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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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Msgr. John Delendick, In Residence
Deacon Edwin Arguera
Deacon Gerry Devine
Deacon Michael Saez

Louise OConnor, Office Manager

Kathryn Sisto, Coord. of Religious Education

Ivonne Rojas, Director of Music

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

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, October 1
10 a.m. Spanish Committee: *Rectory Basement*
10 a.m. OCIA (Spanish): *Boardman Room*
12 p.m. Confirmation Retreat: *Shep. Hall*
1:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals: *School Yard*

Monday, October 2
7 p.m. Bible Study: *Boardman Room*
7 p.m. "The Letter" (Film): *Rectory Basement*

Wednesday, October 4
6:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals: *School Yard*
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, October 5
6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

Friday, October 6
4 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *School Basement*

Saturday, October 7
7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, October 8
10 a.m. Spanish Committee: *Rectory Basement*
10 a.m. OCIA (Spanish): *Boardman Room*

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

1st Collection Total to Parish $4,117
(Collection Baskets: $2,158; Faith Direct: $1,959.)

2nd Collection Total To Parish for Building Repairs $1,889
(Collection Baskets: $1,461; Faith Direct: $428.)

Catch Up Collection..... $620
(Late 1st Collection envelopes: $570; late Parish Building envelopes: $50.)

Thank you for your generosity.

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Two brief services in honor of the
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Bring your creatures - great and small!

Sunday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m.
and
Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)
Howard Place School Yard *(behind HNJ Church)*

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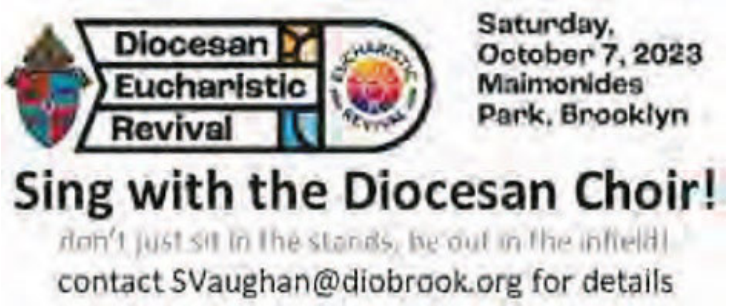

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Please note: *Requests for Bulletin Notices must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Monday for publication in the following weekend's Bulletin. (Holidays may affect this schedule.)*

Please email your requests, with details, to:
hnjbrooklyn@gmail.com

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

This Sunday is October 1 and the Parish Year is in full swing. Our "**Welcome Back" Breakfast** last Sunday was a great success — over 150 people attended despite all the wind and rain! Many, many thanks to the Coordinators, Christine Schwartz and Anthony Caccamo, and to all their helpers.

Concerning upcoming events: Please note the items in this bulletin about:

- The October 2 showing of the environmental documentary **"The Letter"** at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Basement;
- The **Blessing of the Animals** in the Howard Place School Yard at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, October 1, and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4;
- The **Diocesan Eucharistic Revival** at Maimonides Park in Coney Island on Saturday, October 7; and
- The first episodes of the **"Jesus and the Eucharist"** Video Series in our lay-led Small Prayer groups (with new members always welcome) during the week of October 9.

Note also the bulletin item about the new **Knitting and Crocheting Group** that plans to meet in the Rectory Basement on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting on October 18.

Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month**, and the first Sunday of October is observed as **Respect Life Sunday**. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. We will have a special Holy Hour for Life here in HNJ Church on Sunday, October 29. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

October is also a month dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother Mary and to the Rosary. This month's Eucharistic Holy Hour will be dedicated to the Blessed Mother. It will be in HNJ Church at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18. Please try to pray some extra Rosaries during October. ✞

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 4: Make mercy your song to all creation — The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

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"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." ~ Luke 9:58

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 1
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. William Polanco
(6th Anniversary)
The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. James McManus

12 p.m. Walter Kash

Monday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels

9 a.m. Joseph J. Giamboi III
(Birthday)

Tuesday, October 3
9 a.m. Ronald Casadei

Wednesday, October 4
St. Francis of Assisi

9 a.m. Abdel Ghoneim

Thursday, October 5
St. Faustina Kowalska; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

9 a.m. Marlene Orrego
(1st Anniversary)

Friday, October 6
St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

9 a.m. James P. & Kenneth Dolan

Saturday, October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary

9 a.m. Boyd, O'Connor, Barzal & Zbikowski Families
Edward Wojtas

5:30 p.m. Baby Ann Cottingham
Helen Casagrande
Joan Fells
Chester Spence

Sunday, October 8
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. The People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Vincent Camastro

12 p.m. Louise Collins

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, **October 7 & 21.**

At this time, we need items for Thanksgiving such as mashed potato packets and cranberry sauce.

Thank you for supporting HNJ's Food Pantry for the past 36 years.

MEMORIALS

The Altar Candles will be lit for the week in memory of **Robert and Catherine Mullin** as requested by their loving grandchildren.

