

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2 Broadway, Valhalla, New York 10595

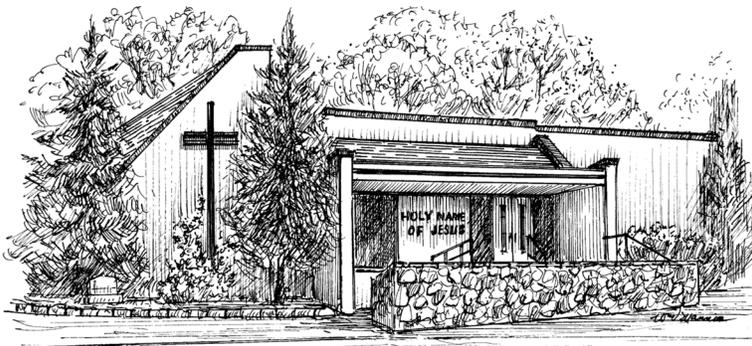
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Mr. Brian Clifford
B.A.S.I.C. 9:30 AM
769-4872

Mrs. Suzanne Gerbosi
Children's Choir
946-2221
Sessions from
September through 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
From 12pm to 3pm

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. Phil Persico 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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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017**

Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.
— *Isaiah 49:15*

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday, February 25	
5:00pm	Jean & Joseph Viola, Sr. (Daughter, Margaret Zuzulo)
Sunday, February 26	
8:00am	For All The People
10:00am	Frank J. Oderifero (Mom & Dad)
12:00pm	Theodore Mancini (JoAnn Bateman)
Monday, February 27	
7:15am	Alessandra P. DiFeo (Sal DiVitto & Family)
9:00am	Elizabeth Doyle (Daughter, Irene)
Tuesday, February 28	
7:15am	Teresa Matteli (Family)
9:00am	Rose Oderifero (Family)
Wednesday, March 1	
7:15am	Maureen McGrath (The McGrath Family)
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Mazzella Family (Family)
Thursday, March 2	
7:15am	Anna Ciotola (Mother, Elizabeth)
9:00am	Joan Malandro (The Scazafave Family)
Friday, March 3	
7:15am	Dolores Acquaviva (The Vetere Family)
9:00am	Kenneth R. Dash, Sr. (Julie & Warren Werkheiser)
Saturday, March 4	
9:00am	Lena Kocovic (Lash & Family)
5:00pm	Stephen Rose (Louise Raso)
Sunday, March 5	
8:00am	Frank Gotti (The Recuppio Family)
10:00am	Norma Buonassisi (Jean & Bill Goebelbecker)
12:00pm	For All The People



DIVINE MERCY CONTINUED

from the diary of Saint Maria Faustina:

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in

My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give that person the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You."

Jesus also said: "With souls that have recourse to My mercy

and with those that glorify and proclaim My great mercy to others, I will deal according to My infinite mercy at the hour of their death."

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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

DON QUIXOTE—The Don Quixote of one generation may live to hear himself called the savior of society by the next.

—James Russell Lowell

GOOD TIMING—The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.—Anonymous



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:

<i>Tommy Adimari</i>	<i>Fred Gillu</i>
<i>Edward Altro</i>	<i>Joan</i>
<i>Ben Balldasamo</i>	<i>Nick Klaus</i>
<i>Peter Barbieri</i>	<i>Teresa Lingardo</i>
<i>Inari Barnes</i>	<i>Gavin Little</i>
<i>Gerry Blenkle, Sr.</i>	<i>Holly Lynch</i>
<i>Mary Bonomo</i>	<i>Cynthia Miele</i>
<i>Nick Cacciola</i>	<i>Flavia Mirasole</i>
<i>Jeff Caponera</i>	<i>Francesco Mirasole</i>
<i>Rocco Damiano</i>	<i>Jaspere Miranda</i>
<i>Andrea Damato</i>	<i>Alexa Nitting</i>
<i>Lou Dearstyne</i>	<i>Matthew Philipps</i>
<i>Donald DeLandri</i>	<i>Ginger Ragusa</i>
<i>Ed Delliveau</i>	<i>Frankie Ragusa</i>
<i>Linda Dempsey</i>	<i>Madeline Ragusa</i>
<i>Frankie Dezell</i>	<i>Frank Rotelline</i>
<i>Edward DiCapril</i>	<i>Felicia Rosellio</i>
<i>Joseph DiCioccio</i>	<i>Kathy Ryan</i>
<i>Alexandra Diemoz</i>	<i>Kathy Schilio</i>
<i>Guido Doria</i>	<i>Richard Schilio</i>
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Daniel Schoen</i>
<i>John Edwards</i>	<i>Traci Sinapi</i>
<i>Family</i>	<i>Joseph Sinopoli</i>
<i>Jason Fiore</i>	<i>Steve Soderquist</i>
<i>Sabrina Gerstle</i>	<i>Carol Tucciarone</i>

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. Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.



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 III, 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 for your continued support and generosity to Our Parish:

Sunday February 19th:

Regular Collections:	\$ 9,182.00
Maintenance & Repair	2,227.00
Catholic New York	351.00
Parishpay	642.00



On Wednesday, March 1st, ashes will be distributed at the 7:15am and 9am Mass and there will be Liturgical Service at the 12 noon and 6:30pm



DURING LENT... we will have beautiful opportunities to grow ever more deeply in our relationship with God....All are welcome to the following services and activities.

