



HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

“Jesus said to his disciples:
‘Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.’”

~ Mark 13:33

Rev. Lawrence D. Ryan, Pastor

Rev. Emmanuel Conduah, In Residence
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.

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy



241 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215

sjwca.org
(718) 768-7629

Grades
PreK-3
through
8

Stephanie Germann, Principal

THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, December 3

10 a.m. OCIA (Spanish): *Boardman Room*
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Sunday: *Shepherds Hall*

Monday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*
7 p.m. HNFG Tree Lighting: *Our Lady's Field*

Friday, December 8

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 9

7 p.m. OLG Mass & Fiesta: *Church & Shep. Hall*
7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, December 10

10 a.m. OCIA (Spanish): *Boardman Room*

Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will observe the Solemnity with Masses at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on **Friday, December 8**.

Please note: there will be no Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7.

2023 HOLIDAYS JACKPOT DRAWINGS

The initial drawings for the 2023 Holidays Jackpot have been postponed due to mail delays. We will still pull one entry for each day on the Jackpot calendar, and the first set of winners will be announced in the December 10 Bulletin.

If you haven't yet entered – or want to obtain additional Raffle Entries – you can get find forms in the back of the Church, and the Rectory Office. Each \$50 raffle ticket gives you 38 chances to win. Feel free to enter as many times as you like. Remember: you need to be in it to win it!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

To accommodate the holiday schedule, our Bulletin company has given us early printing deadlines through the end of 2023.

Please contact the Rectory Office for guidance if your Parish Group has a notice they wish to have published before January, 2024.

COLLECTION RESULTS

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

1st Collection Total to Parish\$4,833
(Collection Baskets: \$2,828; Faith Direct: \$2,005.)

2nd Collection To Diocese for Annual Campaign for Human Development.....\$1,347
(Collection Baskets: \$1,905; Faith Direct: \$252.)

Catch Up Collection.....\$1,975
(Late 1st Collection envelopes: \$1,800; late Parish Building envelopes: \$175.)

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

1st Collection Total to Parish\$4,794
(Collection Baskets: \$2,789; Faith Direct: \$2,005.)

2nd Collection To Parish for Building Repairs\$1,315
(Collection Baskets: \$1,005; Faith Direct: \$460.)

Catch Up Collection.....\$185
(Late 1st Collection envelopes: \$90; late Parish Building envelopes: \$95.)

Next weekend's 2nd Second Collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your contributions to this Diocesan collection will help provide medications, nursing care and more to aid senior religious.

MSGR. JOHN DELENDICK REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Msgr. John Delendick on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023, after a long battle with 9/11-related cancer. He was a senior resident Priest here in HNJ Parish since January, 2023, celebrating and concelebrating many Liturgies. Monsignor's funeral was held on Friday, December 1 in the Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

Ordained to the Priesthood in 1977, Msgr. Delendick served the Brooklyn Diocese as Pastor of the Shrine of St. Jude for over 18 years; St Agnes; and St. Michael. Previously, he served as Administrator or Parochial Vicar in several other parishes in the Diocese. Monsignor was also a Diocesan Real Estate Board Member, and Professor at Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary.

Msgr. Delendick started as an FDNY Chaplain in 1996. It was a role that expanded greatly following the 9/11 terror attacks, when he spent his days attending memorial and funeral services and consoling those involved in the rescue of victims at the World Trade Center. It was also a role he cherished—and still served in—until his death.

"This is a heartbreaking loss for New York's Bravest, and for our entire city. Msgr. Delendick touched countless lives, providing comfort and prayer to FDNY members and all those in need. He left an indelible mark on our city," said NYC Mayor

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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!

FORMED: HNJ'S CURRENT PICK

ROOTED: REDISCOVER THE JESSE TREE THIS ADVENT

"Rooted" presents a beloved tradition in a new light. This new series guides you through daily Advent reflections using the "Jesse Tree" model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection. The series helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching. Episodes begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, and end on December 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

View the trailer and sign up to receive email reminders so you don't miss a day!

