

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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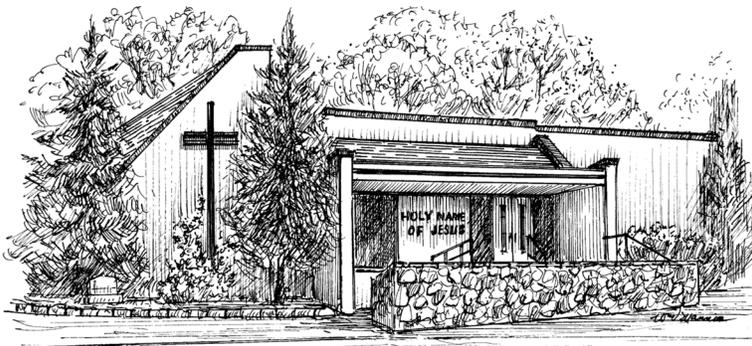
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B.A.S.I.C. 9:30 AM  
769-4872

**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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# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## February 5, 2017

Light shines through the darkness  
for the upright.

— *Psalm 112:4*



Saturday, February 4	
9:00am	Lena Kocovic (Lash & Family)
5:00pm	Helen Massaro (Daughter, Marian)
Sunday, February 5	
8:00am	John McManus (M J Melly)
10:00am	Lynn A. Cole (Dan & Sue Oderifero)
12:00pm	For All The People
Monday, February 6	
7:15am	Vittorio Vitiello (Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lynch)
9:00am	Angie Aloï (Maria Gostovic)
Tuesday, February 7	
7:15am	Frank Gerace (Brook & Larry Petriccione)
9:00am	Rev. William Delaney (Frances Conte)
Wednesday, February 8	
7:15am	Mary Diskin (Forde Family)
9:00am	John Kuhn (Lauren & Chris Beck)
Thursday, February 9	
7:15am	Joseph Fassiglione (Bill Keough)
9:00am	Helen & Dominick Massaro (Daughter, Marian)
Friday, February 10	
7:15am	Gregory Coleman (Family)
9:00am	Thomas Morzello First Anniversary (Morzello Family)
Saturday, February 11	
9:00am	Edward & Patricia Roche (The Roche Family)
5:00pm	Louis Raso (Louise Raso)
Sunday, February 12	
8:00am	For All The People
10:00am	Margaret Saar (Sr. Blanche Haughey)
12:00pm	James Abbamont (The Abbamont Family)



### DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL (continued)

On one occasion, Jesus said to St. Faustina: Do not omit Holy Communion unless you know you have fallen into serious sin. You must not stop from uniting yourself with Me in the mystery of My love. Your minor faults will disappear in My love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. At another time, Jesus told St. Faustina: “Consider these words from the Gospel: ‘And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly.’ [Luke 22:44] We need perseverance in prayer; our salvation depends on it. St. Faustina tells us: “I saw the Lord Jesus as He is represented in the image of The Divine Mercy. The Lord gave His blessing, and the rays coming from His Heart extended over the whole world.”

**CHOICE**—“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. 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.

We pray for strength, but God sends us difficulties: the solving of which makes us strong. We pray for wisdom, but God sends us problems: the solving of which develops wisdom. We beg for prosperity, but God gives us brain and brawn to work for it. We pray for courage, but God gives us dangers to overcome. We ask for favors, but God gives us opportunities.

**WITHOUT GOD, I CANNOT.  
WITHOUT ME, GOD WILL NOT.**



# 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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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <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>Flavia Mirasole</i>     |
| <i>Nick Cacciola</i>      | <i>Francesco Mirasole</i>  |
| <i>Jeff Caponera</i>      | <i>Jaspere Miranda</i>     |
| <i>Rocco Damiano</i>      | <i>Alexa Nitting</i>       |
| <i>Andrea Damato</i>      | <i>Alex Pacor</i>          |
| <i>Lou Dearstyne</i>      | <i>Ginger Ragusa</i>       |
| <i>Donald DeLandri</i>    | <i>Frankie Ragusa</i>      |
| <i>Matthew Phillips</i>   | <i>Madeline Ragusa</i>     |
| <i>Ed Delliveau</i>       | <i>Frank Rotelline.</i>    |
| <i>Linda Dempsey</i>      | <i>Kathy Ryan</i>          |
| <i>Frankie Dezell</i>     | <i>Kathy Schilio</i>       |
| <i>Edward DiCapril</i>    | <i>Richard Schilio</i>     |
| <i>Joseph DiCioccio</i>   | <i>Daniel Schoen</i>       |
| <i>Alexandria Diemoz</i>  | <i>Traci Sinapi</i>        |
| <i>Guido Doria</i>        | <i>Joseph Sinopoli</i>     |
| <i>John Edwards</i>       | <i>Steve Soderquist</i>    |
| <i>Jason Fiore</i>        | <i>A Special Intention</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, especially Joseph Jerolimo, Jr., 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!*

### A Letter from The Cardinal:

Dear Friends in the Lord: Our archdiocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By Supporting this collection you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

Pope Francis called to us in his 2016 Urbi et Orbi address, "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people." We are taking up this collection to be part of the Church's effort to promote a culture of encounter and justice. Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world by assisting those who suffer from war, natural disasters and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the Peter's Pence Collection this year, as you have done in the past with my gratitude.

