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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

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
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Masking and Social distancing guidelines must be followed.
For health and safety reasons, please try to conduct Rectory business by phone whenever possible.

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Holy Name of Jesus Church

25TH Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 20, 2020**

The Collection Results for the September 12-13, 2020 weekend will be reported in the September 27 bulletin.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

Donations to 2019 Appeal	$112,831
Donations (thus far) to 2020 Appeal	$83,683
Difference	($29,148)
Completed pledges to 2019 Appeal	221
Pledges (thus far) to 2020 Appeal	160
Difference	(61)

We continue to make progress in closing the gap between last year and this year, but we still have a long way to go. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Why Catholic?

Small Groups will be meeting for the Fall Season (October - November), using all health and safety guidelines. The Theme will be "Believe II" and the six sessions will focus on the Creed.

Sessions will run 60-90 minutes utilizing a combination of Reflection, Scripture and Prayer. We will offer a Day and Evening group in the Rectory Basement. We will also offer a Zoom meeting and an Outdoor Home Group. New members are always welcome and prior participation is NOT required.

Anyone interested in learning more should send an email with phone number to Alayne Cox: acox42@nyc.rr.com.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA program prepares adults, and children over the age of eight, to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

- Religious instruction will be available this Fall for: adults who wish to be baptized Catholic, and
- Those who are already members of the Catholic Church, but were never able to receive the fullness of the sacraments (Communion and/or Confirmation.)

If you are interested, please contact the Rectory at 718-768-3071 for more information.

Congratulations

to the Boys and Girls
who made First Holy Communion
at Holy Name on September 12 and 13:

Yvanna Brizard
Adrian Carter
Alexander Castillo
Angel Duran
Ashlyn Galindo
Karen Lucera
Dalilah Martinez
Noah Martinez
Connor Marzouka
Kharla Mendoza
Nicolas Merino
Adrian Mora
Katelyn Perez

Holy Name's Religious Education Program Is Still Accepting Registrations for Fall 2020

Children in grades 1-8 in non-Catholic grammar schools should attend religious education classes to help them grow in their Catholic faith and prepare them to receive their sacraments. Due to COVID restrictions, Fall 2020 classes will be held remotely, via ZOOM.

If you have any questions, or wish to register your child in Holy Name's program, 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.

— GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH —

FREE FLU SHOTS

Walgreens Pharmacy will administer free flu shots at Holy Name 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in Shepherds Hall

If you are interested in receiving a flu shot, please contact the Rectory and provide your name and phone number. This will help ensure that Walgreens brings the correct number of vaccines.

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A Note From Fr. Larry

Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see the list of the 13 children from our parish Religious Education Program and from St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy who made their First Holy Communions at our 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and our 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon Sunday Masses last weekend. Congratulations to them and to their parents and loved ones; and thanks to our Coordinator of Religious Education Kathryn Sisto and to the catechists and teachers who prepared them. These children were part of the group whose First Communions had to be postponed from last Spring until now because of the coronavirus crisis. Others in that group will be receiving their First Holy Communions at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses for the next three weekends.

This Sunday, (September 20) is Catechetical Sunday. At the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, we will be offering a special prayer of blessing and thanks for the volunteer catechists who serve so faithfully to instruct the students in our Religious Education program.

Thank you for your generosity to the Pope's special request for donations at last weekend's Masses (to supplement what is usually taken up on Good Friday) for the Catholic people and religious sites in the Holy Land. Some envelopes are still coming in and we will report on results in next week's bulletin.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has made another special request for donations at next weekend's (September 26/27) Masses. This will be for emergency relief for those suffering because of the hurricanes in the Southern U.S. and the wildfires in the West. Because we still have no traditional "collections", we ask you to mark your Hurricanes/Wildfire donations: Please make checks payable to Holy Name of Jesus Parish with the notation "Hurricanes/Wildfires" in the memo line, or place cash in envelopes marked with the words "Hurricanes/Wildfires". We will have pre-marked envelopes next to the collection baskets near the Church doors if you need one. Please put all regular and special donations into the baskets; we will sort the contents and consolidate the "Hurricanes/wildfires" donations into a single check to be sent to the Diocese for forwarding to the USCCB. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Scripture Insights

Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's readings
(Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a)

"Employer or Patron

What is God like? The answer to this common question always reflects the culture of the questioner or the one who answers the question. Today's parable reports one of Jesus' many answers to this question. It should be no surprise that in this parable God behaves in accord with Middle Eastern values.

Limited Good

In general, Americans believe that "there is always more where this came from," whether it is oil, jobs, money, or whatever. This attitude makes it extremely difficult for Americans to understand concepts such as shortages, extinction, or anything similar.

