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Mass Schedule

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

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, October 19
8 a.m. Cub Scout Bake Sale: *PPW by Parking Lot*
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Wednesday, October 22
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, October 23
6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

Friday, October 24
4 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, October 25
9 a.m. Fathers Guild Clinic: *School Gym*
6:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, October 26
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Bsmt.*

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Because the Feast of All Saints is on a Saturday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will use the Readings and the Mass Prayers for All Saints Day at our 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday.

NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

HNJ Knights of Columbus Council 4783

Over the last three years, the Holy Name Knights of Columbus Council has added forty new members! Ten more new members are queued up for their Exemplification Ceremony on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

The KofC has also added 25 women to a newly formed Women's Auxiliary.

Now is an excellent time to join the Knights or Women's Auxiliary — ensuring that members can be registered before the January ceremony.

The reasons for joining are compelling. We:

- Help our Pastor, Fr. Larry Ryan;
- Provide support in the Parish;
- Do good deeds in the community; and
- Make substantial charitable donations to worthy causes.

In addition, we have fun!!

If you are a Catholic Gentleman or Lady and would like to join, please contact Michael Nilsen at (347) 489-2833 or Isabella Yanni at (646) 285-1972.

COLLECTION RESULTS

October 19, 2025

First Collection Total To Parish $3,882
(This includes $2,192 from collection baskets and $1,690 from Faith Direct.)

World Mission Sunday Total to Diocese $1,834
(This includes $1,689 from collection baskets and $145 from Faith Direct.)

Catch Up Collection $370
(This includes $270 from past First Collection envelopes and $100 from past Parish Building envelopes.)

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Sunday, November 9

A St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in front of Holy Name Church on Sunday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to Noon to pick up clothing.

Please bring your donations directly to the truck as we have no place to store the items in the Church or Rectory.

Thank you for your support.

HNJ YOUTH MINISTRY

Fall 2025 Schedule

Fridays at 6 p.m. **Nov. 7 & 21 and Dec. 5 & 19**

All meetings are held in St. Joseph the Worker C. A., Room 107

Text John at 646-573-9418 for more info.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Holy Name of Jesus' Shepherds Hall
1 to 3 p.m. on
Thursday, November 27, 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

We will gratefully accept donations of desserts (pie, cake, cookies, etc.) in Shepherds Hall after 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

If you wish to help defray the cost of the meals, please mark your contribution "Thanksgiving Dinner" and send it to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket at Mass.

We also welcome volunteers on Thanksgiving Day to help serve our guests and clean up after dinner. Any time you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the Rectory Office with your name and telephone number.

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I'll begin by thanking everyone for their prayers and donations on World Mission Sunday, October 19.

We were busily preparing this past week for Auxiliary Bishop Octavio Cisneros visiting Holy Name Parish on Friday afternoon, October 24, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The names of the Confirmandi (i.e., those receiving Confirmation) will be listed in a future bulletin.

On Saturday, October 25, thirty "pilgrims" (including me!) will be traveling by bus to Washington, DC to join Bishop Robert Brennan and hundreds of other pilgrims taking part in the Diocese of Brooklyn's Pilgrimage to the Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in our nation's Capital.

I will be on my Annual Priests Retreat at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Huntington, LI from Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31. I will be praying for you. Please pray for me and my brother priest retreatants.

Saturday, November 1 is All Saints Day. This year, because it falls on a Saturday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. We will use the Readings and the Mass Prayers for All Saints Day at our 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning.

November is the Month of All Souls, and Sunday, November 2 is All Souls Day. At our 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, and at our Sunday morning Masses, we will remember the souls of all the faithful departed in addition to the specific intentions for those Masses. At our 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, we will remember in a special way the deceased members of Holy Name's Knights of Columbus Council 4783. We will also remember all those who have passed away since November 1, 2024, and read aloud the names of those whose Funeral Masses were celebrated in HNJ Church during that time. All Souls Remembrance envelopes are available on the tables in the rear of the Church. ✞

Qualified Charitable Distributions Allow Eligible IRA Owners Up To $108,000 in Tax-free Gifts to Charity

As you are aware, thus far this year we have spent over $550,000 for the new sidewalks, new asphalt for the PPW Parking Lot, and the new Church boiler with its NYC-required chimney liner. Your generous "over-goal" donations to the 2023, 2024 and 2025 Annual Catholic Appeals, and to our "Sidewalls and Asphalt" campaign last Fall, raised $350,000, but we had to use parish savings to pay the balance. We need to replenish our parish savings for additional significant deferred maintenance expenses.

