

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



SIXTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 9, 2021

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ~ John 15:12

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will see the names of our First Communicants and those women being remembered for Mother's Day. We had two beautiful First Communion Masses last Saturday and our May Crowning at our 10:30 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday. Congratulations to all of our First Communicants and to their families and loved ones. Many, many thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare the children, their families, and the Church and to all those who assisted at these important liturgies. God bless you all.

This Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. We will offer a special Mother's Day blessing after Communion at all of the Masses.

May 13 is Ascension Thursday. The Holy Day Mass attendance obligation remains suspended, but we will live-stream two Masses. The first will be our 9 a.m. Morning Mass, immediately followed—as usual—by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, opportunity for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 a.m., and Benediction. We will also have a livestreamed Mass at 7 p.m. Ascension Thursday evening. From Friday, May 14 through Saturday, May 22 (the nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost), we will pray a simple Pentecost Novena. The Pentecost Novena is modeled after the "First of All Novenas" which took place (as described in Chapter 1, Verse 14 of the Acts of the Apostles) when the Apostles, Our Blessed Mother Mary, and other disciples "devoted themselves to prayer" from the first Ascension Thursday until the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Here at HNJ Parish, we will simply recite the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer plus one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be after Communion at each of our 9 a.m. live streamed weekday morning Masses (and at the 10:30 a.m. live streamed Mass on Sunday morning, May 16). During this novena, we will ask especially for the graces of the Holy Spirit for the spiritual and temporal well-being of the parish as we (hopefully) continue to emerge from the Coronavirus crisis. If you can't pray with us at those Masses, please consider praying the brief "Come Holy Spirit" prayer privately each day from May 14 through May 22 for those intentions. There are a few variations to the prayer. The version we will use is: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: O God, who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His Consolation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen."

May 13 is also the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. In this year's Liturgical Calendar, the Solemnity of The Ascension takes precedence over that Memorial, but we continue to remember Our Blessed Mother's apparitions in 1917 to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Mary asked those children to pray (and especially to pray the Rosary) for sinners and for peace. We remember those intentions in our prayers during this Marian month of May.

COLLECTION RESULTS — MAY 2, 2021

1ST COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH..... \$5,719
 (This includes: \$1,979 in church envelopes, \$985 in loose cash and checks in baskets, and \$2,755 from Faith Direct weekly collection.)

2ND COLLECTION TOTAL TO PARISH \$1,409
 (This includes: \$584 in Parish Building Repair envelopes, \$336 in loose cash and checks in baskets, and \$489 from Faith Direct.)

CATCH UP COLLECTION: \$1,967
 This includes \$1,697 in previous 1st Collection envelopes and \$270 in 2nd Collection Parish Building Repair envelopes.)

Next weekend, May 15 and 16, our 2nd collection will be a National / Diocesan collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. The CCC provides an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world through the media and effective communications. Please be as generous as your means allow.



HOLY NAME of JESUS PARISH

2021 ACA Goal	\$55,623
2021 ACA Pledges Paid (to date)	-\$55,452
Difference	\$171
2020 ACA Donors	196
2021 Pledges (to date)	-117
Difference	79
2020 ACA Donations	\$112,579
2021 ACA Pledges Paid (to date)	-\$55,452
Difference	\$57,127

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge during our recent In-Pew Weekends.

Although we're very close to meeting our Diocesan Goal, we still have a long way to go to match last year's results. Remember: All "over Goal" donations will be returned to HNJ Parish to help us reduce our debt obligations.

If you haven't already, please make a pledge. To donate, you can:

- Complete and submit your Pledge Card;
- Go online to AnnualCatholicAppeal.org; or
- Text **ACA** to 917-336-1255

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

We will distribute food from the Rectory basement from:

2-3 p.m. on Saturdays, May 8 & 22 and June 5 & 19.

We extend a big thank you to the Brooklyn Quilters who donated food during their recent outdoor Quilt Show.

We also thank Ms. Abby and the parents and students of Pre-K280 Class 143 at PS10 for their recent donation.

