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January 30, 2022

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Luke 4:21

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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.*)

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Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

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JANUARY 23, 2022

First Collection Total to Parish.....$5,142

Second Collection to Diocese for Churches in Need will be reported in next week's Bulletin.

Catchup Collection $1,689

Thank you for your generosity!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

VICTIMS OF MIDWEST TORNADOES

Bishop Brennan has asked that all parishes in the Diocese take up collections to aid the victims of the December tornadoes in the Midwest. We will do this here at HNJ Parish this weekend, January 29 – 30. All loose cash and checks in the Second Collection will be sent to the Diocese for the Midwest Tornado Victims. All *Parish Building Repair* envelopes and *Second Collection Faith Direct* donations will come to the Parish.

Please note: there are no Special Diocesan envelopes for this effort. If you wish to make a specific donation, please make a note on your check or place cash in a plain envelope marked "Midwest Tornado Relief." Thank you!

CONCLUSION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please complete any open pledges to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal as soon as possible. We will report the final results shortly. As always, thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY ROSARY AT HNJ

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

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 (approx. 1 p.m.) this Sunday, January 30, 2022.

If you can, please join them for this great way to start your week!

CANDLEMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is also Candlemas Day, a day when, by tradition, candles for the home are blessed. We will have a "Blessing of the Candles " immediately before the 9 a.m. Mass on February 2.

Please join us and bring along any candles you wish to have blessed.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2 — Comfort food for the soul: Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, La Rosca, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."- Luke 2:22

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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Some join a religious congregation as sisters, brothers or religious priests. Some join a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Thursday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise, which traditionally is the day for the **blessing of throats**. At Holy Name, we will bless throats:

- After the 9 a.m. Mass until 10 a.m.
- 2:45 p.m. until 3 p.m.
- 7 p.m. until 7:15 p.m.

A NOTE FROM FR LARRY

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we were privileged to have a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis (below) in Holy Name of Jesus Church for veneration by parishioners and by the students of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy. My Note this week will be about Blessed Carlo in particular and Relics in general.

Blessed Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1991 to 2006. He died from leukemia at the young age of 15. He was a very holy young man with a special devotion to the Eucharist, but he was also very much an outgoing millennial teenager with excellent computer skills. He learned how to write code and created a website in which he catalogued Eucharistic miracles reported in various countries around the world. He was buried in jeans, a tracksuit jacket, and Nike sneakers. Acutis was beatified in 2020 after a miracle attributed to his intercession was officially verified by the Vatican. The miracle involved a 15-year-old Brazilian boy who suffered from a rare pancreatic disorder and was cured in 2013 after he came into contact with one of Acutis' shirts. Acutis can become a saint if a second miracle is attributed to him and is verified. We are particularly fortunate to have Blessed Carlo's relic here with us at Holy Name as we approach Catholic Schools Week. As Msgr. David Cassato, vicar for Catholic Schools for the [Brooklyn] diocese, said "...Acutis's story is relatable to kids in so many ways — even down to the way he was dressed in the casket. He's wearing Nikes. What kid in Brooklyn doesn't wear Nikes? We need saints that speak to the young people and he speaks to young people."

Concerning **Relics in general**, consider first the following excerpts from a Q&A interview with Fr. Carlos Martins (who is an eccleclesiastically approved Curate of Relics) published by the Catholic News Agency on April 11, 2017:

"First of all, what is a relic?

Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints or with Our Lord. They are usually broken down into three classes:

First class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh.

Second class relics are something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments of those items).

Third class relics are those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first, second, or another third class relic of a saint.

The word relic means 'a fragment' or 'remnant of a thing that once was but now is no longer.' Thus, we find in antique shops 'Civil War relics' or 'Relics of the French Revolution.' Obviously, we are not talking about these kinds of relics but rather sacred relics.

Where did the Catholic tradition of venerating saints' relics come from?

Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. In fact, when surveying what Scripture has to say about sacred relics, one is left with the idea that healing is what relics 'do.'

When the corpse of a man was touched to the bones of the prophet Elisha the man came back to life and rose to his feet (2 Kings 13:20-21).

A woman was healed of her hemorrhage simply by touching the hem of Jesus' cloak (Matthew 9:20-22).

