

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

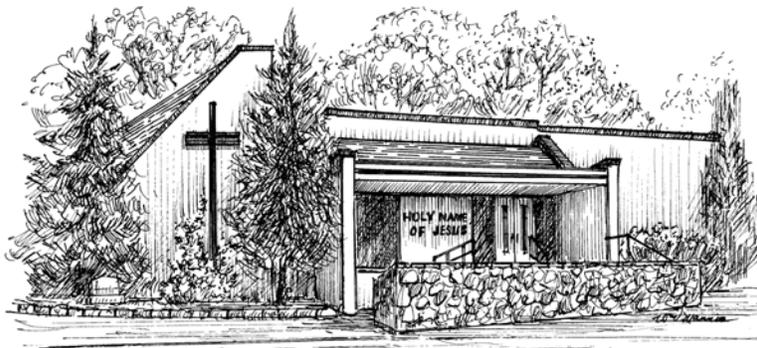
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769-4872

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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. - (not July/Aug)

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 Patricia Bisesto (948-4489) or the Rectory.

MEETINGS:

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

Chairman: Ms. Melissa Tillson at 263-7814

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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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

Christ Jesus emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness.
— *Philippians 2:7*

MASSes for the WEEK

Saturday, September 13

5:00pm Anna Faraguna
(Anna Maria Forte)

Sunday, September 14

8:00am Louis Camia
(Tibaldi Family)
9:30am Ron Bernhard
(Karen & Marty Doris)
11:00am Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary Altar Society
12:30pm The Brennan Family
(Maryann & Larry Meegan)

Monday, September 15

7:15am Lydia Dittmeier
(Domenica, George Dittmeier &
Family)
9:00am Helen & Joe Conley
(Sister, Irene)

Tuesday, September 16

7:15am Marie Behling
(Jeanne Miranda)
9:00am Cuneo Family
(Adele Giordano)

Wednesday, September 17

7:15am Joan Senno
(Linda & Gus Spedaliere)
9:00am Edward MacDonald
(Catherine MacDonald)

Thursday, September 18

7:15am Patricia Wall
(The Vetere Family)
9:00am Helen Conley
(Sister, Irene)

Friday, September 19

7:15am For All The People
9:00am John Doyle
(Daughter)

Saturday, September 20

9:00am William Loua (4th Anniversary)
(Family)
5:00pm Michael McLaughlin
(Karen Miceli)

Sunday, September 21

8:00am Deceased Members of The
Primerano Family
(Family)
9:30am Debbie Knight
(Doris Family)
11:00am Joseph Miranda
(Miranda Family)
12:30pm Gerry Forde (4th Anniversary)
(Family)



DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL (continued)

from the diary of Saint Maria Faustina:

St. Faustina tells us: “God gives us grace so that we may know Him better. . . . He shows us His attributes. “The first attribute is His holiness. His holiness is so great that all the angels tremble before Him. The angels are in perpetual adoration of His holiness. His holiness is poured out upon the Church of God and upon every living soul in it, but not in the same degree. There are souls who are completely penetrated by God, and there are those who are barely alive. “The second attribute is His justice. His justice is so great and penetrating that it reaches deep into the heart of things, and all things stand before Him in naked truth, and nothing can withstand Him. “The third attribute is His love and mercy. The greatest attribute is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator. This immense love and abyss of mercy are made known in the Incarnation of the Word and in the Redemption [of humanity].”

GIVE BETTER THAN YOU RECEIVE

Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel continue to contrast the Jewish law and practice with the practice of the followers of Jesus. Today’s Gospel continues with slight variations the formulation: “You have heard . . .” and “What I say to you is . . .” The old laws of retaliation were once created to soften the severe and vengeful retaliations common among the peoples that surrounded the struggling people of God. The would-be followers of Jesus again feel surrounded by people bent on retaliation. So Matthew presents Jesus, who asks his followers not only not to retaliate at all but to “turn the other cheek.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by St. Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MERCY

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.
—St. John Chrysostom

FAITH

Faith is the union of God with the soul.
—St. John of the Cross



PRAY FOR

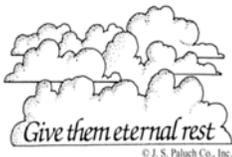
To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.....A time to be healed...

