

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2 Broadway, Valhalla, New York 10595

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mrs. Fran Berger
Parish Accountant/
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Mrs. Janan Lane
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Miss Anita Ghilardi
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**Mr. David Bartsch
& Mrs. Cathy Krug**
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Rev. Philip T. Persico
Administrator

Rev. Frank Bassett
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Nana Ampah
Weekend Associate

Mr. Daniel Gray
Organist

Mrs. Erin Sica
Choir Director

Mr. Brian Clifford
B.A.S.I.C. 9:30 AM
769-4872

Mrs. Suzanne Gerbosi
Children's Choir
946-2221
Choirs in Session
September thru May



WELCOME TO ALL!

Our Parish Family invites all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! We care for each other and want to worship and serve our Lord together. Every family moving into the Parish is invited to register at the Rectory. If you change your address, please notify us. AGAIN, WELCOME!

MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00; 9:30 (Contemporary Music);
11:00 A.M. (Choir); 12:30 P.M.

Holy Days: Vigil: 5:00 P.M.

7:15 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12 Noon and 6:30 P.M.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday: 7:15 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Morning Prayer: Daily - 8:30 A.M.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions every

Monday after each Mass.

Holy Hour /Adoration-2nd Monday of the Month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. or by appointment

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are held on the First and Third Sundays of every month at 1:30 P.M. To register for a Baptism please call the rectory and arrange a meeting with the priest.

WEDDINGS:

Please contact the priest as soon as you have an approximate date for your wedding. You will be asked to attend preparation sessions and some paperwork is also involved. A year in advance is not too early to see a priest.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday: 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Office is closed on all Legal Holidays.

RCIA: Catechumenate Program- Persons interested in being Catholic or learning more about our faith, please contact Fr. Frank Bassett at the Rectory.

MEETINGS:

Parish Council: 3rd Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M. in the Father Dave Library.

Chairman: Brian Morrow 761-7294

Pancake Breakfast: 2nd Sunday of the month.

Social Concerns: Maureen McLoughlin - 946-9334

Rosary Altar Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month,

7:00 P.M. - General Meeting; 11 A.M. Mass on 2nd Sundays

President: Maureen Beitscher - 592-8492

High School Youth Group: 6:00-8:00 P.M.,

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2014**

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.
—*Luke 1:35*



Saturday, December 20

5:00pm Deceased Members of the
Renna & Rigano Families
(Mary Renna)

Sunday, December 21

8:00am Jeanne Marie Finan
(Mom & Dad)
9:30am Frank Oderifero
(Mom & Dad)
11:00am Jeffrey Carosi
(Bob & Judi Martin)
12:30pm John & Anna Culhane
(Joan Malara)

Monday, December 22

7:15am Enid & Lawrence Whartenby
(Lois & Larry Whartenby)
9:00am James & Betty Ciulla
(Betty)

Tuesday, December 23

7:15am Michael & Carmela Greco
(Daughter, Patricia Briganti)
9:00am Gino & Anna Ciotola
(Family)

Wednesday, December 24

7:15am Millie Guarnieri
(Don Guarnieri)
9:00am Edward A. Tompkins (Anniv.)
(Wife, Jen)
4:00pm FOR
7:30pm ALL
10:30pm THE PEOPLE

Thursday, December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am MASSES
9:00am FOR
11:00am ALL
12:30pm THE PEOPLE

Friday, December 26

9:00am Augusto & Teresa Zangrilli
(Daughter-in-law, Carmella)

Saturday, December 27

9:00am Maria & Joseph Multare
(Daughter, Camella Zangrilli)
5:00pm Anna, Charles & Joseph Arbore
(Family)

Sunday, December 28

8:00am Timmy Gleason
(Diane & Joseph Sciortino)
9:30am Gaetano Guzzo-Crocamo
(Luigi & Flavia DiNota)
11:00am Paul Guettner
(George & Enna Calvi)
12:30pm For All The People

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS (continued)



Right from the beginning of my ministry in St. Peter's See in Rome, I consider this message [of Divine Mercy] my special task. Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church and the world. It could be said that precisely this situation assigned that message to me as my task before God."

—November 22, 1981 at the Shrine of Merciful Love in Collevaleza, Italy

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."

"There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."

—Shrine of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland on June 7, 1997

"...with the burning desire that the message of God's merciful love proclaimed by St. Faustina may be made known to all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. May this message radiate from this place to our beloved homeland and throughout the world... In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness."

—August 17, 2002

"The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate."

—John Paul II speaking on his Pontificate

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity, who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum.

The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin



PRAY FOR

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.....A time to be healed...

Please remember to pray for:

Peter Barbieri	Gavin Little
Gerard Blenkle, Sr.	Holly Lynch
John Bisaccia	Jaspere Miranda
Jeff Caponera	Bill Moran
Laurie D'Amico	Dorothy Moran
Lou Dearstyne	Alex Pacor
Donald DeLandri	Matthew Phillips
Ed Delliveau	Kathy Ryan
Joseph DiCioccio	Frankie Ragusa
Alexandra Diemoz	Frank Rotelline
Miriam Edwards	Irene Scazzero
Rose Fama	Richard Schilio
Jason Fiore	Marybeth Schnurr
Sabrina Gertsle	Louis Sica
Annette Gross	Steven Soderquist
Hilde Klinger	Brooke Stecker
Teresa Lingardo	Ann Tantillo

Tony Taranto

And for those who have no one to Pray for them....



Pray for all the souls of our faithfully departed. May eternal rest grant unto them, O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them .

Fr. Phil invites you to come and see the Christmas Display in the Rectory, weekdays from 10am to 4pm, or other times when he is available.