All during Lent Morning Prayer will be combined with 9am masses Monday through Friday
On Fridays, beginning on March 10th Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30pm

Beginning On Monday, March 6th we will be having a Parish Mission with Msgr. Joe Martin, Pastor Emeritus of St. Mary's Church, Fishkill NY
Msgr. Martin will be our mission Leader for these days.
Saturday & Sunday March 4th & 5th
Introduction and Invitation at all masses
Monday, March 6th at 7:00 PM
God's Love – How to Experience it
Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00PM
God's Love – What prevents me from experiencing it
Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00PM
God's Love – Pass it on - Closing Mass & Final Teaching On Monday, March 6th through March 8th we will have Msgr. Joseph A. Martin conduct a Mission beginning at 7pm. See our Website for a biography on Msgr. Martin.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE – During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through the age of 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of Fast and Abstinence as well as every Friday during Lent



HOLY NAME OF JESUS ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY is offering a \$500 scholarship to any High School Senior who is a member in good standing at HNJ Church and has provided service to the Holy Name of Jesus community. The application and requirements are available in the rectory during normal business hours.

LAST MAN STANDING RAFFLE drawing will take place here at Holy Name of Jesus on May 13th at 6PM and the tickets are on sale at the rectory during normal business hours.

LAST MAN STANDING RAFFLE / REVERSE DRAW 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 and may be purchased at the rectory. Please see the website for further information.

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION Thank you
Dear Father Persico, Mrs. Lane, 8th Grade Religious Education
Students, and Parishioners:

All of you should receive an award for being outstandingly generous to the poor and the hungry. Your most recent food drive, organized by the 8th Grade Religious Education Class, was a huge success. Many families will be the beneficiaries of your staple food donations, as well as, the monetary donations of five hundred, fifty-eight dollars (\$558). Be assured that 100 % goes directly to the working poor.

Next week, most schools are closed for President's Week. For many working poor parents, this is a nightmare because they depend on the school providing breakfast and lunch for their children. Imagine their relief when we gift them with your very generous donations! From the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of all the people we serve, we thank you for your love and concern for the poor. God bless you for all the good you do for others.

Thank you.....Sr Alice Conrad RDC, the Director of Shepherd's Flock

SOCIAL CONCERNS

MEN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION- During the month of February we will be collecting Men's Clothing to be donated to those living in shelters and those being released from jail. Clothes should be in good condition- clean, no rips or stains. Needed- jeans, chinos, sweaters, long sleeved shirts, coats.... No dress clothes. No summer clothes. We are also collecting men's NEW underwear and socks. Please leave all donations in the Social Concerns bins in the church vestibules during the month of February. Thanks so much for your support

CLOTHING/TOILETRY SORT- Volunteers are needed to help with a men's clothing/toiletry sort on Saturday, March 11. We will be working in the school cafeteria from 12:00-2:00. Please call or email Maureen if you can help- 914-946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net

PRAYER SHAWL REQUESTS- Do you know someone who is bereaved, ill, or 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, 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. 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. Thanks so much for your generosity!

PRAYER SHAWL CROCHET LESSONS- Many people have mentioned they would love to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry, but they don't know how to crochet. Here's your chance to learn- We have a member who would be happy to teach you!! Most people can pick up the skills needed in just a few sessions. Please call or email Christine Stephens at 761-7243, crosestephens@optimum.net if interested.



LENTEN MEN'S EVENING RETREAT- Evening includes Mass, a Lenten Reflection given by Fr Steven Reilly, LC and Fr Stephen Dyas, LC and the opportunity for Confession. Light dinner/snacks will be served. Date: Wed. Mar 8 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Church of St Vito 816 Underhill Ave. Mamaroneck, NY 10543 Cost \$25.00 per person - Registration Required www.regnumchristinyctnj.org

Please Join St. Dominic Council for a **ST PATRICK'S DAY FEAST** on March 11th at 7pm featuring homemade Corned Beef and Cabbage, Roasted Chicken and Oven Poached Salmon, Salad and of course Irish Soda Bread, Beer Wine and Soda all for Only \$20.00 Per person. Come out a bit early for the best St. Patrick's deal in town. Reserve early, this is one of our best events. Please RSVP by March 8th, 2017 to Grand Knight Mike DeFlorio at mickd004@verizon.net or 914-490-6700.

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 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

The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development will hold its annual fundraiser, **THE FRIENDLY GATHERING**, on **SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH**, at 5PM at Congregation Kol Ami, 252 Soundview Ave. WP. The RDC Center celebrates 25 years of providing affordable counseling in an atmosphere of welcome to the residents of Westchester County. At this Friendly Gathering **The Food Bank for Westchester and The Furniture Sharehouse and founder, Kate Bialo will be honored.** The Friendly Gathering is an evening of Irish food, music, dance, prizes and comradery. Tickets: Adults: \$50(advance, \$55 at door; Seniors: \$45(advance, \$50 at door); Children under 12: \$15; Table for 10 \$450. Call 798-1103 or psherdan@divinecompassion.org. Come and join us!

2017 ITALIAN AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. High school students of Italian heritage who are graduating in June are invited to apply for the three annual \$1000 Scholarship Awards given by the Mt. Pleasant Italian American Association, Thornwood, NY. Students must reside in the Town of Mt. Pleasant. These awards are also extended to students attending private and parochial schools. Application deadline is March 20th, 2017. Applications are available at local high school guidance offices. For further information call Frank Zappa at 914-769-5699 or email frankponfar@aol.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP at ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH Will meet every until March 20th 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Rectory, St. Augustine Church 18 Cherry Avenue, Larchmont, NY The sessions will be facilitated by Sister Muriel Cooney, O.P. and Chaplain Rosemary Parandelis (Evening sessions can also be made available, please Contact Sister Muriel for details)

VALHALLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL- Registration has started for next year's program September 2017-2018. If you know anyone who is interested, please refer them to Lois Whartenby, Director, of the Valhalla United Methodist Nursery School. You can reach her at (914) 289-0489.

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. Our next meeting date is Monday, February 27rd. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.. For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: cww10583@gmail.com.