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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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Please have the Funeral Home call the Rectory.

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THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, February 15
9 a.m. Father's Guild Umpire School: *Gym*
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Wednesday, February 18
6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, February 19
6 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: *School Basement*

Friday, February 20
4 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
6 p.m. Youth Group: *SJWCA / Prospect Park*
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *School Cafeteria*

Saturday, February 21
8 a.m. Brooklyn Quilters: *Shepherds Hall*
9 a.m. Fathers Guild Clinic: *School Gym*
10 a.m. Mariano Group: *Rectory Basement*
1 p.m. Food Pantry: *Rectory Basement*
6:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, February 22
9 a.m. Father's Guild Umpire School: *Gym*
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Rectory Bsmt.*

PRESIDENTS DAY FEDERAL HOLIDAY

February 16, 2026

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026. Our regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 17.

Ash Wednesday Schedule
February 18, 2026

6:30 to 7:30 a.m.	Ashes Only
9 a.m.	Mass and Distribution of Ashes
2:15 to 3:15 p.m.	Ashes Only
7 p.m.	Bilingual Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Register & pay by Wednesday, February 18 to save $25 per ticket for Murder Mystery!

See the flyer on Page 5 of this Bulletin for details about the event.

COLLECTION RESULTS

February 8, 2026

1st Collection Total to Parish $2,753
(Collection Baskets: $1,161; E-giving: $1,592.)

2nd Collection Total to Parish $999
(Collection Baskets: $613; E-giving: $386.)

Catch Up Collection $309
(Past 1st Collection envelopes: $219; past Parish Building Repair envelopes: $90.)

Next weekend, February 21/122, our 2nd Collection will be the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs in African American and Native American communities. Thank you for your generosity.

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank You To All Donors!

PLEDGES PAID:	**$112,959**
GOAL (to Diocese):	**$61,185**
"OVER GOAL" (to HNJ):	**$51,774**

As of February 10, 2026, 176 generous parishioners and friends of Holy Name of Jesus Parish have completely paid their pledges to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Some pledges are still open, but as the numbers above show, the 2025 Appeal was (thanks to your generosity) was a great success!

The **$61,185** in donations that were used to meet the Diocesan goal are helping many, many people throughout the Diocese in a wide variety of ways.

The **$51,774** donated "over goal" is being returned to HNJ parish and will be used to help replenish parish savings for the money spent during 2025 for necessary, expensive deferred maintenance projects including new sidewalks, additional concrete work in the Howard Place School Yard, new asphalt in the Prospect Park West Parking Lot, and a new boiler and chimney liner in the Church.

I have tried again this year to send each donor a personal note of thanks. I apologize to anyone I missed, and I write this as a heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave to the 2025 Appeal.

God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Fr. Larry Ryan, Pastor

There are Poor Boxes by the doors inside the Church. Please assist the less fortunate members of our Community, if you can.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT 2026 AT HNJ PARISH

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, is the gateway to Lent. We have forty precious days during Lent to open ourselves up to God, to examine ourselves in the presence of The One who created us, knows us and loves us. Starting with Ash Wednesday, we have forty days to face ourselves and to learn to not be afraid. We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But, with God's grace, we can learn to live this life more fully and allow God to transform us.

Distribution of Ashes: Ashes will be distributed in HNJ Church on Ash Wednesday as outlined in the schedule on Page 2. The Priest or Deacon will sprinkle ashes on heads if requested to do so.

Fasting and Abstinence: Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. On a Fast Day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Please note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, these regulations do not oblige. Some other form of self-denial suitable to your condition should be substituted.

Easter Duty: After they have made their First Holy Communion, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time.

Additional Confession Time During Lent: Confessions are heard in the Church year-round on Saturday evenings from 5 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. and in the Rectory by appointment. During Lent, Confessions will also be heard in Church before the 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sundays (7:10-7:25 a.m. and 10:40-10:55 a.m.); and on Thursdays from 8:40-8:55 a.m. and from 9:50-10:05 a.m..

The Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center, and the Archdiocese of New York, will celebrate Reconciliation Monday on March 30. Confessions will be heard in most Churches, including HNJ, from 2-4 p.m. and again from 6-9 p.m.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: After the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings (English); and 7 p.m. on Friday evenings (Spanish). We will also have Stations of the Cross during the Sunday Lenten Holy Hours.

Sunday Lenten Holy Hours: We will have Lenten Holy Hours for Peace immediately after the 11 a.m. Masses (approx. 12:15 p.m.) on Sundays, February 22 and March 8. These Holy Hours will include both Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration.

Lenten Day of Reflection: HNJ's own Resident Priest, Fr. Emmanuel Conduah, will preside at our Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 14. His theme will be *"Loved To The End: Loving The Lenten Mystery Of God's Love."* The day will include Mass at 9 a.m. and an afternoon Healing Service and Benediction. Additional details and the Agenda will be announced in an upcoming bulletin. ✞

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Spring 2026 Sessions

HNJ's Small Faith-Sharing Groups will resume meeting on the dates listed below. Each group will meet for about 90 minutes each week for 6 weeks.

Day	*Starting*	*Time*	*Location*	*Facilitator*
Mon	2/23	7:30 p.m.	HNJ	Paul Baity
Tue	ongoing	10:30 a.m.	Home	Alayne Cox
Thu	2/26	11 a.m.	Home	Diane Larkin
Thu	2/36	7 p.m.	HNJ	Dcn. Gerry

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

Please contact Diane Larkin at dml1722@aol.com or call the Rectory Office at (718) 768-3071.

