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## Mass Schedule

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| Monday - Friday: | 9 am* |
| Saturday: | 9 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil) |
| Sunday: | 7:30 am, 9 am* (Sp.), 10:30 am* & Noon. |

(* *Masses are also live streamed on our Facebook page.*)

## Private Prayer

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

## Confessions

Saturdays: 5 - 5:20 p.m., or by appointment.

## Weddings and Baptisms

Please call the Rectory.

## Funerals

Please have the Funeral Home call the Rectory.

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## THIS WEEK @ HNJ

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

10 a.m. Hispanic Comm. Mtg.: *Rectory Basement*

**Monday, Oct. 24**

7 p.m. Bible Study: *Boardman Room*

7 p.m. Why Catholic?: *Shepherds Hall*

**Wednesday, Oct. 26**

6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*

8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

**Thursday, Oct. 27**

6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*

7 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

7 p.m. Why Catholic?: *Rectory Bsmt/Shep. Hall*

**Friday, Oct. 28**

5 p.m. Irish Step Dancing: *Shepherds Hall*

7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *School Basement*

**Saturday, Oct. 29**

7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

**Sunday, Oct. 30**

10 a.m. Hispanic Comm. Mtg.: *Rectory Basement*

## NEW ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

### STARTING OCTOBER 26

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and so we're excited to announce the launch of a new parish prayer group dedicated to this powerful prayer.

On *Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.*, we will gather at the home of a parishioner for a pizza dinner, praying of the rosary and fellowship. All are welcome — young, old, single, married — and in particular we encourage those with children to bring your children along to play (and perhaps even to pray with us!)

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Hernandez at (901) 647-8094 by Monday, October 24, for additional details and to confirm your attendance.

Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee

Annual Memorial Mass

5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 5

Holy Name of Jesus Church

245 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215

## COLLECTION RESULTS

### OCTOBER 16, 2022

**First Collection Total To Parish ..... $3,260**

*(This includes $1,992 from collection baskets and $1,268 from Faith Direct.)*

**Second Collection Total to Parish..... $1,527**

*(This includes 1,169 from Parish Building Repair envelopes and $358 from Faith Direct.)*

**Catch Up Collection..... $1,065**

*(This includes $905 from past First Collection envelopes and $160 for past Second Collection envelopes.)*

## SUNDAY ROSARY AT HNJ

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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 on **Sunday, October 30**. 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!

## HEALING MASSES IN HOLY NAME

### 7 P.M. THURSDAY, NOV. 3 (SPANISH)

### 7 P.M. THURSDAY, NOV. 10 (ENGLISH)

Fr. Fulgencio Gutiérrez, Pastor of St. Michael's in Sunset Park, will preside over both Masses in Holy Name. Each Mass will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession inside the Church, a Healing Service, and Benediction.

## FREE FLU VACCINES FOR ADULTS

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, in collaboration with Assemblymember Robert Carroll and Councilmember Shahana Hanif, is offering free flu vaccines for adults on Thursday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In Holy Name's Shepherds Hall.

**Please note: Registration is required. You must contact Assemblymember Robert Carroll's office in advance to make an appointment:**

Call (718) 788-7221
or email carrollr@nyassembly.gov

## CLOTHING COLLECTION

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in front of Holy Name Church on Sunday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to Noon to pick up clothing.

Please bring your donations directly to the truck as we have no place to store the items in the Church or Rectory. Thank you for your support.

## A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

We've received some additional guidance from the Diocese concerning COVID protocols reflecting the current situation that, while the virus is still with us, it has become more manageable. While we're not yet resuming distribution of the Precious Blood, we are making adjustments to some of the pandemic-related practices that have been in place. For example:

- Wearing a mask is now a matter of individual choice for those in the congregation. Everyone is free to wear a mask if they prefer, and masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available at the doors of the Church.
- Ministers will continue to sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion, and I've asked that they continue wearing masks during distribution.
- During the Sign of Peace, individuals who feel comfortable doing so can shake hands with each other. Alternatively, we can continue to use some other Sign of Peace such as a head bow or hand-gesture of peace.
- We'll continue the current practice of coming forward for, and returning from, receiving Holy Communion in a way that minimizes face to face encounters.

One happy indication that COVID concerns are subsiding is that we have had an increase in Baptisms. During the last three months, Deacon Gerry Devine and I have had the privilege of baptizing Evan William Winn Buckley; Cole Robert Burke and his younger brother, Ellis Adrian Burke; Diana Eliza Arakelian; Cameron Michael Barrett; Cameron August Buckley; Briella Amilia Bullock; Charles Joseph Rhein; and Eli Stockton Tucker. There may still be some new parents who have been postponing Baptisms because of the virus. Be assured that HNJ Church is safe and the virus situation is not likely to change much soon. Please contact the Rectory office to schedule your child's Baptism.

