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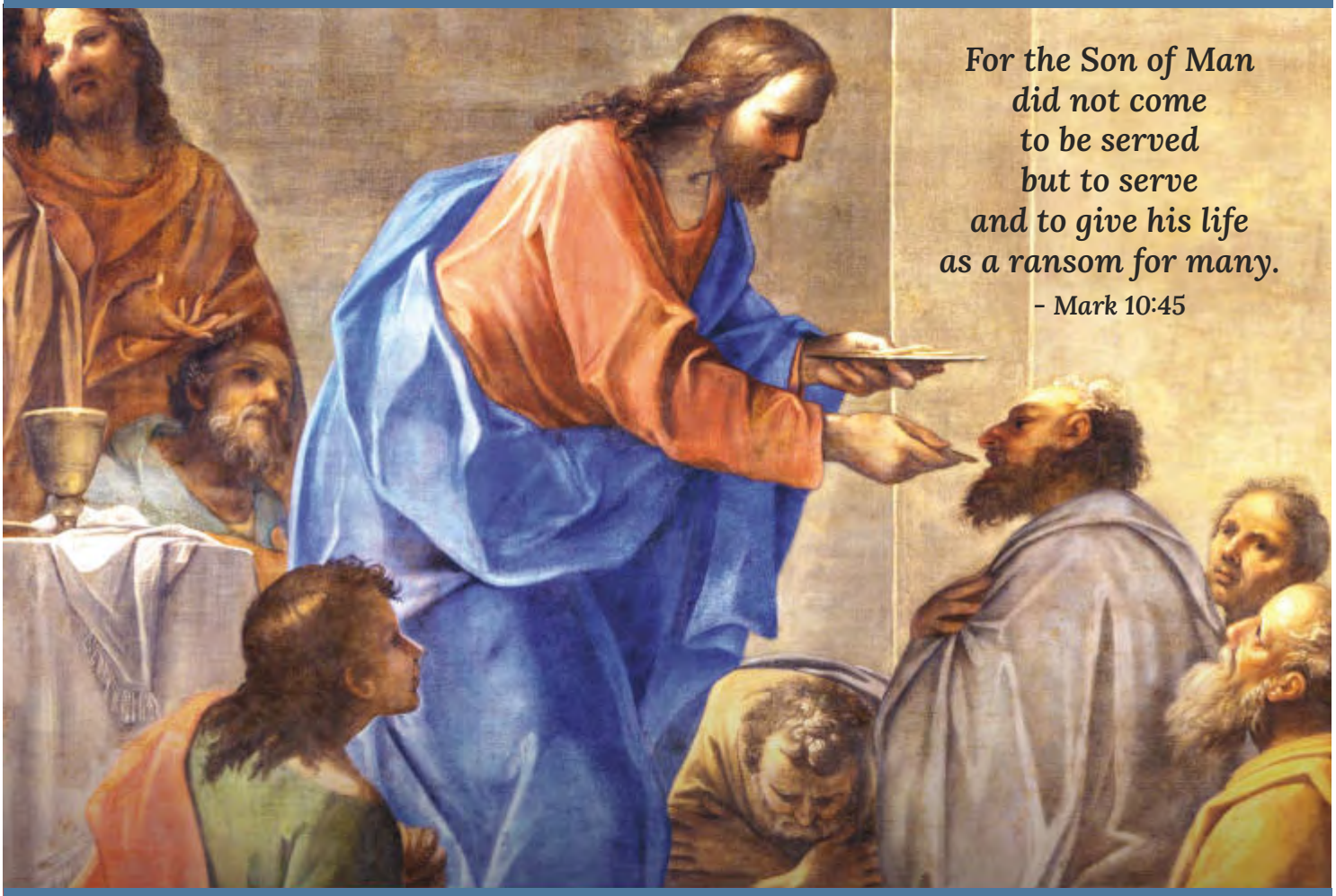


29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Rev. Lawrence D. Ryan, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 9 am *
Saturday: 9 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am* (Spanish), 10:30 am*, & Noon.
(* Masses are also live streamed on our Facebook page.)

Confessions

Saturdays: 5 -5:20 pm or by appointment.

Weddings and Baptisms

Please call the Rectory to speak with a priest.

Funerals

Please have the Funeral Home call the Rectory.

The Church is also open for Private Prayer: Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

COLLECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 10, 2021

1st Collection Total to Parish $5,008

2nd Collection Total to Parish for Building Repair $1,301

Catch Up Collection $370

2nd Collection Total to Diocese for Hurricane Ida Relief (Oct 2/3) $1,120

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

One Sunday for the Whole World

Next weekend, October 23/24, our Second Collection will be the annual one for World Mission Sunday.

Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call to respond as missionaries, saying "*We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard.*" (Acts 4:20). Today, we can respond to that call through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions, in places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence, in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom, in Oceania where people's livelihoods are threatened by climate change, and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Please respond on this World Mission Sunday by supporting the Propagation of the Faith in assisting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

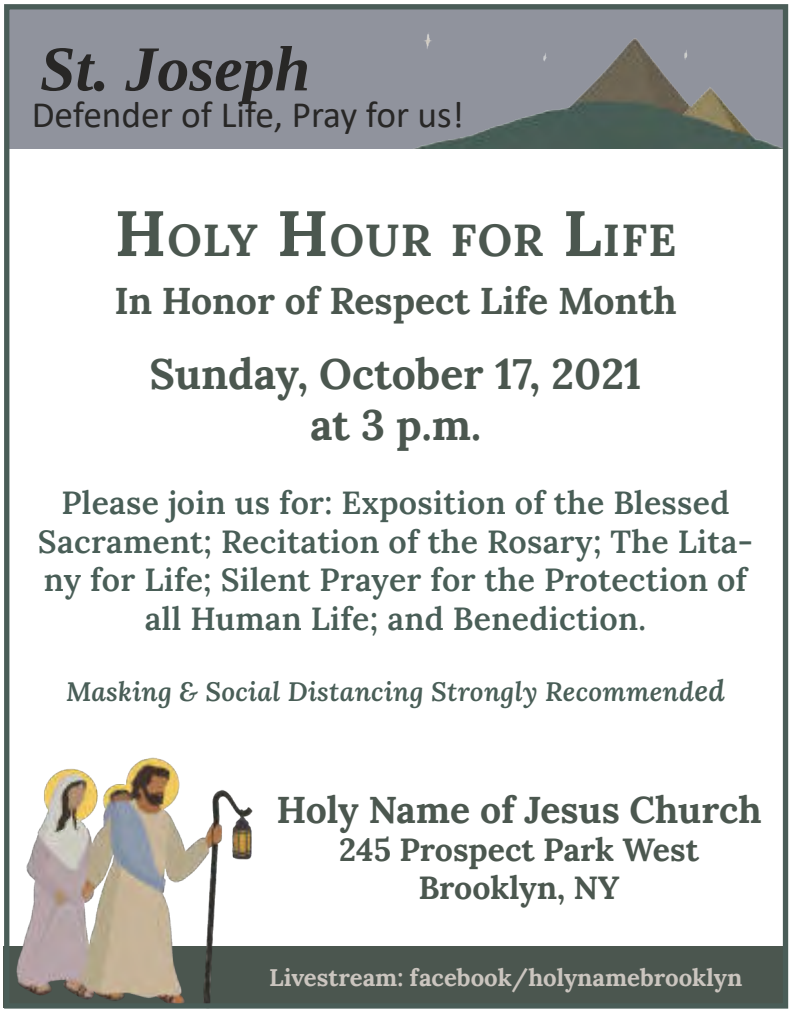
SUNDAY ROSARY AT HNJ

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Members of the Holy Name Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society will lead the recitation of the Rosary in the Church immediately after the 12 Noon Mass (approximately 1 p.m.) on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

If you can, please join them for this great way to start your week — and complete the month of October, the Month of the Most Holy Rosary!

October is *Right to Life Month*. It is also dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.



A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant,
you guided the Holy Family
on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Last Sunday afternoon, I had the privilege of baptizing **Charlie Pierson and his brother Jack** here in Holy Name. We welcome them as the newest members of our Catholic Christian family, and ask for all of God's blessings on them as well as their parents, Godparents, and loved ones.

It is my sad duty to advise those of you who may not yet have heard that **Msgr. Michael Curran** passed away on October 10. Msgr. Curran was a Weekend Assistant Priest here at Holy Name of Jesus Parish from 2013 until the coronavirus pandemic closed the church in March 2020. Medical issues prevented his returning after we reopened.

Msgr. Mike was very distinguished academically. He was selected for pre- and post-ordination studies in Rome where he earned a Doctorate in Moral Theology. He was a seminary professor twice, first at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and later at St. Joseph's Seminary in the Dunwoodie section of Yonkers, NY, where he was assigned at the time of his final illness. He had also been the Director of Studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. As a Moral Theologian, he was a high-level Medical Ethics advisor to bishops and the boards of Catholic health-care facilities. Msgr. Mike was also a successful pastor twice. He was a wise, warm and witty professor, priest and pastor who was deeply loved by his students, his colleagues, and his parishioners, including the people of HNJ parish whom he served faithfully and well. He was a great friend and advisor to me. May he rest in peace.

