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SUNDAY EUCHARIST - MISA DOMINICALES
Saturday: 5:30pm.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 (Spanish), 10:30am &12:00 Noon

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST - MISAS DE LA SEMANA
Monday thru Friday: 9:00am.
Saturday: 9:00am.
Holidays: as announced in this bulletin.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS
Is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Spanish baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Please call the Rectory to make an appointment to meet with one of the clergy and bring the child's birth certificate to the appointment.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION
For school age children, teens or adults follows the RCIA process, also called the Catechumenate, for those thinking and joining the Roman Catholic Church by celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and/or first Eucharist: inquiries may be made by calling the Religious Education Office.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
Call the Rectory to arrange for a minister to bring the Eucharist to someone homebound or in the hospital. In cases with those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, please contact one of the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE
Engaged couples call the Rectory for an appointment with one of the priests or deacons at least six months in advance of the sacramental celebration.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
For information, call 718-894-4888.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - PENITENCIA
Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

DEVOTIONS - DEVOCIONES
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 9:00am mass.
Sacred Heart: Fridays after the 9:00am mass.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 9:30am to 11:45 am followed by Benediction.

LOS BAUTISMOS DE INFANTES.
Seran celebrados en Espanol el Segundo Domingo del mes a la 1:30 pm y en ingles, el primer Domingo del mes a la 1:30 pm. Por favor de, llamar a la rectoría para hacer una cita con un miembro del clero y, de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño a la cita.

INICIACION EN LA VIDA CRISTIANA
Niños de edad escolar, jovenes y adultos que esten interesados en sequir el proceso de RICA, aquellos que quieren pensar en envolverse en la iglesia Catholica Romana, en clases sobre celebracion del bautismo, confirmacion, primera comunion y continuar activos en nuestra parroquia, llame a las Oficinas de Educacion Religiosa.

CIUDADO PASTORAL A LOS ENFERMOS
Llame a la Casa Parroquial para los arreglos, que unos de los ministros de eucaristia brindara la Comunion a quien la necesite en el hogar o en el hospital. En casos particulares de ancianos o enfermedad de condicion seria, por favor pongase en contacto con los sacerdotes para los sacramentos de uncion.

MATRIMONIOS
Los preparativos de matrimonios deben hacerse con seis meses de anticpacion. Deben llamar con anticipacion para hacer una cita con los sacerdotes.

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CCD OFFICE HOURS IN SCHOOL:
Sunday 8 – 12Noon Monday 10-2PM Tuesday 10-2PM Wednesday 10-2PM Thursday 1:30-5:30PM Friday No Office Hours

December 15, 2019

SUNDAY, December 15
12:00 p.m. **Hispanic Committee Hospitality**, Rectory Bsmt.
6:00 p.m. **SAT Class**, Rectory Basement

MONDAY, December 16
7:00 p.m. **Bible Study**, Boardman Room

TUESDAY, December 17
7:00 p.m. **Irish Dance**, Shepherds Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 18
1:00 p.m. **Friendship Club**, Shepherds Hall
6:30 p.m. **Al-Anon,** Rectory Basement
7:00 p.m. **RCIA**, Boardman Room
8:30 p.m. **AA**, Rectory Basement

THURSDAY, December 19
11:00 a.m. **Al-Anon**, Rectory Basement
12:30 p.m. **Cancer Guild**, Rectory Basement
6:00 p.m. **Girl Scouts**, Shepherds Hall
6:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts**, School Basement

FRIDAY, December 20
6:00 p.m. **Cub Scouts**, School Basement
7:00 p.m. **Círculo de Oracíon**, Rectory Basement

SATURDAY, December 21
9:00 a.m. **Brooklyn Quilters Guild**, Shepherds Hall
6:00 p.m. **AA Meeting for persons interested in joining AA**, Rectory Basement

SUNDAY, December 22
9:00 a.m. **CCD Christmas Party**, Shepherds Hall

2019 Giving Trees

Come visit our **Giving Trees** in the gathering space and please help support two worthy, charitable causes this Christmas Season!

The tree on the left will help support ***Catholic Charities***. If you choose to support this cause, please donate new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children ages infant to 16 years old no later than Sunday, December 15th.

The tree on the right helps support our local charity, ***CHiPS***. Holy Name's Youth group, The CREW is collecting men's knit caps and gloves for the needy. If you choose to support this charity, please donate men's blue or black knit caps/gloves no later than Sunday, December 15th.

COLLECTION RESULTS
December 8, 2019

The results of last week's collections will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Your generosity and support of Holy Name is very much appreciated.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2018
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Update as of 12/9/2019

Pledged:	$111,672
Paid:	$103,874
Balance:	$7,798

Thank you again to all whose pledges have been completely paid or whose payments are up to date. Please try to pay all pledges as soon as possible in accordance with your payment schedules.

Holy Name of Jesus
Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

Christmas Eve
Confessions 1:30pm-2:30pm
4:00pm Mass
5:30pm Family Mass
10:00pm Spanish Mass
11:30pm Christmas Carols
12:00am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
7:30am Mass
12 Noon Mass

New Year Party 2020
St. Joseph the Worker Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 31st, 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Hot Buffet, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Dessert Games for children, Music and Fun
$55 Adults, $15 Children **or Each Child Free with Each Paid Adult** For more information call **347-383-2179**

Fiesta de ano nuevo 2020
St. Joseph the Worker Cafeteria
El 31 de Diciembre, 8 PM -1:00 AM
Buffet Caliente, cerveza, vino, soda, café, postres Juegos para ninos, musica y diversion $55 adultos, $15 ninos **o Cada nino gratis con adulto pagado**
Para obtener mas informacion llamar al **347-383-2179**

NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Many thanks to the skilled and hardworking volunteers who, last Saturday (December 7th), put up the exterior garlands and the sanctuary and Gathering Space (Vestibule) Christmas trees (not to be lit until later in Advent of course). This is no small undertaking. It requires a good deal of "high work "on extension ladders and physical hauling of heavy pieces. As they do every year, those volunteers saved the parish a substantial cost for commercial contractors.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (the Latin word for "Rejoice") Sunday because of the words of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice, Indeed the Lord is near." The Lord's coming on Christmas Day perhaps seems more near than usual this year because of the late date for Thanksgiving. But we shouldn't get ahead of ourselves. This weekend we will light the Third Candle (the one with the rose-colored ribbon) on the Advent Wreath. The priests celebrating Mass will wear rose-colored vestments. The color rose is a mixture of violet and white reminding us that, while we are still in the penitential season of Advent, we are drawing closer to the light and joy associated with Christmas Day.

Important parts of the preparation for Christmas are Confession and prayer. Monday, December 16th, is Reconciliation Monday. All of the Catholic Churches (including our own HNJ Church) in the NY Archdiocese and the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese will be having Confessions from 4 to 8 PM. Please make a good Confession before Advent ends. Our Advent Holy Hour at 7 PM, Wednesday, December 18th will feature an Advent Reflection by Fr. Charles Keeney plus Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for private prayer, and Benediction. Please join us.

As part of the Red Ribbon Campaign that continues until through Epiphany, please remember to pray for the Catholics and other Christians throughout the world (and especially in the Middle East) who are being persecuted for their faith.

Scripture Insights

Please consider the following commentary on this Sunday's Readings:
Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10;
Reading II: James 5: 7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11.

"As we approach Christmas, today's readings speak about an active, joyful waiting. With this type of waiting, total trust is placed in God while we do everything to accomplish our task. St. James, in the Second Reading, offers an example of patient waiting. Farmers sow seeds in the ground, then let nature take its course.

The Gospel offers the perfect example of waiting in John the Baptist, whose whole life was spent in active waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah. As he languishes in Herod's prison, he hears of a different Jesus than he expected. Following the Jewish tradition, John believed the Messiah would be a powerful figure who would overthrow the Romans and establish the Kingdom of God.

John sends his disciples to inquire of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah: "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." These words challenge John's idea of the Messiah. Jesus says that the true reading of Scripture looks forward to a messiah who would touch the lives of people where they are. He would heal them spiritually and physically and restore them to a relationship with God. Jesus is saying that his actions show who he is.

