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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



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 7, 2021

*Take these out of here and stop making
my Father's house a marketplace*

John 2:16

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I'll begin by extending many, many thanks to Fr. Keeney for saying all of the Masses (including all five weekend Masses) since last Tuesday. Things are beginning to become more normal now. Our staff member who tested positive for COVID 19 continues to recover at home. The rest of the staff is healthy with no symptoms. Fr. Emmanuel and I, who are both symptom-free and fully vaccinated, will be presiding at Masses and devotions. In accordance with Diocesan guidance, the Rectory office will continue to operate via phone or e-mail until it re-opens on Monday morning, March 8. I'm residing in the Rectory and, as always, am available to respond at all times. Thank you all for your understanding.

In an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*, Pope Francis declared this year to be a "Year of St. Joseph". In the February 27, 2021 edition of *The Tablet*, Bishop DiMarzio wrote an excellent article (available on-line) entitled "[Understanding, Through St. Joseph, How We Do God's Will Better](#)". In his article, the Bishop summarizes observations Pope Francis made about how St. Joseph was a "loving", "obedient", "accepting", "creatively courageous", and "working" father. The Bishop concludes: "If we look at each aspect of the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter, we will understand not only Joseph's life but also how we can improve our own life.... We pray and go to St. Joseph, that he might enable us ... to understand God's will for each and every one of us".

Friday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. We will have a Novena to St. Joseph at our regular 9 a.m. Masses from Wednesday, March 10 through Thursday, March 18. At those Masses, we will say the Novena prayer immediately after the Prayer After Communion. We will have a similar Novena in our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. The Academy students will attend, via livestream, our 9 a.m. Mass on the Solemnity. We hope that as many of you as possible can join us, either in person or by livestream, at our 9 a.m.

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3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

COLLECTION RESULTS — FEBRUARY 28, 2021

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH.....\$5,484
(This includes: \$2,243 in church envelopes, \$675 in loose cash and checks in baskets and \$2,566 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO DIOCESE FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS (This will be announced next week.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION\$2,148
(This includes \$1,670 in previous 1st collection envelopes and \$478 in 2nd collection Parish Building Repair envelopes.)

Next weekend's Second Collection is a National Collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to people in this country and abroad. Please give generously — and help "Jesus in disguise".

Thank you and God bless you for your support.




Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

TO DONATE ONLINE:



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or
Text ACA to
917-336-1255

or

Go to:
annualcatholicappeal.org

The ACA helps meet the growing demand for food and homelessness prevention services... and much, much more!

I am **the**
You are **the**
We are **the**
CHURCH
together

MARCH 7, 2021



Futures in Education
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS
Changing Lives Through The Gift Of Education

Financial Aid Applications Are Now Open For The 2021-2022 Academic Year!

Go to: www.futuresineducation.org

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. 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!



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

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.

Novena Masses and at our Solemnity Mass. Even if you cannot join us, please consider praying the Novena on your own. We will be using this prayer which Pope Francis included at the end of his Apostolic Letter:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

*Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:
([Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17](#); [Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25](#); [Gospel: John 2:13-25](#))*

LIVESTOCK, WHIP, AND ZEAL

Introductory Note: Jesuit priest and Scripture Professor Fr. Dennis Hamm begins his commentary on this week's gospel (St. John's account of Jesus driving the money changers from the Temple) by making reference to the description of the same event in St. Mark's Gospel. Fr. Hamm points out that, in Mark's version, Jesus quotes both Isaiah and Jeremiah. The quote from Jeremiah is particularly significant because, as Fr. Hamm explains in his commentary:

“The quotation of Jeremiah comes from a parallel moment in that prophet's life, some six hundred years before. Standing at the gates of the Temple built by Solomon, shortly before the onslaught of the Babylonian conquest, Jeremiah had issued a strident wake-up call to his fellow Judaites: they were violating every commandment on the tablets—idolatry, stealing, murder, perjury, oppression of the alien— and now they were acting as if their Temple rituals were going to make them right with God without any need to change their behavior. Thus they had turned the Temple into a false haven, a ‘den of thieves.’ So according to Mark's version, Jesus' similar confrontation in the Temple was an acting out of the essential message of his preaching: ‘The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel’ ([Mark 1:15](#)).