*A Happy and Blessed Mother's Day
 to all mothers,
 and to all women who help in the
 role of mother.*

from the Priests, Deacons and Rectory Staff
 of Holy Name of Jesus Parish



Mother's Day Remembrances

During the month of May, we are praying for all mothers, god-mothers, aunts, and all women—living and deceased—who have taken on the role of guiding and nurturing children, including:

Ana Cardona	Florence Rutigliano	Patricia Caccamo
Angelina Quacatino	Francisca Escalera	Peggy Donovan
Ann DiNatale	Genevieve Pynn	Rosa Onofre
Anna Corsetti	Gennarina Di Re	Rose Galluccio
AnnaMaria Caccamo	Gladys Jackson	Russo Mothers
Annie O'Dwyer	Guadalupe Cortes	Virginia Richardson
Antoinette Sisto	Irene Hough	Anna Heaney
Carmela Marsillo	Judith Wallace	Hanora Malley
Catherine Brown	Kathleen McDonagh	Marge DeStefano
Catherine Cush	Kathryn Sisto	Susan McGough
DiNatale Girls	Lillian Farrell	Margaret Devine
Doloras Sisto	Lina Pira	Mary Halloran
Dorothy Sullivan	Louise Iovine	Duggan
Elena Devine	Lucia Marsillo	Nora Feeney Halloran
Elizabeth Jackson	Marcela Juarez	Irene Cain
Elizabeth Pinto	Margaret Jackson	Rosa Cain
Elizabeth Sullivan	Marie McHugh	Katherine Boyd
Esther Ortiz	Marta Salvador	Rosemary Lazenby
Estrella Beniamino	Mary Hannan	Ryan & Fleming
Eva Mendez	Mary L. Camastro	Mothers

We will observe the

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

on Thursday, May 13, 2021 with
 Masses at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Please note: The Solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Brooklyn this year because of the Coronavirus crisis. Both Masses will be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page: facebook.com/HolyNameBrooklyn



**June Jackpot Coming!
 \$7,500 in Prizes**

Tickets are in the mail — Be in it to win it!

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

*Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings:
(Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10; Gospel: John 15:9-17)*

“HANKERING AFTER THE ‘OLD FAITH’

The two men who came to visit were immaculately dressed. There was a sweetness about their courtesy, even though you could sense they were stern. They came to present a large book to someone they thought would be sympathetic, someone who respected the pope and was unafraid to write about sin.

‘I still believe in the old faith,’ one of them said.

‘The old faith? What faith?’

‘I mean our faith before they started talking about love all the time. There was right and wrong and punishment. There was fear of God and the following of the law. Since Vatican II and the theology of love, everything has been watered down and made easy.’ My heart went out to the men. But it was with sadness. ‘Well, when do you think the love stuff started? Don’t you think Jesus talked about love?’

One of them said he knew there was a place for love, but in these days it had taken over everything and made a mess of the church. I felt depleted and tense after the meeting was over. It seemed that this good man had missed so much. Yet he was trying to reach for a truth that we all are somehow in touch with.

As for love, the Gospels and Epistles would fragment into a million pieces without it. Our saints would be incomprehensible, our heroes nonexistent. And Jesus would not be. ‘For God so loved the world that he sent. ...’

The following passage is from the First Letter of John, not the Second Vatican Council:

Love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. How could we imagine a Christianity before love became its center?

The love that this letter describes is not primarily our love of God, but God’s love for us revealed in the offering of the Son for the forgiveness of our sins. It is the same love that Paul celebrates in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, the love from which, he writes in Romans, we can never be possibly separated.

Jesus, in the fourth Gospel, calls us to live in that love. How are we to do that? By keeping his commandments. Ah, finally the law, finally right and wrong. And what is his commandment? ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ There is no escape. Our faith in Jesus is haunted by the mystery of love.

Perhaps this mystery itself is what causes us disquiet. Love, after all, is not easily won, rarely found, and never really earned. It also leads to improbable situations like that of the prodigal son and the lost sheep and to forgiveness for dreadful sinners.