The improvement in the COVID situation is also helping us to resume more of our pre-pandemic practices including the Presentation of the Gifts procession at the time of the Offertory, and the participation of Altar Servers at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass. Last Sunday, for the first time in more than two and a half years, Deacon Gerry was able to invite the younger children in the congregation to come forward and sit near him at the foot of the altar while he engaged them in a child-friendly homily *(photo, right)*. We will also have Healing Masses at 7 p.m. on November 3 (in Spanish) and 7 p.m. on November 10 (in English).

We are doing several things to implement the objectives of the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod process. We are specifically inviting the congregation to join us in reciting together the Our Father (at all Mases) and the Nicene Creed (at Sunday Masses). We are trying to form a lay-lead Wednesday evening group for “prayer, pizza, and fellowship” to which all are welcome, including young adults (single or married), and parents who are invited to bring their children. We will use our new parish FORMED subscription to present a three-part hybrid video and in-person series on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Details are still being worked out, but It will probably take place on Monday evenings in mid-November. We hope to precede each session with a brief opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. After the Presence Series concludes, we will have additional opportunities for Adoration during Advent.

October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. Deacon Gerry Devine presided over a beautiful Holy Hour for Life last Sunday which included Eucharistic Adoration and Recitation of the Rosary. On Tuesday, October 18, the students in Grades 1-8 at our aligned St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy (SJWCA) participated in the “One Million Children Praying the Rosary” initiative, using Rosaries made by Catholics living in Bethlehem and donated to the Academy by the Catholic non-profit organization Aid to Churches in Need.

Sunday, October 23, is World Mission Sunday. Bishop Brennan wrote about this very important collection in his letter which we included in last week's bulletin. Catholic missionaries working in difficult conditions around the world need our prayers and financial support. Thank you for your generosity.

Auxiliary Bishop Witold Mroziewski will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our Religious Education and St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy students at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 28. As one more indication of a return to more normal times, the Sacrament will be conferred at a Mass and not just at a Ceremony. The names of those confirmed will appear in a future bulletin.

I will be among the estimated 3,000 “pilgrims” joining Bishop Brennan for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC this Saturday, October 22. Please pray for our safety and our openness to the graces available from this event.

# Looking More Closely at the Word

## Be Humble & Bear Fruit

**by Br. John-Marmion Villa**

St. Dorotheus of Gaza said, "In some kinds of trees, no fruit is produced as long as the branches grow upwards; but if somebody takes a stone and binds it to a branch and pulls it down, then the branch will bear fruit. It is similar with a soul; when it humbles itself, it bears fruit, and the more fruit it bears, the humbler the soul becomes. The more the saints approach God, the more they see themselves as sinners."

A few years ago, I was caught in disobedience here at the monastery. I argued the righteousness of my position, until I heard the sound of arrogance coming through my words. I was quite horrified because I had never spoken like that before. It was a humiliating experience to admit my fault in a chapter meeting and to ask for forgiveness publicly. But I learned a huge lesson that day: my own sense of righteousness can lead to my downfall. While I now regret the decision I made that day, I realize there's a wisdom that comes from experience, something that cannot be gained through reading a book. Perfectionism is, perhaps, just another word for self-righteousness, the sense that I am entitled to live my life the way I see fit. There is a human prudence here, certainly. But from another perspective, self-determination can often put us at odds with God's will in our lives ... as I learned that day years ago.

Humility is difficult for us because it is an admission of submission to a higher authority. In other words, it is giving someone else (aka, God) the permission to be in the driver's seat of our lives. It is for this reason that the Rule of St. Benedict outlines 12 steps towards growing in humility. The fifth step deals with the revelation of thoughts to an elder. This isn't the same as sacramental Confession, but "the revelation of secret thoughts to an elder was a central practice among the early monks, less for the content of the elder's response than for the self-knowledge it evoked in the monk. Speaking honestly about oneself to an elder was considered a means of testing objectively the reality of private imaginations." (Michael Casey, "Living in the Truth: St. Benedict's Teaching on Humility"). One can liken it to having conversations with a therapist or spiritual director or sharing in an accountability group. When we find the courage to share vulnerably in a healthy manner, we verbalize what were mere thoughts in our minds, and we can learn to see the accuracy and/or the distortions in our thought processes before we take action.

While this kind of humble attitude is not easy to pursue, it does have an added benefit: it endears you to others. I saw a graphic on Facebook recently that said, "Those who talk about their strengths build walls; those who talk about their weaknesses build bridges." Think about this in your own life: who are the types of people that attract your attention? And who are those who turn away your attention?

