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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.

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, December 7
10 a.m. Cursillo & Hispanic Comm: *Rectory Bsmt*
12 p.m. Hospitality Sunday: *Shepherds Hall*
2:30 p.m. O. L. Guadalupe Practice: *Shep. Hall*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Shepherds Hall*

Monday, December 8
7:30 p.m. Small Faith-Sharing Group: *Rec. Bsmt.*

Tuesday, December 9
7 p.m. Irish Parade Committee: *Rec. Bsmt.*

Wednesday, December 10
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, December 11
6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
7 p.m. Small Faith-Sharing Group: *Rec. Bsmt.*
7 p.m. Fathers Guild Tree Lighting: *O. L. Field*

Friday, December 12
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, December 13
9 a.m. Fathers Guild Clinic: *School Gym*
1 p.m. Food Pantry: *Rectory Basement*
6:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, December 14
10 a.m. Cursillo & Hispanic Comm: *Rectory Bsmt.*

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7 – AFTER 11 A.M. MASS

The Knights of Columbus will host Hospitality Sunday in Shepherds Hall after the 11 a.m. Family Mass next Sunday, December 7.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship – and check out the Christmas wreaths that Boy Scout Troop 237 is offering for sale! (See Page 3 of this Bulletin for details.) Everyone is welcome!

Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will observe the Solemnity with Masses at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, December 8.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

DECEMBER - EARLY JANUARY

To accommodate the 2025 holiday schedules, our Bulletin company has given us early printing deadlines through the Holiday Season.

Please contact the Rectory Office for guidance if your Parish Group has a notice they wish to have published before January 11, 2026.

COLLECTION RESULTS

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

First Collection Total To Parish.....$4,803
(This includes $2,807 from collection baskets and $1,996 from ParishSoft Giving [formerly Faith Direct.])

Second Collection Total To Parish.....$2,295
(This includes $1,917 from envelopes in collection baskets and $378 from ParishSoft Giving.)

Catch Up Collection.....$1,153
(This includes $1,120 from past First Collection envelopes and $33 from past Parish Building envelopes.)

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

First Collection Total To Parish.....$4,307
(This includes $2,311 from collection baskets and $1,996 from ParishSoft Giving [formerly Faith Direct.])

Second Collection Total To Parish.....$1,482
(This includes $1,104 from envelopes in collection baskets and $378 from ParishSoft Giving.)

Catch Up Collection.....$553
(This includes $395 from past First Collection envelopes and $158 from past Parish Building envelopes.)

IMPORTANT DATES IN ADVENT 2025

SUNDAY, DEC. 7; SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DEC. 8; 9 A.M. & 7 P.M.
Mass: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)

THURSDAY, DEC. 11; 7 P.M.
Fathers' Guild Tree Lighting in Our Lady's Field

SATURDAY, DEC. 13
5 A.M. Las Mañanitas a Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe
(Serenade of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mariachi)

1 P.M. Procesión para la Virgen de Guadalupe
(Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession)

2 P.M. Misa para la Virgen de Guadalupe con Mariachi
(Mass in Spanish in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

AFTER MASS: Fiesta in Shepherds Hall

4:45 TO 5:30 P.M. The Music of Advent
(in English & Spanish)

AFTER 5:30 P.M. MASS
Parish Christmas Tree Lighting
(in front of Rectory)

SUNDAY, DEC. 14; THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY, DEC. 15; 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.
Reconciliation Monday
(Confessions)

All events will take place in HNJ Church unless otherwise noted.

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

PLEASE HELP: During recent pulpit announcements at Mass and in a letter which was mailed to most of you (and a copy of which is included in this bulletin), I have turned to you again to ask for end-of-year donations to help replenish parish savings for the money we spent during 2025 for the new sidewalks, additional concrete work in the Howard Place School Yard, new asphalt in the Prospect Park West Parking Lot, and a new boiler plus chimney liner in the Church. The details are in the letter and are already well-known to most of you. Thus far, we have only received $36,510. If you can, please donate now (while you can still take advantage of year-end tax deductions). Due to the high numbers involved, we are asking for significant donations (e.g., $500 or more) if possible, but of course we are grateful for all donations. Please mark your donation checks "Boiler/Sidewalks/Asphalt". Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who made our parish Thanksgiving Dinner a success again this year.

On Saturday, November 29, I had the privilege of attending a special **Boy Scouts Court of Honor and Dinner** where Brandon Molina, Joseph Schwartz, Christian Arroyo-Salazar, and Kevin Molina—four fine young men from Holy Name of Jesus Parish's Troop 237—were recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. This is Scouting's highest rank. It requires years of effort and is achieved by less than 7% of all Scouts. Congratulations to Brandon, Joseph, Christian and Kevin and to their families and loved ones. Congratulations and many thanks also to the leaders of Troop 237 for guiding these new Eagle Scouts on their advancement journey.

This coming Monday is December 8, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.. Please be sure to attend Mass on December 8.