Please remember to pray for:

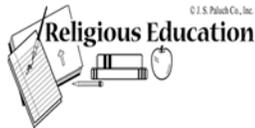
Peter Barbieri	Annette Gross
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Ed Delliveau	Dorothy Moran
Alexandra Diemoz	Alex Pacor
Joseph DiCioccio	Frankie Ragusa
Miriam Edwards	Frank Rotelline
Rose Fama	Richard Schilio
Jason Fiore	Steven Soderquist
Sabrina Gerstle	Brooke Stecker

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION Classes will begin on Saturday, September 13th.

Registration packets are in the Church vestibules. **Registration ended in May**, but will still be accepted with a late processing fee charge of \$50. You will be placed on a waiting list and placed in classes **based on availability**. **New Families:** Registration must be done in person at the RE Office. Baptismal Certificate and records from previous R.E. School (if applicable) are required for first-time registrants.

Office Hours: Please leave a message at 949-1422, email HNJRE@aol.com to schedule an appointment, or come to the Rectory to register.

There are many opportunities for volunteering in the program: Catechists, classroom aides, substitutes, one-on-one Catechists, and floaters (all around helpers which may be needed to cover a class, monitor a hall, assist in the office or babysit for catechist's children). Please consider helping out in some way. (You can even team up with someone.) If you have any questions, please speak to our Director, Janan Lane, 949-1422

CYO BASKETBALL

Registration Season will take place on again on Saturday, Sept 20 from 9am to 12 Noon in the HNJ Gym entrance. For boys and girls in grades 3 thru 8. Newcomers will need to show their Baptismal Certificate.

BEING LIFTED UP

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion. That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered. Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

ATTENTION—ALL ATLAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—After you have received the schedule from Fr. Frank and you are unable to serve you need to find a replacement

ALTAR SERVERS—For any students in grades 4 and up interested in becoming an Altar Server for our Masses, please have your parent leave a message for Fr. Phil at the Rectory. He will contact you as to the day and time of practices.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

It's that time again! The Holy Name of Jesus Children's Choir will begin practices on **Friday, September 26th, from 4:30-5:15p.m.** in the church. Family masses are held on the second Sunday of the month. All children who are **entering grades 3 through 8** and love to sing are eligible to join. Children's Choir forms can be located on the tables in the back of the church. All forms should be returned to Children's Choir mailbox in the rectory foyer. For questions, call Suzanne Gerbosi at 946-2221.



HOLY NAME OF JESUS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Please join us at our annual Rosary Altar Communion Breakfast, celebrating 79 years of dedication to our parish and community! Please note that spouses / friends / guests are most welcome to attend!

DATE: Sunday, October 5, 2014
TIME: 12:00 (Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass)
PLACE: Holy Name of Jesus Cafeteria
COST: \$15 per Person

All reservations and payment must be in by Wednesday, September 24 (our next Rosary Altar Meeting.) Please contact our chairpersons, Bridget Flood (946-4182) or Lorraine Dearstyne (769-5938) if you would like to attend. Thank you!

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS:

R.C.I.A. "COME, AND YOU WILL SEE" (John 1:39)
Are you someone who was baptized Catholic but who never received the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation? Are you an unbaptized person who wishes to become Catholic? Are you a Catholic who has received your Sacraments but would like a deeper understanding of your faith? If you or someone you know can answer yes to any of these questions, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA team meets every Sunday after the 12:30pm Mass beginning October 12th. For more information and to register call the rectory at 949-2323 and watch the bulletin for further details.