<https://daily.formed.org/advent>

ADVENT 2023 AT HNJ

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass &
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

First Sunday of Advent

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7 p.m. Father's Guild Tree Lighting
(Our Lady's Field)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Mass for the Solemnity of
the Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5 a.m. Las Mañanitas a
Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe.
(Serenade of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mariachi)

1 p.m. Procesión para la Virgen de Guadalupe.
(Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession)

2 p.m. Misa para la Virgen de Guadalupe
con Mariachi
(Mass in Spanish; in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

After Mass: Fiesta in Shepherds Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:45 to 5:30 p.m.
The Music of Advent
(in English & Spanish)

after 5:30 p.m. Mass
Parish Christmas Tree Lighting
(in front of Rectory)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Hours to be announced
Reconciliation Monday
(Confessions)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

All events will take place in HNJ Church unless otherwise noted.

Boy Scout Troop 237's
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
WREATH SALE**

Fridays, December 1 & 8 — 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sundays, December 3 & 10 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Outside the old HNJ Convent Building
(Prospect Park West near Windsor Place)



Please see the flyers in the back
of the Church for additional
details and order forms
or
Use the QR Code at left
to order online.

Preparing for the Coming of the Christ Child

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

Monday, December 11
7 p.m.

Holy Name of Jesus
245 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215



Looking More Closely at the Word

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir © LPI

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37



Come share the holiday spirit at
**THE NINTH ANNUAL WINDSOR TERRACE
HOLY NAME FATHER'S GUILD
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY!**

Date: Thursday, December 7th @7PM!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO BRING OR BUY AN ORNAMENT TO DECORATE THE TREE, AND ENTER OUR UGLY SWEATER CONTEST!
*ornaments on tree can not be returned

Photo Op with SANTA!

Rockin' Xmas Tunes!!

Location: Our Lady's Field, Entrance on Windsor Place
Between Prospect Park West and Howard Place

Please make Holy Name part of your family Christmas tradition
by joining us for Family Mass at 5:30pm or Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve!

Donations accepted at door or through our Venmo Account: @HolyNameFathersGuildInc
*All proceeds to benefit the Holy Name Father's Guild Youth Sports program. <https://holy-name-sports.com/>

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please include the names of those you wish to memorialize 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 names of those you wish to memorialize, and your donation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Patricia Pepper
Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Vincent Camastro
- 12 p.m. Martha Kash

Monday, December 4

St. John Damascene

- 9 a.m. Vincent Camastro

Tuesday, December 5

- 9 a.m. Veronica Sheehan

Wednesday, December 6

St. Nicholas

- 9 a.m. Burke & Hough Families

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose

- 9 a.m. Helen Dolan

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary

- 9 a.m. Vincent Camastro
- 7 p.m. Mildred Thompson

Saturday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

- 9 a.m. Anne Murphy
Kate Feeney
Edward Gaine
Bridget Doherty
- 5:30 p.m. Kyra O'Dwyer
Deacon Bill &
Florence Williamsen
Fred Shanks
Farran & Buonocore Fam.
James Donovan

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
- 9 a.m. The People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Francesco Pira
- 12 p.m. Teresa Martin

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, Dec. 2, 16, & 30.

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

Thank you for your support.

MEMORIALS

The Hosts and Wine have been donated for the week in loving memory of **Vincent Camastro**, as requested by the Devine Family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Vincent Camastro**, as requested by Sally Swenson.

The Altar Candles will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Vincent Camastro**, as requested by the Retired Teachers from P. S. 10.

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 **Bridget Doherty, Angelo Arpaia, and Msgr. John Delendick**. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Bridget Doherty and Patrice Anne DeLisi**.

MSGR. JOHN DELENDICK

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Eric Adams.

The FDNY added the names of 43 first responders and civilian employees who have died from a 9/11 illnesses in the past year to the FDNY World Trade Center Memorial Wall this past September and Msgr. Delendick was there.

"I've been burying all these people — I don't know how many," Delendick told the NY Daily News at the event, looking up at the shiny brass plates affixed to the wall, each representing a life lost in service of a greater good. "In a sense, my relationship with those that died after 9/11 has changed quite a bit. Because now, I'm one of them."

