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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

.....
DECEMBER 17, 2023
.....

A man named John
was sent from God.
He came for testimony,
to testify to the light,
so that all
might believe through him.

~ John 1:6-7

Rev. Lawrence D. Ryan, Pastor

Rev. Emmanuel Conduah, In Residence
Rev. Joseph D'Aco, 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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through
8

Stephanie Germann, Principal

THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, December 17

- 10 a.m. OCIA (Spanish): *Boardman Room*
10 a.m. Spanish Committee: *Rectory Basement*

Monday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 20

- 1 p.m. Knit/Purl Group: *Rectory Basement*
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, December 21

- 6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

Friday, December 22

- 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, December 23

- 7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEKEND 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

7:30 a.m.

9 a.m. (Spanish)

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

*Note: There will be no Noon Mass on
Sunday, December 24.*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

4 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Family Mass

10 p.m. Spanish Mass

12 a.m. Midnight Mass

(Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30 a.m. Mass

12 Noon Mass

*All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will also
be live-streamed on our Parish Facebook page.*

COLLECTION RESULTS

The results of the December 10 Collections will be posted in a future Bulletin.

SUNDAY ROSARY AT HNJ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

Members of the Holy Name Council of the Knights of Columbus will lead the recitation of the Rosary in the Church immediately after the Noon Mass on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

If you can, please join them for this great way to start your week - and end the year!

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

This will be a short note because of all the other items in the bulletin.

I want to thank Anthony Caccamo and the other volunteers who made the Fathers Guild Tree Lighting Ceremony in Our Lady's Field last Thursday evening such a successful, family-oriented event. I also want to thank Dago and Blanca Gil, Rogelio and Juana Bravo, and the other volunteers who made our all-day (from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., including a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Octavio Cisneros) parish observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe a tremendous success.

This Saturday, December 16, we will have our Music of Advent Concert in the Church from 4:45 to about 5:20 and our Parish Christmas Tree Lighting at about 6:30 PM in front of the Rectory.

Reconciliation Monday will be December 18. See the flyer on Page 6 of this bulletin and please make a good Confession before Christmas.

Our Schedule of Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day appears at left. Please note that this year, December 24 falls on a Sunday. The Masses on Sunday morning (7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (Spanish), and 10:30 a.m.) fulfill the Mass attendance obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Also please note that there will NOT be a 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, December 24. The afternoon and evening Masses on December 24 (4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. (Family Mass with Pageant), 10 p.m. (Spanish) and Midnight Mass will fulfill the Mass attendance obligation for Christmas. The Masses on Monday, December 25 (7:30 AM and 12 Noon) will, of course, fulfill the Mass attendance obligation for Christmas. Please note there will be NO 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Masses on Monday, December 25.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2023 BENEFITING CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BROOKLYN & QUEENS

This year, we are collecting toys to help Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens make Christmas a bit brighter for the people they serve.

Please take a gift tag from the tree and bring in your unwrapped toy(s) as soon as you can. All gifts must be placed in the box marked "Catholic Charities" in the Church vestibule by Monday, December 18 to ensure the children will receive them in time for Christmas, but bringing them even earlier will be a big help!



Gift cards are also greatly appreciated. If you do opt for gift cards, we urge you to deliver them to the Rectory Office or place them in the Collection Baskets as Mass to prevent them from being lost. Please do not place gift cards in the Toy Box.

Thank you for your kindness!

WINTER HATS & GLOVES NEEDED

Knights of Columbus Holy Name Council 4783, in partnership with Holy Name of Jesus Church, is collecting winter hats and gloves for the local charity, CHiPS. Please wrap your donations separately and place them in the box marked "*KofC / HNJ Hats & Gloves*" in the vestibule of the Church as soon as possible. All gifts must be in the box no later than Monday, December 18 to ensure Members of the KofC can deliver the packages to CHiPS in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support!

2024 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass Book will be open as of Tuesday, December 19. At this time, we can accept requests for: Sunday Masses through June 30, 2024 and Week-day and Saturday Masses (including the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays) through December 31.

During the first week, we will only collect lists; we will number them in the order in which they are received. Please mark the first three dates that are most important to you. We will accommodate everyone's first three dates as best as we can, and then add the rest as soon as the initial lists are done. Please remember that the 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Saturdays allow for up to five intentions per Mass.)

We will announce the availability of July - December 2024 Sunday Masses as early as we can in 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS! HOLIDAYS JACKPOT WINNERS

Dec. 10	\$200	Pat Maio
Dec. 11	\$100	Marianne Maresca Finn
Dec. 12	\$100	Mike Coyne
Dec. 13	\$200	Brendan Lehpamer
Dec. 14	\$100	Ann O'Loughlin
Dec. 15	\$100	Robert Pepper
Dec. 16	\$100	Jennifer DeMatteis

The winners of the December 17-23 drawings will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

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, December 16 & 30.

The Food Pantry needs sugar, pasta, and sauce for pasta.

Thank you to: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy and P.S. 10 for their recent Food Drives.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please include the names of those you wish to memorialize or honor, and place your envelope in the collection basket, or deliver it to the Rectory. The suggested donation is \$15 for each memorial.



If you don't have a Christmas Flowers envelope, please write "Christmas Flowers" on a plain one and provide us with your name, the name(s) of those you wish to memorialize or honor, and your donation.



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or by calling the Diocesan Futures in Education office at 718-965-7340.

Looking More Closely at the Word

SING AND REJOICE

by Fr. Colin Carr, O.P.

