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Monday - Friday: 9 a.m.*
Saturday: 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 a.m.* (Spanish)
11 a.m.* (Family Mass)

(* *Masses are also livestreamed on our Facebook page.*)

Private Prayer

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, September 14
10 a.m. Cursillo & Spanish Comm: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Monday, September 15
9:45 a.m. Holy Hour for Peace: *Church*

Wednesday, September 17
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, September 18
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

Friday, September 19
5 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts: *School Basement*
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*

Saturday, September 20
8 a.m. Brooklyn Quilters: *Shepherds Hall*
10 a.m. Mariano Group: *Rectory Basement*
1 p.m. Food Pantry: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, September 21
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR PEACE

Monday, September 15, 2025

Pope Leo has asked the Church to join together in prayer and fasting for peace. He speaks of the major and well-known conflicts around the world such as in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, but also reminds us that there are many other parts of the world suffering from war and violence.

Many people from the Brooklyn Diocese come from these lands and have family living under these conditions. We recently saw unspeakable violence at Annunciation Parish and School in Minneapolis and at the same, time we hear daily reports of violence in our own city.

Our own Bishop Robert Brennan, joins our Holy Father, in asking that we unite our hearts and voices in prayer and penance on Monday, September 15, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The tears of Our Lady and the compunction of our hearts can indeed have a transformative effect in our families, communities, nation and in the world.

Here at HNJ Parish, we will have our regularly scheduled 9 a.m. Mass. Immediately after Mass, we will expand our normal Monday devotions into a full **Holy Hour for Peace** that will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers, Recitation of the Rosary, a Litany for Peace, Benediction, and Reposition. Please join us if you can.

"May Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede so that peoples may find the path of peace." Pope Leo XIV

The results of the September 6/7 Collections will be reported in a future Bulletin.

PRESERVING HISTORY FROM THE PEWS

October 5, 2025

HNJ parishioner Roseanne Seminara, and Mary Whelehan from Good Shepherd Parish, will join us for the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 5, and for our Annual Welcome Back Breakfast following Mass. (See the flyer on Page 6.)

Mary and Roseanne started on a journey of attending Mass in every Catholic Church in Brooklyn. They began in May 2023 at Good Shepherd and will finish here at Holy Name on October 5. What they experienced in between? They say it was amazing!

We hope you can join us at the 11 Mass to hear a little about their journey. You will have an opportunity to ask them questions at the Breakfast.

We hope to see you there.

PRAYER OF LOVE

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways today,
to understand the love You have for me,
to take that love deeply into myself,
and to act from that love.

Amen.

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A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

By the time most of you read this Note, we will have already celebrated our **9/11 Memorial Mass** and been hosts to the **2025 Great Irish Fair** that the Irish American Builders Society (IABS) holds on the HNJ Parish Campus. Many thanks to everyone who helped with these important events. Congratulations to all of this year's Fair Honorees, including Msgr. James Kelly, Fr. Jim Cunningham, and Fr. Christopher Heanue; and special thanks to Bishop Robert Brennan who presided at Fair's Opening Mass.

As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, Bishop Brennan has joined Pope Leo in asking the world-wide Church to observe a **Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace** on Monday, September 15, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Here in HNJ Parish, our 9 a.m. Monday Mass will, of course, be for the Feast. Immediately after Mass, we will expand our usual Monday morning devotions into a **Holy Hour for Peace** to include Exposition the Blessed Sacrament, the Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers, Rosary, Litany for Peace, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us if you can.

After the Holy Hour for Peace, I will leave the parish until Wednesday afternoon to attend The Brooklyn Diocese's **Convocation of Priests** at the former Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, Long Island. My thanks to Fr. Joseph for covering for me. Please pray for all priests!

Status of Two End of Summer Deferred Maintenance Projects: One of our two end-of-summer deferred maintenance projects – additional concrete work in the Howard Place School yard – has been completed. The second – installation of a new boiler and NYC-required Chimney Liner in the Church – is almost done. These are expensive projects. One thing you can do to help is make a pledge to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, if you have not already done so. As noted in the box at right, we are still far behind where we were in last year's Appeal. All dollars donated to the 2025 ACA now (i.e. "over goal dollars") will come back to the parish to help pay for our continuing high deferred maintenance costs. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Commentary on this Sunday's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

"Understanding cross culture: It's not always easy to face the things that hurt us or our loved ones. So why would we lift up the cross, honoring that which symbolizes pain and the death of Jesus? As Christians we choose to face the cross. In doing so we confront not only the reality of suffering and death but also the hope and belief in new life, in that "something more" of salvation. And somehow in facing our pain, instead of pretending it isn't there or whitewashing the reality, there is acknowledgment of our vulnerability. We become open to healing. The exaltation of the cross is not only a reminder of Jesus' death but of his Resurrection. It is an invitation to lift up our own pain and find in it a path to healing and wholeness."
~Prepare the Word, September 14, 2025. ✞

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

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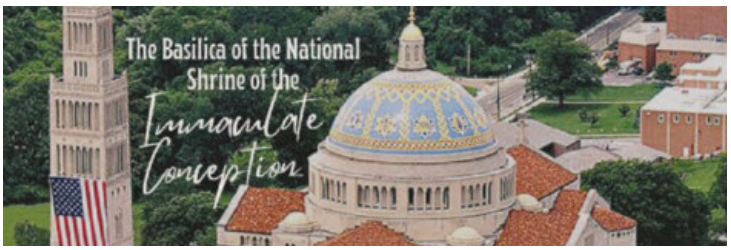
2024 ACA Pledges Paid	$132,121
2025 ACA Pledges Paid (to date)	-$74,870
Difference	**$57,251**
# of 2024 ACA Donors	194
# of 2025 Pledges made (to date)	- 176
Difference	**18**

If you haven't already, please make a pledge. Remember: all over goal dollars now come back to Holy Name Parish to help offset our deferred maintenance projects.

