



*HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
2 BROADWAY, VALHALLA, NY 10595*



Third Sunday of
Advent

December 16, 2018

**I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
Luke 3:16**

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MASSES

SATURDAY: 5:00pm

SUNDAY: 8:00am, 10:00am & Noon

HOLY DAYS: Vigil: 5:00pm

7:15 am, 9:00 am, and 6:30pm

WEEKDAY: Monday - Friday: 7:15am &
9am -Saturday: 9am

Morning Prayer: Daily - 8:30 am

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Devotions every Monday
after the 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4pm-4:45pm or
by appointment

HOLY HOUR ADORATION

3rd Monday of the Month
at 12 noon -3PM

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm
Except Holidays

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

Please call ahead at 914-949-1422
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PRAY FOR

*To everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose under heaven.*

Ben Balldasam
Judy Barbarite
Peter Barbieri
Gerry Blenkle, Sr.
Nick Cacciola
Michael Capasso
Jeff Caponera
Logan Caprari
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Edward Di Capril
Joseph DiCioccio
Rev. Ralph DiOrio
Alexandria Diemoz
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Walter Franzken
Jason Fiore
Emily Gerstle
Fred Gillu
Nick Klaus
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Teresa Lingardo
Gavin Little

Billy Loua
Holly Lynch
Frank Machera
Maria Magnotta
Joshua Jayden McGuinness
Flavia Mirasole
Francesco Mirasole
Jaspere Miranda
Frank Morganthaler
Alexa Nitting
Dennis Pierce
Ginger Ragusa
Frankie Ragusa
Madeline Ragusa
Frank Rotelline
Irene Schilio
Kathy Schilio
Richard Schilio
Daniel Schoen
Traci Sinapi
Steven Soderquist
Ann Spaziante
Sorcha Sproul
Carol Tucciarone
Meredith Grace Windisch
Adriana Xhudo
Vincent Zappi



Pray for all the souls of our faithfully departed
and all those that have no one to pray for them,
especially, Marianne Bulger and Theresa Friel,
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,

Stephanie Athanasatos, U.S.. Coast Guard
Jonathan Alicea, U.S. Air Force
Nicholas Capasso, U. S. Marine
Lieutenant Junior Grade Louis DePaolis, U.S. Coast Guard
Capt. Peter M Kavanagh III, U.S. Army
Capt. 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
Capt. Daniel Spies, U.S. Army
Capt. Michael Tillson, U.S. Army

*All our Armed Forces both home and abroad
May the Lord watch over and protect them!*

Saturday, December 15
 5:00pm Deceased Members of the
 Sacco & Pellegrino
 Families

Sunday, December 16
 8:00am Living Members of the
 Egiziaco Family
 10:00am Rosa Cantisani
 12:00pm Deceased Members of the
 Vinci Family

Monday, December 17
 7:15am Dominick Massaro, Jr.
 9:00am Lawrence Sposato

Tuesday, December 18
 7:15am For All The People
 9:00am Maria Pasqualone

Wednesday, December 19
 7:15am Patricia Lobo
 9:00am Lena Kocovic

Thursday, December 20
 7:15am Thomas Maher
 9:00am Matthew Spataro

Friday, December 21
 7:15am Pasquale Falco
 9:00am Jim Roche

Saturday, December 22
 9:00am Anthony Sciranzo
 5:00pm Deceased Members of the
 Renna & Rigano Families

Sunday, December 23
 8:00am Arlene & Joe Primerano
 10:00am Frank J. Oderifero
 12:00pm Deceased Members of the
 Sicuranzo Family

**Thank you for your support and gener-
 osity to
 Our Parish**

For December 9th
 Immaculate Conception \$2,373.00
 Regular Collections 10,433.00
 Retired Religious 1,916.00
 Parish Pay 537.00
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DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL (continued) As often as you hear the clock strike the third hour immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it, invoke it's omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners, for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice. (Diary 1572)

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

IMPRESSIONABLE- A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark. —Ancient Chinese proverb

WITNESSES-Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.
 —Anonymous

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 two months in advance.

RCIA: Catechumenate Program-Persons interested in becoming a Catholic or who have not received the sacraments of Communion or Confirmation Deacon Tom will be conducting an RCIA program here at Holy Name please call the rectory.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Maureen Mc Loughlin - 946-9334
Christine Stephens - 761-7243

High School Youth Group:

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



ADVENT RECONCILIATION—Our Advent Reconciliation will be Monday, December 17th 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

On Monday, December 24th there will be no 7:15am Mass however, there will be a 9am Mass
Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th
Masses will be at 4pm (Children's Choir), 7:30pm and 10:30pm .The Adult Choir will sing Carols at 10pm

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th
Masses will be at 8am, 10am and 12noon
New Years Eve, Monday, December 31st Mass will be at 5pm
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st Mass will be at 10am and 12pm



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.