Our Mediterranean ancestors in the faith believed "there is no more where this came from." Everything (jobs, wealth, honor, or whatever one could imagine) was limited in quantity and already distributed. The jobs at the vineyard were already filled. How dare any worker think there might be more jobs?

Moreover, to ask for a job is to deprive the employer of something he owns. This is shameful. Instead, workers have to be invited by the owner to work for him. The owner in this parable goes out four times in one day looking for workers to invite, and each time he hires everyone in sight. Such behavior by the owner and the potential workers is very honorable, because it respects the cultural idea that all goods—including jobs—are limited.

Patronage

In America, workers look for jobs, employers hire the best qualified workers, they agree on a wage and respect a practice called "seniority." None of this existed in the ancient Mediterranean world and none of these elements can be found in the parable.

Only to the first hired does the owner promise "the usual daily wage." They agree to accept it. To the second (and presumably all subsequent groups), the owner says: "I will pay you whatever is right." At the end of the day, the owner pays the workers beginning with the last hired. This is an important narrative point without which the story would collapse because those hired first would have no reason to hang around if they were paid first. This point also indicated to ancient Mediterranean peoples that the owner wears two hats: he is an employer but can also be a patron.

A patron is a person of means who freely chooses to treat other people (always of lower status) "as if" they were family members. No one can bid for or "earn" such treatment, but everyone in the Mediterranean world of antiquity and the present seeks to have a patron.

The vineyard owner treats the last hired generously and graciously, "as if" they were relatives. They did nothing to "earn" such treatment. The owner gave them "what is right" for relatives. At the same time, the owner treats the first hired in accord with their agreement. If he chose to, the owner could disregard the agreement and treat the first hired generously, "as if" they were relatives. But he doesn't so choose. To the first hired, the vineyard owner chooses to be employer; to the last hired, the vineyard owner chooses to be a patron.

Jesus' lesson is not about economics but about God from a Middle Eastern perspective. Insinuated in Jesus' explanation is that God's choice for treating people may reflect how people deal with God. Such ideas clash with American economic ideas of equal opportunity, contracts, seniority, and the like. How would God behave from an American perspective?"

John J. Pilch, Ph.d., Historical Cultural Context, St. Louis U. Sunday, Sept.20, 2020

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Saint Janarius, Bishop & Martyr

9 a.m. Lorraine Wald

5:30 p.m. Louise & Gerald Nevola
Catherine Mullin
Joseph Sullivan
Ralph & Alfred Casagrande
Brian McCabe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 a.m. Those enrolled in the Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. In Honor of San Miguel
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Donald & Mel Pynn

12 p.m. Francesco Pira

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9 a.m. William Oconnor

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9 a.m. James & Margaret Galligan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

9 a.m. Donna Baker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9 a.m. Mercedes Reselosa
(Birthday)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9 a.m. Yves Mendes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

9 a.m. Eva Sierra

5:30 p.m. Volpe Family
Mary & Gerard Martin
Grace O'Donnell
Concetta Wagner
Anna & Bavel Svitan

The Holy Name Food Pantry will distribute food from the Rectory basement from **2 to 3 p.m.** on **Saturdays, October 3, 17, & 24.**

At this time, tuna and cereal are needed. Thank you for your continued support.

Memorials

The Hosts and Wine have been donated in loving memory of **John Halloran** by Deacon Gerry and MaryRose Devine.

For Those Who Are Ill:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Bethany Windsor, Devika Jewnarian, Joseph Travato, Patty Budgell, James Flannagan, Michael Garcia, Sheila Judge Connors, William Krumbholz, Ann Pope, Deacon John Hardy, 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, especially **Patrick G. Heaney** and **Antoinette Mullins**, 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

St. Matthew - Apostle, Evangelist, and Tax Collector

Most of us may not like paying taxes, but we do so to help ensure our country, state and city can provide our communities with much-needed services. Today, tax rates are set based on the various income brackets. Things were quite different in Jesus' time, though.

Rome set the rates for the taxes that were to be collected from the various territories they had conquered. Tax collectors were local men hired by the Roman rulers and, because of their jobs, they were not well liked. To make matters worse, the collectors charged more in taxes than what was actually owed to Rome. This extra money was split between the tax collector and the local officials. Rome's rulers didn't care, as long as they received what they expected. This practice was certainly unethical. In fact, everyone involved was actually stealing.

Monday, September 21 is the Feast of St. Matthew, who was one of the twelve Apostles and an Evangelist, as well as one of the four writers of the Gospels. Matthew, who was also known as Levi, was a tax collector when he first met Jesus. By inviting Matthew to join Him, Jesus lets us know that He also calls upon sinners to follow Him. Once we get past the fact that he was a tax collector, we can learn from St. Matthew how to better follow Jesus.

In speaking about St. Matthew in 2006, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said "those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvelous effects in their own lives."

~ Deacon Gerry Devine