This is, of course, not the narcissistic and self-indulgent state of mind that passes for ‘love’ in contemporary life. Nor is it the great tidal wave of emotion associated with ‘falling in love.’ Rather it is, Paul reminds us, patience and kindness. It lets go of jealousy, conceit, and resentment. It delights in the truth. It trusts. It hopes. It endures. All of these qualities of love are attributes of God’s love for us. What is more, love’s greatest expression—to lay down one’s life for one’s friends—is what the Passion means.

None of this is new. And none of it is easy.

To have or not have rules can be easy. To keep or break commandments can be easy. We can set up our lives in such a manner that we allow no restraint or limit on our egos and desires. We can also legislate our lives so relentlessly that we delude ourselves into thinking that we have actually earned, produced, and now control the love that our scriptures speak of.

But the love revealed in Jesus, simple as it might sound, is terribly arduous. That is why the history of our faith so often reads like a history of our resistance to love.

Give us rules. Give us magic. Give us threats. Give us mighty victories in war or splendid successes in the marketplace to insure our worthiness. Give us Communion counts, converts, and the approval of the nations to guarantee our righteousness. But the mystery of love?

One of Dorothy Day’s favorite passages from world literature occurs in Dostoevski’s *The Brothers Karamazov*, where the old Father Zossima points out to Madame Hohlokov that her supposed crisis of faith is really a crisis of love: ‘For love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing compared with love in dreams. Love in dreams is greedy for immediate action, rapidly performed and in the sight of all. ... But active love is labor and fortitude, and for some people too, perhaps a complete science.’

No, love is not as easy as we may think. And its challenge to us is certainly nothing new.”

Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, The Word Embodied, St. Louis U. Sunday, 5/9/2021

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Mother's Day

- 7:30 a.m. Gerard Artz
Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. Natali Parache (20th Anniversary)
Hilda Hernandez
The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Alfred Bahna
- 12 p.m. Carmela Cascella

MONDAY, MAY 10

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

- 9 a.m. Michael Hynes

TUESDAY, MAY 11

- 9 a.m. Maureen Smith Ryan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs,

St. Pancras, Martyr

- 9 a.m. Elizabeth Jackson

THURSDAY, MAY 13

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD;

Our Lady of Fatima

- 9 a.m. Laura Montalbano

- 7 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima
1st Apparition

FRIDAY, MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

- 9 a.m. Kathryn Donovan

SATURDAY, MAY 15

St. Isadore

- 9 a.m. Emil Kahaly & James Rail
Virginia Reselosa
Franklin & John Nemeth
Mary King (1st Anniversary)

- 5:30 p.m. Peggy Donovan

SUNDAY, MAY 16

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie,
& Peter Camastro
- 12 p.m. Vito Coletto (101st Birthday)

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: Danny Ferra; Adana; Judy Heegan; Mary Brunton; Helen Rafferty; Allison Mary Heart; Liam Budgell; Miriam Rodriguez; Ita M^cGough Santomauro; Richard and Frances Day; Jason, Ann and Mary Q.; Christina DeRosa; Msgr. Michael Curran; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; 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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Congratulations

to the young people who made **First Holy Communion**
at Holy Name of Jesus on Saturday, May 1, 2021:

Marielle Agbuya

Julia Alvarez

Ameer Bostic-Clarke

Christian Buscarello

Amani Campos

Soline Dapsens d'Yvoir

Santino DiFlavia

Amelia Eliazo

Sylvie Heggs

Christian Kahn

Noah Kim

Jeremy Lopez

Jaylen Z. Lorenzo

Ivy McAleer

Sophie-Catherine Mondesir

Harrison Paulonis

Giovanni Perez

Thomas Ruiz-Villera

Dylan Tejada

Horatio Agrait

Victor Barthe

Anwar Bostic-Clarke

Marcela Calixto Juarez

Alexander Catacutan

Angelina Demera

Jesse Duprevil

Victor Greiler

Mira Herbowy

Isabella Kahn

Jayson Lopez

Armani Lorenzo

Michael Mastrogiovanni

Jonay McKinney

Kaleb Moore

Theodore Penfold

Natalie Perez

Sebastian Schultz

Gabriel Wilson



OUR LADY OF FATIMA - MAY 13

Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