The Host & Wine have been donated for the week in loving memory of **Ned and Mary Duggan** for their wedding anniversary as requested by Deacon Gerry & MaryRose Devine.

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:

John Marsillo; Connie Nugent; Mistie Owens; Alayne Cox; Holly Palazzo; Ted Shea; Penelope Seiss; Francyne Dicesare; Thomas Nugent; Mary Pat Stasiak; Dora Sisto; Stanley Wasyk; Rosauro Peña; Ryan S.; Marty Cottingham; Ann Woodworth; Lisa Feldman; Patricia Donleavy; Bill Slattery; Camille Tiftafeh; Patrick Cregg; Judy Heegan; Catherine Donovan; Joseph Cox; Cheryl Jablow; Louise McCl; and Dcn. Felipe Almendárez

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 **Angela Ryan**, **Theresa Quirke** and **Patricia Bradley**.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Joseph Gelber, Patricia Bradley,** and **Teresa Martin.**

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Jesus and the Eucharist
Video Series

EARLY OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023

Dates:
Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays
Oct. 9, 10, or 12, 2023 – What's Our Story?
Oct. 16, 17, or 19, 2023 – Who is Jesus?
Oct. 23, 24, or 26, 2023 – Am I Saved?
Oct. 30, Nov. 1, or 3, 2023 – Why a Church?
Nov. 6, 7, or 9, 2023 – God is With Us
Nov. 13, 14, or 16 – Story of the Eucharist
Nov. 20, 21, or 30, 2023 – Bread for the Journey

Times:
Mondays 7:00pm or
Tuesdays 10:30am or
Thursdays 11:00am or
Thursdays 7:00pm

Locations:
Various

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited every parish in the country to present "Jesus and the Eucharist", a seven-session video series developed specifically for "The Year of Parish Revival", during the three-year National Eucharistic Revival. Each of HNJ parish's small faith sharing groups will host one session per week from early October through November. Each lesson is drawn from video content created by the Augustine Institute made specifically for this year of Parish Revival.

Come to one, some, or all of the sessions. It is designed for you to attend all sessions, but not required. No preparation ahead or homework. Please come as you are and when you can!

To register: Complete a signup card after weekend masses on Sept. 30th / Oct.1 and Oct. 7 / 8 or call the rectory.

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

BOYS & GIRLS GRADE 4 OR HIGHER

If you are a young person in the 4th grade or higher, Holy Name would like you to consider becoming an Altar Server. Altar Servers have an important role, serving the congregation, the priest and one another during the celebration of Mass and other Liturgies. By learning to be an Altar Server, you will provide vital assistance to the parish and increase your respect for God's Church, others, and yourself. Practice begins Wednesday, October 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Church.

Please contact the Rectory Office by **Thursday, October 5** if you are interested.

Looking More Closely at the Word

Sunday's Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

~ Fr. John Muir © LPi

KNIT & PURL GROUP

(& Crochet, too!)

Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

(starting October 18, 2023)

Holy Name Rectory Basement

245 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

All Are Welcome - and all sessions are free!

Whether you're a beginner or experienced, come join in friendship, learning, creating, & sharing the wonderful world of knitting & crocheting. We hope to include both personal projects and charity work, in our endeavors.

Beginners: We'll offer projects to get you started and provide you with an ever-increasing knowledge of knitting & crocheting.

Experienced: You'll have support and the opportunity to steek, frog, explore variations in casting on / binding off, reading written instructions & charts, plus much more.

Requirements: Bring your own yarn (preferably a worsted weight) and needles. If you're not sure what to purchase, the staff in a Yarn store can help you.

Please contact **Evelyn at 718-491-1167** and let her know about your experience level.

FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

HOLY NAME FATHERS GUILD

The Holy Name Fathers Guild is pleased to open registration for Fall/Winter Soccer, Baseball, and Basketball. In addition, we will be opening registration for our Boys and Girls Swim Teams shortly.

Descriptions and registration links for both Players and Coaches are available on our Parish web site for the following:

Travel Basketball
Intramural Basketball
Clinic Basketball
Fall Baseball
Fall Soccer Clinic

If you have any questions, please send them to: holynamefathersguild@gmail.com.

Prospective Coaches: In order to coach a team you must be Virtus Trained. If you are interested in coaching, but have not yet been Virtus Trained, please register for training at:

https://tinyurl.com/yuvn8k8f

October 2, 2023 @ 7 PM

Holy Name Rectory Basement

THE LETTER:

A Message for Our Earth from Pope Francis

Please join us on October 2 at 7PM to see *The Letter*, a documentary film that explores *Laudato Si'* the encyclical by Pope Francis, which tells the incredible story of frontline leaders battling the ecological crisis across continents.

Film time 7-8:40, Discussion 8:40-9 PM

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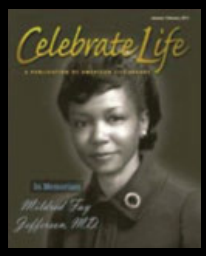

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