With that goal in mind, I direct your attention to the following excerpts from IRS Press Releases about Qualified Charitable donations from IRAs:

"The Internal Revenue Service reminds individual retirement arrangement (IRA) owners age 70½ or over that they can transfer up to $108,000 to charity tax-free each year.

These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer eligible older Americans a great way to easily give to charity before the end of the year. And, for those who are at least 73 years old, QCDs count toward the IRA owner's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

How to set up a QCD

Any IRA owner who wishes to make a QCD for 2025 should contact their IRA trustee [Usually a large bank or brokerage firm] soon so the trustee will have time to complete the transaction before the end of the year.

Normally, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these distributions become tax-free as long as they're paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization.

QCDs must be made directly by the trustee of the IRA to the charity. An IRA distribution, such as an electronic payment made directly to the IRA owner, does not count as a QCD. Likewise, a check made payable to the IRA owner is not a QCD.

Each year, **an IRA owner age 70½ or over when the distribution is made** can exclude from gross income up to $108,000 of these QCDs. For a married couple, **if both spouses are age 70½ or over when the distributions are made and both have IRAs**, each spouse can exclude up to $108,000 for a total of up to $210,000 per year".

- IRS Press Releases 2023-215, Nov. 16, 2023 and 2024-289, Nov. 14, 2024.

HNJ'S MUSIC MINISTRY

New Members needed!

Do you love to sing, play the guitar, flute or violin? Then please share your gifts and join one of our choirs! Reading music is not required. You just need a desire to serve our Church, the ability to carry a tune, and a commitment to attend rehearsals and liturgies! Won't you consider joining us?

Please see Ivonne Rojas, Director of Music Ministries, after any Mass or call the Rectory: (718) 768-3071, x126.

St. Augustine says "Those who sing, pray twice", so...
Let us sing to the Lord!

Looking More Closely at the Word

Be Humble & Bear Fruit

by Br. John-Marmion Villa

St. Dorotheus of Gaza said, "In some kinds of trees, no fruit is produced as long as the branches grow upwards; but if somebody takes a stone and binds it to a branch and pulls it down, then the branch will bear fruit. It is similar with a soul; when it humbles itself, it bears fruit, and the more fruit it bears, the humbler the soul becomes. The more the saints approach God, the more they see themselves as sinners."

A few years ago, I was caught in disobedience here at the monastery. I argued the righteousness of my position, until I heard the sound of arrogance coming through my words. I was quite horrified because I had never spoken like that before. It was a humiliating experience to admit my fault in a chapter meeting and to ask for forgiveness publicly. But I learned a huge lesson that day: my own sense of righteousness can lead to my downfall. While I now regret the decision I made that day, I realize there's a wisdom that comes from experience, something that cannot be gained through reading a book. Perfectionism is, perhaps, just another word for self-righteousness, the sense that I am entitled to live my life the way I see fit. There is a human prudence here, certainly. But from another perspective, self-determination can often put us at odds with God's will in our lives ... as I learned that day years ago.

Humility is difficult for us because it is an admission of submission to a higher authority. In other words, it is giving someone else (aka, God) the permission to be in the driver's seat of our lives. It is for this reason that the Rule of St. Benedict outlines 12 steps towards growing in humility. The fifth step deals with the revelation of thoughts to an elder. This isn't the same as sacramental Confession, but "the revelation of secret thoughts to an elder was a central practice among the early monks, less for the content of the elder's response than for the self-knowledge it evoked in the monk. Speaking honestly about oneself to an elder was considered a means of testing objectively the reality of private imaginations." (Michael Casey, "Living in the Truth: St. Benedict's Teaching on Humility"). One can liken it to having conversations with a therapist or spiritual director or sharing in an accountability group. When we find the courage to share vulnerably in a healthy manner, we verbalize what were mere thoughts in our minds, and we can learn to see the accuracy and/or the distortions in our thought processes before we take action.