Monsignor knew his disease was fatal. "We knew it was coming, but it's still tragic," fellow FDNY Chaplain Rabbi Joseph Potasnik said of Delendick's passing. He remembers Monsignor's generous spirit and dedication to service, even in sickness. "One of the phrases I never heard him use was, 'I'm too busy,' ...He was still there for everyone. He was still officiating. The only time he was too busy was when he was getting his medical treatments....We often say no one is irreplaceable, but Msgr. Delendick disproved that statement. He cannot be replaced," said Potasnik. "The fact that he died on Thanksgiving should be a reminder to all of us that we are most grateful for the blessing of his life. Instead of saying he passed away, we should say, 'Thank God he passed our way.'..." "Well done, Msgr. John Delendick, beloved Chaplain FDNY."

Condolences may be sent to Msgr. Delendick's sister:

Patricia Delendick Alexandre
c/o Shrine Church of Saint Jude
1677 Canarsie Road Brooklyn, NY 11236.

PASTOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATE OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED ON AUGUST 31, 2023.

This is my financial report to you for how the parish did for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022, and ending August 31, 2023.

Our total revenue for the fiscal year was \$1,567,801 and our total expenditures were \$1,326,429, yielding a gain of \$241,352, and increasing our fund balance or net worth to \$611,180. Our total revenue included two "one time" revenue items: a bequest of \$150,000 from a deceased parishioner and an Employees Retention Credit (ERC) of \$31,219 as a final part of the Federal Government's Covid recovery effort. The continuing generous support of HNJ parishioners and rents were other important components of our total revenue. While we kept total expenditures as low as possible during the 2022/2023 fiscal year, we are anticipating large, very necessary and long-deferred capital expenditures during the 2023/2024 fiscal year for items such as a new roof on the Academy (school) building and possibly cement and boiler work. We have substantially increased our deferred maintenance reserve (i.e., funds in our savings earmarked for such large expenditures), and (as described further below) we will be monitoring this area very closely,

Concerning our debt and other obligations, in December of 2022 we made our final payment of our obligation to the Diocesan Generations of Faith Campaign that began many years ago. Throughout the 22/23 fiscal year we made our monthly payments for our Diocesan loan for the 2014 Restoration of the interior of HNJ Church. That loan should be completely paid off in two months (January, 2024). We will then only have one large (\$114,165) Accounts Payable on our balance sheet that should be reduced to zero in 24 months (December of 2025).

You will recall that, after many years of effort, effective in January of 2022 we finally leased, on a long-term basis, the former Holy Name Convent building to a real estate develop-

ment company that is renovating the interior of the building into apartments which, as per the terms of our long-term lease, will be rented, operated and maintained by the development company. The developer's renovation work is underway and scheduled to be completed in December of 2024.

Like everyone else, Holy Name parish has experienced increases in our daily and recurring operating expenses such as fuel, salaries (to include sharply increased pension costs), insurance, regular repairs, and food. Of even more concern are the increasing estimates for the large anticipated capital expenditures for items such as the new Academy roof, concrete and boiler work, and various other possible large expenditures to maintain our aging parish buildings. These costs will almost certainly be in excess of funds currently on hand and earmarked (as described above) for "deferred maintenance". Our efforts to reduce debt and other obligations will continue. Funds that become available from those efforts and from various other sources (including donations, rents, and "over goal dollars" returned to the parish from the Annual Catholic Appeal) will, to the extent operating expenses permit, be earmarked for capital expenditures.

Meanwhile, the number of individuals contributing to Faith Direct has decreased to 97 in October 2023 from 112 in September 2021, and overall Mass attendance has not returned to pre-Covid levels. In light of all of the above, we hope more individuals will consider contributing to Holy Name using Faith Direct, and we also hope that some individuals are in a position to consider increasing their overall contributions to the parish.

In any event, I thank everyone for their ongoing support of and generosity to Holy Name of Jesus Parish, and I ask for your continued prayers for the Parish and for me.