FLOCKNOTES-We'd like to connect with you!

Through Flocknotes our Parish, Holy Name can communicate more effectively with you especially in an emergency as in the recent snowstorm when the church was closed. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from HNJ. Any questions call the rectory at 949-2323. our parish at: <https://new.flocknote.com/HNJvalhalla> or www.flocknote.com/HNJValhalla



PRAYER SHAWL REQUESTS- Do you know someone who is ill or bereaved, or is feeling the effects of aging and could use a shawl or lap blanket for comfort and warmth? We will be happy to donate one to them. Also members can always use yarn. 3 skeins of one color are needed for one prayer shawl. Please leave all donations in the Social Concerns bins in the church vestibules.

THE LADIES of THE ROSARY ALTAR

SOCIETY sincerely thank everyone who supported our Bake Sale, Christmas Sale, Basket Raffle and Munchkins with Santa last Sunday. **Also 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

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Father John Anthony and Parishioners Holy Name of Jesus Church

Through your generosity and contribution of food baskets, gift cards and monetary donations (which totaled approximately \$1,000), the Shepherd's Flock was able to provide complete Thanksgiving Dinners for over 100 families. Since our average family consists of five members that translates into your parish feeding 500 people on Thanksgiving Day.

Congratulations on an enormous accomplishment of reducing the pockets of poverty which exist throughout Westchester County. We realize this was a sacrifice on your part and want you to know how very grateful needy families are to be able to celebrate Thanksgiving in a dignified and family oriented way.

Thank you for making so many families happy this Thanksgiving. You are an incredible parish! God bless you for all you do and have done to ease the burden for working poor families.

Sincerely, Sr. Alice Conrad, RDC, Director

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

FORMED Not on FORMED yet? Go to seas.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. Study: Advent, session 3: *Watch and Pray*, watch: *Christmas in Rome*, or listen to: *A Journey Through Advent Year C*.

LAST MAN STANDING RAFFLE drawing will take place here at Holy Name of Jesus on May 11th at 6PM.

This is the last weekend that the Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will be selling tickets at Mass until late Spring. As always the tickets are available at the Rectory

HOW IT WORKS AND RULES –

The trick is to be the last man standing. A last man standing raffle is the opposite of a normal raffle in that it is the LAST number drawn wins the prize

RULES: – Tickets are \$100 each . There will only be 300 tickets sold. Winner NEED NOT be present to claim a prize. Monetary prizes are as follows:

1st drawn wins	\$300
25th drawn wins	\$200
50th drawn wins	\$250
75th drawn wins	\$200
100th drawn wins	\$250
125th drawn wins	\$200
150th drawn wins	\$250
175th drawn wins	\$200
200th drawn wins	\$300
225th drawn wins	\$200
250th drawn wins	\$300
275th drawn wins	\$300
296th drawn wins	\$500
297th drawn wins	\$500
298th drawn wins	\$500
299th drawn wins	\$500
300th drawn wins	\$10,000.

REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Yes, there is a Santa Claus. However, we know him more as St. Nicholas. Unfortunately, we have little historical evidence about this popular saint. Tradition holds that he was born in Patara in Lycia, a province in Asia Minor, in the mid-200s. He was born to a rather wealthy Christian family, and benefitted from a solid Christian upbringing. Some say that at age five he began to study the teachings of the Church. He practiced virtue and piety.

His parents died when he was young and left him with a substantial inheritance, which he used for many good works. One popular story tells of a widower who had three daughters. He was going to sell them into prostitution since he could not afford to provide the necessary dowries for their marriages. St. Nicholas heard of the plight of the daughters and decided to help. In the dark of the night, he went to their home and tossed a bag of gold through an open window of the man's house, thereby supplying the money for a proper dowry for the oldest daughter. The next two nights, he did the same. St. Nicholas' generosity spared the girls from a sad fate. St. Nicholas' reputation as a holy man spread. When the Bishop of Myra died, St. Nicholas was chosen to succeed him as Bishop. Several accounts agree that St. Nicholas suffered imprisonment and torture for the faith during the persecution waged by Emperor Diocletian about the year 300. Some sources attest that after the legalization of Christianity, he was present at the Council of Nicea (325) and joined in the condemnation of the heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. A later story tells of how St. Nicholas intervened to spare three innocent men sentenced to death by a corrupt governor named Eustathius, whom St. Nicholas confronted and moved to do penance. He died in the fourth century between the years 345 and 352 on December 6th, and was buried at his cathedral.

