

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2 Broadway, Valhalla, New York 10595

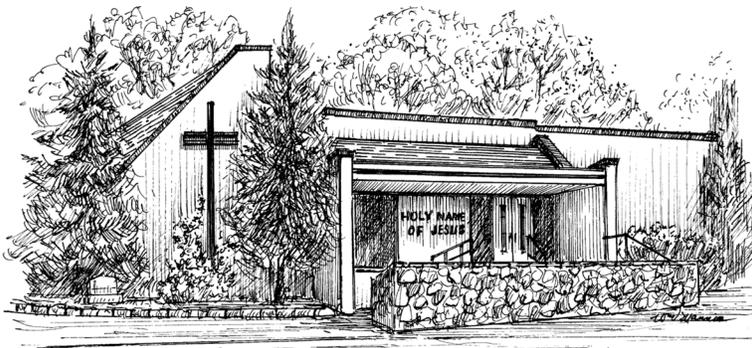
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Deacon

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**Mrs. Erin Sica**  
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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!*

### MASSSES:

**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.

**Rectory**  
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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 12, 2017**

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death  
 and brought life and immortality  
 to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

**MASSSES for the WEEK**  
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Saturday, March 11		
5:00pm	Lynn A. Cole	(Lorraine & John Scott)
Sunday, March 12		
8:00am	For All The People	
10:00am	John Ciancimino	(The Abbamont Family)
12:00pm	Theodore Mancini	(JoAnn Bateman)
Monday, March 13		
7:15am	Charles Graney	(Wife & Children)
9:00am	Stephen Rose	(Mom & Dad)
Tuesday, March 14		
7:15am	Martin Arce	(Rose & Myles Rich)
9:00am	Dec'd Members of the Nassetta & Scavinchy Families	(The Nassetta Family)
Wednesday, March 15		
7:15am	Marlene Ahearn	(Husband & Family)
9:00am	John Bell	(Patricia Ricard)
Thursday, March 16		
7:15am	Delia McGrath	(The McGrath Family)
9:00am	Maria Mazzella	(Carmine Mazzella and Anna)
Friday, March 17		
7:15am	Holy Souls	(Bratton Family)
9:00am	Monica Colhoun	(Bratton Family)
Saturday, March 18		
9:00am	Luigi Ciardullo	(Rosanna Ciardullo)
5:00pm	Bea & Tom Morrow	(Gail & Brian Morrow)
Sunday, March 19		
8:00am	Joseph Poidomani	(Family)
10:00am	For All The People	
12:00pm	Brother Joy Perez	(25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Living Profession of Faith) (Lucille & Tom Savoca)



**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."

**THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.  
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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisius. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

*And for all those who have no one to pray for them....*



Pray for all the souls of our faithfully departed, especially John Esposito, 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!



There will be a **HOLY HOUR** in the Church with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, March 13th from 12noon to 3pmAt noon there will be the Exposition and the Rosary and at 3 pm three will be Benediction and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



**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

**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. **ABSTINENCE** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of Fast and Abstinence as well as every Friday during Lent



**H.N.J. 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.

This weekend after all the Masses the Rosary Altar Society is having their **SPRING BANK SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE** We are very grateful for the 7th grade RE students for their willingness to bake for us too! In addition to the baked goods and baskets you will also have the opportunity to purchase your ticket for the Last Man Standing Please stop by after Mass !

Rosary Altar's March Meeting is Wednesday March 22nd at 7 p.m. will begin with the Rosary at 7in the Church followed by the meeting in the cafeteria. We invite all women in the parish to join us.



Sunday, March 12th he Bingo Boys will be serving **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** after the 8am and 10am Masses

**2017 Remember and Rejoice Donor Remembrance**  
 Ecumenical Ceremony is being held at St. Patrick's Cathedral April 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Our parishioner, Frank J. Oderifero, who saved four lives with his donation, will be remembered along with countless donor families. The families come to celebrate the lives of their lost loved ones. Also recipients come to thank the families and let them know that something remarkable came from their personal tragedy.

**St. Dominic Council** would like to congratulate the winners of our Conference Level Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship winners: Miran Guverc, and Sami Oswald. Nice Shooting boys and girls good luck at the Downstate Championship, March 18th at St. Columbanis Gym..



**March 12th**  
**Is**  
**Fr. Phil's Birthday**

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

Sunday March 5th:	
Regular Collections:	\$ 9,737.00
Catholic New York	156.00
Parish Maintenance	1,930.00
Parishpay	962.50

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING-** Saturday, March 18- Do you like to knit or crochet? Do you want to do something really worthwhile to help others who are ill or bereaved? 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 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. ! Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 18, from 11:30-12:30 in the Father Dave library.

**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](mailto:crosestephens@optimum.net) or Maureen at 946-9334, [MMCL16@optonline.net](mailto:MMCL16@optonline.net) to request a shawl.

**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](mailto:crosestephens@optimum.net) if interested.

**HELP FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY-** We have been in contact with Catholic Charities about helping 2 Refugee Families settling in the NY area. They have arrived in the US with basically the clothes on their backs. Each family was asked for a "wish list" of needed items. Family #1 has responded. They recently arrived from Haiti, which was devastated by a hurricane and an earthquake. They are a family of 3- a mom and dad in their late 20's, plus their 1 and a half year old son. Their luggage never arrived from Haiti. Their wish list- Wal-Mart gift cards, clothing, toiletry items, toys for the child, and a monthly Metro (subway/bus) Card so they can travel around NYC. Can you help this young family???

A sign up list will be posted in the front vestibule next weekend March 18/19. Please sign up next to the item (s) you can provide (same procedure as for Christmas Angels) and return by next weekend. The Wal-Mart gift cards- as many as we can collect would be great. They can buy sheets, small appliances, food, .... If you cannot purchase a Wal-Mart gift card, cash is most welcome. This way they can purchase exactly what they need, including the Metro Cards. Maureen from Social Concerns will be in the front vestibule before/after all weekend masses on the 25th/26th to accept your donations. Or money/donations can be dropped off at the rectory during business hours. Questions? Please call or email Maureen at 946-9334, [MMCL16@optonline.net](mailto:MMCL16@optonline.net) Helping this family in great need would be a wonderful act of charity during this Lenten season. "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me".

**FREE Lecture** on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 PM at the RDC Center, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603 **SOCIAL MEDIA 101:** Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube Social Videos- What Parents need to know Presenter: Joh Bagwell, MA, School Counselor, A.B, Davis Middle School, Mt Vernon and Computer Technician RSVP: [psherdan@divinecompassion.org](mailto:psherdan@divinecompassion.org) or 914-798-1103 by April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development will hold its annual fundraiser, **THE FRIENDLY GATHERING**, on **SUNDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**, 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](mailto: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. Theses 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)

**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.

**Girls' Day-By-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat,** Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2017\*(3 DAY!):High School teens 14+ years old, no matter where YOU are on your spiritual journey, come! Teen TEAM members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ; Friars, adult Team and CYFM community help facilitate and support. Come to this amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing, growing, and feeling the love of Christ. Disconnect from stress and reconnect with what truly matters while enjoying a weekend full of laughter, prayer, music, wonderful meals and other awesome teens. Cost \$140.00/pp for materials, meals & lodging. Early Bird, \$125.00 must be postmarked 9 days prior to retreat. All paperwork & non-refundable \$75.00 deposit must be received by registration deadline, by Mar. 28. For info and application contact CYFM or visit our website: [www.cyfm.org](http://www.cyfm.org) and click on "events" Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609