



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2024

*"Follow me and  
I will make you  
become fishers  
of men."*

~ Mark 1:17



### 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

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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

### 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



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Grades  
PreK-3  
through  
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Stephanie Germann, Principal

## THIS WEEK @ HNJ

### Sunday, January 21

- 9:15 a.m. Communion Proxima Prep: Shep Hall  
10 a.m. OCIA (Spanish): Boardman Room  
3 p.m. Boys Swim Team Finale: Shepherds Hall  
3 p.m. Holy Hour for Life: Church

### Monday, January 22

- 7 p.m. Bible Study: Boardman Room  
7 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Meeting: Shep. Hall

### Tuesday, January 23

- 7:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Comm.: Via Zoom

### Wednesday, January 24

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

### Thursday, January 25

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

### Friday, January 26

- 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, January 27

- 1:15 p.m. Food Pantry: Rectory Basement  
7 p.m. AA: Rectory Basement

### Sunday, January 28

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

## COLLECTION RESULTS

The results of the January 14 collections will be reported in a future bulletin.

Next weekend's Second Collection will be the **Annual National Collection for Churches in Need** which helps support pastoral programs for Churches in the poorer areas of Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa.

## SUNDAY ROSARY AT HNJ SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

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, January 28, 2024.

If you can, please join them for this great way to start your week.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

JANUARY 22, 2024

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

*Let us pray...*

*Good and gracious God,  
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.*

*You are the One  
to whom we owe our very existence.*


*Give us the courage to take that  
unpopular position of protecting those  
who have no voice,  
the unborn child in the womb  
to the person taking his or her last breath.*

*The life you have given us  
is a gift beyond measure.*

*Embolden us to speak the truth  
about protecting the child, the elderly, and  
the one without a voice in the public square.*

*With thankful hearts,  
we ask all this of the One God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



## HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

3 p.m., Sunday, January 21, 2024

### Holy Name of Jesus Church

245 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215

Livestream: [facebook.com/holynamebrooklyn](https://www.facebook.com/holynamebrooklyn)

The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary, a brief Reflection, Silent Prayer for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death, and Benediction. Please join us.



## A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

As I write this note, we are still in the midst of shoveling and “salting” (which is actually spreading a lot of chemical ice melt) after Tuesday’s snow and ice weather event. Temperatures are expected to remain well below freezing for the next few days and we may have more snow and ice before the weekend. Everyone please be careful walking or driving.

As I mentioned in last week’s note, the Catholic Church continues to place a special emphasis on Protection of Beginning of Life Issues during the month of January, with events at the local and national levels. Here at Holy Name, we will have a Holy Hour for Life at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, (See the previous page of this bulletin for additional details.) Please join us in Church, if you can, or via livestream on our parish Facebook page. Monday, January 22, will be the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn, which we will observe with special prayers at our 9 a.m. Mass.

This Sunday, January 21, is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In his 2020 Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis declared that each year, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would also be the “Sunday of the Word of God”. In that Letter, the Pope explained that “devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. .... The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. .... The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.” Please include a greater attentiveness to the “Word of God”, to Scripture (beginning with the Sunday Readings), among your spiritual goals for 2024. †

## Looking More Closely at the Word

### CHILDISH LIES

by Fr. John Muir

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It’s understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It’s amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I’m faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: “Repent!” We tend to think it means “stop doing bad things” but it doesn’t. It literally means “go beyond the mind you have.” Think in a new way. It’s painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make

life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, “I’m done lying,” and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that’s why at Mass we together proclaim, “I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words...” Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn’t being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps

it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

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### SUNDAY’S READINGS

First: **JONAH 3:1-5, 10**

Second: **1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31**

Gospel: **MARK 1:14-20**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 21

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. In Thanksgiving to  
Our Lady of Altagracia

10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

12 p.m. Lucy Coletto

### Monday, January 22

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children*

9 a.m. Patrick O'Halloran

### Tuesday, January 23

*St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope*

9 a.m. Margaret O'Halloran

### Wednesday, January 24

*St. Francis DeSales*

9 a.m. John McHugh

### Thursday, January 25

*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

9 a.m. Brendan O'Halloran

### Friday, January 26

*St. Timothy; St. Titus*

9 a.m. Maria R. Torres &  
Eduardo Reyes

### Saturday, January 27

*Pope St. Fabian; St. Sebastian*

9 a.m. Thomas Murphy  
Brian Murphy  
William & Evelyn Murphy

5:30 p.m. Eva & Nestor Mendez  
William P. McNally  
Intentions of Eileen O'Donovan  
Intentions of Mary Colgan

### Sunday, January 28

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Marta Fely Salvador

12 p.m. People of the Parish

## HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

The Food Pantry will distribute food from the Rectory basement from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, January 27 and February 10 & 24.

At this time, the Pantry needs cereal, Mac & Cheese, and various fruit juices.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our food pantry for the past 37 years.

## 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: Juliet Vevlazquez; Richard Rodriguez; Hyunja Paasch; Jack Montalbano; George Capella; John Marsillo; Connie Nugent; Dean Tulli; Mistie Owens; Alayne Cox; Holly Palazzo; Ted Shea; Penelope Seiss; Thomas Nugent; Mary Pat Stasiak; Dora Sisto; Stanley Wasyk; Rosaura 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 **Frank (Lingo) Diaz and Francyne Dicesare**. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

## HNJ SPORTS NEWS

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Holy Name Fathers Guild is pleased to open registration for their inaugural travel Volleyball teams.

The volleyball program is available to girls ages 8 to 14 years old. Players will compete in CYO Travel Volleyball and will play games throughout Brooklyn and Queens with home games held at Bishop Ford/K280 school gym. Each child will be assigned to a team.

If you have any questions, please send them to:

[Holynamesfathersguild@gmail.com](mailto:Holynamesfathersguild@gmail.com)

Please use the below links to register as a player or coach:

#### PLAYERS:

<https://holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/819672673>

#### COACHES:

<https://holynamesports.sportngin.com/register/form/704250198>

## THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

### MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**January 24 — Be the retiring type:** Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622) led a full life, both before and after his relatively late decision to join the priesthood. In his era, a life of holiness was considered the domain of monks and nuns, certainly not of laypeople. But he believed God could and should be found in everyday life and was one of the first great religious teachers to offer spiritual direction to lay Catholics living and working in the world, such as in his book *Introduction to the Devout Life*. His advice to those busy with the world's affairs is as valid today as it was then: "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussions or transactions with others, and talk to God." Practice a little "early retirement" today!

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