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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

A Note From Fr. Larry

This week, Fr. Emmanuel and I had the privilege of hearing the First Confessions of 37 students from our parish Religious Education Program and our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. The young penitents were impressive in their seriousness about their first reception of this very important Sacrament, which is an important milestone in their progress towards their First Holy Communions in May. Many thanks to their catechists, teachers, families, and all who have been helping with their sacramental preparations — with special thanks to Kathryn Sisto, our Coordinator of Religious Education, for overseeing the entire process.

This Sunday, March 14, will be the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, a title based on the Latin for the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice". We've reached the mid-point in Lent and the Church briefly looks forward to the joy of Easter. It's one of only two Sundays each year that priests and deacons can wear rose-colored vestments (a combination of the violet of Lent and the white of Easter). Our schedule for Holy Week appears for the first time in this week's bulletin. Please note the 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. hours for Confession on Reconciliation Monday, March 29, and please make a good Confession during Lent.

Wednesday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, the Memorial of St. Patrick in the Liturgical Calendar. We will recognize this important day in the prayers and intentions of our live-streamed 9 a.m. Mass. There will be no Parade through Park Slope this year and, therefore, no Parade Day Mass. The Park Slope Parade and Mass would normally be on the third Sunday in March, which this year is March 21. Our Masses for the March 20/21 weekend will include intercessions for those who would normally have been remembered (especially deceased members of the Parade Committee and former Parade honorees) at the Parade Day Mass.

Friday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. As I wrote about in last week's bulletin, this Solemnity is made even more significant during this year that Pope Francis has declared to be the Year of St. Joseph. Our No-

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COLLECTION RESULTS — MARCH 7, 2021

FIRST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH.....$4,679
(This includes: $1,576 in church envelopes, $634 in loose cash and checks in baskets, and $2,469 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

SECOND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH $1,270
(This includes: $507 in church envelopes, $275 in loose cash and checks in baskets and $488 from the Faith Direct Weekly collection.)

FEBRUARY 28 SECOND COLLECTION TOTAL TO DIOCESE FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS:.....$1,040
(This includes: $783 from Black and Indian Missions envelopes, $127 in late collection Mission envelopes, and $130 from Faith Direct.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION $2,217
(This includes $1,592 in previous First Collection envelopes and $215 in Second Collection Parish Building Repair envelopes and $410 from Faith Direct.)

Thank you and God bless you for your support.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

HOLY HOURS

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

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.

HOLY WEEK AT HNJ

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

5:30 p.m. Saturday
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (Spanish)*
10:30 a.m.* & 12 Noon

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, MARCH 29

Confessions will be heard in the Church from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

9 a.m. Morning Prayer*
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

9 a.m. Morning Prayer*
3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)*
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

9 a.m. Morning Prayer*
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)*

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Mass will be celebrated at
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (Spanish)*, 10:30 a.m.* & 12 Noon

***These Services will be livestreamed at: Facebook.com/HolyNameBrooklyn**

A Note From Fr. Larry (continued from front page)

vena to St. Joseph is underway at our 9 a.m. live-streamed Masses and as part of Morning Prayers in our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. Our 9 a.m. Mass on the Solemnity itself will be live-streamed. Please join us in person or via live-stream for the Novena and/or for Mass on the Solemnity. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Bishop DiMarzio recently wrote two very interesting articles for his "Put Out Into the Deep" column in The Tablet. In the first, entitled "Science and Religion: Completely Compatible When Both are Good" (March 3, 2021), the Bishop makes a well-reasoned case for being vaccinated against COVID 19 as soon as possible. In the second, entitled "Celebrating the Women Who Have Been There for so Many in Need" (March 10, 2021), the Bishop makes reference to March 8 as *International Women's Day* and March 8 to 14 as *Catholic Sisters Week*, and concludes as follows: "Every day, women put out into the deep reality of life in so many situations: family, professional life and countless more areas and aspects of life. We accompany them with our prayers during this time of Lent and Covid-19, so that they may fulfill their important responsibilities." Both articles are available on-line and are well worth reading.

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Scripture Insights

Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:
(Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10; Gospel: John 3:14-21)

"Our Rescuing God

You do not have to be an alcoholic (or compulsive gambler or sex addict) to recognize that the famous twelve steps of AA reflect the essentials of the human experience of redemption. It is all there: the profound awareness of need for rescue by another; the abandonment of self to God; the admission of one's own responsibility for the moral harm of one's behavior; commitment to prayer, reflection, and outreach to others. The fact that the twelve steps are a 'we' statement in the past tense testifies that it is an expression of a community which shares the experience of the healing power of rescue from evil by a caring God. That makes it a kind of credo or confession of faith. More accurately, it is a proclamation of sacred history: Here's how God has acted in our lives.