Our schedule for the remainder of Advent appears on page 2 in this bulletin. The F**athers' Guild Tree Lighting** will be in Our Lady's Field at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 11. Our parish observance of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be during the morning and afternoon of Saturday, December 13. Our **Music of Advent** recital be in the Church that evening beginning at 4:45 p.m. before the 5:30 p.m. Mass and our **Parish Christmas Tree Lighting** will be that evening in front of the Rectory immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Please remember that **Advent** is a beautiful liturgical season when the Church urges us to use Scripture and prayer (especially the Mass Readings and Prayers plus private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament) as well as the Sacraments of Penance and reception of the Eucharist to move closer to Jesus who is certainly looking to move closer to us. ✞

Looking More Closely at the Word

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: **Isaiah 11:1-10**
Second: **Romans 15:4-9**
Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Benefiting CHiPS

Knights of Columbus Holy Name Council 4783, is partnering with HNJ Church to collect new and/or gently used Men's, Women's, and Children's coats and jackets. All donations will be delivered to the local Charity, CHiPS. Please ensure your items are clean and free of defects (no tears, missing buttons, broken zippers, etc.) and place them in the box marked "*KofC / HNJ Coats*" in the Church vestibule as soon as possible. All donations must be in the box no later than **Monday, December 15** to ensure Members of the KofC can deliver them to CHiPS in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024

Benefiting Catholic Charities

We are collecting toys to help Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens make Christmas a bit brighter for the people they serve. Please take a tag from the tree and bring in your unwrapped toy(s) as soon as you can. All gifts must be placed in the box marked "Catholic Charities" in the Church vestibule by **Monday, December 15** to ensure the children will receive them in time for Christmas. Bringing them even earlier will be a big help!

Gift cards are also greatly appreciated, but we urge you to deliver them to the Rectory Office or place them in the Collection Baskets as Mass to prevent them from being lost. Please do not place gift cards in the Toy Box. Thank you for your kindness!

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

~ Psalm 72

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 7
Second Sunday in Advent

7:30 a.m. Patricia Pepper
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. People of the Parish

11 a.m. Francesco Pira

Monday, December 8
Immaculate Conception

9 a.m. Helen O'Leary

7 p.m. John Hayes

Tuesday, December 9
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9 a.m. Peggy Griffin

Wednesday, December 10
Our Lady of Loreto

9 a.m. Robert Powers &
James Mandelkow

Thursday, December 11
Pope St. Damasus, I

9 a.m. Patrick Hanmore

Friday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

9 a.m. Lucia Marsillo

Saturday, December 13
St. Lucy

9 a.m. Angela Clare

5:30 p.m. Fr. Patrick Burns
Fr. James H. Sweeney
Thomas Fagan
Maryellen Fagan
Robert Buonocore

Sunday, December 14
Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete Sunday

7:30 a.m. Gregory Rydzyk
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. People of the Parish

11 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie,
Peter, & Vincent Camastro

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Especially: Violetta Torio; Debbie Healey; 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 **Eileen Galvin and Jimmy Riches**. Please remember all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

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. 13 & 27, and Jan. 10 & 24.

The food pantry currently needs vegetables and beans.

Thank you to the Brooklyn Quilters for their monetary contributions and the food they recently gave us. Thank you, also, to Michele & Larry Nardo for their recent generous contribution of food in memory of the Devine Nardo families.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 12

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?"

In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.

At HNJ, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 13. Please see the Advent Schedule on Page 2 of this Bulletin for details.

Holy Name Church
245 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215

November, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I am turning to you again to ask for end-of-year donations to help replenish parish savings for the money we spent during 2025 for the new sidewalks, additional concrete work in the Howard Place School Yard, new asphalt in the Prospect Park West Parking lot, and a new boiler plus chimney liner in the Church.

These were all much-needed major deferred maintenance projects. I frequently spoke about them during the pulpit announcements and wrote about them in the bulletin. The new sidewalks and asphalt were necessary for safety and to correct violations. The concrete work in Howard Place School Yard was necessary for safety and to reduce water intrusion into the school basement and foundation. The 32-year-old Church boiler leaked and had other problems that made prompt replacement more prudent than any attempt to repair. All these projects have now been completed before the winter weather sets in, at a total cost of $541,000.

Thanks to your generosity we had been able to raise and set aside $352,000 from three years (2023, 2024, and 2025) of Annual Catholic Appeal "over-goal-dollars returned to the parish" plus last fall's special fund-raising drive. We had to use parish savings to pay the remaining $189,000. The 2025 projects described above have been paid for in full, but we are trying to replenish parish savings as much as possible to put us in a sound fiscal position to meet remaining deferred-maintenance needs plus our ever-increasing ongoing operating expenses (e.g., salaries, utilities, insurance, etc.) without having to incur debt.

As you know I am deeply committed to running HNJ parish on a debt-free, pay-as-you-go, basis. Donations made in response to this letter (ideally $500 or above – but with grateful appreciation for any amount) will be used to help replenish the $189,000 in parish savings we spent for the 2025 deferred maintenance projects.

We are enclosing return envelopes marked "Boiler/Sidewalks/Asphalt". Additional similar envelopes will be available in the Church or in the Rectory office. Please make checks payable to Holy Name of Jesus Church and indicate "Boiler/Sidewalks/Asphalt". As always, thank you and God bless you for your continuing support.

Sincerely in His Holy Name,

Fr. Larry Ryan

Fr. Lawrence Ryan, Pastor

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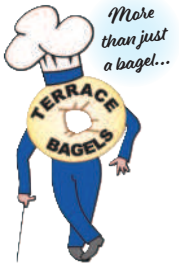

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