

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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THE HOLY FAMILY

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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.

Rectory

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 28, 2014

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

MASSSES for the WEEK

Saturday, December 27

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

Monday, December 29

7:15am James Casolaro
(Brian & Gail Morrow)
9:00am Louise & Gerard Cucurullo
(Wedding Anniversary)
(Family)

Tuesday, December 30

7:15am Peter Polo
(Chris & Link)
9:00am Magdeline Kim
(Helen Grundy)

Wednesday, December 31

7:15am Ann Polo
(Chris & Link)
9:00am Rose Liuzzi
(Totillo Family)
5:00pm For All The People

Thursday, January 1

9:30am Sylvere Marie Hyacintha
(George & Enna Calvi)
11:00am Andrew Torpie
(Gloria DiBetta)

Friday, January 2

7:15am Patricia Cavallo
(Ada Jimenez-Parker)
9:00am Dorothy Battistelli
(The Rosary Altar Society)

Saturday, January 3

9:00am James D'urso
(Joseph Malgioglio)
5:00pm Tony Montague
(Barbara DiStasio)

Sunday, January 4

8:00am For All The People
9:30am Francesco Salerno
(Mr & Mrs Joseph Witkiewicz)
11:00am Theresa Sanderson
(The Armstrong & Cucurullo
Families)
12:30pm Ann Altamuro
(Frank & Maria Piniella)



DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS (continued)

Revelations

The years Sr. Faustina spent at the convent were filled with extraordinary gifts, such as revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, participation in the Passion of the Lord, the gift of bilocation, the reading of human souls, the gift of prophecy, and the rare gift of mystical engagement and marriage.

The living relationship with God, the Blessed Mother, the angels, the saints, the souls in Purgatory — with the entire supernatural world — was as equally real for her as was the world she perceived with her senses. In spite of being so richly endowed with extraordinary graces, Sr. Maria Faustina knew that they do not in fact constitute sanctity. In her *Diary* she wrote:

"Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."
(Diary 1107)

St. Faustina said to Jesus: "You Yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy: The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy — if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: prayer — if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically."

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "As often as you want to make Me happy, speak to the world about My great and unfathomable mercy. The flames of mercy are burning Me — clamoring to be used; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness. ... Be humble, because in this way you draw upon yourself and upon other souls an entire sea of my Mercy."



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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

CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
—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
John Bisaccia	Holly Lynch
Jeff Caponera	Jaspere Miranda
Laurie D'Amico	Bill Moran
Lou Dearstyn	Dorothy Moran
Donald DeLandri	Alex Pacor
Ed Delliveau	Matthew Phillips
Joseph DiCioccio	Kathy Ryan
Alexandra Diemoz	Frankie Ragusa
Ruth Doria	Frank Rotelline
Miriam Edwards	Irene Scazzero
Rose Fama	Richard Schilio
Jason Fiore	Marybeth Schnurr
SabrinaGerstle	Louis Sica
Annette Gross	Steven Soderquist
Hilde Klinger	Ann Tantillo
Teresa Lingardo	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.

Thursday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be on Wednesday,
December 31st at 5pm,
and on Thursday 9:30am and 11am
The rectory will be closed on January 1st

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: _____

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Thanks so much to all Holy Name parishioners who have supported Social Concerns activities this year. From donating clothes and toiletries, making sandwiches for the Midnight Run, volunteering at the Food Bank, donating food and gifts to people in need, making crafts for our friends in nursing homes, etc., etc. - thank you, thank you, thank you! You continually think of others in need and are helping to make their lives a bit better. Whatever activities we are involved in, we can count on the support of our wonderful parishioners. To you and all your families- may you have a happy and healthy New Year! May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity! Maureen McLoughlin, Social Concerns

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION- All of us have been given "talents" to use. Let's make sure this is the year we offer our gifts, which come from God, to God's service and for the good of our brothers and sisters. Whether it be knitting/crocheting for our Prayer Shawl Ministry, becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, participating in arts and crafts for the elderly, making sandwiches for the Midnight Run, becoming an RE teacher, joining the choir, etc.- make this the year you use your talents for others. God will bless your work. Make it your New Year's Resolution!

James 2: 14-17 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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 Rotundo (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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES- For those individuals or families looking for volunteer opportunities, there is a great website available, listing many opportunities throughout Westchester. Go to volunteernewyork.org and check out all the available listings. Maybe you will find one that is of interest to you!

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. They will be happy to arrange a time to give you one.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40.

“May we be ‘doers’ of the word, and not ‘hearers’ only.”
James 1:22

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING – Sawdust Brains
EWTN Special Programming: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen explains the effect of Christmas on the world. *Airs Sunday, December 21 at 10:30AM and Saturday, December 27 at 11PM (30 min.)* EWTN can be seen in our area on Cablevision – channel 135 (24/7), channel 69 (8pm to 11am); Comcast – channel 68; DISH Network 261; and DIRECTV 370. Visit www.ewtn.com for the latest updates and schedules or call 205-271-2989.

GET AWAY ...

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES are an opportunity to retreat from the hectic, noisy world and encounter Jesus Christ in a more profound and personal way. The retreat focuses on the gospels and the fullness of the Catholic faith, opening the soul to the transforming power of grace. Offered by the Legionaries of Christ, the retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola and is comprised of guided meditations, private reflection, Mass, opportunities for Confession and spiritual direction. **Women’s Weekends:** Jan 30-Feb 1, Feb 27-Mar 1, Mar 20-22, Jun 19-21 **Men’s Weekends:** Mar 6-8, May 1-3 Retreat weekends begin Friday afternoon at 5pm and end Sunday after 3pm Mass. For more information call 914-244-3685 or go to www.loveyourmission.org.

Three to Get Married – Marriage Preparation Course

As you plan your *wedding*, take the time to plan your *marriage!* The Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi offer their marriage preparation course, “Three to Get Married,” (you, your fiancé and God) to all engaged couples in the New York City tri-state area. This course is held at Resurrection Church in Rye, NY. It satisfies the Pre-Cana requirements for those in the Archdiocese of New York and for others by pastoral permission. It extends one full weekend, to provide each couple with a reflective and in-depth preparation for a joyful marriage, and for love that not only endures, but actually grows stronger year after year. **Upcoming weekends are Jan 16-18, Mar 27-29, Apr 24-26 (this session to be held at St. Patrick’s Old Cathedral in NYC), Jun 12-14 and Oct 16-18.** This is a Day Program. Overnight accommodations are not included. For more information call 914-244-3685

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 Dearstyne 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