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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.

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, March 30
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*
12 p.m. 1st Holy Communion Retreat: *Shep. Hall*
1:15 p.m. Lenten Holy Hour: *Church*

Monday, March 31
7:30 p.m. Small Faith Sharing Group: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Tuesday, April 1
10:30 a.m. FORMED Home Group: *(917) 981-8644*

Wednesday, April 2
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, April 3
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
7 p.m. Small Faith Sharing Group: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Friday, April 4
9:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross (English): *Church*
4 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
7 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *CS Room*
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish): *Church*

Saturday, April 5
1 p.m. Food Pantry: *Rectory Basement*
6:30 p.m. Lenten Healing Service: *Church*
7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, April 6
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*
11:45 a.m. Hospitality Sunday: *Shepherds Hall*
1:15 p.m. Lenten Holy Hour: *Church*

LENT SCHEDULE AT HNJ

LENTEN HOLY HOURS

Sundays, March 30 and April 6 at 1:15 p.m.

The Holy Hours will include Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays from 9:45 - Noon, all year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays (English): **after the 9 a.m. Mass**
Fridays (Spanish): **7 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS

Sundays: Before 7:30 a.m. & Noon Masses
7:10 - 7:25 a.m. and 11:40 - 11:55 a.m. (in the Church)

Thursdays: Before/After 9 a.m. Mass
8:35 - 8:50 a.m. and 9:50 - 10:05 a.m. (in the Church)

Saturdays: **5 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. (in the Church)**
also available in the Rectory, by appointment.

LENTEN HEALING SERVICE

Saturday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, April 14
9:50 - 10:30 a.m.; 2 - 4 p.m.; and 6 - 9 p.m.

COLLECTION RESULTS

MARCH 23, 2025

1st Collection Total to Parish..... $3,861
(Collection Baskets: $2,184; Faith Direct: $1,677.)

2nd Collection Total to Parish $1,703
(Collection Baskets: $1,318; Faith Direct: $385.)

Catch Up Collection..... $990
(Past 1st Collections: $970; past 2nd Collections: $20.)

*This weekend, March 29/30, our 2nd Collection will be for **Catholic Relief Services**. This annual National Collection helps provide food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to people in this country and abroad. If you can, please give generously — and help "Jesus in disguise".*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

JUBILEE OF HOPE, RENEWAL OF FAITH, AND CHARITY!

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Please join Holy Name in supporting the Appeal and prayerfully consider making a pledge:

https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone.

EASTER FLOWERS

You can honor friends and family members—both living and deceased—by donating towards the Easter Flowers for HNJ Church. Please submit the names of those you wish to honor/memorialize to the Rectory Office, or leave your envelope and donation in the collection basket. Be sure to provide us with your name, the names of those you wish to honor, and your donation. The suggested donation is $15 for each memorial. All requests must be received no later than Thursday, April 10 to ensure they are included in the Easter bulletin. Requests received after then will be published in a future bulletin.

HNJ SPORTS UPDATE

KofC FREE THROW CONTEST:

Congratulations to Mila Marusarz for winning her age group (9 Year Old Girls) in the NY Downstate Championships of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held at Holy Trinity High School on March 23. She now moves on to the NY State Finals to be held at the United States Military Academy at West Point, on April 6.

Special mention goes to Oliver Kelly (12 Year Old Boys). After 25 competition shots, Oliver tied his opponent three times. Although his opponent ultimately won by a single basket, we applaud Oliver's skill and valiant efforts.

Nice going, Mila and Oliver!

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I'm writing this note on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. We are barely out of winter and still in the middle of Lent, but this great Solemnity (placed in the Liturgical Calander nine months before Christmas Day) gives us a message of courage and hope that is especially meaningful during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Like Mary, we are told not to be afraid because nothing is impossible for God.

OurParish **Lenten Day of Recollection** last Saturday was a great success. Many thanks to our excellent presenters, Fr. Joseph-Mary Herzog, O.P., and Fr. Stephen Hayes, O.P.. Many thanks, also, to the volunteers who helped with the food and other arrangements.