As Christians, we lead our lives like John the Baptist, waiting patiently while actively striving to prepare a way for Christ into our lives and into the lives of others."

(At Home with the Word 2019, Sunday Scriptures and Scripture Insights, pg. 22)

IMPORTANT DATES IN ADVENT

Monday, December 16th 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Reconciliation Monday-Confessions

Wednesday, December 18th, 7:00 p.m.
Advent Holy Hour

Saturday, December 21st , 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Advent Concert in Church

Beware of SCAM

Please beware of a scam involving use of priests' names (including mine!) in fraudulent emails and texts asking that you purchase the types of gift cards that the scammers can use to make purchases electronically.
DO NOT BE FOOLED AND PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

Mass Intentions

LET US PRAY…
For these Mass intentions during the Week of December 15, 2019

SUNDAY, December 15:Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. Purgatorial Society
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Intentions of Rudy Conquet
10:30 a.m. Fr. Patrick Burns (1st Anniversary)
12:00 Noon Pablo & Eva Sierra (Wedding Anniversary)

MONDAY, December 16
9:00 a.m. John McNerney

TUESDAY, December 17
9:00 a.m. Michael Perrotta

WEDNESDAY, December 18
9:00 a.m. Gerard C. Artz

THURSDAY, December 19
9:00 a.m. Mary Christine Griffin

FRIDAY, December 20
9:00 a.m. Isadore & Lena Galucci

SATURDAY, December 21: St. Peter Canisius
9:00 a.m. Donald O'Donnell
5:30 p.m. Nicola A. Sisto
Anthony & Mary Pergolizzi
Daniel Sullivan
Anna Heaney
Hanora Malley

SUNDAY, December 22:Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. Purgatorial Society
9:00 a.m. Marilen Briones
People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Thomas, Anna and Marie Cooke
12:00 Noon Joseph Giamboi III

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and all who give them care, especially for Josephine Barrucco, Shane Booker, Thomas Larkin, Carolyn Lucca, Migdalia Cintron, Thomas Flynn, Hector Betancourt, Ann, Jason, Mary and Patrick Smith; Daniel McNulty, Dino Sisto, Richie and Frances Day, Debbie and Rebecca Wareham, Ann Quigley, Richard Booher, Ellen Papa, Rosie Pira-Ursino, Eileen Houlihan, Patrick Cregg, Marilyn Bloom and Joe Gallagher.

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,** especially ***Joseph SantaCroce*** on Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

The ***Food Pantry*** will distribute food from the Rectory basement between 2 and 3 pm on Dec. 21 and Jan. 4 & 18. At this time, instant coffee, rice, and cereal are needed. Five years ago the Girl Scouts of Holy Name established Our Lady's Garden in Our Lady's Field on a small part of the field. Camryn, Ciara, Elise, Gabriella, Kenna and Brianne earned their Silver Awards by preparing the soil, putting in a fence, planting, watering and harvesting vegetables for the patrons of the Food Pantry. Camryn, Ciara, Elise and Gabriella continued gardening extending the growing season in the cooler months to earn their Gold Awards. Nissa earned her Silver Award by introducing a new vegetable to the garden- zucchini. And many other Girl Scouts have helped along the way. The Food Pantry thanks the Girl Scouts of Holy Name for establishing and maintaining Our Lady's Garden and providing fresh vegetables to the pantry during growing seasons.

The ***Holy Name Cancer Guild*** is welcoming new members to join!