SOCIAL CONCERNS~♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- We have a wonderful group of women who create Prayer Shawls for those who are ill or bereaved. They will continue to knit or crochet all summer. Thanks ladies! Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 27th at 11:30am in the Fr Dave Library. We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in our Ministry or have any questions, please call or email Christine Stephens at 761-7243, cstephens@pace.edu or Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net

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

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- Volunteers are needed at the Food Bank for Westchester on Sunday, October 19, from 12:00-2:00. Can you help us out? The Food Bank supplies food to over 200 food pantries throughout Westchester. We usually sort, label, and pack boxes of food. This is a great activity for families as well as for individuals. The Food Bank is located at 200 Clearbrook Road, Elmsford (down the street from the Westchester Evening Dinner Theater). Please wear sneakers/shoes. No flip flops, short shorts, or tank tops. The volunteer entrance is in the back of the building. Please call or email Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net if interested. Deadline- Friday, Oct. 10. Please join us in this most worthwhile activity!

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS FOR NURSING HOMES- We will once again be making crafts for residents of local nursing homes. Would you like to join us? This is a great activity for families as well as individuals. We will be working on Thursday, Oct. 9th, from 3:30-5:30 in the school cafeteria. The crafts we make will be given to 5 different nursing homes, including Rosary Hill and Hebrew Home. Please call or email Maureen at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net if interested.

MENS CLOTHING NEEDED- We will be going on a "Breakfast Run" to NYC in November. We need to bring men's clothes with us to give to the homeless men we will be meeting. Can you help us out? Clothing needed (all can be used but clean and in good condition)- jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, "hoodies", coats, pullover shirts, sneakers. We also need new underwear and new socks. Other items needed- used backpacks (no cartoon characters) and blankets. Please, no dress clothes, button down shirts, shorts, or women's clothes. Please leave all clothing donations in the Social Concerns bins in the church vestibules. Thanks so much for helping us to help others in need!

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING- Do you have projects you are interested in and would like to run? Do you have any questions about what we currently do? Come to a meeting where we can share thoughts and plan for a great year! The meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25th, at 7:00 in the Father Dave Library. Please call or email Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net if you have any questions or concerns. Hope to see you there!

Free 6-Week Employment/ Networking Support Group at the RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development – Sept. 22, 29, Oct 6, 20, 27 and Nov. 3 from 6:30-8PM. To register or for more information contact Pat Sheridan, LCSW, 798-1103 psheridan@divinecompassion.org



Our 2014 Holy Name of Jesus Festival raised \$16,222.75 for our parish.
THANK YOU TO ALL !!!

What a whirlwind!! From start to finish you were all such incredible volunteers and because of your hard work our Festival was a great success. Thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy. We greatly appreciated your help at this year's Festival. We don't know how we would have done it without each and every one of you that volunteered your time. Fundraising events also offer such great opportunities to socialize and really get to know our fellow parishioners. We couldn't have done it without you! We were in total over 165 volunteers from start to finish!

Also thank you to all those that financially supported our Festival and of course thank you to all those who supported us in any way they could- praying for the good weather, etc. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Our Festival Raffles were awarded as
First prize \$1,000 Kathy Aiello
Second prize \$500 Rocco Buonoassisi
Third prize \$250 Deborah Ryan

Our Festival Sponsors were:

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We truly are in a Blessed Community, and with God's help we can continue to grow and accomplish so much more!

Thank You

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PRO LIFE UPDATE

Only three weeks remain until we KICK OFF our fifth consecutive White Plains 40 Days for Life Campaign. The rally will take place on Saturday, September 20, at 1:00pm in the parish hall at Mt. Carmel Church, 92 S. Lexington Avenue, White Plains. From September 24 through November 2, we will join volunteers all over the world for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. We will pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood Center at 175 Tarrytown Road in Greenburgh. Note that the vigil calendar is currently open for you to sign up at 40daysforlife.com/white-plains. Please contact Gerald with any questions at (914) 837-7008 / broger8@gmail.com Here's how you can sign up to take part in your local vigil. The first thing to do is go to the 40 Days for Life website at www.40daysforlife.com. Look for the big sign-up box. This puts you on the email list for all of the 40 Days for Life