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

With prayerful wishes I am, Faithfully in Christ

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York

**RENEW & REBUILD**— Holy Name of Jesus invites you to Commitment Weekend February 11th and 12th. During Commitment weekend our parishioners are invited to make their pledge at Mass. The generosity of 24 families has propelled us to 40% of our goal. Our goal is that 200 more families follow their lead and insure the success of the campaign. Please consider Making a pledge next week by:

Stopping by the Rectory and fill our a pledge form  
Mail in the pledge form that you received in the mail  
Visit [renewrebuild.org](http://renewrebuild.org).

If you have received a letter from the Cardinal's Appeal for 2017 please ignore we have reached this goal. Thank you for all those who have participated

**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 by an individual or split to make a purchase i.e.: 2 people at \$50 each = 1 ticket. There will only be 300 tickets sold. Winner NEED NOT be present to claim a prize. Monetary prizes for the tickets will be drawn during the night as stated below:

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| 1st drawn wins \$250   | 200th drawn wins \$250 |
| 25th drawn wins \$100  | 225th drawn wins \$100 |
| 50th drawn wins \$250  | 250th drawn wins \$250 |
| 75th drawn wins \$100  | 275th drawn wins \$100 |
| 100th drawn wins \$250 | 296th drawn wins \$500 |
| 125th drawn wins \$100 | 297th drawn wins \$500 |
| 150th drawn wins \$250 | 298th drawn wins \$500 |
| 175th drawn wins \$100 | 299th drawn wins \$500 |

300th drawn wins \$10,000.

**REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

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

Sunday January 29th:	
Regular Collections:	\$ 8,108.50
Regular Collection 2016	11,916.00
No Second Collection	
Parishpay	732.00





**MID WINTER BALL UPDATE:** Thank you to all who made our 61st Annual Mid-Winter Ball a success—whether attending, purchasing a journal ad and/or a raffle ticket—We couldn't have done it without you! We must especially thank the chairperson, Lucille Savoca and her Committee: Barbara Viola, Gail and Brian Morrow and Fran Berger. This year the Ball netted \$10,560.00.

Also, thank you to **GRAYCOCK FLORIST** for donating nineteen beautiful floral centerpiecees.

The Raffle winners are:

1st Prize—Mr. Mario Fusco

2nd Prize—Mr Marco DiRuocco

3rd Prize— Mr. Thomas McGill

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**YEAR ROUND COLLECTIONS-** We are collecting the following items year round- Puzzle books for Veterans, travel sized toiletries, men's sneakers, backpacks (no cartoon characters), new men's socks, and new men's underwear. We are also collecting full skeins of yarn for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please leave all items in the Social Concerns bins. Thanks for helping others in need!

**VALENTINE CRAFT THANKS-** Last Saturday approximately 35 parishioners helped to make Valentine crafts for nursing/Veterans home residents. Thanks so very much to all our volunteers! The crafts were distributed to The Grove, Cabrini, Schnurmacher, Maryknoll, and FDR Veterans Home. Thanks to Sister Gertrude and Virginia Curry for helping to deliver the crafts. Thanks to Angela Giustino for donating a large quantity of beautiful handmade cards. Many thanks to all our volunteers for helping to brighten the day of our elderly friends and veterans, who often are forgotten.

**PRAYER SHAWL CROCHET LESSONS-** Christine Stephens would be happy to teach you!! Please call or email Christine and have fun.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-** Prayer Shawl Meeting- Our meeting of 2017 will be on Saturday, February 11th, from 11:30-12:30 in the Father Dave Library. Please park in the back lot, enter through the RE doors. New members are always welcome! if interested or if you have any questions. Please consider joining this most worthwhile ministry!!!

**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. We now also have baby blankets to give to sick babies. Call or email to request a shawl or blanket.

For all the above information you may call or email Please call or email Christine Stephens at 761 -7243, [crosestephens@optimum.net](mailto:crosestephens@optimum.net), or Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, [MMCL16@optonline.net](mailto:MMCL16@optonline.net)

**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!

Come and Join **St Dominic Council** For our **Annual Valentine's Day Family Dinner Dance** February 11th 2017, 7 PM  
St Dominic Council, 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood Music provided by the Rosary Players Menu by Casa Rina: Pork Osso Buco, Cavetelli with Broccoli Rabe, Chicken Cacciatore, Stuffed Fillet of Sole Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrot Salad, Bread and Butter Desert Beer, Wine, Soda, Cost: \$45.00 per Couple (\$23 per adult) \$12.00 per child RSVP By Wednesday February 8th, 2017 Seating is limited to 80 people. GK Mike DeFlorio: Email [Mickd004@verizon.net](mailto:Mickd004@verizon.net), Phone: 914-490-6700

We are a **CATHOLIC SOCIAL WIDOW & 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 in February. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants. Just recently, we held our yearly dinner dance. at Pleasantville Country Club. We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.. For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: [cww10583@gmail.com](mailto:cww10583@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/credofaith) [CredoYoungAdults@gmail.com](mailto:CredoYoungAdults@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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)

**IONA PREP** is having two basketball clinics for students entering grades 3 to 8 and held at Iona Prep:  
February 20-23  
June 26-29  
July 31-August 3rd ( only grades 6-9  
August 7-10  
In interest contact Coach Vic Quirolo at Iona Prep: 914-632-0714 ext 231 or email: [vquirola@ionaprep.org](mailto:vquirola@ionaprep.org).  
To access the website or to download a brochure, go to [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org) and click athletics