

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

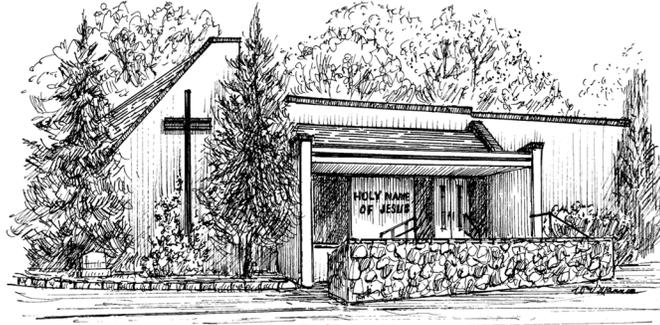
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Mrs. Suzanne Gerbosi
Children's Choir

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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**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.

— *Isaiah 35:10a*



O DIVINE MERCY! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy. I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor. Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

A SEASON OF HOPE— Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an 0 example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.
—St. Augustine

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE— Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.
—William Penn

Saturday, December 10	5:00pm	Dominick Massaro, Jr. (Daughter, Marian)
Sunday, December 11	8:00am	Dec'd Members of the Stanislaus Corera Family (Family)
	10:00am	Dec'd Members of the Capasso & Valentine Families (Barbara & Bob Valentine)
	12:00pm	Larry & Sally Notare (The Roche Family)
Monday, December 12	7:15am	For All The People
	9:00am	Joan Stone (Marge Murphy)
Tuesday, December 13	7:15am	Marjorie Shover (Barbara DiStasio)
	9:00am	Luciano J, Corsini, Sr. (Maureen McLoughlin)
Wednesday December 14	7:15am	Aria Rose Nelson (The Genovese Family)
	9:00am	Bernard Courtney (Catherine Courtney)
Thursday, December 15	7:15am	John Allen (John Dougherty)
	9:00am	Augusto & Teresa Zangrilli (Daughter-in-law, Carmela)
Friday, December 16	7:15am	Salvatore Conte (Mr. & Mrs. Mario Conte)
	9:00am	Thomas Farrell (Daughter, Laura)
Saturday, December 17	9:00am	Lawrence Sposato
	5:00pm	Dec'd Members of the Renna & Rigano Families
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)



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*

*Ed Kammer
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
Helen Severino
Traci Sinapi
Steven Soderquist*

Carol Tucciarone

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



Pray for all the souls of our faithfully 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 4th

Regular Collection:	\$ 9,758.50
Regular Collection 2015:	9,642.00
Catholic New York	111.00
Parish Maintenance	1,842.00
Parish pay	857.50



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



This weekend, December 10th and 11th, the Holy Name of Jesus 8th Grade Confirmation students will be in the Church vestibules to collect money to help those Clergy that visit men and women in prison to present them with

a Bible. Parish members can show their support for the prisoners by contributing to the cost of Bibles. For each \$5.00 that we collect we can purchase 1+ Bibles to help support the clergy in distributing Bibles to the prisoners. As you make your donation please know that if you wish you may also choose 1 of the 5 inscriptions available to be placed in the Bible that you donate towards.

Forms for the Bible Drive can be found in the Church Vestibules and donations can be made anytime between now and December 11th in the Rectory or the RE office or at all the Masses on the 10th and 11th. Checks can be made out to Holy Name of Jesus.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping others grow in Faith.

God Bless and any questions please contact the RE office at 914-949-1422 or HNJRE@aol.com.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS - Christmas Gifts for Families - Thanks to all our parishioners who have so generously offered to buy Christmas presents for local families in need. Please return all your wrapped gifts no later than **Monday, December**

12th. Drop the presents off at the Rectory during normal business hours. **QUESTIONS:** call or email Gail Morrow (761-7294; gtmorrow@att.net) to set up a time for an alternate pick up.

MUNCHKINS WITH SANTA-THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY sends a huge thank you to all the RE students who participated in last week's Munchkins with Santa. The bakers provided lots and lots of beautifully wrapped goodies, the elves were great and sharing the munchkins and juice and directing the children to Santa and the Children's Choir serenaded us with their angelic voices in Christmas Carols!! Thank you everyone! Have a blessed Christmas Season!

Thank You

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS THANKS- Thanks so much to all our parishioners and friends who helped to make Christmas crafts for residents of area nursing homes. About 45 volunteers made gingerbread houses, Christmas trees, cards... Great job! Thanks to Sister Gertrude for helping to deliver the crafts. Thanks to the Valhalla Methodist Church Nursery School for donating crafts made by the preschool students. Thanks also to students in the RE program who donated cards. All our efforts helped to make this a merrier Christmas for our friends and neighbors in nursing homes.

NEW YEARS 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, 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.



A WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTIONS -
Date: Saturday, Dec. 17th Time: 9:30am to 12:30 pm Where: St Patrick's Church 29 Cox Ave, Armonk, NY \$25 to register; coffee, tea, light breakfast- bring your favorite to share. Morning retreat will be directed by Fr Donal O'Keefe, LC and include a talk, meditation, Mass and Reconciliation.

ADVENT MEN'S EVENING RETREAT -Evening includes Mass, an Advent Reflection on "St Joseph, Advent Hero" given by Fr Steven Reilly, LC and the opportunity for Confession. A light dinner/snacks will be served. Date: Wed, Dec 14 with Fr Steven Reilly, LC and Fr Stephen Dyas, LC Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm Location: Church of St Vito 816 Underhill Ave, Mamaroneck, NY 10543 Cost \$25.00 per person .Questions? info@regnumchristinyctnj.org or call 914 2443685

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

**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