Last weekend, Pope Francis and the bishops of Dioceses around the world (including our own Bishop DiMarzio here in Brooklyn) celebrated Masses to begin the world-wide process leading up to a **Synod of Bishops** that will take place in Rome in October 2023. You will be hearing and reading more about this in the coming weeks. The initial steps in the process will involve "listening sessions" at the parish, deanery (a group of local parishes) and Diocesan levels. Those sessions will take place during the next few months. The results of the sessions will be consolidated at the diocesan and national levels for forwarding to the Vatican in Rome. The listening sessions are intended to be as open and inclusive as possible, assisted greatly by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Vatican's Preparatory Document on the Synod explains that: "A basic question prompts and guides us: How does this 'journeying together' which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the Mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?" Bishop Robert Brennan, our new Bishop-Designate for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, hopes to attend many of the deanery-level listening sessions.

Please join us (either in person or via livestream) for our **Holy Hour for Life** in HNJ Church at 3 p.m. this Sunday, October 17.

Also, please continue to pray for our **Why Catholic?** Small Groups as they meet for their Fall Season. And please continue to pray the Rosary during this Marian month of October.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will see the notice that Sunday, October 24, is **World Mission Sunday** and that all of our Second Collections next Saturday evening and Sunday will go to support the Missions. We are blessed to have Fr. Charles Keeney, the Missions Director for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, in residence here at HNJ parish. Fr. Keeney asked all of the pastors to remind our parishioners that their "prayers and sacrifices will support priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders who are proclaiming the Gospel, building the Church and serving the poorest communities in territories covering more than half the globe". Please be generous in next weekend's Collections for the Missions. As always, thank you and God bless you.

Looking More Closely at the Word

Great Service

by Tom Schmidt

In Mark's gospel, he has a short description of the Last Supper, without the washing of the disciples' feet found in the gospel of John. Today's passage has a similar message. While James and John seem to be close friends of Jesus, they obviously have not learned what it means to follow him. But they think this is the time to ask for their share in the glory of Jesus' Kingdom.

Jesus doesn't make any promises of worldly glory, but he does promise a share in his suffering. When he goes on to remind them of how Gentiles rule over people, they probably thought he was going to let them do the same. Imagine their surprise when he told them that the greatest of them would be the ones who served the rest.

They still did not understand that Jesus had to suffer and die to complete his life mission. They probably did not know what Jesus meant about their being baptized in death as Jesus would. But then how many people today know that leadership is a form of service? Whether you are head of a family, or of a nation, you were given that authority by God. And God expects leaders to not only direct those under them, but inspire and encourage them to do better. Parents do more than correct their children: They also guide them, love them, protect them, and sometimes even let them learn from their mistakes.

This connection of leadership and service is all inclusive. A manager is called to help his employees do their jobs better, not by badgering, but by giving the support they need. Government leaders are called to serve all constituents, not just the ones who donate to their election fund. Military leaders must support their troops with respect as well as discipline. God calls Church leaders in a special way to service of their flock: to protect the weakest members, to give an example of Jesus' love to all, and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in both clergy and laity. Anyone who lives a life of loving service can be "greatest" in the Kingdom of God.

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Sunday's Readings

First: **Isaiah 53:10-11**

Second: **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Gospel: **Mark 10:35-45**

DIACONATE FORMATION

INQUIRY SESSIONS ABOUT TO BEGIN

The Diaconate Formation Office for the Diocese of Brooklyn has begun the admissions process for those men interested in applying for the Permanent Diaconate. The next Aspirancy Class is slated to begin in September 2022.

Bilingual Inquiry Sessions (English / Spanish) start soon and will be available during Fall 2021. They will include detailed presentations about the Diaconate, the Admissions Process, and the involvement of their wives (for those who are married), parish, and family.

To attend one of the Inquiry Sessions, a man must be between the ages of 35 and 60 and must first meet with his pastor to discuss his interest and to review the criteria for admission to the Aspirancy Stage of Diaconate Formation. Fr. Larry Ryan will be happy to speak with any man from HNJ Parish who would like to attend one of the sessions. If you believe the Lord is calling you to serve as one of His deacons, please contact Fr. Larry at the Rectory Office as soon as possible.

For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Jesus Christ. - 1 Timothy 3:13

FORMACIÓN DEL DIACONADO

SESIONES DE CONSULTA A PUNTO DE COMENZAR

La Oficina de Formación del Diaconado de la Diócesis de Brooklyn ha comenzado el proceso de admisión para aquellos hombres interesados en postularse para el Diaconado Permanente. La próxima clase de aspirantes está programada para comenzar en septiembre de 2022.