Perhaps this is the lesson that Jesus wants to teach us in today's Gospel: humility, or radical self-honesty, is a necessary component of our faith. It is precisely this depth of self-knowledge that can begin to open us up to a deeper knowledge of God beyond what can be read in books or blogs or heard in podcasts or at conferences. Can you imagine what life would be like if our deepest thoughts could be gently received? Can you imagine what life could be like if we knew that there would be no condemnation for sharing the darkness of our interior dimension? Can you imagine the relief of knowing that our distorted self-talk no longer had control of our lives?

Indeed, I am no different than the rest of humanity in that I am a sinner. But also indeed, it is for this reason that Jesus is the savior for humanity. Let's learn to call upon our need for a savior by remembering that we all have needs for which Jesus is the only remedy.

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### SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: **Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

Second: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**

### *Prayer*

*God, I am far too often influenced by what others think of me.*

*I am always pretending to be either richer or smarter or nicer than I really am.*

*Please prevent me from trying to attract attention.*

*Don't let me gloat over praise on one hand or be discouraged by criticism on the other, nor let me waste time weaving imaginary situations in which the most heroic, charming, witty person present is myself.*

*Show me how to be humble of heart, like You.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, October 23**
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
*World Mission Sunday*

7:30 a.m. Jacinta Busby
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Hector L. Betancourt
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. John McGoldrick

12 p.m. Francisco Pira

**Monday, October 24**
*St. Anthony Mary Claret*

9 a.m. Ezra Clark Stillman

**Tuesday, October 25**

9 a.m. Intentions of Eileen K. McNally

**Wednesday, October 26**

9 a.m. Intentions of John Nerjes

**Thursday, October 27**

9 a.m. Eileen B. Keane

**Friday, October 28**
*Sts. Simon & Jude*

9 a.m. Kathleen Hanmore

**Saturday, October 29**

9 a.m. Jack & Catherine Montalbano

5:30 p.m.. Helen Rafferty
Artie Burke
Jim (100th Birthday) & Florrie Boyle
Eileen Brennan Anderson

**Sunday, October 30**
*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m. Fr. James Sidotti, OCRM
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Hector L. Betancourt
The People of the Parish

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

12 p.m. Ed McHale

## HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

Our next food distributions will be:

**1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**
**on Saturdays,**
**October 22 and November 5 & 19**

The food pantry currently needs cooking oil, flour, sugar, coffee, and mayonnaise.

For Christmas, the pantry will need 1 lb. canned hams (ex.: Brookdale brand) and 4 oz. packets of mashed potatoes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Deacon Bill Williamsen** and **Fred Shanks**, as requested by Florence Williamsen.

## 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: Kathleen Brennan; Babbie DeDerrian; Gertrude Clancy; Bob Raymond; Ted Shea; Rosauro Peña; Marty Cottingham; Alice Kalsky; Ann Woodworth; Lisa Feldman; John Kearney; Patricia Donleavy; Bill Slattery; Camille Tiftafeh; Brian Thomasos; Patrick Cregg; Catherine Donovan; Judy Heegan; Joseph Cox; Vincent Camastro; Cheryl Jablow and all those afflicted with the Coronavirus.

*Please note: Names will remain on the sick list for a period of four (4) weeks. Please contact the Rectory if you wish to have someone put back on the list after that time.*

## ... 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 **Rose Campisi** and **Patricia Phelan**. Please remember all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Sifredo Padilla Toro**.

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## HOLY NAME FATHER'S GUILD

### FALL 2022 SPORTS REGISTRATION LINKS

**Basketball Clinic —** Saturdays for children ages 4 to 6.

Players: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/105462447

Coaches: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/756916623

**Travel Basketball Program** — Children ages 7-17. Practice on Saturdays; Games on Saturdays / Sundays in Brooklyn & Queens.

Players: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/178786265

Coaches:holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/080843675

**Soccer Clinic** — Saturdays for children ages 3 to 9.

Players: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/140063257

Coaches: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/065056350

**Fall Baseball** — Sats. & Suns. in Our Lady's Field; ages 5 to 8.

Players: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/749040140

Coaches: holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/137085633

**Girls Swimming:**

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## ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

### NOVEMBER 2022

During November, in addition to the specific intentions of each Mass, we remember at all Masses the souls of the deceased whose names are included in the basket of envelopes that will remain on the Altar for the entire month.

All Souls Day envelopes were included in your most recent church envelope packets. Additional envelopes are available on the tables in the rear of the Church.

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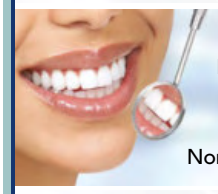

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