Please note that we have added to our Parish Lenten schedule a **Healing Service** immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 5. Fr. Emmanuel Canduah, our resident priest and a Hospital Chaplain with extensive experience in Healing Ministry, will preside at both the Mass and the Service. Our full Lenten schedule appears on Page 2 in this bulletin.

Progress has been slow on the **2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**. As of March 24, pledges total only $22,065, which is far short of the goal of $61,185 assigned to us by the Diocese. Please use the pledge envelopes you received in the mail, or the on-line donation process, to make your 2025 ACA pledge as part of your Lenten almsgiving.

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also known as **Laetare Sunday**, a title based on the Latin for the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice". Now that we have reached the midpoint in Lent, the Church briefly looks forward to the joy of Easter. Laetare Sunday is one of only two days each year that priests and deacons can wear rose-colored vestments (a combination of the violet of Lent and the white of Easter), a reminder that our season of preparation will soon come to a close and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection is rapidly approaching.

Sunday's Gospel is Luke's account of the **Parable of the Prodigal Son**. This Gospel story can be read on many levels, but perhaps its clearest message is one of "repentance and return to the Lord". We hear Confessions in the Church from 5 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. every Saturday throughout the year. During Lent, we also hear Confessions in the Church on Sunday mornings before the 7:30 a.m. and Noon Masses (7:10 to 7:25 a.m. and 11:40 to 11:55 a.m.); and on Thursday mornings before and after the 9 a.m. Mass (8:35 to 8:50 a.m. and 9:50 to 10:05 a.m.). On Reconciliation Monday, April 14, we will hear Confessions in Church from 9:50 to 10:30 a.m.; from 2 to 4 p.m.; and again from 6 to 9 p.m. We also hear Confessions in the Rectory by appointment. Please make a good Confession during Lent. ✞

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the Words of Pope Francis...

Fast from hurting words
and say kind words.
Fast from sadness
and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger
and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism
and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries
and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints
and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures
and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness
and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness
and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges
and be reconciled.
Fast from words
and be silent so you can listen.

Source: USCCB.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent; Laetare Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mary Owens
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Francis E. Donovan

12 p.m. Patrice McDonnell

Monday, March 31

9 a.m. Judy Heegan

Tuesday, April 1

9 a.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 2

St. Francis of Paola

9 a.m. Carmela & Antonio Cascella

Thursday, April 3

9 a.m. Francis E. Donovan

Friday, April 4

St. Isidore

9 a.m. Intentions of Joan Finley

Saturday, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

9 a.m. Frankie Nemeth
Bill & Ruth Clear

5:30 p.m. Mary Brennan

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony. Rosemarie, Peter, & Vinny Camastro

12 p.m. Lucy Coletto *(10th Anniversary)*

Note: The Mass Book is open for July 1 through December 31, 2025 Mass Intentions. Effective July 1, 2025, our revised weekend Mass schedule will be:

Saturday Evening: 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.; 9 a.m. (Spanish); & 11 a.m. (Family Mass)

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

We will distribute food from the Rectory Basement from **1-2 p.m. on Saturdays, April 5 & 19.**

The food pantry currently needs Mac & Cheese.

Thank you to RB for organizing the recent party that raised money for Holy Name's Food Pantry.

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: Alex Sisto; Gerard Kent; Robert Kent; Jane Casagrande; Elizabeth Budgell; Danielle S.; Eugenia Romps; Deidre Murphy; Maureen Cullen; Diane Paul, Reese Lambert. Jean Volkes; Jack Cregg; Tom Duggan; Lina Pira; Linda Papio; Christine Harkins; Joseph Parma Delia; Mary Ann Robertson; Coach Donald Kent; Richard Rodriguez; Hyunja Paasch; George Capella; Connie Nugent; Alayne Cox; Holly Palazzo; Ted Shea; Penelope Seiss; Thomas Nugent; Mary Pat Stasiak; Rosauro Peña; Lisas Feldman; Patricia Donleavy; Bill Slattery; Camille Tiftafeh; Patrick Cregg; Catherine Donovan; Joseph Cox; Cheryl Jablow; and Dcn. Felipe Almendárez.

... AND FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Please pray for the members of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

Looking More Closely at the Word

THE APOLOGY

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror. He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then.

But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. Why are you doing this? some people would ask. God doesn't need this.

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi