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December 28, 2025

"(They) went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazarene."

~ Matthew 2:23

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

Kathryn Sisto, Coord. of Religious Education
Ivonne Rojas, Director of Music

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

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, December 28

10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Bsmt.*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Wednesday, December 31

6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, January 1

8 a.m. Park Slope Road Runners: *Shep. Hall*

Friday, January 2

4 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *School Cafeteria*

Saturday, January 3

9 a.m. Fathers Guild Clinic: *School Gym*
6:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, January 4

10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Bsmt.*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Rectory Bsmt.*

The Rectory Office Will Close at Noon on Wednesday, December 31 for the New Year's Holiday.

Our regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

happy new year

Fr. Larry Ryan,
and the Priests, Deacons
& Rectory Staff of
Holy Name of Jesus Parish
wish you and your loved ones a
Happy, Holy, and Blessed New Year!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31

9 a.m. *(Weekday Mass)*

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

COLLECTION RESULTS
December 14, 2025

First Collection Total To Parish $3,818
(This includes $1,822 from collection baskets and $1,996 from ParishSoft Giving [formerly Faith Direct.])

Second Collection Total To Diocese for Religious Retirement Fund..... $1,506
(This includes $779 from envelopes in collection baskets and $727 from ParishSoft Giving.)

Catch Up Collection.....$250
(This includes $210 from past First Collection envelopes and $40 from past Parish Building envelopes.)

Christmas Flower Offerings

In Loving Memory / Honor of:	*From:*
Assunta (Carmela) Agnese	Anthony Agnese & Stella
Egidio (Gino) Agnese	Anthony Agnese & Stella
Frank Agnese	Anthony Agnese & Stella
Kathleen Kalotkin	Anthony Agnese & Stella
In Honor of the Infant of Prague	Anthony Agnese & Stella
Ann Marie Dudich	Anthony Agnese & Stella
Mario & Minnie DiCesare	Tim & Mary Anne Horan
Artie Caffieri	Tim & Mary Anne Horan
Rose Keenan	Mike Horan
Mike & Florence Horan	Mike Horan
Fran DiCesare	Mike Horan
Mike & Blanche Horan	Mike Horan
Marge & Arthur DeStefano	Joan DeStefano
Francis & Catherine McBrien	The McBrien Family
MaryAnn & Richard Nilsen	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nilsen
Mary & Harry Nilsen	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nilsen
Margaret & Frank O'Sullivan	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nilsen
Michel & Tamam Bassil	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nilsen
The Nieto Lopez Family	Rosalba Lopez
Dec. Members of the Miller & Witthohn Families	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Witthohn
The Rutigliano Family	Mr. & Mrs. N. Rutigliano
The Marsillo Family	Victor Marsillo
Dec. Members of the Wiegand & Staub Families	Karen Staub
Nicola A. Sisto, Sr.	Steven E. Sisto
Marsillo Families	Steven E. Sisto
Sisto Families	Steven E. Sisto
Ann & John Plunkett	The O'Loughlin Family
Rita & John O'Loughlin	The O'Loughlin Family
Joseph T. Cox	Alayne R. Cox
Guilla Rodriguez	Rocio Hary

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A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Because of our bulletin company's early printing deadlines throughout December, I'm writing this Note on Thursday, December 21.

Christmas will have passed by the time you read this, but I wish anyone whom I may have missed a belated Merry and Blessed Christmas. I must thank the following people and groups of people: the volunteers who worked hard to clean and decorate the Church so beautifully; our Music Director, Ivonne Rojas, the English and Spanish Choirs, and the Ensemble for the hours of practice they put in to provide us with such beautiful music at our Christmas Masses; all of our other volunteers (especially our Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers); our parish lay staff; Deacons Gerry Devine, Michael Saez, and Edwin Arguera; and our resident priests, Frs. Emmanuel Conduah and Joseph D'Aco, for everything that all of these fine people do for me and HNJ parish. Many thanks to all of you who donated toys for the children served by Catholic Charities and coats for the clients of CHiPS. And, of course, I thank the parishioners and friends of HNJ parish for your faith and most generous material support during Christmas and throughout the year.

Sunday, December 28, is the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. We're reminded of the love which Mary and Joseph had for the child Jesus and for his love which God has for all families. I want to offer some special words of thanks to the families (and especially to the parents) of the Parish. Thank you for the sacrifices you make for your loved ones. Thank you for keeping your families connected with the Church, its teachings, and the Sacraments.

Wednesday, January 1, is **New Year's Day** and the **Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on January 1.

Saturday, January 3, is the **Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus** — our parish's titular feast. We will celebrate the Feast with some special prayers during and immediately after our 9 a.m. Saturday Mass.

If you can, please help with our End-of-Year Drive to Replenish Parish Savings for funds spent during 2025 for our expensive new sidewalks, asphalt in the PPW Parking lot and new Church boiler and chimney liner. We are still far behind where we hope to be. Please mark your checks "Boiler, Sidewalks and Asphalt".

A Holy, Healthy, and Happy New Year to all! ✞

Christmas Flower Offerings

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In Loving Memory / Honor of:	*From:*
The Pynn Family	Eileen & Virginia Pynn
The Cottingham Family	Eileen & Virginia Pynn
John Hayes	Cynthia Cruz
DM of the Ryan, Fleming, & Hennessey Families	Fr. Larry Ryan
Deceased Priests of HNJ Parish	Fr. Larry Ryan
Ned & Mary Duggan	Deacon Gerry & MaryRose
John & Nora Halloran	Deacon Gerry & MaryRose
Margaret & James Devine	Deacon Gerry & MaryRose
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Msgr. John Delendick	Deacon Gerry & MaryRose
Ruben Flores, Jr.	Deacon Gerry & MaryRose
Philip & Susan McGough	Deacon Gerry & MaryRose
Ann McCabe	Anita, Nicky, Victoria, & Nicholas Viola
Juliet Velazquez	Anita, Nicky, Victoria, & Nicholas Viola
Karen McKeon	Anita, Nicky, Victoria, & Nicholas Viola
The Pynn Family	Mr. & Mrs. William Pynn
John J. McCormick	Dr. Paul Molnar
Ed & Kay Cush	K. Cush

In Loving Memory / Honor of:	*From:*
Annabel & Jerome Flynn	Peggy & John Kelly
Kathleen & Patrick Kelly	Peggy & John Kelly
Margaret Flynn	Peggy & John Kelly
Francesco Pira	Lina Pira
Vincent Camastro	Lina Pira
Procópio Pereira de Castro	Ivandy N. Astor
Galligan, Reynolds, McCarthy, & DeMange Fam.	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Galligan
Bobby Pennino	Regina Joyce
James P. & Kenneth Dolan	Ann Dolan
John & Ann Duffy	Ann Dolan
Duffy & Dolan Family	Ann Dolan
D.M of the Pynn / Murphy Fam.	Sarah Murphy & Thomas Pynn
Veronica Sheehan	James Sheehan
Muriel Sheehan	James Sheehan
Richard Sheehan	James Sheehan
John & Francis McNerny	James Sheehan
Mike Sheehan	James Sheehan
Marcela Juarez	Mr. & Mrs. Juan Ismael Calixto
DM of the Costello Family	Catherine Kiley
Lester Mercado	Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Santiago

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 28
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
7:30 a.m. Gregory Rydzyk
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. Sally Swenson

Monday, December 29
St. Thomas Beckett
9 a.m. Antonia Cascella

Tuesday, December 30
9 a.m. Mary & John Gallahue

Wednesday, December 31
Pope St. Sylvester, I
9 a.m. People of the Parish
5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, January 1
The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
9 a.m. Danny O'Keefe

Saturday, January 3
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
9 a.m. People of the Parish
5:30 p.m. Intent. of Eileen O'Donovan
Intent. of Mary Cogan

Sunday, January 4
The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 a.m. Werenika Rusek
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.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 1-2 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 27, and Jan. 10 & 24.

The food pantry currently needs canned beans and vegetables.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus for their Christmas donations of food.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Especially: Violetta Torio; George Schwartz; Maria Schwartz; Alex Mwandiambira; Mike Fuchs; 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; 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 **Michael P. Sheehan**. Please remember all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Debra Healy**.

Looking More Closely at the Word

If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: **Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**
Second: **Colossians 3:12-21**
Gospel: **Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

Other Plans: I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get really crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, © LPi

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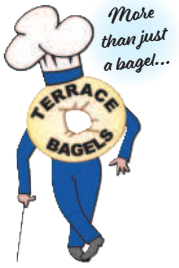

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