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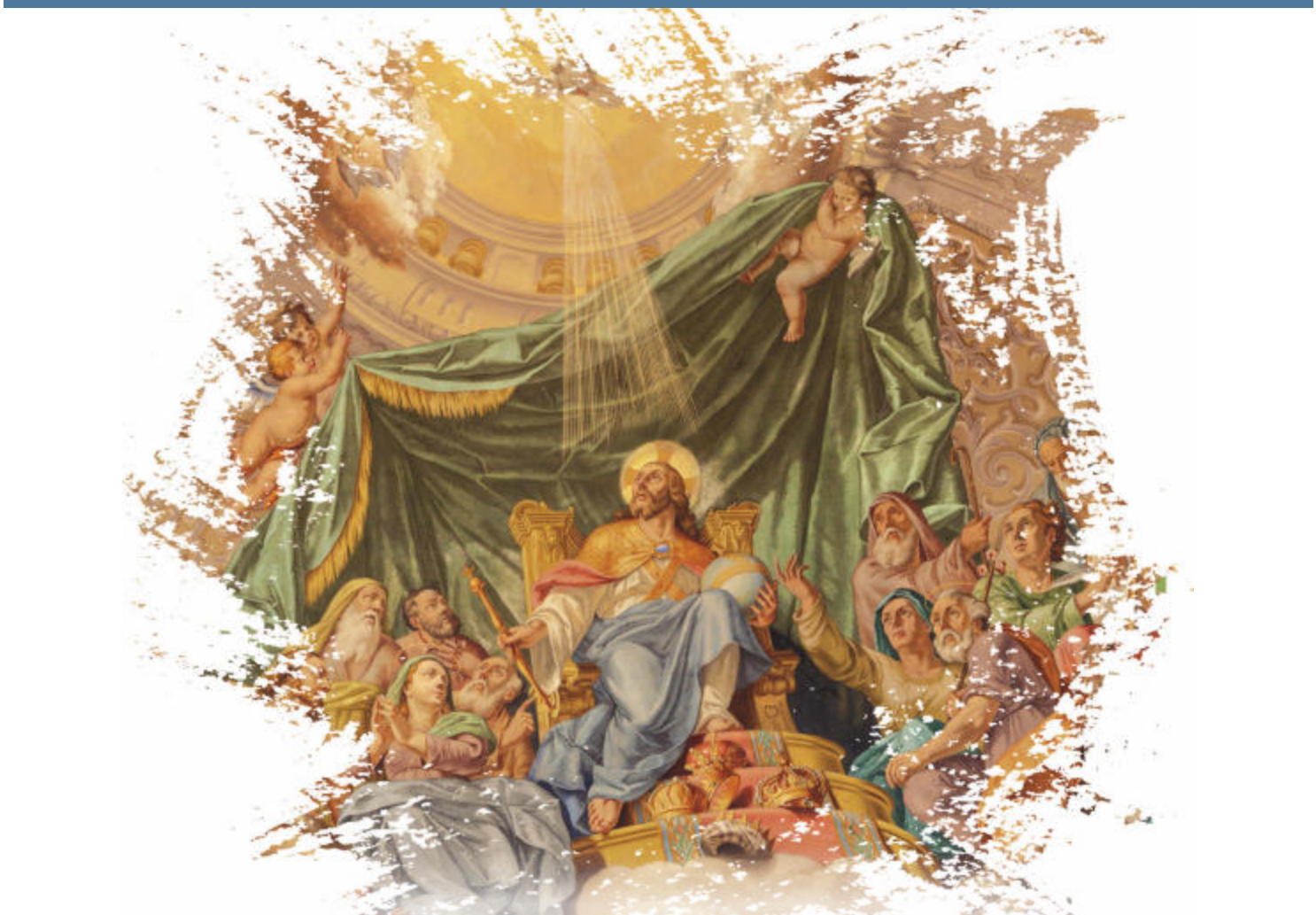

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. – John 18:37

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

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

1st Collection Total to Parish..... $5,027

2nd Collection Total to Parish for Building Repair..... $1,449

Catch Up Collection..... $465

Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend, November 20/21, our 2nd Collection will be for the Diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development. *The CCHD allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of the CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY

There are Poor Boxes near the doors in the Church vestibule. Please remember those in our community who are less fortunate.

