

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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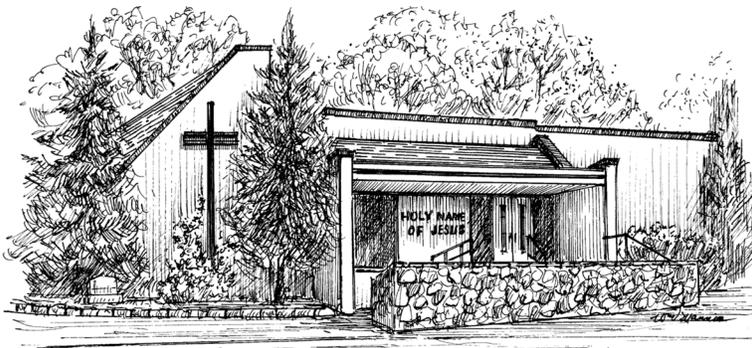
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769-4872

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— *Psalm 23:1*

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday, March 25	5:00pm	Joe Viola (Wife, Barbara)
Sunday, March 26	8:00am	Luciano Corsini, Sr. (Family)
	10:00am	Robert Moser (Dan & Sue Oderifero)
	12:00pm	For All The People
Monday, March 27	7:15am	Joseph Reda (Vetere Family)
	9:00am	Martin Arce (Dan & Sue Oderifero)
Tuesday, March 28	7:15am	Lindy Lancia (Mangano Family)
	9:00am	Kevin Meaney (Barbara DiStasio)
Wednesday, March 29	7:15am	Thomas G. Carroll (Mr. & Mrs. Brian Lynch)
	9:00am	Joe Pugni (Family)
Thursday, March 30	7:15am	Sally Tobin (Fran & Jim Berger)
	9:00am	Rudy Petruccelli (Hilde & Fred Klingner)
Friday, March 31	7:15am	Dec'd Members of the Granato and DeSanto Families (Maryann & Fred De Santo)
	9:00am	Martin Arce (Leonard & Marie Soderquist)
Saturday, April 1	9:00am	Honor Shofi (Ada Jimenez-Parker)
	5:00pm	Stephen Rose (The Spies Family)
Sunday, April 2	8:00am	For All The People
	10:00am	Agnesa Tassone (Victoria & Bruno Gulla)
	12:00pm	Andrew Mola, Sr. (The Mola Family)



DIVINE MERCY—Sometimes we have suffering in our lives. When a soul is suffering, at the same time the soul is singing songs of praise to God. These sufferings lead a soul to be more humble.

The soul arrives at a state of greater purity. God gives the soul a better knowledge of what it should be doing. God Himself purifies the soul. God brings us to see His own life, which is purely spiritual. The soul becomes capable of close communion with God Himself. God fills the soul with His wondrous light. The soul becomes immersed in the Deity—in the very eternal life of God Himself. God pours more and more grace into the soul. The soul comes to a state where the soul offers itself completely to God, and allows God to do whatever He wishes with the soul. The soul becomes united deeply to Jesus the suffering Servant of the Father.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIGHT AND SHADOW—In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.—Blaise Pascal

APRIL 1—This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.—Mark Twain



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>Sabrina Gerstle</i>
<i>Edward Altro</i>	<i>Joan</i>
<i>Rick Arkin</i>	<i>Nick Klaus</i>
<i>Ben Balldasamo</i>	<i>Teresa Lingardo</i>
<i>Peter Barbieri</i>	<i>Gavin Little</i>
<i>Inari Barnes</i>	<i>Holly Lynch</i>
<i>Gerry Blenkle, Sr.</i>	<i>Cynthia Miele</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>Robert Carazo</i>	<i>Alexa Nitting</i>
<i>Tony Cestone</i>	<i>Matthew Philipps</i>
<i>Rocco Damiano</i>	<i>Ginger Ragusa</i>
<i>Andrea Damato</i>	<i>Frankie Ragusa</i>
<i>Lou Dearstyne</i>	<i>Madeline Ragusa</i>
<i>Donald DeLandri</i>	<i>Rosa</i>
<i>Ed Delliveau</i>	<i>Frank Rotelline</i>
<i>Linda Dempsey</i>	<i>Felicia Rosello</i>
<i>Frankie Dezell</i>	<i>Kathy Ryan</i>
<i>Edward DiCapril</i>	<i>Kathy Schilio</i>
<i>Joseph DiCioccio</i>	<i>Richard Schilio</i>
<i>Alexandra Diemoz</i>	<i>Daniel Schoen</i>
<i>Guido Doria</i>	<i>Traci Sinapi</i>
<i>John Edwards</i>	<i>Joseph Sinopoli</i>
<i>Family</i>	<i>Steve Soderquist</i>
<i>Jason Fiore</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 Rev. John Baptist Chiang and Rev. James P. Clark, 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!