AA's twelve steps can help us get to the heart of this Sunday's readings. The passage from 2 Chronicles gives us the very last page of the Hebrew Bible, in the order of the Jewish canon. It is the work of a person we call the Chronicler, who writes a good hundred years after the return from the Babylonian exile, that is, around 400 BC. Several generations of hindsight led to the need for an updating of the history contained in the books of Samuel and Kings. The remnant that had returned to Judah needed something to help them rally around the second Temple and refocus their lives. In today's reading the Chronicler provides a 'searching and fearless moral inventory' (we did not listen to the prophets) and reflects how their caring God has worked through Cyrus to rescue them from exile and 'restore them to sanity'—bring them home.

The same sense of rescue by 'a Power greater than ourselves' is spelled out powerfully in [our second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the] Ephesians. Like the twelve steps of AA, this passage is the celebration of a community who have 'turned their will and lives over to the care of God as they have come to know him' in Christ Jesus.

We are God's work of art—not simply in our complex nature as conscious beings but even in our actions, as the [St. Paul] proceeds to elaborate as he continues his thought: ' ... created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them [literally, that we should walk in them]' (Eph 2:10). In other words, even the good things we do—like taking steps beyond the chaos of alcoholism or sex addiction—are like shoes that God has prepared for us to walk in.

A person who carries the 'John 3:16' sign near the TV cameras at so many ball games is doing good service by sending a few hundred viewers to that passage, part of this Sunday's Gospel. It is another classic confession of Christian experience of divine rescue in Jesus. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.' In the language of the Fourth Gospel, 'eternal life' is not simply unending (posthumous) life. [Eternal life] in this Gospel is the new life with God that one enters with Christian baptism/initiation.

So, at this midpoint of the Lenten journey, the readings conspire to remind us to focus on the goal, the renewal of our baptismal commitment as we celebrate how the Lover of the World has given his Son to rescue us from otherwise unmanageable lives….

The Christian faith does indeed call us to take initiative and to try to right what is wrong in the world. But the Chronicler, Paul, John, and thousands of recovering addicts remind us that a caring God has loved us first; the rest is walking in shoes divinely cobbled."

(Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, Let the Scriptures Speak, St. Louis U. Sunday, 3/14/2021)

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 a.m. Kenneth & James P. Dolan, Sr.
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie, & Peter Camastro
12 p.m. Deceased Members of the Buckley Family

MONDAY, MARCH 15

9 a.m. Grace Devita

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

9 a.m. Richard T. Swenson, Sr.
21st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick, Bishop and Missionary
9 a.m. Antonio R. Reselosa

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9 a.m. Nestor Mendez

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 a.m. Patricia Mary Sheehan
(2nd Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

9 a.m. Carmela Cascella
5:30 p.m. Bill Purdy
William P. Donovan
Patrick G. Heaney
William P. McNally
Buonocore & Farran Grandparents

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Hildred Davids
12 p.m. Bishop Ignatius Catanello

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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: Mary Brunton; Helen Rafferty; Allison Mary Heart; Mary Hannan; Liam Budgell; Miriam Rodriguez; Ita McGough 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 **Virginia S. Regis and Gavin Pisano**, and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop and Missionary

Wednesday, March 17: Offer an Irish-inspired blessing

As the church and the Irish, and all who are "Irish for the day," celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick, let's also celebrate what we know of this remarkable fifth-century saint who brought the message of Christ to Ireland. Patrick writes in his Confession of his homeland (Roman Britain), his youthful captivity by pirates, his conversion, and his deepening desire to proclaim God's presence. There is no mention of snakes or shamrocks, but there is strong testament to Patrick's missionary zeal: "That is why I cannot be silent ...about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity." Look for God's presence in this day and share your own good news.

Solemnity of Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, March 19: Try a little tenderness

When God's plans collided with his, Joseph attended to a calling beyond the law or custom of his day. He must have felt angry, betrayed, confused. But he also knew something greater was at stake than simply following rigid Mosaic code, which would have demanded stoning a woman found to be "with child" before marriage. Instead, he trusted Mary and trusted the dream that brought him angelic counsel. As Pope Francis said in his homily on this feast day in 2013, "in [Joseph's] heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength." Practice tenderness—the sign of a strong heart!

https://prepare theword.com/takefiveforfaith

Holy Name Food Pantry

will distribute food from the Rectory basement from **2-3 p.m. on Saturdays, March 27 and April 10 & 24.**

We currently need sauce for pasta and small packages of rice (1 or 2 lbs.)

Thank you to everyone who donates to our pantry!