

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2 Broadway, Valhalla, New York 10595

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mrs. Fran Berger
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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.

Rectory

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

MASSSES for the WEEK

Saturday, December 13

5:00pm Dominick Massaro (29th Anniv.)
(Helen Massaro & Family)

Sunday, December 14

8:00am Bernard Courtney
(Wife, Catherine)
9:30am Jennie Salamon
(Karen Miceli)
11:00am Living & Deceased Members of
Rosary Altar Society
12:30pm The Piccoli Family

Monday, December 15

7:15am Lillian Viscomi
(Family)
9:00am For All The People

Tuesday, December 16

7:15am Enid & Lawrence Whartenby
(Lois & Larry Whartenby)
9:00am Michelangelo & Maria DiMaio
(Elvira Fantacone)

Wednesday, December 17

7:15am Lawrence Sposato
(Family)
9:00am Peter & Betty Weiden
(Glendon Family)

Thursday, December 18

7:15am Robert Famularo
(The Mammola Family)
9:00am Marie Behling
(Rosary Altar Society)

Friday, December 19

7:15am Filomena, Carmela & Pasquale
Palmieri
(Lois & Larry Whartenby)
9:00am Edward MacDonald
(Catherine MacDonald)

Saturday, December 20

9:00am Anthony Sicuranzo
(Wife, Marie)
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 & Judy Martin)
12:30pm John & Anna Culhane
(Joan Malara)



DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS (continued)

Jesus asked, that as often as we “hear the clock strike the third hour” that we deeply contemplate His Passion, “if only for a brief moment”. But after we observe the moment of the death of the Messiah at 3 O’Clock with this special prayer, we then have before us “the hour of great mercy for the whole world”. (Diary 1320) Jesus has let us know that in Heaven, the 3 O’Clock hour is a special holy hour, as He said, “it was the hour of grace for the whole world — mercy triumphed over justice...In this hour, you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking...In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion”. (Diary 1320, 1572) He asked St. Faustina, that if she had time she should make the Stations of the Cross during this special hour. He acknowledged that her duties might prevent her from being able to do this, but He asked that on these occasions, she step into a church and adore His Mercy, if only for a brief moment. He also said that if she did not have the opportunity to enter a church, she could pause, wherever she was, and “immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant”. (Diary 1572)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church’s life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

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MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can’t understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain



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:

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| Peter Barbieri | Gavin Little |
| John Bisaccia | Holly Lynch |
| Jeff Caponera | Jaspere Miranda |
| Laurie D'Amico | Bill Moran |
| Lou Dearstye | 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 | 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 .

ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS – The Christmas and New Year signup book is in the sacristy please signup when you are available. Also email Fr Frank at wrank2003@yahoo.com when you will NOT be available for January and February by December 15th.

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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY!

Join us in the cafeteria after Mass for a delicious Pancake Breakfast, cooked and served by the members of the Holy Name Society (the Bingo Boys).



ADVENT RECONCILIATION- Monday, December 15th, all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will be offering the opportunity to go to confession. **Reconciliation Monday** is a beautiful occasion to be forgiven, especially for someone who may have been away from the sacraments for a long time. Here at Holy Name, we will be hearing **confessions from 3pm to 8pm.**

MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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.

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES- Thanks to all our parishioners who have so generously offered to buy Christmas presents for families in need. It will make it possible for these families to have a wonderful Christmas. Please return all your wrapped gifts by Tuesday, Dec. 16. Call or email Maureen (946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net) to set up a time for pick up, or drop the presents off at the rectory during business hours



ADVENT GIVING TREE for the Mustard Seed Migrant Ministry. All unwrapped items must be brought in only the weekend of 12/13 and 12/14 to the Church foyers. No gifts will be received at the rectory during the week. Eighth grade students will be available to bring the gifts from the foyers to the RE. We will need drivers to bring the gifts to Goshen, NY after the 12:30 p.m. mass on 12/14/14. Cars will begin loading at 1:00 p.m. that day. Please call or e-mail Marian Nangle if you are interested in helping after masses or are able to drive to Goshen (914-393-5748 or marian.jtn@gmail.com) Thank you in advance for your generosity and caring! Gift items needed: Clothing for all ages, work gloves, tool boxes, perfume, after-shave, sheets and towels, blenders, toaster ovens. **PLEASE NO HATS, GLOVES, SWEATERS OR SWEAT SHIRTS!**

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 761-7643, 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 Dearsteyne 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.