

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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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HNJValhallaNY@gmail.com

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WWW.HolyNameofJesus.org

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— *John 1:5*

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday, December 24	
4:00pm	For All
7:30pm	The
10:30pm	People
Sunday, December 25	
8:00am	For All
10:00am	The
12:00pm	People
Monday, December 26	
7:15am	No Mass
9:00am	Anna, Charles & Joseph Arbore (Arbore Family)
Tuesday, December 27	
7:15am	Robert Derr (Fran & Jim Berger)
9:00am	Marie Cooney (Janan Lane, Cheryl Mahan, Anita Ghilardi and Fran Berger)
Wednesday December 28	
7:15am	Kevin Molloy (Mom & Dad)
9:00am	Agnes Rotundo (The Taranto Family)
Thursday, December 29	
7:15am	Stephen Rose (The Fusaro Family)
9:00am	James Casolaro (Brian & Gail Morrow)
Friday, December 30	
7:15am	Charles Clayton (Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lynch)
9:00am	Rev. Sabbas Kilian (Deacon Tom & Fran)
Saturday, December 31	
9:00am	Rose Liuzzi (The Totillo Family)
5:00pm	Dec'd Members of the Sacco & Mercadante Family (Marie & Lou Mercadante)
Sunday, January 1	
8:00am	For All The People
10:00am	Joan Flanigen Drexelius (Sr. Gertrude)
12:00pm	Giovanni Tassone (Birthday) (Children)



DIVINE MERCY continued:

Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears."

"There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."

—John Paul II speaking on his Pontificate of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland on June 7, 1997

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness.

Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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LOVE-Let those who never loved before, love now:

Let those who always loved,
love the more. —Anonymous

LEARNED AT HOME-The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home. —Henry Drummond

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART -Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart. —Washington Irving

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS- A good conscience is a continual Christmas.—Benjamin Franklin



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
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 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 18th

Regular Collection: \$ 9,138.00
Regular Collection 2015: 9,887.00
Snow Removal 1,869.00
Parish pay 1,472.00

We take this time 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!!!



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.

The Gym floor will be redone beginning on December 26th through January 5th. There will be no access to the bathroom.....Thank you for your consideration!

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

ITEMS NEEDED YEAR ROUND- We are collecting the following items year round-Travel Sized Toiletries- i.e.- soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, Men's sneakers and backpacks. The items may be dropped off in the Social Concerns

**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



THE COLUMBIETTES OPEN HOUSE! The St Dominic Knights of Columbus is having an Open House Any woman interested in being a part of the Columbiette Auxiliary is welcome. Open House will be at St. Dominic Council at 874 Franklin Avenue, Thornwood on Monday, January 9th at 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a friend or two. The Columbiettes are a united international charitable organization of Catholic women dedicate to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St Theresa of the Little Flower and St Joan of Arc. We are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries with close relations to the St Dominic's council. If you have any questions feel free to call Fran Berger, a Columbiette at the rectory-949-2323

Calling All Catholic Teachers in Public Schools-Fellowship, Inspirations & Lunch with Rev. Brian McWeeney on Saturday, January 28th from 9am to 1:30pm at the Maryknoll Society Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, The cost is \$25 per person and mail your check to 56 Dunston Avenue, Yonkers by January 10th. Your prompt response is most appreciated. With any questions call St. Zelide at 965-0490 or email Christina Barretta at artisanmusician80@msn.com

Thank You

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**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 a 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