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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2026

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls."

~ Matthew 13:45

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

Please have the Funeral Home call the Rectory.

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Grades PreK-3 through 8

Stephanie Germann, Principal

THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, July 26
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Bsmt.*
4 p.m. Spanish Guitar Lessons: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Wednesday, July 29
7 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Friday, July 31
6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*

Saturday, August 1
6:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, August 2
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Bsmt.*

Looking More Closely at the Word

Choosing Heaven

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

Sunday's Readings

First:
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second:
Romans 8:26-27

Gospel:
Matthew 13:24-43

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

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COLLECTION RESULTS

July 19, 2026

1st Collection Total to Parish.....$3,654
(Collection Baskets: $1,916; E-Giving: $1,738.)

2nd Collection Total for Visiting Missionary....$4,493
(Building Repair Envelopes: $4,453; E-Giving: $40.)

Catch Up Collection..... $699
(Late 1st Collection envelopes: $440; late Parish Building envelopes: $259.)

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026

"One Church. Diverse Ministries. United Mission."

2026 ACA Goal	$62,746
Pledges Paid (to date)	-$65,310
Difference	**$2,564**
# of 2025 ACA Donors	196
# of 2026 Fully Paid Pledges (to date)	- 152
Difference	**44**

If you have not yet made your gift, we warmly invite you to participate. As you can see, we have far fewer donors so far this year. Since we've reached our Parish goal, everything donated to the ACA in HNJ's name will come back to Holy Name Parish to assist us in addressing our maintenance and repair expenses.

You can make your pledge today by going to AnnualCatholicAppeal.org; using the QR code at right; texting DONATE to 917-336-1255; *or* calling 718-965-7375 to request a pledge card. Please join Holy Name of Jesus Parish in supporting the 2026 Appeal.

GOING AWAY THIS SUMMER?

Stay Up-to-Date with HNJ!

You can have our Bulletin emailed to you each week:

- Go to **www.parishesonline.com**
- Enter **Holy Name** and **11215** in the Search Fields.
- Select our Parish.
- Click on the **"Receive Bulletin via Email"** button.

You can also find current and past Bulletins on our Parish web site. Go to:

holynamebrooklyn.com

and click on the **"Bulletins"** button on the left.

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I'll begin by thanking you for your generosity to the **Venezuela Earthquake Victims** ($1,724 in the special collections on July 11 and 12) and to the **Visiting Missionaries from South Africa** ($4,493 in the Second collections on July 18 and 19). Your donations will help meet the tremendous needs in both those areas of the world.

Fr. Michael Wojciechowski and Sister Aloni Bonilla were our Visiting Missionaries from South Africa. They are members of a Religious Order known as the Koinonia of St. John the Baptist. This is the order that staffs Visitation Parish in the nearby Redhook section of Brooklyn. Both spoke at all of our Masses (English and Spanish) and both were very impressive. Fr. Michael grew up in Poland, was ordained a priest for his religious order, spent five years ministering (and learning Spanish) in Los Angeles, and has spent the last 16 years ministering—and currently leading—his order's Mission among the Zulu people in a remote part of South Africa. Along the way, he acquired an excellent command of Polish, English, Spanish and the Zulu Tribal language.

Sister Aloni was born and raised in Los Angeles, speaking both English and Spanish. She was a lay math teacher for a few years, worked for a few more years as a youth minister at Visitation Parish, and is now well-along in her formation as a Religious Sister for the Koinonia of St. John the Baptist. She recently spent time in her order's mission in South Africa and she is the youngest Religious Sister to speak at Holy Name during my 11 years here.

The spirituality of the Koinonia of St. John the Baptist emphasizes the importance of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, giving thanks for all the gifts Jesus has given us, and using those gifts to build up the Kingdom of God here on this earth with the goal of helping ourselves and others reach the Kingdom of God in heaven. This weekend's Gospel includes the parable about the "Pearl of Great Price". In that parable, Jesus says "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it". I believe all of us can agree that the Kingdom of Heaven is certainly a "Pearl of Great Price". The question, of course, is *"Are we willing to pay the price to obtain it?"*. I believe that people like Fr. Michael and Sister Aloni are great examples of those who are willing to pay that price by putting God's gifts to very good use in some very challenging conditions. Thank you again for your generous response to their Mission Appeal. Our callings are different from theirs, but their examples are great motivators for us to "pay the price" we have to pay to be faithful Catholic followers of Jesus Christ. ✞

HOLY NAME OF JESUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-2027 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Children in grades 1 through 8 who attend a public or a non-Catholic private school should also attend religious education classes to help them grow in their faith and to prepare them to receive their sacraments.