St. Nicholas has been continually venerated as a great saint. In the sixth century, Emperor Justinian I built a church in honor of St. Nicholas at Constantinople, and St. John Chrysostom included his name in the liturgy. In the tenth century, an anonymous Greek author wrote, "The West as well as the East acclaims and glorifies him. Wherever there are people, in the country and the town, in the villages, in isles, in the furthest parts of the earth, his name is revered and churches are built in his honor. All Christians, young and old, men and women, boys and girls, reverence the memory and call upon his protection."

The devotion to St. Nicholas was distorted by the Dutch Protestants, who wanted to erase his "Catholic trappings." For instance, *St. Nicholas* was rendered *Sint Klaes* and later *Santa Claus*. They also stripped him of his Bishop's regalia and made him a more nordic looking *Father Christmas* with a red suit.

Nevertheless, is there a Santa Claus? I remember reading once the response of the editor of *The New York Sun* in 1897 to an eight-year-old girl named Virginia who asked the same question. Part of the answer, which still applies, was this: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith.



RESIDENTS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (REC)

OBERRMARGAU, GERMANY - 2020

Every ten years the village of Oberammergau, Germany hosts their stirring rendition of the Passion Play. It seems like a far time off, but it really isn't. The tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity sell out quickly. Former pastor, Fr. Joseph Blenkle, has been invited to host a pilgrimage from August 4-13, 2020, to Oberammergau and some other beautiful sites in Germany and Austria. If you are interested, please contact Peter's Way Tours at 1-800-225-7662 or email peter@petersway.com. Enrollment deadline is December 31, 2018.

ARCHCARE (The Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York)- Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about: Housing for seniors and disabled persons, Access to healthcare, Health-related legal and financial issues, Dementia care, Transportation options, Caregiver support groups, Food and nutrition, Volunteer Opportunities.

Call ArchCare. We'll answer. ArchCare Navigation Center-call 855-951-CARE. Care Navigators are there to help you from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP-We are a Catholic Social Widows and Widowers Group. We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month, at Church of St Pius X, 91 Secor Rd, Scarsdale to honor our deceased spouses with a Mass at 7 PM in the small chapel off the main church, followed by a social meeting with refreshments. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants. We recently had lunch at Sergio's in Valhalla. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.. For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: cww10583@gmail.com

RDC CENTER FOR COUNSELING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT located at 52 North Broadway in White Plains offers a breadth of affordable counseling services in an inclusive spirit of compassion to individuals, couples and families of all ages in an atmosphere of welcome. They are open from 8am – 8pm Monday through Friday and see children and adults. Please visit their website at www.rdccenter.org or call (914) 949-0504

EWTN can be seen in our area on Cablevision – channel 135 (24/7), channel 69 (8pm to 11am); Comcast – channel 68; DISH Network 261;

REC is a Catholic evangelizing ministry of priests, deacons, professed religious and lay persons who enter prison to provide 3-day spiritual retreats and to share the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The REC teams from this area now cover ten N.Y. State correctional facilities within the Archdiocese of New York which are located in Dutchess, Westchester, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan Counties. The Catholic chaplains who recognize the positive impact of REC upon the prison population are asking us not only to sustain but also to increase the REC presence at their facilities. REC is faithful to church teachings and very well aligned with the “new evangelization” to which our recent Holy Fathers have been calling us. We need to increase the number of lay persons actively involved in REC – particularly in the MEN’s prisons. Please prayerfully consider helping in some way. For more information about REC and ways in which you may be able to help, please call Frank Fitzgerald at (845) 297-3335 or HNJ parishioner, Jim Collins who’s email is JMcollins2@gmail.com

CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND – every 2nd Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Scarsdale, NY beginning at 7pm for young adults and young at heart. Next Date – January 13th. Check out their Facebook for all events - <https://www.facebook.com/catholicundergroundcentral>

FOOD FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS- Our parishioner, Kathy Ferri, helps run the Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry located in White Plains. They could use donations for cats and dogs, wet or dry. For further information call Kathy at 914-473-9551.

Having a party? The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** St. Dominic Council #4399 Thornwood has a beautiful newly renovated room available for rent. We offer reasonable rates for all occasions. For further information please contact one of our members. John 769-4807 or Ralph 400-4101.

Thank You

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