HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

WINDSOR TERRACE
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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Holy Name of Jesus Church is open **with COVID-19 safety protocols in place**. Attendance, masking, and social distancing guidelines **must** by observed at all times.

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

Baptisms
Please call the Rectory for an Appointment

Weddings
Please call the Rectory for an Appointment

Funerals
Please contact the Rectory

HOLY NAME RECTORY
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Holy Name of Jesus Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — **August 2, 2020**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

Donations to 2019 Appeal	$112,831
Donations (thus far) to 2020 Appeal	$57,771
Difference	($55,060)
Completed pledges to 2019 Appeal	221
Pledges (thus far) to 2020 Appeal	119
Difference	(102)

We are far behind where we were at this point in 2019. Please make a pledge to the Appeal to help reduce HNJ Parish's large debt obligation.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2020

And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. ~ Mathew 17:2

Collection Results
July 26, 2020

The health requirements for churches that have public Masses state that "collections" are not to be taken up in the traditional way. Rather, attendees are asked to drop their donations (First and Second Collection envelopes, cash or checks) into marked baskets near the Church's exits. All donations go into the same baskets and we sort them out later. Online donations via Faith Direct come to us electronically.

With this in mind, the breakdown for the July 26 week-end collection is as follows:

JULY 26, 2020 TOTAL TO PARISH: $5,980

includes:

- Weekly First Collection envelopes $1,851
- Weekly Second Collection Parish Building Repair envelopes..... $378
- Loose cash..... $976
- Faith Direct (Sunday First Collection)..... $2,298
- Faith Direct (Sunday Second Collection Parish Building Repair)..... $477

CATCH UP COLLECTION: $635

includes:

- First Collection envelopes from previous weeks $620
- Parish Building repair Envelopes from previous weeks..... $15

2020 -2021 REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To register your child, contact Kathryn Sisto, Coordinator of Religious Education, by:

- Completing the on-line registration form: https://forms.gle/fcCtUWkaU3jvCv1w9
- Emailing her at hnjreligioused@gmail.com, OR
- Calling 718-768-7629.

We hope to have regular, in-person classes and are prepared to have multiple sessions for each grade in order to limit the number of students per group. If necessary, we are also prepared to hold on-line classes for part of the year, if necessary.

A Note From Fr. Larry

Thank you for your attention when I spoke at last weekend's Masses about the letter I sent out last week asking for additional donations to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. We are in a good position now because everything donated from this point on will come back to HNJ Parish to help reduce our debt. However, we are still about $50,000 behind where we were in last year's Appeal. As always, God bless you for your generosity.

Concerning Rectory Office Hours: We've tried to have our Rectory phones answered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Friday, since the beginning of the Coronavirus crisis. We are now answering the phones from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can also receive visitors to the office during those hours as long as they adhere to masking and social distancing guidelines. For health and safety reasons, we ask that you continue to conduct Rectory business by phone (718-768-3071) whenever possible.

Thanks to Fr. John Cush and all who attended his excellent Zoom presentations on The Fathers of the Church. We wish Fr. Cush well as he returns to his seminary teaching and administrative duties in Rome, and we look forward to his joining us again next Summer.

Scripture Insights

Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings (Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21)

"The Higher Love

What will separate us from the love of Christ? (Rom 8:35)

For the longest time I misread the meaning of Paul's passage on the love of Christ. It was the "of" that threw me. I took it to mean our love of God, not God's love of us. Thus, trial or persecution or threats should not shake our love. No creature should come between us and our love for God, no power should overcome us. Love, in this reading, was a task to do, an achievement to be strived for. Our faith was a noble task of steadfast love on our part.

It is quite clear, however, that Paul is saying something else: nothing in existence can ever separate us from the love that God, revealed in Jesus, has for us. Not only does the first interpretation miss the boat by focusing on our attitudes and desires; it fosters one of the most persistent mistakes about our faith. Christian faith is not primarily about something we do for God. It is about what God does for and in us. It is not so much an account of human aspiration as it is a revelation of divine desire.

The covenant that Isaiah promised to David's progeny could not be bought or earned. It was there for the taking, like water for the thirsty to drink. It was the gift of food that need not be purchased, wine and milk without cost. All we need do is accept the offer.

This could be troubling. Does it mean that we don't have to work at all? Is our faith effortless? Are our actions, good or sinful, inconsequential in the eyes of God?

It certainly seems not. After all, the dragnet parable about the reign of God from this week's longer gospel reading suggests that we humans perform both good and evil acts.

