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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



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 28, 2021

*And he was transfigured
before them, and his clothes
became dazzling white...*

Mark 9: 2-3

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find a copy of the email message we sent out Monday evening advising you that, because a parish staff member had tested positive for COVID 19, the Rectory office will be closed through Friday, March 5, but the Church will remain open for scheduled liturgies and devotions with all COVID protocols in place. The staff member who tested positive is doing well. Priests and other staff (several of whom have been fully vaccinated) are symptom free and feeling fine. Diocesan guidance in this situation is that the Rectory office be closed while the Church remains open. Please try to conduct all Rectory business by telephone or by email. There are cell phone instructions for emergencies near the beginning of the main phone number prompts. I'm in the Rectory and can respond at any time.

We are now about one week into Lent. Our *Why Catholic?* groups have begun meeting, generating spiritual benefits for their members and for the parish as a whole. Our Monday evening Holy Hours and Monday evening, Friday morning and Friday evening (Spanish) Stations of the Cross have also begun. We are hearing Confessions in the sanctuary of the Church from 4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. on Saturday evenings (and will continue to hear Confessions at other times by appointment). Each of us should reflect on these questions: In what areas of our lives do we need to turn closer to God? How will we start that process now?

At our 10:30 Mass this past Sunday, we had what is described as the "Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election". On Sunday afternoon, I attended the Rite of Election at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral at which Bishop DiMarzio presided over a liturgy welcoming, praying for and encouraging adults from many Brooklyn parishes who have begun their final preparations for receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on April 3. Rhiannon and Michael Marusarz were the two catechumens "sent forth" to the Rite of Election from Holy Name of Jesus parish on Sunday. We join with

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2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

COLLECTION RESULTS — FEBRUARY 21, 2021

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$4,521
(This includes: \$1,372 in church envelopes, \$583 in loose cash and checks in baskets and \$2,566 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH\$1,021
(This includes \$401 in Parish Building Repair envelopes, \$131 in loose cash in 2nd collection and \$489 from Faith Direct.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION\$1,427
(This includes \$1,252 in previous 1st collection envelopes and \$175 in 2nd collection Parish Building Repair envelopes.)

This weekend, February 28- 29, the Second Collection is a **National Collection for Black and Indian Missions**. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs in African American and Native American communities. Without this support, the programs would cease to exist.

Thank you for your generosity.

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HNJ RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL MARCH 8

A Holy Name of Jesus Rectory staff member tested Positive for COVID-19 last week. As per guidance from the Diocese, the Rectory Office is closed for a two week period. We plan to return to normal business hours (Mon. to Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) starting Monday, March 8.

Also, as per guidance from the Diocese, the Church will remain open for all scheduled liturgies and devotions, with all COVID protocols in place. Fr. Larry Ryan will be living in the Rectory, while the office is closed.

Please try to conduct all Rectory business by telephone (718-768-3071) or email (oconnorlouise245@gmail.com). There are cell phone instructions for emergencies near the beginning of the main phone number prompts.

Thank you and God bless you for your understanding.

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LENT SCHEDULE AT HNJ

HOLY HOURS

Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Church and via livestream.

Holy Hours will include Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mondays (English): during the 7 p.m. Holy Hour

Fridays (English): after the 9 a.m. Mass

Fridays (Spanish): 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Evenings: 4:50 - 5:20 p.m. (in the Church)

Confessions will also be available in the Rectory, by appointment. Please call (718) 768-3071.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, March 29, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive. On Fast Days, 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 full 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.

**Note: When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Some other form of self-denial suitable to your condition should be substituted.*



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal is now under way. 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

Bishop DiMarzio in praying for them as they draw near to becoming members of the Catholic faith.

Last weekend was the Announcement Weekend for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Pledge envelopes have been mailed to all who donated during last year's Appeal. The needs of the Diocesan programs supported by the Appeal continue, as do the needs of Holy Name of Jesus Parish which benefits so much by receiving back all "over Diocesan goal dollars" you donate to the Appeal. Previous donors: Please do not ignore those 2021 pledge envelopes. As we will be hearing more about, new donors will be especially important this year. Please see the information on the previous page of this bulletin about viewing the 2021 ACA video and about how to donate online at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting ACA to 917-336-1255. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

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

([Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#); [Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34](#); [Gospel: Mark 9:2-10](#))

SIGN LANGUAGE SPOKEN HERE

[Introductory Note: Jesuit Priest and Scripture Professor Fr. Dennis Hamm began his commentary on this Sunday's Gospel (St. Mark's account of the Transfiguration) with a lovely story about two young adults animatedly communicating across a crowded airport waiting area using Sign Language. Fr. Hamm observed that this couple was clearly communicating, but he had no idea what they were "saying" to each other. Fr. Hamm also observed that we human beings are communicating animals, usually seeking information but sometimes yearning for "messages that go beyond information to meaning". Fr. Hamm then continued his commentary as follows]:

