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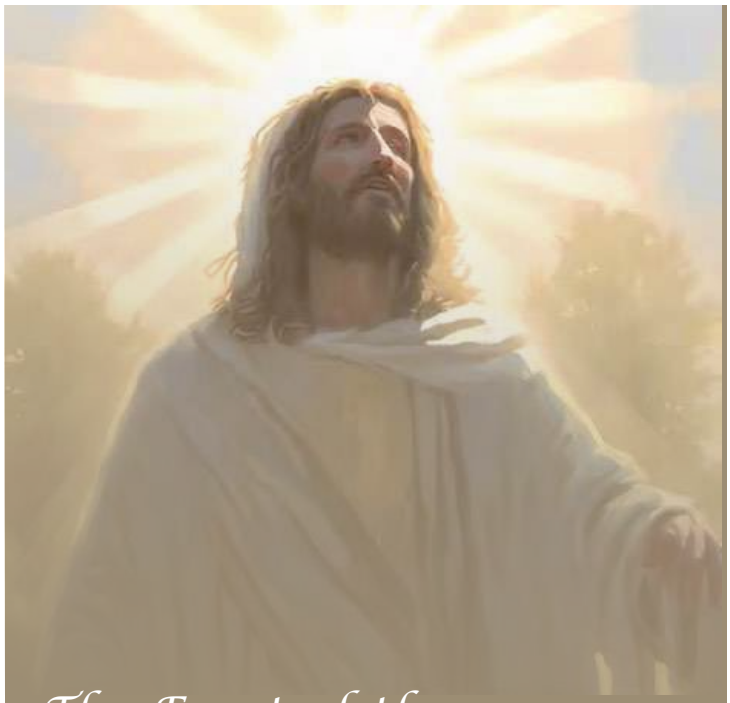

The Feast of the

TRANSFIGURATION

of the Lord

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

"Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

~ Matthew 17:1-2

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Deacon Michael Saez

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Mass Schedule

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 livestreamed on our Facebook page.*)

Private Prayer

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

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

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, August 6
10 a.m. Spanish Committee: *Rectory Basement*

Wednesday, August 9
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Friday, August 11
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*

Saturday, August 12
1:45 p.m. Food Pantry: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, August 13
10 a.m. Spanish Committee: *Rectory Basement*

HOLY NAME FATHERS GUILD FLAG FOOTBALL

FREE CLINICS ON WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

In preparation for the 2023 Fall Flag Football Season (see below), we are happy to announce that the Holy Name Fathers Guild is offering a **free summer Flag Football Clinic** for all players (both boys and girls) between the ages of 7 and 13.

The clinics take place on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2023. The Flag Football Season starts the weekend of September 9, 2023.

To participate in the Clinic, all you have to do is to bring your child to Field 7 in Prospect Park at 6 p.m. on one —or all!— of the above dates.

2023 FALL SEASON REGISTRATION

We are also pleased to announce that **registration for the 2023 Fall Flag Football Season is now open**. Register online using the links below. These links are also posted on our Parish web site for your convenience.

Please sign up soon, since there are team capacity limits and the teams fill up quickly.

Player's: https://holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/015182437

Coaches: https://holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/679048716

COLLECTION RESULTS

JULY 30, 2023

First Collection Total To Parish $4,679
(This includes $2,870 from collection baskets and $1,809 from Faith Direct.)

Second Collection Total To Parish.....$1,283
(This includes $894 from collection baskets and $389 from Faith Direct.)

Catch Up Collection.....$1,204
(This includes $895 from late first collection envelopes and $309 from late 2nd collection envelopes.)

FORMED: HNJ'S PICK OF THE WEEK

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

https://watch.formed.org/clare-and-francis

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription and it's free for you to use at any time! To access it for the first time, visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

FORMED SMALL GROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

Join others in the home of a parishioner each Wednesday for a FORMED video presentation and refreshments. If you're interested, call Alayne Cox at (917) 981-8644

SAVE THE DATE!

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Maimonides Park, Brooklyn

9 a.m.	Gates Open
10 a.m.	Youth Event
11:30 a.m.	Family Catechesis
12:45 p.m.	Eucharistic Procession
1 p.m.	Mass & Closing

Details to be announced...

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Fr. John Cush—noted Seminary professor, author and native son of Holy Name of Jesus parish—presided over two outstanding Eucharistic Devotions on Monday, July 31. Both sessions were well-attended, including many attendees from nearby parishes in our Deanery. The title of each session was "Communion with God and Others: The Central Role of the Eucharist in Our Lives".