More troubling still, it seems that at the end of the world there will be a host of angels who will separate the wicked from the just and cast the wicked into a fire, where they will grind their teeth. That statement sounds as though we actually can be separated from the love of God. It also sounds scary.

What's going on here? Is it possible that the refusal of the gift, the rejection of God's love, can separate us? Is faith in the promise, hope in the covenant, acceptance of the love, the work we must do, the only effort we must make to avoid damnation? Of that I'm not sure; it raises the awesome question whether anyone is eternally lost.

But I do believe the words of the psalmist suggest an answer: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his deeds. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth."

Jesus, his heart moved by compassion, cured the sick. More tellingly, when his disciples wanted to dismiss the pressing crowd to search for food, he told his followers to offer their own food freely. Five loaves and two fish fed thousands, the fragments filling twelve bushels. Maybe there is such a thing as a free lunch.

Somewhere in the mystery of God is an unlimited bounty, whether it makes sense to us or not. This God we meet in Jesus just does not work according to our ways. It may not make for good business, it may even be bad law, but whatever else it is, it seems to be God's way of loving."

(Fr. John Kavanaugh SJ, Let the Scriptures Speak, St. Louis U. Sunday, August 2, 2020.)

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9 a.m. People of the Parish

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 a.m. William O'Connor
42nd Anniversary
Those enrolled in the Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Margaret Sullivan

12 p.m. James & Annie Deery

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

9 a.m. Dolores Staniszewski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

9 a.m. William Moritz

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

9 a.m. Ruth & Patrick McCarthy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

9 a.m. Mary McMullan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martys; St. Cajetan, Priest

9 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the 72nd & 78th Precincts

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

9 a.m. Irena M. Reselosa
Birthday

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

The Holy Name Food Pantry
will distribute food from the Rectory basement:
2 to 3 p.m.
Saturdays, Aug 8, & Aug 22

At this time, tuna, cereal, pasta, and sauce for pasta are needed. Thank you to everyone who has made donations during the past weeks.

For Those Who Are Ill:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: James Flannagn, Michael Garcia, Sheila Judge Connors, William Krumbholz, Ann Pope, Deacon John Hardy, Pauline Griffin, Maria Sisto, Tom Byrnes, Edelmira Espinosa Areiza, Patricia Medina, Joseph Cox, Madison P. Levy, Vincent Camastro, Cheryl Jablow, Jean Thomas, Gerard Kent, Andrew Mazzella, Mary Hannan, Nicoleta Cordero, Josephine Barrucco, J.M.J, Carolyn Lucca, Migdalia Cintron, Thomas Flynn, J. Lyle, Dino Sisto, Richie and Frances Day, Debbie and Rebecca Wareham, Ann Quigley, Richard Booher, Ellen Papa, Victoria Smith, Rosie Pira-Ursino, Patrick Cregg, Marilyn Bloom, Joe Gallagher and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

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 also for those they have left behind.

Please remember those enrolled in our **Purgatorial Society** on Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

The Deacon's Corner

Spiritual Nourishment

This Sunday's Gospel from St. Matthew tells us of Jesus' act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness in the form of a miracle. Jesus saw the needs of the people — it was late for them to return to their homes and they'd had nothing to eat all day — so He performed a miracle to provide for them. This miracle helped to convince the people of Galilee of that He was the expected Messiah. But in a special way, it prepared them for the greatest miracle of all: the Miracle of the Eucharist.

Jesus referred to this miracle in order to introduce His promise of the heavenly bread which He would give them and which was to be His own body and blood, in the form of bread and wine. The bread He miraculously multiplied that day to supply the bodily needs of the Galilean multitude was but a foreshadowing of that heavenly food which He was about to give as spiritual nourishment to the millions who would become His followers down through the centuries until the end of time.

Though invisible to mortal eyes, He is as truly present on our altars as He was that very day in Galilee when He miraculously fed the multitude. Today He is present under the form of bread and wine so that we can partake of Him as spiritual nourishment during our earthly life. In other words, at each and every Mass, we become witnesses of this great miracle of the bread and wine becoming the body and blood of our Lord. Contrary to what some people may think, the host and the wine are not symbols!

Could love go any further? He Himself said: "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). Yes, once a man has given his life he has given his all. There is nothing more he can give. But Jesus was more than man; He was God, as well. Therefore, He was able to not only lay down His human life for us, but was able and willing to remain with us after death under the Eucharistic species, to be our strength and nourishment until we join Him in the promised land of heaven.

LET US TRUST IN JESUS.

~ *Deacon Mike Saez*