The "Holidays Jackpot" Is Coming!

Be in it to win it!

$7,500 in Prizes!

Each entry gets 31 chances to win!

Please see Page 6 of this bulletin for more information and an Entry Form.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

All Souls Day Envelopes are available on tables in the rear of the Church so that your loved ones can be remembered in all of our November Masses.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Fr. Larry Ryan,
the Priests, Deacons,
and Lay Staff
of Holy Name of Jesus Parish
wish you and your loved ones a Happy,
Healthy and Blessed Thanksgiving!**

**The Rectory Office Will Be Closed
Thursday & Friday
November 25 & 26
for the Thanksgiving Holiday**

Our regular office hours will resume on Monday, November 29.

Volunteers will distribute prepackaged

Thanksgiving Dinners

at the main door of Shepherds Hall
from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Thursday, November 25, 2021

One dinner per person.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we can't allow anyone to enter Shepherds Hall or to consume food on the Holy Name's premises.

In addition, we are unable to accept perishable food donations, as we have in the past. If you wish to help defray the cost of the meals, please mark your contribution "Thanksgiving Dinner" and send it to the Rectory or drop it in one of the collection baskets in the rear of the Church.

PASTOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATE OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED ON AUGUST 31, 2021.

This is my financial report to you for how Holy Name of Jesus did for the fiscal year that started on September 1, 2020 and ended on August 31, 2021.

With your continued support through Faith Direct, weekly envelopes, the Annual Catholic Appeal, and a couple of generous donations last Christmas, along with money from the U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program (SBA PPP), our total revenues exceeded our total expenses by $141,034 and thus our net worth or fund balance increased to $525,968. Our net worth went positive three years ago after being negative for several years and, through your efforts, continues to increase. The Diocese introduced a stewardship program for increased giving last year that helped with our success, and that stewardship program will continue during the new fiscal year with the hope that many parishioners will be in a position to participate. COVID-19 continues to adversely impact Sunday Mass attendance and our freedom to run fund-raising events and other parish programs but, slowly, we are making progress. Neither Mass attendance nor our programs are completely back to normal. Please continue to pray for our parish and our country during this difficult time.

The next topic is our debts and obligations. Here we have:

- The outstanding balance on the loan taken by the parish in 2013 to pay for the renovation / restoration of HNJ Church;
- The remaining portion of HNJ parish's Generations of Faith (GoF) obligation (GoF was a major fund-raising campaign conducted by the Brooklyn Diocese in 2015); and
- The balance on our current U.S. SBA Paycheck Protection (SBA PPP) Loan.

As of August 31, 2021, the balance on our Church Restoration loan was $244, 591; the balance on our GoF obligation was $73,430; and the balance on our current SBA PPP loan was $66,282.

These are significant dollars; however, the way is clear as to discharging these debts. The outstanding balance on the church loan is being paid off using retained payments from our parish Church Restoration Campaign and rents from the Brothers' House. We have been using the "overage" (i.e., dollars donated to the ACA that are over the Diocesan goal and therefore come back to the parish) from the Annual Catholic Appeal to pay off the GoF obligation, which is $36,715 each year for another two years. The current ACA that is ending this calendar year has provided us with overage for this year's payment to GoF, and the GoF obligation will be fully discharged in December of 2022. The Church loan should be fully repaid in January of 2024. We expect that the current SBA PPP loan will be fully forgiven under a statutory forgiveness provision which provides that, if all borrowed dollars have been used to cover payroll costs and certain specific operating costs (which is what all dollars we borrowed under the PPP were used for), then the loan is forgiven.