Advent is a hungry time; if we were Orthodox (with a capital O) we would be fasting; we're longing for the coming of Christ, we know we can't be satisfied until he comes to us; and in the middle of Advent, the third Sunday, we have Gaudete Sunday, to cheer us up. We need reminding that what we're longing for is a joyful event, when everything will be put right. The passage from Isaiah is applied to Jesus in Luke's gospel, but it could also be applied to John the Baptist, whose job could be described as arranging the marriage between Christ and humanity. The servant of God brings good news to the poor, binds up broken hearts, tells captives that they are free, and announces a jubilee year from God, when debts are cancelled and people can get their lives back on track. We mustn't over-spiritualize that kind of language: the tasks of siding with the poor, or campaigning for debt relief are both political and spiritual. We believe in sacraments; we believe in the incarnation, when the word became flesh. Material reality, political reality, are not on a different plane from spiritual reality; God meets us in the stuff of everyday life, and the tasks of making the world a better and a freer place. He meets

us in bread and wine at this Mass – not just in pious thoughts; and he meets us in our struggle to be good news for broken people in our world.

But our struggle is not about ourselves doing good: it's an announcement, a pointing to Jesus who is the good news. The style of our struggle in the world is not a frantic effort to force the world to become a better place: that will just make us angry, because we won't succeed anyway; it will play havoc with our blood pressure. Some of the most uptight people in the world are highly idealistic people who think that they have to do it all. But our task is to work in such a way that we are pointing to Jesus. That takes a lot of pressure off us. John the Baptist did what he had to do, was obedient to the vocation God had given him, and pointed away from himself.

We aren't all called to preach about Jesus directly; and some people who do talk directly about Jesus are a real pain: I think that's because they are trying to force us into their Jesus camp, rather than letting us be free to meet the Saviour who sets us free. No, our way of working in the world is to demonstrate that the way of Jesus – siding with the poor and the broken hearted, caring about prisoners and oppressed people

– is in fact the way of happiness. "Why should the devil have all the best tunes?" asked William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. Whether the Sally Army came up with particularly good tunes, I don't know, but the idea of bringing joy into worship was a way of telling people that faith is not miserable. Their commitment to the poor went hand in hand with joyful worship. I hope it's also true of Catholics that when we set about trying to make the world a better place we do so with a proper lightness of heart: it's not what we achieve that matters, so much as where we're pointing. Unless the Lord builds the house, the builder labours in vain; unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. Mary sang her Magnificat – which is our responsorial psalm today – to celebrate not her generous Yes to God, but God's generous Yes to her and to all of us. We will remove mountains more effectively if we know we depend on God than if we are convinced we've got it all to do ourselves. We'll remove them more effectively with a song than with an earnest, puckered brow. Gaudete! Rejoice in the Lord always: the Lord is near. ~ <https://www.english.op.org/torch>



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First:

ISAIAH 61:1-2,10-12

Second:

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Gospel:

John 1:6-8; 19-28

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS
PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRIST

RECONCILIATION *Monday*

Monday, December 18, 2023

2 PM - 4 PM | 6 PM - 9 PM



Confessions will be available in **HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH** at the above times. We invite you to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas.

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

1. You always have the option to go to confession anonymously, that is, behind a screen or face to face, if you so desire.
2. After the priest greets you in the name of Christ, make the sign of the cross. He may choose to recite a reading from Scripture, after which you say: *“Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession. These are my sins.”*
3. Tell your sins simply and honestly to the priest. You might even want to discuss the circumstances and the root causes of your sins and ask the priest for advice or direction.
4. Listen to the advice the priest gives you and accept the penance from him. Then make an Act of Contrition for your sins.
5. The priest will then dismiss you with the words of praise: *“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.”* You respond: *“For His mercy endures forever.”* The priest will then conclude with: *“The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.”* And you respond by saying: *“Thanks be to God.”*
6. Spend some time with Our Lord thanking and praising Him for the gift of His mercy. Try to perform your penance as soon as possible.

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest.

I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer.

Give me, for your mercy’s sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION

Oh my God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
And failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Daniel Sullivan
- 12 p.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie, & Peter Camastro

Monday, December 18

- 9 a.m. Anthony Masella

Tuesday, December 19

- 9 a.m. Peter John Fox, Sr. & Peter John Fox, Jr.

Wednesday, December 20

- 9 a.m. Virginia Reselosa (*Birthday*)

Thursday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

- 9 a.m. Gerry Wolf

Friday, December 22

- 9 a.m. John & Ann Duffy

Saturday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

- 9 a.m. Pablo Tarculas Reselosa
Helen Casagrande
Abel Rafael Garcia
- 5:30 p.m. Nicola A. Sisto, Sr.
Dolores & Bob Hickey
Mary E. & James Hannan
Libera F. & James P. Farran
Anthony Masella

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. Dinorah Rivas
The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Msgr. John Delendick

*Eve of the Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas Eve)*

- 4 p.m. Eva Sierra
- 5:30 p.m. John McHugh
- 10 p.m. The People of the Parish
- 12 a.m. Josephine, Edward, & Chester Spencer

Monday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

- 7:30 a.m. Nicholas Guido
- 12 p.m. Carmela Cascella

MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit for the week in memory of **Sarah Paynton** as requested by her loving family.

The Altar Candles will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Joan A. Di Costanza** for her birthday as requested by Janine & Sal Marino.

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: Hyunja Paasch; Jack Montalbano; George Capella; John Marsillo; Connie Nugent; Dean Tulli; 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; and Dcn. Felipe Almendárez.

... 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 **Michael Baker**.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

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