The signs and wonders worked by the Apostles were so great that people would line the streets with the sick so that when Peter walked by at least his shadow might 'touch' them (Acts 5:12-15).

In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. **It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. They do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God.**

Any good that comes about through a relic is God's doing. But the fact that God chooses to use the relics of saints to work healing and miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as 'models and intercessors' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 828).

What is the spiritual significance of relics?

I think that St. Jerome put it best when he said:

'We do not worship relics, we do not adore them, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the creator. But we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore him whose martyrs they are.' (Ad Riparium, i, P.L., XXII, 907).

We venerate relics only for the sake of worshiping God."

Consider also the observations made by Catholic priest, writer and pastor Fr. William Saunders, in a July 13, 1995 article in the Arlington Catholic Herald:

"The Council of Trent (1563) defended invoking the prayers of the saints and venerating their relics and burial places. 'The sacred bodies of the holy martyrs and of the other saints living with Christ, which have been living members of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit and which are destined to be raised and glorified by Him unto life eternal, should also be venerated by the faithful. Through them, many benefits are granted to men by God.' Since that time, the Church has taken stringent measures to ensure the proper preservation and veneration of relics. The Code of Canon Law (No. 1190) absolutely forbids the selling of sacred relics.... Moreover, any relic today would have proper documentation attesting to its authenticity.

The Code of Canon Law also supports the proper place for relics in our Catholic practice. Canon 1237 states, 'The ancient tradition of keeping the relics of martyrs and other saints under a fixed altar is to be preserved according to the norms given in the liturgical books' (a practice widespread since the fourth century). Many churches also have relics of their patron saints which the faithful venerate upon appropriate occasions. And yes, reports of the Lord's miracles and favors continue to be connected with the intercession of a saint and the veneration of his relics.

In all, relics remind us of the holiness of a saint and his cooperation in God's work. At the same time, relics inspire us to ask for the prayers of that saint and to beg the grace of God to live the same kind of faith-filled live."

Here in Holy Name of Jesus Church we have relics of St. Bernadine of Siena, St. Ignatius Loyola, and St. Pope Pius X in our main altar.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. William P. McNally
(1st Anniversary)
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Giovanni Garcia
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Joey Claps

12 p.m. James P. & Libera Farran

Monday, January 31
St. John Bosco

9 a.m. Gladys Sanseliz

Tuesday, February 1

9 a.m. William Elliott

Wednesday, February 2
The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life

9 a.m. Joseph & Agnes Azzara

Thursday, February 3
St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

9 a.m. Doris Conquet

Friday, February 4

9 a.m. Michael A. Perrotta
Birthday

Saturday, February 5
St. Agatha

9 a.m. Ronnie Sheehan

5:30 p.m.. Pavel Svitan

Sunday, February 6
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie & Peter Camastro

12 p.m. John L. Murphy
(Birthday)

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... 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 **Philip Tartaglia** and **Gianna Maria Barreto.**

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

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We will distribute food from the Rectory basement from **2-3 p.m. on Saturdays: February 5 & 19, and March 5 & 19.**

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Looking More Closely at the Word

SUNDAY'S READINGS: Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor.12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Love Never Fails: Of all the lines in the second reading, Paul's famous description of love, I think the one that says it all is "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8). He shows that love is the greatest gift and the reason for all gifts.

First, he speaks of gifts without love. If someone was a great speaker, but without love, it would be self-serving. We've all heard politicians who make stirring speeches, not to move us to become better citizens, but to convince us that they are the best choice in an election. The same goes for other gifts, such as prophecy, knowledge, or faith. Without love, they become spectacles that draw attention to the one with the gift. Even self-sacrifice, without love, becomes an attention grabber. Ever hear someone say, "I gave up everything to be with you and what thanks do I get?"

Next, Paul tells us everything that love is not (1 Corinthians 13:4–6). If the first part was gifts without love, this section could be called feelings without love. The feelings Paul mentions, such as jealousy, pride, brooding, and anger, usually come from thinking that everything should go my way.

The last section is about the permanence of love. Human love at best is "till death do us part." But God's love is only partially experienced in this life. Even the gifts of the Spirit are meant to carry us forward and lead others to eternal life. When we are finally united completely with God, faith will be unnecessary and hope will be realized. What remains is perfect love.

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