For additional information, or to register your child, contact Kathryn Sisto, Holy Name's Coordinator of Religious Education, by:

- Using the QR Code above to access and complete the online registration form;
- Emailing hnjreligioused@gmail.com; *or*
- calling 718-768-7629

The Holy Name of Jesus Religious Education Program always welcomes new volunteers. We invite you to share your faith, time and talents with the children of our parish. If you are interested in volunteering in our program, please contact Kathryn Sisto at hnjreligioused@gmail.com.

THE MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

JULY 29

Even the savior of the world needs friends: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus held a privileged place in Jesus' heart. As a wandering preacher who had "no place to lay his head," Jesus knew he always had a place to call home in visiting his three dear friends. Each gifted him in a special way, as the 2021 decree combining their veneration from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments points out: "Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."

Cherish and nurture your dearest friendships; they are a treasure through thick and thin.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, July 27
9 a.m. Ann Roedel

Tuesday, July 28
9 a.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
9 a.m. Joseph Sirota

Thursday, July 30
St. Peter Chrysologus
9 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, July 31
St. Ihnatius of Loyola
9 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori
9 a.m. People of the Parish
5:30 p.m. Deacon Bill Williamsen *(Birthday)*
Jean-Ann McGrane
Ronald Murray

Sunday, August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Parish Purgatorial Society
9 a.m. People of the Parish
11 a.m. People of the Parish

FOOD PANTRIES

Holy Name of Jesus

at 245 Prospect Park West will distribute food from the Rectory basement from 1-2 p.m on Saturdays, July 25 and August 8 & 22.

We currently need mayo and sugar.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts for their annual "Summer Stock" program. They provide bottles of water and fruit juices that are distributed at Holy Name's Food Pantry during the summer.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

at 2805 Ft. Hamilton Parkway will distribute food to registered individuals on Wednesday, July 29 from 9:30-10:45 a.m..

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dorothy Neil; Joan Cregg; Ann Artz; Joanne Boyle; Elizabeth Budgell; Billy Artz; John Passaro; 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; Lina Pira; Christine Harkins; 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.

OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Please pray for all the members of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life. Please remember, also, all those who are enrolled in our Purgatorial Society especially **Lissa Robin O'Shea**.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY NAME FATHER'S GUILD

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FALL 2026 SPORTS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Fall is right around the corner, and that means it's time to get your kids back in the game! Registration for our 2026 Fall Sports Programs is OFFICIALLY OPEN — but don't wait too long, because a $25 late fee kicks in for anyone who registers after August 15. Here's what's open for registration right now:

- FLAG FOOTBALL
- CYO TRAVEL BASKETBALL (Ages 8-14)

  IMPORTANT: To be eligible to play CYO Travel Basketball, your child must ALSO be registered with CYO — this is a separate registration at an additional cost. Registration is NOT complete until your child is registered with both us and CYO.
- INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Ages 6-7)
- CLINIC BASKETBALL (Ages 4-5)
- SOCCER CLINIC (Ages 3-10)

Details and registration links are available on our Parish web site.

COMING SOON: Boys' and Girls' Swimming registration will be opening shortly — stay tuned for details!

Good news: all fees remain the same as last season! But remember — a $25 late fee applies to any registration completed after August 15th, so don't put it off!

Questions: Please contact the Fathers Guild at:
holynamefathersguild@gmail.com

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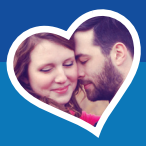

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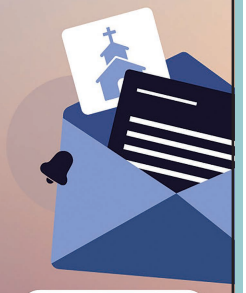

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