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 21 and March 7 & 21.

We currently need canned vegetables.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous monetary donation to the Food Pantry.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

2805 Fort Hamilton Parkway

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

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18

Please see the Schedule on Page 2 of this bulletin for Mass times and the times for receiving Ashes. Also, please see the **"Ash Wednesday and Lent 2025 at HNJ Parish"** item on Page 3 for more detailed information about Fasting and Abstinence; making the Easter Duty to receive Holy Communion; times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Stations of the Cross; and Eucharistic Adoration. In addition:

- Our **Parish Lenten Day of Reflection**—*"Loved To The End: Loving The Lenten Mystery Of God's Love."*— with Fr. Emmanuel Conduah will be on Saturday, March 14. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided during the Day of Recollection. If you plan to attend, we ask that you please notify the Rectory by Noon on Monday, March 9 to facilitate our ordering the food. Additional details about the day will announced shortly.
- The **Spring 2026 Small-Faith Sharing Groups** will meet during Lent. More information is available on Page 3.
- We will provide details in future bulletins about the **Holy Hours and Film Showings** we are planning for several Sunday afternoons in Lent.

Please use Lent 2026 as an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord through prayer (especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament), and by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion—following a good Confession, if necessary—more frequently.

Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

As was done very successfully for the past two years, the Diocese has created a schedule of 40 "Station Churches", each of which has been assigned a specific weekday during Lent. The Faithful are encouraged to visit these Station Churches on their respective "assigned days" for prayer (especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament). Holy Name, like many other Churches, will not be a Station Church this year, in order to give that opportunity to other Churches who were unable to participate in the past. The full schedule appears on Page 6 of this Bulletin and additional details are available at:
lent.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schedule

Looking More Closely at the Word

The Carpenter & the Law

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like "joist" and "weight-bearing" correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. "We're going to have to reinforce this at some point," he told me. "Whatever!" I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not actually Kennedys. We (okay, he) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "Raqa," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained. And the law still holds.

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Sunday's Readings

First: **Sirach 15:15-20**

Second: **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:17-37**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 15
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. Maria Lucila Ortiz
Gonzalo Rosero
People of the Parish
11 a.m. Beth Schier

Monday, February 16
Presidents' Day
9 a.m. Sean Hurley
(Birthday)

Tuesday, February 17
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
9 a.m. Patrick Galligan

Wednesday, February 18
Ash Wednesday
9 a.m. Kenneth G. Dolan
7 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, February 19
9 a.m. Francesco Pira

Friday, February 20
9 a.m. Robert F. Mullin

Saturday, February 21
St. Peter Damian
9 a.m. People of the Parish
5:30 p.m. Patricia Powers-Pusz
Modesto Torio

Sunday, February 22
First Sunday in Lent
7:30 a.m. Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. John & Joan DiCostanza

OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Please pray for all the members of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life, especially:

Gino Goyco
Fr. Michael McGee
John Petrie

Please remember, also, all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place, especially: Lucy Sisto; Stella Kalotkin; Zach Park; Eugenia Dijczuk; Violetta Torio; George Schwartz; Maria Schwartz; Alex Mwandiambira; Mike Fuchs; Rosanora Quiros; Michael Lang; 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.

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FEBRUARY

18- St. James Basilica, Bk - Ash Wednesday

19- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Qns

20- Our Lady of Miracles, Bk

21- Our Lady of the Cenacle, Qns

23- Mary Queen of Heaven, Bk

24- St. Thomas the Apostle, Qns

25- Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bk

26- St. Joan of Arc, Qns

27- Mary, Mother of the Church (at St. Gabriel), Bk

28- St. Elizabeth, Qns

March

2- St. Anastasia, Qns

3- St. Gabriel, Qns

4- Holy Cross, Bk

5- Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Qns

6- St. Catherine of Alexandria

7- St. Edmund, Bk

9- St. Columba, Bk

10- St. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Bk

11- St. Martin of Tours (at St. Peter Claver), Bk

12- St. John Vianney, Qns

13- St. Margaret, Qns

14- St. Catherine of Genoa, Bk

16- Queen of All Saints, Bk

17- St. Patrick, Qns- St. Patrick's Feast Day

18- Our Lady Help of Christians, Bk

19- Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Bk- Feast of St. Joseph

20- San Damiano Mission, Bk

20- St. Vincent Ferrer, Bk

21- Holy Child Jesus-St. Benedict Joseph Labre, Qns

23- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bk

24- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Qns

25- St. Helen, Qns

26- St. Athanasius-St. Dominic (at St. Athanasius), Bk

27- Our Lady of Mercy, Bk

28- St. Francis of Assisi, Astoria

30- RECONCILIATION MONDAY

31- St. John the Baptist (at Our Lady of Good Counsel), Bk

April

1- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary-St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Qns

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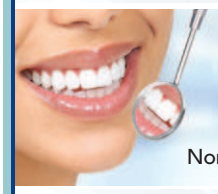

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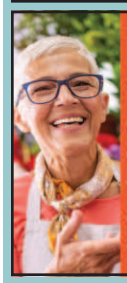

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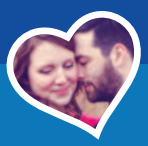

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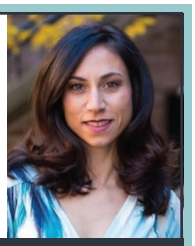

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