



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



First Sunday of
Advent

December 2, 2018

**Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.**

Luke 21:36

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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

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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
Andrea Damato
Lou Dearstyne
Donald DeLandri
Matthew Phillips
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Rev. Ralph DiOrio
Alexandria Diemoz
John Edwards
Walter Franzken
Jason Fiore
Emily Gerstle
Fred Gillu
Joan
Nick Klaus
P.A.L.
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,
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!*

MASSSES for the WEEK

Saturday, December 1
5:00pm Lawrence Sposato

Sunday, December 2
8:00am John Cvelic
10:00am For All The People
12:00pm Vilmo Fonte

Monday, December 3
7:15am Alice Fitzgerald
9:00am Matthew Spataro

Tuesday, December 4
7:15am Edward E. Woekel Sr.
9:00am Marge Pruner

Wednesday, December 5
7:15am Agapit & Catherine
Miranda
9:00am Martin Curanaj

Thursday, December 6
7:15am Family Members of
Stanislaus Corera
9:00am Helene Ventruo

Friday, December 7
7:15am Thomas Maher
9:00am The DeMarie Family
5:00pm Paul Frey

Saturday, December 8
9:00am Theresa & August
Zangrilli and Antoinette
Zangrilli
5:00pm Rosemary & Bob
DeLuccia

Sunday, December 9
8:00am Kathleen O'Neill
10:00am Maria Pasqualone
12:00pm James Jensen
deSouza-Ferreira

*Thank you for your
continued
support and
generosity to Our Parish*

For November 25th	
Regular Collections	7,898.00
Catholic Education	1,421.00
Catholic New York	165.00
Parish Pay	537.00



DIVINE MERCY cont. "...In the old covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to my people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind but I desire to heal it pressing it to My merciful heart..." (Diary 1588) "...I demand that you devote all your free moments to writing about My goodness and mercy. It is your office and your assignment throughout your life to continue to make known to souls the great mercy I have for them and to exhort them to trust in My bottomless mercy" (Diary 1567) "My daughter; tell souls that I am giving them My mercy as a defense. I, Myself, am fighting for them and am bearing the just anger of My Father." (Diary 1516)

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

First Sunday of Advent -Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come. — Mark 13:33

God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others. —St Peter Julian Eymard

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.



SATURDAY, December 8th is the Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION and a Holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th at 5pm and on Saturday, December 8th at 9am

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

The **HNJ YOUTH GROUP** would like to say "THANK YOU!" to all who donated blood this past weekend. Once again our blood drive was a success. Although our collection time was a little bit shorter this year, we did collect 47 pints of blood which is AWESOME! 47 donations equates to 141 lives that can be saved — we cannot thank you enough. There will be a **Youth Group meeting** this Sunday evening, December 2nd at 6-8pm

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



ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE- After all the Masses the weekend, Saturday, December 8th and 9th, the Rosary Altar Society will have their Bake sale, Basket Raffle and Christmas items for sale. Come to the gym and buy some of the delicious goodies baked by the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society

MUNCHKINS WITH SANTA —**On Sunday,** December 9th after the 10am Mass Santa will be here to meet the Children of HNJ. All are invited! Parents bring your camera and snap a picture!

THANKSGIVING THANKS— Fr. Nana thanks each and everyone that participated in the Thanksgiving Food Collection. The families that received the baskets were so appreciative. Also, thanks to Anthony Amiano who coordinated the weekend collection of the food baskets, Terry Rafferty, the Boy Scouts and of course Maureen who made sure all baskets were delivered

CHRISTMAS ANGELS—All gifts are due no later than **Monday, December 10th.** Bring the gifts to the Rectory during regular business hours or call/email Gail Morrow (761-7294, gtmorrow@att.net) to arrange a time to meet. Thank you so much for helping others in need this Christmas.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSINGS We hope all parishioners were able to see the beautiful handmade Prayer Shawls and blankets that were displayed all around the altar two weeks ago. They were knitted and crocheted with thoughts and prayers for the people who will receive them. Thank you to Father Jim Sheehan who blessed them all. Thanks so much to all the ladies of prayer shawl who donate their time and talents to comfort those in need. You do a wonderful job!

