

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. Philip T. Persico
Pastor

Rev. Nana Ampah
Weekend Associate

Rev. Frank Bassett
Parochial Vicar

Thomas Abbamont
Deacon

Mrs. Erin Sica
Choir Director

Mr. Frank Squillante
Organist

Mr. Brian Clifford
B.A.S.I.C.

Mrs. Suzanne Gerbosi
Children's Choir

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 and one another. 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 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00PM

Holy Days: Vigil: 5:00 P.M.
7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, and 6:30 PM.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday: 7:15 AM & 9:00 AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM
Morning Prayer: Daily - 8:30 AM
Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions every
Monday after each Mass.
Holy Hour /Adoration-2nd Monday of the Month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm or by appointment

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are held on the First and Third Sundays of every month at 1:30 pm To register for a Baptism please call the rectory at least two months in advance as Sundays fill up.

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.

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

MEETINGS:

Parish Council: 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM in the Father Dave Library.
Chairman: Brian Morrow 761-7294

Pancake Breakfast: 2nd Sunday of the month. In June, it will be the third Sunday of the month for Father's Day

Social Concerns: Maureen McLoughlin - 946-9334

Rosary Altar Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M in the Church. No meetings January & February.
Co-Presidents: Mary Coleman & Joelen Donohue- 422-0990

High School Youth Group:
6:00-8:00PM, 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

Sponsor Letters: Please know that if you are in need of a sponsor letter you must be a registered and a active parishioner for at least six months. An active parishioner is one who attends Mass regularly and receives the sacraments. The importance of this is that by being a sponsor you will be taking on active part in raising the child in the Catholic faith.

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WWW.HolyNameofJesus.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”

— *Matthew 1:23*

MASSSES for the WEEK

Saturday, December 17	
5:00pm	Dec'd Members of the Renna & Rigano Families (Mary Renna)
Sunday, December 18	
8:00am	For All The People
10:00am	Frank J. Oderifero (Mom & Dad)
12:00pm	The Donne Corradino Family (Daughter & Mother Ciotola)
Monday, December 19	
7:15am	Aldo Menichino (Ralph Conte & Sylvia Lynch)
9:00am	Edward MacDonald (Wife, Catherine)
Tuesday, December 20	
7:15am	Stephen Rose (Ed Burke)
9:00am	Roger Torpie (Bob Pruner)
Wednesday December 21	
7:15am	Michael & Carmela Greco (Daughter, Patricia)
9:00am	Michael Micek (Marian Massaro)
Thursday, December 22	
7:15am	Giovanni Carillo (Robert Cocciolone)
9:00am	JoAnn Santoro (The Mancuso Family)
Friday, December 23	
7:15am	Frank Mastro (The Cirio & Gallo Families)
9:00am	For the Family of Arlene & Joe Primerano (Family)
Saturday, December 24	
9:00am	Edward A. Tompkins (Wife, Jennie)
4:00pm	For All
7:30pm	The
10:30pm	People
Sunday, December 25	
8:00am	For All
10:00am	The
12:00pm	People



DIVINE MERCY CONTINUED:

What does Jesus want for Christmas? After all, it's *his* birthday. And he has told us what he wants. When Jesus appeared to St.

Faustina, to whom he entrusted his messages of Divine Mercy, he told her: “But child, you are not in your homeland: so fortify yourself by my grace and fight for My kingdom as a king’s child would, and remember that the days of your exile will pass quickly, and with them, the possibility of earning merit for heaven. I expect from you, My child, a great number of souls who will glorify My mercy for all eternity.” (Diary of St. Faustina 1489) Jesus told St. Faustina that he wants souls who will glorify his mercy for all eternity. He essentially told us this same thing in the Bible when he gave us the two great Commandments.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matt 22-36-39). Jesus wants us to love God and others. There is no greater love for both than to work for the salvation of souls to glorify God for all eternity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a “carol” anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. “Carol” comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren’t for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn’t make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn’t admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn’t make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol “Silent Night” comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church’s organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the “Silent Night Memorial Chapel” at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

GETTING EVEN—The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.—Anonymous

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN—It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. —Charles Dickens

NATURE RESTORED—Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.—St. Peter Chrysologus

LIGHT All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle. —Anonymous



PRAY FOR

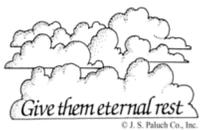
To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.....A time to be healed...