To donate, you can complete and submit your Pledge Card; text ACA to 917-336-1255; **or** go online to: AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Thank you for your support and generosity!



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
Saturday, October 25, 2025

- Seats on the bus are limited — Reserve yours as soon as possible.
- $50 Round Trip Bus Transportation.
- Full payment is required to secure your reservation. Please make checks payable to Holy Name of Jesus Parish and deliver them to the Rectory Office as soon as possible.
- The bus will depart early on the morning of October 25 and return later that evening. We will provide the exact departure — and expected return time — as soon as we have them.
- Call the Rectory Office at (718) 768-3071 if you have questions.

Looking More Closely at the Word

Sunday's Readings

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

~ Father John Muir, ©LPi

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

Training for Lay Liturgical Ministers

Lay Liturgical Ministers are members of the laity who are called to serve at Masses and throughout our Faith Community. Their roles include being Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — important ministries for the lifeblood of our parish and our faith.

Training is required and the Brooklyn Diocese has sessions in English and Spanish scheduled during the coming months. Successful candidates must:

- ✞ Be Catholic and have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation);
- ✞ Live their lives in accordance with the teachings of our Catholic Faith;
- ✞ Consent to training, and to willingly participate in the ministry with respect, knowledge, and reverence;
- ✞ Be at least 16 years old (EMHC & Lector Training is available for Junior and Senior H.S. students);
- ✞ Discuss their qualifications with Fr. Larry, our pastor.

For more information, call the Rectory Office or email Nick Sisto, HNJ's Coordinator of Lay Liturgical Ministers at nasisto@verizon.net

HOLY NAME OF JESUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If your child is in grades 1 through 8, and attending a public or a non-Catholic private school, they should also attend religious education classes to help them grow in their faith and to prepare them to receive their sacraments.

For additional information, or to register your child, contact Kathryn Sisto, Holy Name's Coordinator of Religious Education, by:

- Using the QR code below and completing the online registration form;
- Emailing her at hnjreligioused@gmail.com, ***OR***
- Calling her at (718) 768-7629

Please note: Volunteers are an integral part of our Religious Education Program. If you would like to volunteer your time helping the youth of our parish grow in their faith, please contact Kathryn Sisto for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 14
The Exhaltation of the Holy Cross
7:30 a.m. Clorene Michel
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. Daniel O'Leary

Monday, September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
9 a.m. Intentions of Eugenia Dijczuk

Tuesday, September 16
Sts. Corneliu & Cyprian
9 a.m. Nicholas Quaglione

Wednesday, September 17
St. Robert Bellamine & St. Hildegard of Bingen
9 a.m. Patrick Heaney
(5th Anniversary)

Thursday, September 18
9 a.m. Timothy Michael Hardy

Friday, September 19
St. Januarius
9 a.m. Catherine Mullin

Saturday, September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions
9 a.m. Caroline Foss
Joseph Rivela
Brennan & Farrell Families
5:30 p.m. Jeanne Romps
Patrick Heaney *(5th Anniversary)*

Sunday, September 21
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. Francesco Pira

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

Allow Wisdom In

When the wisdom of God comes calling at your door, it's always a good idea to receive her—and, oh yes, Hebrew scripture compares holy wisdom to a woman. The smart person allows wisdom to enter their life because she comes from God, has always been with God, and embodies God's creative power and teaching (Torah), three pretty important things. Saint Paul called Christ the wisdom of God, as have Christian saints and scholars ever since. "When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking of Christ," said Saint Ambrose, the fourth-century bishop of Milan. How can you entertain wisdom today?

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MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit for the week in loving memory of **Timothy Michael Hardy** as requested by Sally Swenson.

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: Rosanora Quiros; Michael Lang; Diane Paul; Alex Sisto; Gerard Kent; Danielle S.; 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; Lisa Feldman; Patricia Donleavy; Bill Slattery; Camille Tiftafeh; Patrick Cregg; Catherine Donovan; 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, especially **Joseph Cox**. Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Jeanne Romps.**

JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 237

Adventure Starts Here!

Calling all boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade: Cub Scout Pack 237 is welcoming new members for the 2025/26 scouting year!

Weekly Meetings: Fridays from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
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241 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn

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Register Online: Scan the QR code or visit: https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-640paa3237

Questions? Reach out to us at: pack237bklyn@gmail.com

Come be part of the adventure—Pack 237 is ready to welcome you!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The OCIA program prepares adults, and High School students, to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Religious instruction will be available this Fall for adults who wish to be baptized Catholic, as well as those who are already members of the Catholic Church, but were never able to receive the fullness of the sacraments (Communion and / or Confirmation.) Please contact the Rectory Office for more information.

HOLY NAME

We will distribute food from the Rectory Basement from **1-2 p.m. on Saturdays, September 20 and October 4 & 18.**

We currently need t**omato sauce for pasta, and Mac & Cheese**. The Food Pantry thanks everyone who has contributed food during the summer months.

Welcome back Breakfast

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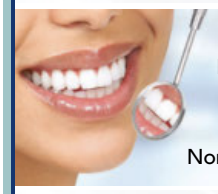
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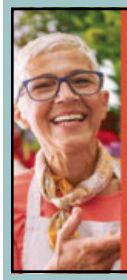
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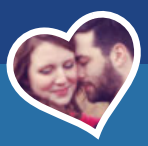
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