And that brings me to the third topic – our Capital Plan and future developments. This is an area of uncertainty. We have estimates to repair all the sidewalks (which are the subjects of NYC DOT violations); and our aging parish buildings need extensive work. We have established a deferred maintenance reserve and thus far have funded it at $175,000. That is nowhere close to the funds that will eventually be needed to maintain all of our buildings. The planned revenue for most of the other deferred maintenance necessary to maintain the buildings will come from turning the Convent into rental apartments. The NYC Department of Buildings has finally (after many years of costly legal and other expert efforts) granted permission for residential use of the Convent Building. The Diocese Real Estate Office has found a willing developer, and if all continues to go well, we may soon have some significant news in this regard.

Looking More Closely at the Word

The True King

by John Patrick Kenrick, OP

When we read the uplifting words of the prophet Daniel foretelling the coming of the Messiah we realize that those words apply to Christ and his coming in glory; that day when the eternal kingdom of Christ will be apparent to all. Daniel was conscious that the rich and powerful empires that had dominated the world and overshadowed the history of Israel were passing away and that the Messiah would rule over a different kind of kingdom in which people would forever acknowledge the true God, the God of Israel.

In the second reading from the Apocalypse St John is clearly referring to the prophecy of Daniel and he makes it very clear that Jesus Christ is this promised king Messiah. But St John gives us a more detailed image of the future kingdom. Jesus is certainly above all earthly rulers but he is also a very different ruler for two reasons. First, because he loves us he has washed away our sins, including the whole history of human violence. Even those responsible for killing him will not be prevented from seeing him and there will be a moment of truth when everyone will be conscious of how little we understood and appreciated God's saving intervention in the life and death of Jesus. And secondly, Jesus has not only forgiven us, he has also raised us to the status of his own kings and priests, a status conferred on us in the anointing with holy oil at our baptism and confirmation.

So when St John calls Jesus Christ the faithful witness, he means that Jesus is a unique witness to God's love for us. He doesn't just tell us about God's love for us, he opens up for us the whole mystery of God's infinite love for us because he is himself the Son of God, who is Alpha and Omega – the one and only being who is truly sempiternal, beyond time itself.

And St John tells us pithily. 'This is the truth'. It is as though St John is saying 'forget anything else you have ever heard, because this is the most important thing to understand and accept.

When we come to today's gospel reading, from the trial of Jesus before Pilate, we find Jesus referring to the very same truth. Jesus has been accused of calling himself a king and Pilate's own concern is political. All he wants to know is whether Jesus is a political agitator claiming some kind of earthly kingship. And Jesus makes it very clear that His kingdom is not of this world. That is good enough for Pilate. He immediately realizes that Jesus is no political threat. So this might have been a wonderful opportunity for Pilate. No longer threatened he is now curious to know what other kind of kingship there might be. Jesus's reply is that he bears witness to the truth. If Pilate had given him the opportunity Jesus might have gone on to explain that this truth is about God's love for humanity. But Pilate's reaction was the skeptical response of a half-educated man – 'what is truth?'

So, on the one hand Pilate is impatient to know the truth about Jesus but on the other hand his Roman education and his experience of the world has made him profoundly skeptical. And that inability to accept the reality of objective truth not only makes him deaf to what Jesus is saying, it also makes him into a very poor judge. He knows that Jesus is innocent of the charge against him and yet this truth has so little value that he will sweep it aside just

to keep the mob happy. Truth and morality are connected – but reason alone will fail to grasp this without the insight that comes from faith in God. That is why the rejection of Christianity in western society is leading to the 'breakdown of society'.

Today's readings look back in time and look forward, but they are also very much about the present, because the kingship of Christ has been an ever present reality since Calvary, since that moment when Christ demonstrated the infinite love of God on the cross.

It is not just at the end of the Church's year but each and every day that we face the reality of Christ's kingdom. We can be skeptical or weak like Pilate and ultimately capitulate to the idea that actually all that matters is not rocking the boat, going along with the majority just for the sake of peace and quiet. Or we can rise to the challenge of God's truth, that actually a God of infinite love and mercy is in charge of this world, and we have to bear witness to that like Jesus himself, whether people listen or not, confident in the knowledge that one day they will all see and understand.

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Sunday's Readings

First:	**Daniel 7:13-14**
Second:	**Revelation 1:5-8**
Gospel:	**John 18:33b-37**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 21
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m. Helen O'Connell
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. John Huza
12 p.m. Richard Nugent

Monday, November 22
St. Cecilia

9 a.m. Farran & Buonocore
Grandparents & Andrea

Tuesday, November 23
St. Clement I, St. Columban, St. Miguel Augustín Pro

9 a.m. Martin Blaskey

Wednesday, November 24
Thanksgiving Day
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions

9 a.m. Nancy Picone

Thursday, November 25
St. Catherine of Alexandria

9 a.m. Mary Hannan

Friday, November 26

9 a.m. Nadia Bitar

Saturday, November 27

9 a.m. Loretta Dolan
Adriana Laccona
John Campanella
Vincenza C. Guidarelli
5:30 p.m. Gladys & Thomas Jackson
Jerry Papa
Barbara Cantwell
Eleanor Rayle Rokes
James P. & Libera Farran

Sunday, November 28
First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Maria Barbara Amagna
12 p.m. Kathy Donovan

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: Ted Shea; Edna Maitin; A. M. S.; Carmen Soriano Rojas; Patrick Cregg; Andrew Mazzella; Josephine Barrucco; Catherine Donovan; Adana; Judy Heegan; Mary Brunton; 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 **Patrick J. Smith.** Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas, 7*).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1:8

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

We will distribute food from the Rectory basement from **2-3 p.m. on Saturdays, December 4 & 18**.

Currently, small (1 or 2 lb.) bags / boxes of rice are needed.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the food pantry.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Development Program

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$7,500 in CASH PRIZES!

Big $1,000 Cash Prize for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's!
Winners continue to be eligible for all additional drawings!

You Can Play Along All Month Long for Just $50!

Drawing at the Holy Name Rectory on Thankgiving, then each Sunday 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 for the following week.
Winners will be published in the Sunday Bulletin as well as on our website www.holynamebrooklyn.com.

Calendar of Winnings - Thanksgiving to New Year's Day!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"MUST BE IN IT TO WIN IT!"				25 Happy Thanksgiving! **$1,000**	26 **$100**	27 **$100**
28 **$200**	29 **$100**	30 **$100**	1 **$100**	2 **$100**	3 **$100**	4 **$100**
5 **$200**	6 **$100**	7 **$100**	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception **$500**	9 **$100**	10 **$100**	11 **$100**
12 **$200**	13 **$100**	14 **$100**	15 **$200**	16 **$100**	17 **$100**	18 **$100**
19 **$200**	20 **$100**	21 **$100**	22 **$100**	23 **$100**	24 **$100**	25 Merry Christmas! **$1000**
26 **$200**	27 **$100**	28 **$100**	29 **$100**	30 **$100**	31 **$100**	1 Happy New Year! **$1000**

Cut along dotted line. Mail or drop off at the Rectory **before November 24th**, and be sure to include your **$50 Entry Fee**.

HOLIDAYS JACKPOT ENTRY FORM

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Make checks to: Holy Name Parish Development Fund
All gifts are deductible to the full extent of the law.

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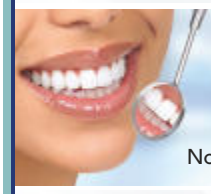

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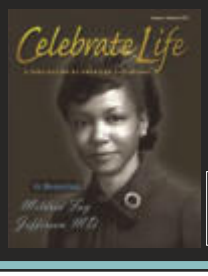

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