cNally
Mel Pynn, Sr.
(95th Birthday)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. Aquiri Abreu
The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Eileen Purdy
12 p.m. Thomas Larkin

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 Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in memory of **Richard T. Swenson, Sr.** by his 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: Allison Mary Heart, Mary Hannan, 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; 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 **Jacinto Reinaldo Espino** and for those they have left behind.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Generosa Jean DiMola.**

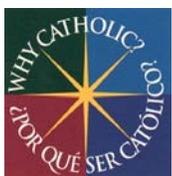
THE FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The significance of the Feast is not about a particular piece of furniture, but rather about the authority of the Pope. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops explains: "The Latin word for chair, *cathedra*, is where we get the word 'cathedral'. And when a pope speaks with his full authority as head of the Church, he is said to speak 'ex cathedra' or, 'from the chair'. So, when we observe the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, we're celebrating the office of the pope as the authoritative head of the Church". The USCCB has suggested that the following prayer be prayed for the Pope:



O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who live and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

WHY CATHOLIC? AT HNJ FOR SPRING 2021



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.



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Each year, Holy Name of Jesus and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods, in addition to benefiting our parish.

How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well trained **priests and deacons** who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the **\$2.5 Million** from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding which supports every parish **religious education program** as well as tuition assistance to those seeking **Catholic Education** at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over **\$2 million** from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing **adult faith formation**. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides the salaries for the trained Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **\$150,000** each year from our donations sustains the **Youth Ministry Initiative**, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming life-long bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all of us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of our brothers and sisters who need our help. This is why, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of **Catholic Charities** and **Catholic Migration Services** which receive a total of **\$1.4 million** from the Appeal. Together we are able to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ, we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides **\$1.9 million** to ensure that **chaplains** bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned or are studying in high school and college.

Why is my participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at Holy Name of Jesus, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of Holy Name of Jesus Parish to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE Annual Catholic Appeal AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please join with us to respond as the Church of Christ together in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255**

Thank you and God bless you.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

The goal at Holy Name of Jesus Parish is \$55,623.00.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Rectory Office at 718-768-3071.

**WE ARE THE
CHURCH,
TOGETHER**



Campaña Católica Anual 2021

DIÓCESIS DE BROOKLYN

Cada año Holy Name of Jesus Parish y la Diócesis de Brooklyn se dedican a *La Campaña Católica Anual*, la cual sostiene programas católicos a través de Brooklyn y Queens, teniendo efecto en las vidas de un sin número de personas y familias, además de beneficiar a nuestra parroquia.

¿Cómo se beneficiará nuestra Parroquia?

Para que nuestra parroquia funcione, necesitamos sacerdotes y diáconos bien capacitados que puedan celebrar los sacramentos y administrar la parroquia. Sin los \$ 2.5 millones de la Campaña asignados a las vocaciones, no tendríamos los sacerdotes que nuestra parroquia necesita. Nuestros niños son el futuro de nuestra parroquia y estamos llamados a apoyarlos mientras crecen en la fe. La Campaña proporciona fondos que apoyan todos los programas de educación religiosa parroquial, así como asistencia para la matrícula para aquellos que buscan educación católica en academias y escuelas católicas. Más de \$ 2 millones de la Campaña se invierten en la fe de nuestros niños, además de brindar formación en la fe para adultos. Los programas de formación para laicos, incluidos los de nuestra propia parroquia, brindan capacitación en ministerios como los ministros y lectores eucarísticos o preparan a otros para los sacramentos.

La Campaña también proporciona los salarios de los Ministros Juveniles capacitados que trabajan en parroquias de Brooklyn y Queens. \$ 150,000 cada año de nuestras donaciones sostiene la Iniciativa de Ministerio Juvenil, que ha sido apoyada por Generaciones de Fe, asegurando que los jóvenes encuentren a Cristo a través de la Iglesia, formando lazos de fe de por vida que sostendrán nuestras parroquias en los años venideros.

Cristo mismo nos ha llamado a todos a cuidar a los necesitados, pero como una parroquia sola carecemos del tiempo, el espacio, las habilidades y los voluntarios que se necesitan para atender las necesidades de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que necesitan nuestra ayuda. Es por eso que, a través de la Campaña Católica Anual, nuestra parroquia apoya el trabajo de Caridades Católicas y Servicios Católicos de Migración que reciben un total de \$ 1.4 millones de la Campaña. Juntos podemos dar la bienvenida al extranjero, vestir al desnudo, alimentar al hambriento y albergar a los desamparados en el nombre de nuestra Iglesia. En nuestros esfuerzos por difundir el Evangelio de Cristo, también tenemos la responsabilidad como católicos de ministrar a los que están enfermos, a los estudiantes de las escuelas secundarias y universidades, así como a los que están encarcelados, tal como Cristo nos indicó. La Campaña proporciona \$1.9 millones para asegurar que los capellanes lleven los sacramentos de la iglesia a aquellos que están enfermos, encarcelados o están estudiando en escuela secundaria y la universidad.

¿Por qué mi participación es importante?

Como seguidores de Jesús aquí en Holy Name of Jesus Parish, entendemos que nuestra responsabilidad hacia nuestra parroquia implica una responsabilidad hacia la diócesis que nos une con toda la comunidad católica como el único cuerpo de Cristo. Cuando una parte del cuerpo no participa, todo el cuerpo sufre y dificulta su funcionamiento. Asimismo, su participación en esta Campaña, además de su ofrenda dominical regular, determinarán la capacidad de Holy Name of Jesus para apoyar fielmente la misión de Cristo, y al mismo tiempo ofrecer el apoyo necesario que recibimos como una parroquia, siendo parte de la Iglesia católica.

¿QUÉ SIGUE PARA La Campaña Católica Anual Y CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR?

Únase hoy a nosotros para responder juntos como la Iglesia de Cristo en Brooklyn y Queens a través de un compromiso a la Campaña Católica Anual en AnnualCatholicAppeal.org o envíe un mensaje de texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255

Muchas Gracias y que Dios les bendiga.

La Campaña Católica Anual busca recaudar un mínimo de 8 millones para proveer los programas y ministerios a lo largo de la Diócesis y apoyar los esfuerzos locales de las parroquias como la nuestra.

La meta de Holy Name of Jesus Parish es \$55,623.00.

Después de sobrepasar nuestra meta, recibiremos 100% de los fondos recaudados por encima de esta cifra directamente para nuestra parroquia.

Para preguntas acerca de *la Campaña Católica Anual*, o para hacer una cita para hacer una donación a la Parroquia, por favor de contactar la Oficina Parroquial – **718-768-3071**

**Juntos,
somos
la Iglesia**