Do you know someone who is ill or bereaved, or is feeling the effects of aging and could use one of these shawls 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, crosestephens@optimum.net or Maureen at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net to request a shawl. They will be happy to arrange a time to give you one.

HALLOWEEN CANDY — Thanks so much to all who donated your unused Halloween candy . It was taken to the Midnight Run (MR) office where the candy will be handed out to homeless men and women the MR groups meet on the street. Thanks so much for sharing and thinking of others!

FREE FORMED SUBSCRIPTION-We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **TWY2GF** and enjoy. Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Study: Advent, Session 1: *Prepare the Way* or listen to: *Prepare the Way of the King*. On Saturday, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, study: *Footprints of God, Mary: The Mother of God* or watch: Ready Reasons: *Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary? or Is there Biblical Proof of the Immaculate Conception?*

LAST MAN STANDING RAFFLE

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

The Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will be selling tickets on December 2nd, 9th and 16th for those who would like to purchase one as a Christmas Gift

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!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT developed in the Church over time. Here are 10 facts that you may not know about the roots and meanings of Advent:

1. Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the birth of the Lord. The word “Advent” derives from the Latin word “adventus,” which means “coming,” and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.
2. Advent has a changing start date, but it always contains four Sundays. It starts on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It can begin as early as Nov. 27th or as late as Dec. 3.
3. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Advent was chosen to begin the year as representative of the time in history that Christ was not known to us. With His birth the beginning of our faith was founded. The liturgical year ends with the feast of Christ the King, His reign over the universe.
4. The Advent season has two meanings. It emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and also the second coming when the Lord will return again. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet, which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes.
5. Hope is a predominant theme of Advent. The Israelites hoped for a Messiah to come, and Christ entered the world. We are hopeful for the arrival of Christ again into the world.
6. Advent is a reminder of the Old Testament promises of the coming of the Messiah. The Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree consists of symbols of the Messiah coming from the line of Jesse (Lk 3: 23-38). Isaiah is often read during this season to remember that we are waiting for the day when the Messiah will come again.
7. Advent focuses on light as opposed to darkness. Christ enters our dark world and casts away the darkness of sin to redeem us. He will come again as the light of the world.
8. Advent has two parts. The first portion the First Sunday of Advent until Dec. 16 is preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second portion from Dec. 17 to 24 directly prepares us for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ, Christmas.
9. The origins of Advent can be traced back to the Church in France. In the 4th Century, the Church in France used the period before Epiphany as a time of preparation for baptism. It was called “St. Martin’s Lent” for the 40 days that started on Nov. 11, the feast of St. Martin of Tours.
10. Advent as we know today was developed in Rome. Pope Gregory I in the late 6th or early 7th Century composed many of the prayers, antiphons and psalm responses. Many themes and ideas we now know can be traced to the Roman Advent season



Please join the Knights of Columbus St. Dominic Council for a Family Christmas Pasta Night and 300 Club Raffle drawing on December 14th, 2018 at 7 PM at our Council building, 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood. Menu Provided by Casa Rina will include Chicken Sorrentino, Calamari Bianco, Veal Francese, Penne ala Vodka, Sautéed Broccoli with oil and garlic, Rice Pilaf, Coffee and Desert, Plus Beer, wine and Soda. All for \$20.00 person!! Please RSVP by December 7th 2018 to Grand Knight Tom Briggs at thomas.briggs913@gmail.com or call 914-447-0255.

OBERMMERGAU, 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



VALHALLA GAZEBO– Sunday, December 2nd at 6pm at the Valhalla Greens

NORTH WHITE PLAINS - Sunday, December 2nd from 3pm to 5 pm at the North Castle Community Center with singing, refreshments and an appearance by Santa Claus

RESIDENTS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (REC)

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

On Sunday December 10th at 7:30pm.**HOLY INNOCENTS**, Pleasantville will be having an **Evening of Advent Music** and Scripture Readings featuring the Holy Innocents Adult, Teen and Junior Choirs accompanied by parish musicians. Reception to follow in the Social Hall

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>

Thank You

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