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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.

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, February 1

9 a.m. Father's Guild Umpire School: *Gym*
10 a.m. Cursillo Group: *Rectory Bsmt.*
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Sunday: *Shepherds Hall*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

Friday, February 6

4 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
6 p.m. Youth Group: *SJWCA Room 107*
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *School Cafeteria*

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

9 a.m. Father's Guild Umpire School: *Gym*
10 a.m. Cursillo & Hispanic Comm: *Rectory Bsmt.*

HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

after the 11 a.m. Family Mass

February 1 is "Scout Sunday".
We invite you to join members of
HNJ's Boy Scout Troop 237,
Cub Scout Pack 237, and
Knights of Columbus Council 4783
in Shepherds Hall for
refreshments and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome!

COLLECTION RESULTS

JANUARY 18, 2026

1st Collection Total to Parish $2,804
(Collection Baskets: $1,212; E-giving: $1,592.)

2nd Collection To Diocese for Churches in Need $573
(Collection Baskets: $573.)

Catch Up Collection $1,720
(Past 1st Collection envelopes: $1,497; past Parish Building Repair envelopes: $223.)

CANDLEMAS DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is also Candlemas Day, a day when, by tradition, candles for the home are blessed. We will have a "Blessing of the Candles " immediately before the 9 a.m. Mass on Monday, February 2.

Please join us and bring along any candles you wish to have blessed.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the Memorial of St. Blaise falls on February 3 — right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on his feast day.

During the blessing, the priest, deacon (or lay minister) takes two candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.*" He then makes the Sign of the Cross.

At Holy Name, we will bless throats:

- At our 5:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 31;
- At our 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 1, and
- After our 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 3.

The LORD keeps FAITH forever.

~ *Psalm 146*

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I will begin by congratulating the more than 100 hearty people who braved frigid temperatures to attend last Saturday evening's **Night at the Races** event in Shepherds Hall. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to the many volunteers who worked very hard to prepare for, and put on, this fun-filled event.

Sunday's snow storm and its aftermath impacted the start of **Catholic Schools Week**, but the weather won't prevent me from again emphasizing the important role Catholic Schools play in the religious, academic and personal development of their students. We have an excellent Catholic elementary school, **St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy**, housed right here in the former Holy Name School building. Check out its website at **www.sjwca.org** for complete details about its many programs, its dedicated principal, Stephanie-Ann Germann, and its hard-working faculty, Board and staff. Better yet, make an appointment to tour the building and see for yourself. Enrollment for the fall of 2026 is open and tuition assistance is available.

Tuesday, February 3, is the Optional **Memorial of St. Blaise**, the day associated with the blessing of throats. We will bless throats at the Weekend Masses on January 31/February 2, and after the 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 3. (see Page 2 of this Bulletin for more details.)

Monday, February 2, is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple**. It is also Candlemas Day and we will bless candles before the 9 a.m. Mass on Monday.

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2 is also **World Day for Consecrated Life**. This is a good day to think about "Just what is consecrated life?"; "Who are the men and women in consecrated life?"; and "Why do they continue to be so important to the Church in the modern world?".

To better understand just what Consecrated Life is, you have to begin with some things the Church calls the "precepts" and some things the Church call the "evangelical counsels".

In very broad terms, the "precepts" are things that we have to do; failure to obey them would be sinful. The "evangelical counsels" are things over and above what we have to do. More precisely, the precepts are intended to remove or avoid whatever is totally incompatible with charity. The "evangelical counsels" are intended to remove whatever might hinder the development with charity, even if it was something not totally contrary to charity.

There are many evangelical counsels and we're all invited to practice them in a way most appropriate to our state of life. But three of the most important ones are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Consecrated life is defined as a permanent state of life, recognized by the Church, entered into freely in response to Christ's call, and characterized by making vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. No one is required to make these vows as a way to reach Heaven. No one is required to surrender control over one's material goods, to surrender the possibility of marriage or to surrender a large amount of your autonomy to a superior. Those in consecrated life do these things in response to Christ's call to that way of life. They do these things as a way of seeking a greater perfection of charity.

Who are the people in consecrated life?

Well, the ones we are most familiar with are the sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders or communities. They have all taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. In their obedience, they follow the spirituality and charism (i.e., the unique purpose or apostolate — like teaching or health care) of their order's founder or foundress, but missions or apostolates can change over time to meet changing needs. In addition to the sisters, brothers, and priests in religious communities involved in more active apostolates, there are nuns and monks (both brothers and priests) whose communities have more contemplative charisms and who live out their lives in cloistered monasteries.

(By way of full disclosure, Diocesan priests like me are not in Consecrated Life. Instead of vows, Diocesan priests make promises to remain celibate, to obey our Bishops, and to lead a simple lifestyle.)

What is the importance of Consecrated Life to all of us who are not in Consecrated Life?

The first answer is that Consecrated Life is important because of all that those in Consecrated Life do for the rest of us. All of us should be grateful for all that those in active apostolates in Consecrated Life have done and continue to do in education, in health care, in social services, in pastoral services and many other areas.

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We should all be grateful for what the nuns and monks in more contemplative communities do for us by their prayers.

But we should care about those in Consecrated Life not just for what they do, but even more importantly because of who they are. Remember, they have voluntarily vowed to do their best to live out those evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience as a means of perfecting the charity that is the essence of the Gospel.