Las sesiones de investigación bilingüe (inglés / español) comienzan pronto y estarán disponibles durante el otoño de 2021. Incluirán presentaciones detalladas sobre el Diaconado, el proceso de admisión y la participación de sus esposas (para las que están casadas), la parroquia y la familia.

Para asistir a una de las Sesiones de Investigación, un hombre debe tener entre 35 y 60 años y primero debe reunirse con su pastor para discutir su interés y revisar los criterios de admisión a la Etapa de Aspiración de la Formación del Diaconado. Fr. Larry Ryan estará dispuesto de hablar con cualquier hombre de la parroquia de HNJ que quiera asistir a una de las sesiones. Si cree que el Señor lo está llamando a servir como uno de Sus diáconos, comuníquese con el Fr. Larry en la oficina de la rectoría lo antes posible.

Porque los diáconos que realizan bien su trabajo, se ganan un lugar de honor, y con mayor confianza podrán hablar de su fe en Cristo Jesús. - 1 Timoteo 3:13

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Catholic children in Grades 1 - 8 who are in non-Catholic schools should also attend religious education classes to help them grow in their faith and to prepare them to receive their sacraments.

For additional information, contact Kathryn Sisto, HNJ's Coordinator of Religious Education, by:

- Completing the on-line registration form: https://forms.gle/cdx3n1k6esFjEr4G6
- Emailing her at hnjreligioused@gmail.com,
- Or calling 718-768-7629.

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 for those who are already members of the Catholic Church, but were never able to receive the fullness of the sacraments (Communion and/or Confirmation.)

Please call the Rectory at 718-768-3071 for more information.

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

We will distribute food from the Rectory basement from 2-3 p.m. on Saturdays, October 23 and November 6 & 20.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the food pantry.

WHY CATHOLIC?

HNJ's *Why Catholic?* Small Prayer Groups have begun their Fall 2021 Season — but it's not too late to join.

New participants are welcome — prior participation is not required.

Each group gathers, either in-person or via Zoom, for six weekly 90-minute sessions per season. The sessions take a rich scriptural and catechetical approach that includes prayer, Scripture, and voluntary faith-sharing. These small groups have proven to be a valuable part of the spiritual life of Holy Name Parish for several years.

Please call the Rectory office at (718) 768-3071 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 17

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. John Gallucio
12 p.m. Walter & Martha Kash

Monday, October 18

St. Luke
9 a.m. Donald Doran

Tuesday, October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues,
9 a.m. Marie Racioppo

Wednesday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross
9 a.m. Billy Purdy

Thursday, October 21

9 a.m. Dorothy Sullivan

Friday, October 22

Pope St. John Paul II
9 a.m. Robert W. Mullin

Saturday, October 23

St. John of Capistrano
9 a.m. John L. Murphy
Anne McGlade
5:30 p.m. John McGoldrick
Katharina, Jan & Miro Oravec
William Bollman
Catherine Theresa Sanderson *(Birthday)*
& Arthur Paul Sanderson

Sunday, October 24

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemary, & Peter Camastro
12 p.m. Ezra Clark Stillman

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: Elaine DeRossi; A. M. S.; Carmen Soriano Rojas; Patrick Cregg; Adriana Laccona; Andrew Mazzella; Josephine Barrucco; Catherine Donovan; Adana; Judy Heegan; Mary Brunton; Helen Rafferty; Allison Mary Heart; Liam Budgell; Miriam Rodriguez; Richard and Frances Day; Jason, Ann and Mary Q.; Christina DeRosa; Tracy Pye; Nicoletta Cordero; John Passaro; Joseph Cox; Vincent Camastro; Cheryl Jablow; Jean Thomas; and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

... 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 **Msgr. Michael Curran and Christopher Murtagh**, and for those they have left behind. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What's in it for me? I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us. But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

MEMORIAL OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

October 22 - Reasonable faith: In this era of "alternative facts," it is challenging to find the truth. Saint John Paul II gave us good counsel on seeking truth. In the encyclical letter *Fides et Ratio* ("*Faith and Reason*") he wrote, ". . . believers do not surrender. They can continue on their way to the truth because they are certain that God has created them 'explorers,' whose mission it is to leave no stone unturned, though the temptation to doubt is always there. Leaning on God, they continue to reach out, always and everywhere, for all that is beautiful, good and true." How might you be an "explorer" in situations where truth is difficult to find?

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

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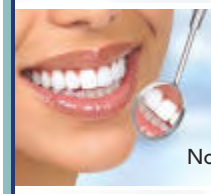

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