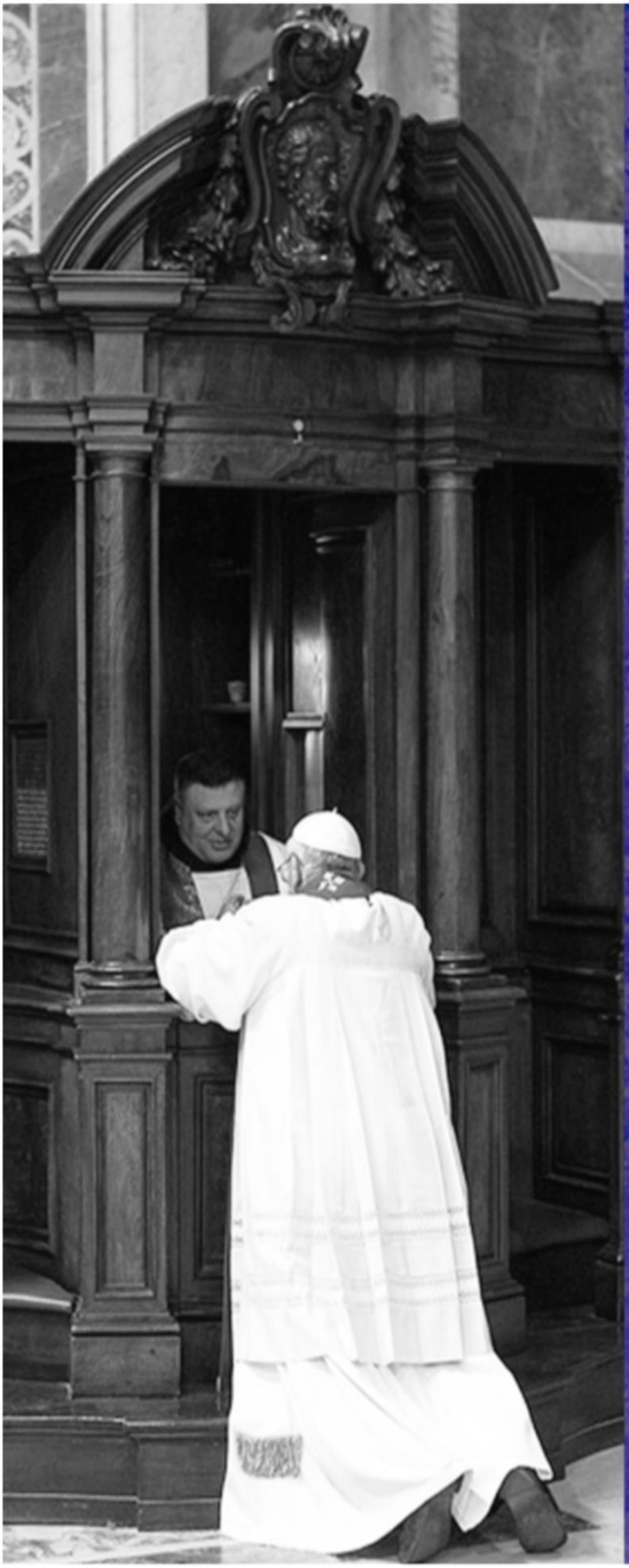
The group meets every Thursday from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Rectory Basement. No fancy sewing skills necessary. Also, the Cancer Guild is in need of sheets which will be sewn into pads and donated to the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorn for patients. For more information please contact the Rectory Office. Sheet donations can be dropped off at the Rectory Office or at next meeting. Thank you!

Fraternitas

Fraternal group for middle school boys (grades 6 to 8)

Saturday, December 21st at Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary, 56-25 92nd Street, Elmhurst Bishop Chappetto will celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, please join us!
Please contact the Rectory for more information.

Please join us in celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent with a mini concert in church. Ivonne Rojas and the Choir will delight the congregation with lovely hymns to put us in the Christmas spirit to celebrate the coming of our Christ and Savior on Saturday, December 21st at 4:45 p.m.



Advent Reconciliation Monday December 16th

Everyone needs to be made right with God.

Holy Name of Jesus is offering Confession

4:00pm to 8:00pm

Please partake in this special opportunity during Advent to receive God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconcilation.

Holy Name of Jesus Church
245 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215
718-768-3071

Advent Holy Hour

Holy Name of Jesus Church invites all to join together for an Advent Holy Hour which will feature exposition of the blessed sacrament, prayer & benediction.

Father Charles Keeney will also bless us with some beautiful reflections on the season.

Wednesday, December 18th
at 7:00pm

All are welcome!

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