

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2 Broadway, Valhalla, New York 10595

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Rev. Philip T. Persico**  
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**Rev. Frank Bassett**  
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**Rev. Nana Ampah**  
Weekend Associate

**Mr. Daniel Gray**  
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**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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## Masses for the Week

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| <b>Saturday, December 6</b>   |  |
| 5:00pm                        | John Ragusa<br>(Wife, Josephine)   |
| <b>Sunday, December 7</b>     |  |
| 8:00am                        | For All The People   |
| 9:30am                        | Michael Spaziante, Jr.<br>(Birthday)<br>(Mom, Dad & Family)                          |
| 11:00am                       | Barney Sheehan<br>(12th Anniversary)<br>(Wife, Marion)                               |
| 12:30pm                       | Angela Maria LeDonne<br>(Birthday)<br>(Daughter, Elizabeth Ciotola)                  |
| <b>Monday, December 8</b>     |  |
| 7:15am                        | Angelino Diano<br>(Family)   |
| 9:00am                        | Gaetano Guzzo-Crocamo<br>(First Anniversary)<br>(Vincent, Jennifer & Leo DiNota)     |
| 12:00pm                       | Lena Kocovic<br>(The Tillson Family)   |
| 6:30pm                        | Marie Behling<br>(The Goebelbecker Family)   |
| <b>Tuesday, December 9</b>    |  |
| 7:15am                        | Jack & Margot McGuinn<br>(William McGuinn)   |
| 9:00am                        | Kathleen O'Neill<br>(Family)   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 10</b> |  |
| 7:15am                        | Enid & Lawrence Whartenby<br>(Lois & Larry Whartenby)                                |
| 9:00am                        | Christina Garzia<br>(24th Anniversary)<br>(Daughter & Family)                        |
| <b>Thursday, December 11</b>  |  |
| 7:15am                        | The Ciaffa, Franchi, & Stephens<br>Families<br>(Bob, Christine & Leia Stephens)      |
| 9:00am                        | Joan Stone (Birthday)<br>(Marge Murphy)  |
| <b>Friday, December 12</b>    |  |
| 7:15am                        | For All The People   |
| 9:00am                        | Sally & Larry Notare<br>(The Roche Family)   |
| <b>Saturday, December 13</b>  |  |
| 9:00am                        | Deceased Members of the<br>Capasso & Valentine Families<br>(Bob & Barbara Valentine) |
| 5:00pm                        | Dominick Massaro (29th Anniv.)<br>(Helen Massaro & Family)                           |
| <b>Sunday, December 14</b>    |  |
| 8:00am                        | Bernard Courtney<br>(Wife, Catherine)  |
| 9:30am                        | Jennie Salamon<br>(Karen Miceli)   |
| 11:00am                       | Living & Deceased Members of<br>Rosary Altar Society                                 |
| 12:30pm                       | The Piccoli Family   |



### DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS (continued)

from the diary of Saint Maria Faustina:

O Holy Trinity, One and Indivisible God, may You be blessed by all people for this great gift of mercy. In order to atone to You for all those who blaspheme Your Holy Name, I will keep

silent when someone speaks ill of me for no good reason. In this way, I hope to make amends to You in some small way. The song of my soul is known to You alone, my Creator and my God.

I would like to try not to be so absorbed in my work so that I forget about You, my Holy God. I will try to spend my free moments at the feet of You, my Master, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus said to Faustina: Write this: Before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be a sign to all the people in the heavens. There will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Have you seen *Antiques Roadshow* on television? People bring attic treasures to experts for appraisal and possible cash. Catholic attics, or maybe Grandma's wall, often hold a "sick call crucifix." It is a curiously bulky crucifix hiding a sliding panel and a secret compartment. Two tiny candles, a squeeze bottle of holy water, a stringy purple mini-stole, a tube of prayers, and some cotton balls are all hidden inside. The cross folds up to form a mini altar that can be propped up by a sick person's bed. All that is needed is a priest with the oil of the sick and Holy Communion. Forty years ago, when these crosses enjoyed great popularity, the sacrament of the sick was often an encounter between priest and sick person alone, and often only in a last crisis of illness.

Gradually, we are reclaiming the sacrament of anointing from this minimal, hidden expression. It is celebrated more richly and more often, even in the Sunday assembly, at every stage of illness and across a wide range of human suffering. The "sick call crucifix" is not a tradition, it is a curiosity from another time, but it reminds us of true tradition: we are a people who care for our sick, who accompany them in faith, and who sustain them with an experience of Christ's presence.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

### HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

### MORE

Care more than others think necessary.

Trust more than others think wise.

Serve more than others think practical.