What a surprise now to turn to John's version. Whereas in Mark the incident occurs during the final week, John introduces the episode early, right after the wedding feast at Cana. And John's description is far more dramatic. In this version, Jesus makes a whip out of cords and we hear not simply of doves but of sheep and oxen. We witness a veritable stampede of livestock scarcely suggested in Mark's version. And Jesus utters no quotations from the prophets but a direct command, ‘Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace’ ([Gospel](#)).

We recognize that it is from John that most of us get our picture of the cleansing of the Temple, thanks to Michelangelo's rendering of this scene. But John is being more than pictorial. The point is not drama but symbol. [John] seems to presume that his readers know the Synoptic [i.e., Matthew, Mark and Luke] tradition. Now he tells the familiar episodes with his own thematic coloring. In this Gospel Jesus replaces, one by one, all of the major Israelite institutions. His life, death, and resurrection definitively fulfill the meanings of Temple, feasts, and Torah. And here John shows Jesus acting out the full Easter meaning of his life: he can drive out the animals of the Temple sacrifice because his own self-offering on the cross will permanently fulfill the purpose of Temple sacrifice.

And instead of Jesus citing Isaiah and Jeremiah, we hear his disciples applying a line from [Psalm 69](#): ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ We are meant to hear a typical Johannine double-meaning: Jesus' own zeal for his Father's house will consume him, and the authorities' misguided zeal will bring about his death.

Finally there comes an utterance of the kind we hear frequently in [John's] Gospel: ‘Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.’ The authorities misunderstand, but the evangelist hastens to explain that he was speaking of the temple of his body, a meaning that would become evident after Easter. Recall that this is the Gospel that begins with a prologue announcing that the divine Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us.

If we ask what really happened in that Temple scene, Mark probably brings us closer to the events of history. If we ask what is the deeper meaning of that happening, John's meditation draws us deeper. The reason John brings this to the head of his Gospel, out of historical order, is also the reason that we read this nearly halfway on the road to Easter. It forecasts the whole paschal mystery.”

(Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, Let the Scriptures Speak, St. Louis U. Sunday, 3/7/2021)

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, MARCH 8

St. John of God, Religious
9 a.m. Timothy Horan

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious
9 a.m. Arthur Burke

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

9 a.m. Christopher Barzal

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9 a.m. Kevin Shea
(*Birthday*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

9 a.m. Luigi Marsillo
(*Birthday*)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

9 a.m. Sandy Galligan
5:30 p.m. Andrea Farran

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

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

will distribute food from the
Rectory basement from
2-3 p.m. on Saturdays,

March 13 & 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!

*To whom shall we go?
Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life. ~ John 6:68*

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'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, especially and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK - MARCH 8 TO 14

Catholic Sisters Week shines a light on the spirituality, mission and community building of women religious. How fitting it is that the first day is also International Women's Day, which honors the achievements of women in politics, culture, and society. Catholic sisters have been making the world a better place for centuries! Fifty-two weeks a year, women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, and offer hope. But for this one week, we shine the spotlight on *them*. CSW is an annual celebration honoring women religious with a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus on the lives of these incredible women. It's a chance to recognize all that they do, with the hope that, as more young women learn about women religious, more will choose to follow their example.



MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCES OF ROME - MARCH 9

A religious life for all: During a week that celebrates Catholic sisters and women religious, we remember an Italian saint who found a way to work and pray like a nun while staying committed to her immediate family. In fact, Frances of Rome—who nursed her sick husband and children, as well as the poor, during a plague in the 1400s—is commonly called a Benedictine oblate. An oblate is anyone who wants to share in the common vision and prayer of a religious community without officially entering religious life.

For more information on religious communities, visit VocationNetwork.org

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Next Saturday, March 13, we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father.

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 lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