Please remember to pray for:

*Peter Barbieri
Ben Balldasamo
Gerry Blenkle, Sr.
Nick Cacciola
Jeff Caponera
Andrea Damato
Lou Dearstynne
Donald DeLandri
Matthew Phillips
Ed Delliveau
Linda Dempsey
Frankie Dezell
Edward DiCapril
Joseph DiCiccio
Alexandria Diemoz
Guido Doria
John Edwards
Walter Franzken
Jason Fiore
Sabrina Gerstle
The Family
Fred Gillu
Joan*

*Nick Klaus
Teresa Lingardo
Gavin Little
Holly Lynch
Flavia Mirasole
Francesco Mirasole
Jaspere Miranda
Alexa Nitting
Alex Pacor
Robert Pruner, Sr.
Ginger Ragusa
Frankie Ragusa
Madeline Ragusa
Frank Rotelline
Kathy Ryan
Irene Scazzero
Kathy Schilio
Richard Schilio
Daniel Schoen
Traci Sinapi
Special Intention
Steven Soderquist
Carol Tucciarone*

And for all those who have no one to pray for them....



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



Pray for Our Military

*Please pray for those who are serving our country in the military, especially,
Nicholas Capasso, U. S. Marine
Ensign Louis DePaolis, U.S. Coast Guard
Capt. Peter M Kavanagh 111, U.S. Army
1st Lt Kyle J. Kavanagh, U.S. Marine
Sgt. Kyle Ross Martin, U.S. Marine
Alyson Oderifero, US Air Force
Christopher T. Oderifero, Sr. Airman, Air Force
Lt. Daniel Spies, U.S. Army
Capt. Michael Tillson, U.S. Army*

May the Lord watch over and protect them!



Thank you support and generosity December 11th

Regular Collection:	\$ 9,148.50
Regular Collection 2015:	10,887.00
Immaculate Conceptions	1,626.00
Retired Religious	1,374.00
Parish pay	532.50



On behalf of myself, Fr. Frank, Fr. Nana and Deacon Tom, 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 vestibules. 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. Thank You

CHRISTMAS ANGELS – Christmas Gifts for Families- Thanks to all our parishioners who have so generously donated Christmas presents for local families in need. The packages were delivered to the recipients this past week. It will make it possible for thirty one families to have a more joyous Christmas. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!!

THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be served on Sunday, December 18th after the 8am and 10am Masses! Plan on joining the Bingo Boys!



ADVENT RECONCILIATION—Our Advent Reconciliation will be Monday, December 19th from 3-8pm at Holy Name, as well as other parishes in the NY Archdiocese. (Times may vary.) Come to know more fully Jesus' Divine Mercy in this beautiful Sacrament of love and forgiveness.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS-Are you a young adult looking for fellowship and faith formation? If so, please join the Credo young adult group based in Yorktown Heights. Credo is a group of Young Adults (18-35) whose mission is to lead young adults to the Faith for the renewal of the Church and the culture at large. Our activities include faith formation, retreats, adoration, social events, community service, and much more! Our monthly gatherings occur the 3rd Friday of every month at 7pm at St Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights, NY. Hope to see you there! www.facebook.com/groups/credofaith CredoYoungAdults@gmail.com

SOCIAL CONCERNS

THANKS FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS- Thank you to all Parishioners who have supported our many activities throughout the year. From volunteering at the Food Bank, donating Thanksgiving food baskets, making crafts for residents of nursing homes, donating clothing and toiletries, helping to make meals at the Ronald McDonald House, donating school supplies for families in the South Bronx, etc. etc.- we have such a generous parish!!! Thanks all for your support! Merry Christmas to you all, and hoping you have a happy and healthy 2017!

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? . Please call or email Christine at 761-7243, cstephens@pace.edu or Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net

**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

I would like to receive donation envelopes

I would like to receive the Catholic New York

I would not like to receive the Catholic New York



THREE TO GET MARRIED- you, your fiancé and God
As you plan your wedding, take a weekend for yourselves to plan your marriage. This day program satisfies the Pre-Cana requirements for the Archdiocese of New York. Offered by Legionaries of Christ Regnum Christi
NY Tri-State Jan 20-22, **2017** Resurrection Preschool, Rye, NY
Apr 28-30, Oct 13-15 **2017** St Patrick's Old Cathedral, Soho, NY

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

**61st ANNUAL MID-WINTER BALL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2017
WHITE PLAINS WOMEN'S 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 PAM MATOTT, Good Counsel Academy Principal

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:

The cocktail hour will have four selections of hot Italian Antipasto Station with a cheese and market vegetables tapas bar.

The dinner menu choices are: Prime Rib of Beef, French Breast of Chicken and Parsley Crusted Salmon

With any questions about reservations, please call Gail and Brian Morrow at 761-7294

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 Pam Matott." You can take this opportunity to write a note of thanks for her dedication and service to the Good Counsel Academy and our Parish. Please fill out the form below, and make sure to mark your envelope "Mid-Winter Ball."

This is Holy Name of Jesus' second largest fund raiser, the first being Last Man Standing. Fr Phil is able to use these profits for extraordinary expenses that occur during the year.

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