"For the people of Israel, the fullest communication and the deepest how-to instruction of all was the body of literature they had come to recognize as the covenant message of God contained in the Law (Torah = instruction) and the Prophets — the story of their collective life with their saving God, the laws that defined how to live out that relationship, and the lives and words of the wild and contrary figures that called them back to the covenant when the people strayed. Who are we? What's life about? What does it mean to do the right thing? The answers to these questions were contained in the Law and the Prophets, and these components were personified especially in Moses and Elijah. The secret to life was to hear what Moses and Elijah stood for and to do it.

Getting in touch with that Jewish reality helps us enter this Sunday's [Gospel](#), which is full of symbol and gesture as elusive to most contemporaries as that airport sign language conversation was to me. Indeed, that particular epiphany was more than even Peter, James, and John could fathom at the time. To the reader, if not to the inner three, clues to the meaning begin with Mark's reference to the interval of 'six days,' recalling the six days Moses had spent in a cloud on Mount Sinai just before the heart of the Torah was revealed to him ([Exod 24:16](#)). Here, on another 'high mountain,' Jesus is transfigured before their eyes, and those premiere exponents of the Law and the Prophets—Moses and Elijah—are seen to join him in conversation. Overcome with awe and fear, Peter volunteers to set up tents for the three of them. A misguided burst of hospitality? A desire to somehow 'package' an astounding 'talk-show'?

Whatever the motive, Mark feels compelled to excuse the outburst ('He hardly knew what to say') and the suggestion is ignored. Out of an overshadowing cloud comes the divine voice, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him' ([Gospel](#)). As if to visually illustrate the meaning of these words, the figures of Moses and Elijah disappear and the disciples 'no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them' ([Mk 9:8](#)). In other words, all that they had sought to hear in the revelation through the Law and the Prophets is now fully accessible in the person of Jesus, there with them.

To ensure that we know what we are to listen for in Jesus, Mark has linked the Transfiguration firmly to what has just happened 'six days' before—Jesus' central teaching on discipleship: 'Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it' ([Mk 8:35](#)).

We can perhaps hear afresh this voice from the cloud. This voice calls not in grief but still in profound urgency, as if to say: 'I have sent you Moses and the prophets and you have heard them poorly; now here's the fullness of my communication to you, Jesus, my Son. Hear him—not only his teaching but the whole story of his self-giving life, death, and resurrection. He is still with you. Follow him.'

The Transfiguration turns out to be lucid sign language to penetrate our deafness. It undercuts all the how-to messages of our culture and encourages us on our Lenten journey toward the Easter renewal of baptism, where we first began our following of Jesus."

(Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, Let the Scriptures Speak, St. Louis U. Sunday, 2/28/2021)

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1

9 a.m. Frances Heath &
Thomas Lynch

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

9 a.m. Charles Artz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
9 a.m. Robert W. Mullin

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9 a.m. Kevin Shea

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

World Day of Prayer
9 a.m. Fr. James H. Sweeney

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9 a.m. Camillo, Addolorata &
Nicole Peccia
Eleanor & Frank Nemeth
5:30 p.m. Mary & Joseph Giamboi

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 a.m. John Duffy
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Ruben Flores
12 p.m. Francesco Pira

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

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

We currently need rice in 1 or 2 lb. packages.

Memorials

A Memorial Votive Candle will be lit for a period of one year in memory of **Annamarie Leone**, as requested by the Heyer 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: Helen Rafferty; 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 and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

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MEMORIAL OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL - MARCH 3

WE HAVE WORK TO DO

Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) is a saint for our time. Born into a successful Philadelphia banking family, she used her wealth to improve the lives of others. Her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament devoted their lives to education of Native and African Americans, building more than 100 schools in cities, rural areas, and on reservations. Though Katharine and her sisters at times faced criticism, endured racist taunts, and were threatened by the Ku Klux Klan, they remained steadfast in their mission. Patron saint of racial justice and philanthropy, Saint Katharine epitomizes the sacrifice of the Blessed Sacrament. How will you commit your own life to making the world more just? (www.TakeFiveForFaith.com)



Katharine Drexel is an excellent example of that practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate which has long been the distinguishing mark of American Catholics. May her example help young people in particular to appreciate that no greater treasure can be found in this world than in following Christ with an undivided heart and in using generously the gifts we have received."

~ Pope St. John Paul II, Homily, October 1, 2000

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.