Donations will be accepted, if you'd be so kind, with proceeds going to Social Concerns.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Frank and Fr. Nana, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Also at this time we want to sincerely thank you for your generosity and support to our Parish. Your weekly contributions are very important to us. They help to keep our Parish running smoothly, and they are very much appreciated!

THANK YOU!!!
Fr. Phil



Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are available in the Church . If you would like to remember a loved one by donating toward the flowers that will decorate our Church, please put **their name(s) on the envelope. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it at the Rectory.**

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ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us.

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MUNCHKINS WITH SANTA

We were overwhelmed by the support of so many in making Munchkins with Santa a success. So many to thank beginning with Fr. Phil, who gave us the okay. The Religious Ed Department, who not only supplied the decorations, but helped decorate a very beautiful setting for Santa, recruited Elves to assist Santa and guided us to make the morning run smoothly. To the many ladies of the Rosary Altar Society, thanks not only for your financial support but for the time given to help make the day so special. You are all truly amazing!

Thank you! Maureen Beitscher and Rosemary DeLuccia

Congratulations to the following winners of RAS basket raffle: Lorraine and Lou Dearstyne, Maureen Beitscher, The Connolly family, The Kelly family, Elaine Vasquez, Bob Valentine, Tony Napolitano and Jerry Fiora. Thankyou



Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents for the Baptisms at

Holy Name of Jesus on November 22nd, 29th and December 7th

We welcome the newly baptized into our Parish family:

Tyler Jose Ciampi

William Walsh Coughlan

Lucas Aiden Serrano Lebowitz

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Church!

We welcome all who celebrate with us. If you would like to register in our Parish, or if changes were made after you registered, please fill out this form and drop it into the collection basket, or mail/bring it to the Rectory. If required, we will contact you after receiving your information.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

___ New to Parish ___ Change of Address/Phone Number

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - Thanks to all parishioners who helped to make Christmas crafts for residents of nursing homes. The crafts we made included nativity wall hangings, gingerbread house treat boxes, Santa's, reindeer, etc. Thanks also to all the RE classes that made cards. Our crafts were distributed to Rosary Hill, Hebrew Home, Schurnmacher, Cabrini, and the convent of the Divine Compassion. All who received the crafts were so grateful- the crafts looked beautiful and brightened their rooms and hearts. Thanks again crafters- great job!

Our next craft session will be **Valentine's Day crafts**. Check the bulletin for the date.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - Father Michael McLoughlin (brother of Maureen), Administrator of St. Columba in Hopewell Junction, has led four different Pilgrimages overseas, including to the Holy Land, Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal. He is leading a Pilgrimage to Italy this summer. It will include Sorrento, Naples, Amalfi, Pompeii, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio) and Rome (including a Papal Audience). Dates are July 30th to August 8, 2015. Mass will be offered daily. Tour guide and all services provided by Peter's Way Tours. Go to the Peter's Way website www.petersway.com or call 845- 227-8380 to request a brochure.

PRAYER SHAWL REQUESTS- Do you know someone who is ill or bereaved, or is feeling the effects of aging and could use a shawl for comfort and warmth? We will be happy to donate a shawl to them. You can also select one for yourself. Please call or email Christine at 761-7243, cstephens@pace.edu or Maureen at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net to request a shawl.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING- Do you like to knit or crochet? Do you want to do something really worthwhile to help others who are ill or bereaved? Did you like the shawls that were blessed and think you would like to make one too? Please join us as we knit or crochet shawls for people in need. Perhaps you would like to help, but don't know how to knit or crochet. We have people who will teach you! Why are they called Prayer Shawls? As we knit or crochet we say prayers for the person who will receive the shawls. We have about 25 wonderful women in our group. Don't like to go to meetings? No problem, you can knit or crochet at home. All shawls should be approx. 19-22" W and 60-72" L, any color or pattern is fine. **New members are always welcome!** Please call or email Christine Stephens at 761-7243, cstephens@pace.edu or Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net if interested or if you have any questions.

**59th ANNUAL MID-WINTER BALL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015
THE MAMARONECK BEACH & YACHT CLUB**

**Cocktail Hour- 6:30PM Sit Down Dinner- 7:30PM
DANCING AND OPEN BAR ALL EVENING
\$85.00 Per Person—\$170.00 Per Couple**

Now is the time to make your reservation. All reservations must be paid in full by January 14th.

THIS YEAR OUR HONOREE IS FR FRANK BASSETT
In order to keep the price down the entrée must be selected ahead of time. Therefore there are reservation forms in the church foyers to be completed noting your entree selection:

Roast Prime rib of beef, Wild North Atlantic Salmon or Chicken Saltimboca

With any questions about reservations, please call Lorraine Dearstynne at 769-5938, or Bridget Flood at 946-4182

A PROGRAM WILL BE HANDED OUT THE EVENING OF THE BALL! The program will include Business Advertising from our local merchants, as well as congratulatory "Notes to Father Frank." You can take this opportunity to write a note of thanks for his dedication and service to our Parish. Please fill out the form below, and make sure to mark your envelope "Mid-Winter Ball."

Mid-Winter Ball—Program Advertisement

Company/Name _____ **Date** _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

Gold Page- \$200.00 **Full Page- \$100.00** **1/2 Page- \$50.00** **1/4 Page Ad or "Notes"- \$25.00**

DEADLINE for submitting ads: FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

Include your camera ready artwork, or business card or logo with typed or handwritten legible copy and we will do the rest. **If you have any questions regarding the advertising, please contact the Rectory.** Make checks payable to Holy Name of Jesus Church. Send this form along with payment to: Holy Name of Jesus, 2 Broadway, Valhalla, NY 10595 Attn: Mid-Winter Ball Journal.