As many of you know, we are in the early stages of the second year of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Cush's devotions included Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; some time for Adoration and silent prayer; his Reflection; and Benediction. In this note, I want to share, especially with those of you who could not be with us Monday, some the many insights concerning the National Eucharistic Revival that Fr. Cush included in his Reflections.

Fr. John began by explaining that the National Eucharistic Revival is a response by the Bishops of the United States to the 2019 Pew Forum study that indicated that a worrisomely high percentage of American Catholics who attend Mass regularly expressed doubts about their belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Cush then drew upon the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas to clearly remind us that, during the Consecration of the Mass, the bread (i.e., *the hosts*) and the wine are changed in their substance (also referred to as their *essence*) into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ — even though they retain the physical properties and appearance of bread and wine.

Above: Some of the parishioners from Deanery 4 who attended Eucharistic Devotions at Holy Name of Jesus Church on July 31, 2023.

photo: courtesy of Nick Sisto

This is a succinct explanation of the Church's doctrine of "transubstantiation".

This second year of the National Eucharistic Revival has been designated as the "Year of Parish Revival". Summarizing briefly, the American Bishops have built this year around four "invitations": Reinvigorate Worship, Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ, Robust Faith Formation and Missionary Sending. While not addressing the invitations specifically, Fr. Cush offered suggestions in his Reflections that were relevant to each of them.

Fr. Cush made many recommendations concerning the invitation to **Reinvigorate Worship**. Included among these was his urging of clergy and laity to be more careful in their preparations for Mass, especially in their pre-Mass review of the Readings and Mass Prayers. He also urged clergy and laity to be more reverent from the time they entered Church until well after the Mass is over.

Concerning the invitation to a **Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ**, Fr. John of course emphasized the quality of our participation in the Mass, but also reminded us of the substantial spiritual benefits of prayer before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament during Adoration.

Concerning the invitation to M**ore Robust Formation**, Fr. Cush congratulated all those present for attending his Eucharistic devotion and urged all to take advantage of other Faith Formation opportunities during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Concerning the invitation to Missionary Sending, Fr. John made the important point that, having received Christ in the Eucharist, we have an increased obligation to see Christ in others. That obligation to see Christ in others will be a driving force in our becoming better "Missionaries" in ways that will become more clear as the Revival continues to unfold.

I have by no means done justice to the richness of Fr. Cush's Reflections, but I am very grateful for how he has helped Holy Name and our neighboring parishes to better understand and benefit from the National Eucharistic Revival, and especially from this Year of Parish Revival. ✞

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 6
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Hubert Owens
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Melchiore Forestano
12 p.m. Sean Hurley *(1st Anniversary)*

Monday, August 7
Pope St. Sixtus II & Companions; St. Cajetan
9 a.m. Louise Collins

Tuesday, August 8
St. Dominic
9 a.m. Irena M. Reselosa *(Birthday)*

Wednesday, August 9
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
9 a.m. Kathleen Brennan

Thursday, August 10
St. Lawrence
9 a.m. Deceased Members of
the Fania Family

Friday, August 11
St. Clare
9 a.m. The People of the Parish

Saturday, August 12
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
9 a.m. John Duffy, Jr. *(Birthday)*
5:30 p.m. Edward Lombardi
Ann O'Brien

Sunday, August 13
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Christine Di Costanzo
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Margaret Sullivan
12 p.m. In Honor of Our Lady
of Fatima *(4th Apparition)*

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

The Food Pantry will distribute food from the Rectory basement from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, **August 12 & 26 and September 9 & 23**.

At this time cereal, flour, and ketchup are needed.

We thank Michele and Larry Nardo for their recent donation in memory of the Devine Nardo families.

MEMORIALS

The Hosts and Wine have been donated for the week in memory of **John Lawrence Ryan** as requested by the Devine Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Helen D'Amico** as requested by Rae Guerra.

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:

Alayne Cox
Stanley Baran
Francyne Dicesare
Mary Pat Stasiak
Stanley Wasyk
Richard Day
Marty Cottingham
Patricia Donleavy
Patrick Cregg
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Dora Sisto
Frances Day
Rosauro Peña
Lisa Feldman
Camille Tiftafeh
Judy Heegan
Louise McCl

Starting September 1, 2023, names will remain on the Sick List for a period of four (4) weeks. Please contact the Rectory Office if you wish to have someone remain on the list for a longer period of time.

... AND FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

We ask you to pray for those of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life, especially **Florence Williamsen and Joan Fells**.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Joan Fells**.

Looking More Closely at the Word

THE TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir © Liturgical Publications

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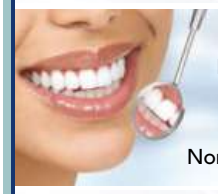

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