While this kind of humble attitude is not easy to pursue, it does have an added benefit: it endears you to others. I saw a graphic on Facebook recently that said, "Those who talk about their strengths build walls; those who talk about their weaknesses build bridges." Think about this in your own life: who are the types of people that attract your attention? And who are those who turn away your attention?

Perhaps this is the lesson that Jesus wants to teach us in today's Gospel: humility, or radical self-honesty, is a necessary component of our faith. It is precisely this depth of self-knowledge that can begin to open us up to a deeper knowledge of God beyond what can be read in books or blogs or heard in podcasts or at conferences. Can you imagine what life would be like if our deepest thoughts could be gently received? Can you imagine what life could be like if we knew that there would be no condemnation for sharing the darkness of our interior dimension? Can you imagine the relief of knowing that our distorted self-talk no longer had control of our lives?

Indeed, I am no different than the rest of humanity in that I am a sinner. But also indeed, it is for this reason that Jesus is the savior for humanity. Let's learn to call upon our need for a savior by remembering that we all have needs for which Jesus is the only remedy. © LPi

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: **Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

Second: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**

Prayer

God, I am far too often influenced
by what others think of me.

I am always pretending
to be either richer
or smarter or nicer
than I really am.

Please prevent me from
trying to attract attention.

Don't let me gloat over praise
on one hand or be discouraged
by criticism on the other,
nor let me waste time weaving
imaginary situations in which
the most heroic, charming, witty
person present is myself.

Show me how to be
humble of heart, like You.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 26
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. Francesco Pira

Monday, October 27
9 a.m. Jeffrey T. Bonomo, Jr.

Tuesday, October 28
Sts. Simon & Jude
9 a.m. James & Florence Boyle

Wednesday, October 29
9 a.m. Helen O'Leary

Thursday, October 30
9 a.m. Robert Powers

Friday, October 31
9 a.m. Ronnie Sheehan

Saturday, November 1
All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
9 a.m. Richard Magnus
Kathleen Brennan
Adelaida Mosquera *(3rd Ann.)*
5:30 p.m. Int. of Alex Mwandiambira

Sunday, November 2
All Souls' Day
7:30 a.m. D. M. of the Reselosa Family
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. Richard Magnus
KofC Memorial Mass

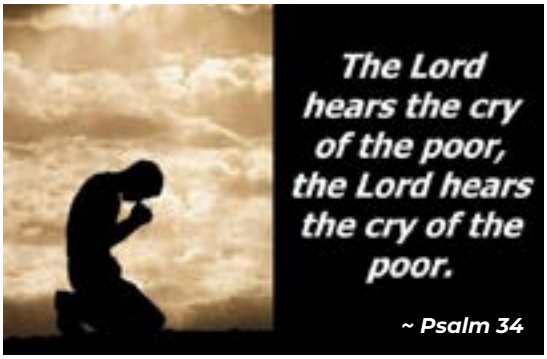
HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

The Food Pantry will distribute food from the rectory basement 1-2 p.m. on Saturdays, Nov. 1, 15, & 29.

The food pantry currently needs sugar, ketchup, and mayonnaise.

Thank you to the Brooklyn Quilters for their recent food and monetary gifts.



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: Debbie Healey; George Schwartz; Maria Schwartz; Alex Mwandiambira; Mike Fuchs; Mercedes Pelaez; Bob Raymond; 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 **Santo Ciraolo, Jr**.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Daniel D'Agosto**.

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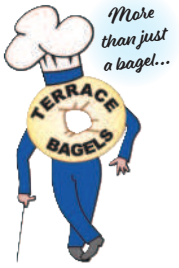

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