On this World Day for Consecrated Life, and always, we thank God for the gift of those who are called to Consecrated Life. *(Sources for this Note include The Catechism of the Catholic Church. Paragraphs 914-945 and former Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter for the Year of Consecrated Life (Nov. 21, 2014).*

LENT 2026

Lent begins in less than three weeks. The Ceremonial of Bishops indicates that "The annual season of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the rite of election, the scrutinies and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are preparing through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises." Each of us should be thinking now about what we will be doing during Lent to improve our personal relationships with Jesus Christ. ✞

A Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father,

We thank you for calling
men and women
to serve in your Son's Kingdom
as sisters, brothers, religious priests,
consecrated virgins, and hermits,
as well as members of Secular Institutes.

Renew their knowledge and love of you,
and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond
generously and courageously to your will.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Looking More Closely at the Word

Sunday's Readings

First: **Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**
Second: **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**
Gospel: **Matthew 5:1-12**

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 1
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. Rosa Flores *(3rd Anniversary)*
People of the Parish
11 a.m. Marcel L. Cinquina

Monday, February 2
The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life
9 a.m. Bobbie Jackson

Tuesday, February 3
St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
9 a.m. Patrick O'Halloran

Wednesday, February 4
9 a.m. Donald Hayes

Thursday, February 5
St. Agatha
9 a.m. Patrick & Ruth McCarthy

Friday, February 6
St. Paul Miki & Companions
9 a.m. John L. Murphy
Bill & Evelyn Murphy

Saturday, February 7
9 a.m. People of the Parish
5:30 p.m. William & Mary Dolan
Veronica Sheehan
Brendan O'Halloran

Sunday, February 8
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. People of the Parish

FOOD PANTRIES

Holy Name of Jesus
245 Prospect Park West

HNJ's Food Pantry will distribute food from the Rectory basement from 1-2 p.m. on Saturdays, February 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21. We currently need canned vegetables.

Many thanks to the Brooklyn Quilters for their recent, generous food and monetary donations.

Immaculate Heart of Mary
2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway

IHM's Food Pantry will distribute food to registered individuals on Thursday, February 26, from 9:30-10:45 a.m..

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Especially: Stella Kalotkin; Zach Park; Eugenia Dijczuk; Violetta Torio; George Schwartz; Maria Schwartz; Alex Mwandiambira; Mike Fuchs; 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.

Please remember all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well.

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Spring 2026 Lenten Season

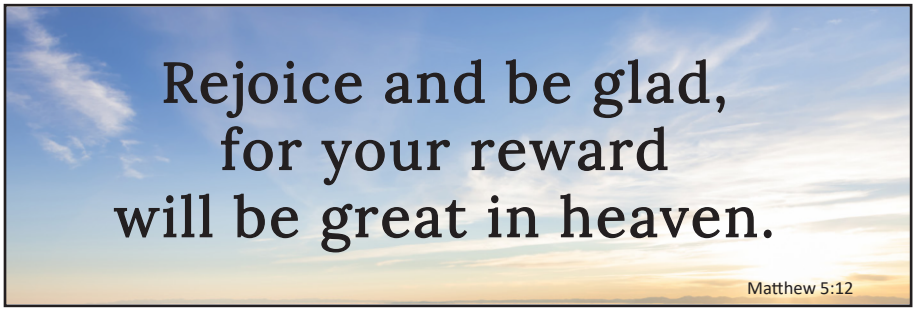
Holy Name's Small Faith Groups will resume meetings on the dates listed below. Each group will meet for about 90 minutes each week for 6 weeks. The sessions include prayer, Scripture, and voluntary faith-sharing discussion, with a solid foundation in Scripture and Catholic Catechism.

Small faith groups are a great way to learn about and deepen faith, while connecting with new people. Some groups gather at Holy Name, and two groups meet in the homes of facilitators. It is not mandatory to attend every session. Come whenever you can!

Day	Start Date	Time	Location	Facilitator
Mon	2/23	7 p.m.	HNJ	Paul Baity
Tue	*	10:30 a.m.	Home	Alayne Cox
Thu	2/26	11 a.m.	Home	Diane Larkin
Thu	2/26	7 p.m.	HNJ	Deacon Gerry

* *Alayne Cox holds sessions in her home each Tuesday morning throughout the year.*

If you would like to join a group or would like more information, please contact Diane Larkin at dml1722@aol.com or call the Rectory Office.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming events in
- Holy Name Parish
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, &
- St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy

HNJ YOUTH MINISTRY

MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 6	Lent Trivia
Feb 20	Ice Skating - Prospect Park (Info to Follow)

Meetings begin at 6 PM Sharp. Enter through Door 2 in the Parking lot by Playground. SJWA Room 107.
Text John with questions or to RSVP at 646-573-9418

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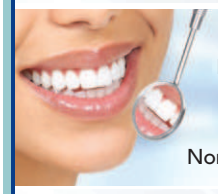

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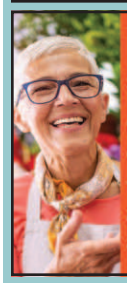

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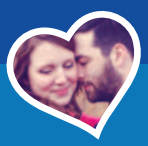

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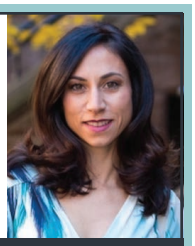

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