—Anonymous

### NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.—St. Francis de Sales



## PRAY FOR

*To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.....A time to be healed...*

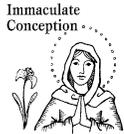
**Please remember to pray for:**

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| Peter Barbieri   | Gavin Little      |
| John Bisaccia    | Holly Lynch       |
| Jeff Caponera    | Jaspere Miranda   |
| Laurie D'Amico   | Bill Moran        |
| Lou Dearstyne    | 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, especially Antoinette Licursi. May eternal rest grant unto them, O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



**Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is a Holyday of obligation.** Because the Feast falls on a Monday this year, there is no evening mass on the 7th. Mass will be celebrated at 7:15am, 9am, 12noon and 6:30pm

**MUNCHKINS WITH SANTA** will be this Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30am Mass. All Children are invited! Parents bring your camera and snap a picture! Munchkins, apple juice, water, coffee and tea will be served!



### ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE & BASKET RAFFLE

On December 6th and 7th come to the gym and buy some of the delicious goodies baked by the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society. You can also purchase tickets to win one of the beautiful filled Baskets!



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our Advent Reconciliation Monday will be December 15th 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



**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.

**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](mailto:wrank2003@yahoo.com) when you will NOT be available for January and February



Join the Valhalla Girl Scouts for their **ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING** on Sunday, December 7th from 6-8pm at the Valhalla Gazebo with a DJ, Christmas caroling and refreshments. The Girl Scouts made all the ornaments that will decorate the tree and are collecting all new toys to be donated to Blythedale Children's Hospital. There will be a visit from Santa Claus and Holiday Items for sale. All are welcome! For info contact Caroline Baviello at 760-4095.



**TREE LIGHTING IN NORTH WHITE PLAINS** -There will be a Tree Lighting Party on Sunday, **December 7th** from 4 to 6pm at the North Castle Community Center, 10 Clove Rd, North White Plains. We will have Christmas Caroling, Music and Refreshments. There will also be a visit from **SANTA CLAUS**, with free pictures taken! All are welcome– bring the family!!



The new **ADVENT WREATH** was purchased in memory of the deceased members of the Frey Family. The advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition and the circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God and the everlasting life found in Christ .

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** Please fill out the form below to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the Parish Council. Nominees must be registered Parishioners. Please return by Friday, December 5th. The parish council will not meet in the month of December.

### PARISH COUNCIL Members-At-Large

If nominating someone else, please speak to them first. (return form to the Rectory by Friday, December 5th)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**THANKSGIVING THANKS-** What an amazing, generous parish we have! Our parishioners donated approx. 125 baskets of food to families in need this Thanksgiving! The families who received the baskets were so appreciative and grateful for your generosity. You made it possible for these families to have a very Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks so much to all who donated! We are blessed to have such wonderful parishioners at Holy Name.

Our collection would not have been possible without the hard work of many people. Special thanks to Anthony Amiano who helped to coordinate the collection. Thanks to the Boy Scouts of Valhalla Troop 1 for all their help collecting, carrying, and moving the turkeys and baskets. They did a wonderful job! Thanks also to all the Scout parents, under the coordination of Susan Rossi, for helping out in so many ways. Our collection would not be possible without the hard work of the Scouts and their families! Thanks to all the Holy Name RE classes, under the direction of Janan Lane, who donated approx 21 baskets of food- outstanding! Thanks to Anita Ghilardi for helping to organize it all. Thanks also to the numerous CYO teams who donated a basket- they were much needed and appreciated. The Youth Group also contributed several baskets. Thanks so much. Thanks to Diane and Patsy Fucale who helped to sort and label the baskets. Thanks also to Terry Rafferty for helping to distribute the baskets.

Because of the generosity and hard work of many, this was a wonderful Thanksgiving for many families in need. Thanks so much to all! Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."



**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](mailto: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!**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR NURSING HOMES-** We will be making Christmas crafts for residents of nursing homes on Wednesday, Dec 10, from 3:30-5:30 in the school cafeteria. Come join us! No special skills are needed. This is a great activity for individuals as well as families. The crafts we make will be distributed to residents of 5 nursing homes. Please call or email Maureen if interested- 946-9334, [MMCL16@optonline.net](mailto:MMCL16@optonline.net).



**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](mailto:MMCL16@optonline.net)) to set up a time for pickup, or drop the presents off at the rectory during business hours

**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](mailto:cstephens@pace.edu) or Maureen at 946-9334, [MMCL16@optonline.net](mailto:MMCL16@optonline.net) to request a shawl. They will be happy to arrange a time to give you one. "Just a simple Prayer Shawl Made with prayers for you. To cover you with blessings, For times you're going through".

**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. Our next meeting will be Saturday, December 13, at 11:30 in the Father Dave library. 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!**

### 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 Dearstyne at 769-5938, or Bridget Flood at 946-4182