Join Fr Phil on Friday night at 7pm every Friday night in Lent at 7pm to recite the **Stations of the Cross**



Our next Holy Hour will be Monday April 10th in the afternoon from 12-3pm. At noon there will be the Exposition and the Rosary and at 3 pm there will be Benediction and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. From 3pm to 8pm there will be Reconciliation. Fr Phil will be leaving the Exposed on the Altar. Therefore we will need people to sit while Fr. Phil and Fr Nana are hearing confessions. If you are able to sit during that time for an hour from 12 to 8pm please call the rectory.

Easter Flower Offering Envelopes are available in the Church vestibules. If you would like to remember a loved one by donating toward the flowers that will decorate our Church, please put their name (s) on the envelope. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or drop it at the Rectory. Thank You.



Thank you to all the **LADIES OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** and all who participated in last weekend's Bake Sale and Basket Raffle and especially the Rosarians who baked, prepared the baskets and kept everything running smoothly. We are especially grateful to Brian and Gail Morrow who chaired the Bake Sale on Saturday night and Celeste Lavezzari and Carol Calhoun who chaired on Sunday. Also a big thank you to the 7th grade students who baked. To all the parishioners, thank you for making the Bake Sale and Special Raffle such a big success A VERY special thank you to Bryan Dockett for setting up the tables! Congratulations to the winners of our Basket Raffle: Maura Brosnan, Dot DiMaggio, Gloria Coschigane, Lou Dearstyne, Gloria Ward, Joelen Donohue, and Sue Oderifero. We also thank the Rosarians who sold Last Man Standing tickets after all the Masses.

HNJ 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. 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.

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.

Holy Name of Jesus has a website that is constantly updated so that you may be in the know....WWW.HolyNameofJesus.Org.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Dolan at St Patrick's on Sunday, June 11th at 2pm Preregistration at our rectory is required and the closing date Tuesday, May 23rd



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

Sunday, March 19th	
Regular Collections	\$7,445.00
Catholic Education	2,036.00
Parishpay	462.50

OUR RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN has reached \$789,672 from 180 families. **Thank You**

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.

To date, March 20th 128 have been sold and 172 are left **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:

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!

FLOCKNOTES-We'd like to connect with you! As of March 20th, 110 Parishioners have signed up.....why not you! Through Flocknotes Fr Phil 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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

HELP FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY- Help for 2 Refugee Families- Thank you SO MUCH to all parishioners who signed up to help 2 refugee families in need. Parishioners signed up to provide almost all the items the families needed. How wonderful!! The families will be so happy!

Family #1 is a family of 3 from Haiti- a mom and dad in their late 20's, and their year and a half old son. They are now living in Queens. They arrived in the States with nothing- their luggage was lost. Their wish list included Wal Mart gift cards and money for a Metro Card so they can travel around Queens.

Family #2 is a family of 5 from Gambia- a dad, mom, and 3 girls ages 14, 10, and 6. They are looking for an apartment in the Bronx. Their wish list included TJ Maxx or Marshalls gift cards to buy clothes and household items. Their complete wish list is posted in the front church vestibule.

This will be the last weekend of our collection. Maureen will be in the front church vestibule before and after all masses to accept your donations. Money for the families is also greatly needed and much appreciated- whatever you give will be great! Donations of money or gift cards can be given to Maureen or left at the rectory or placed in an envelope in the donation basket during mass, marked refugees.

Please call or email Maureen at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net if you can help or if you have any questions.

Pope Francis says- "Every Christian community is called to go out of itself and to be engaged in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, especially with the poor. ... Lent is a favorable time for showing this concern for others

Thank You

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EASTER CRAFTS- Volunteers needed!! We will be working on Easter Crafts for residents of local nursing homes on Sunday, April 2, from 1:15-3:15, in the school cafeteria. Note- we had to change from a Saturday to a Sunday because of scheduling difficulties. Please join us for this fun and rewarding activity. No special skills are needed- most crafts are peel and stick. The crafts will be given to residents of 6 area nursing homes. Please call or email Maureen if you can help, 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net Help brighten the day of our elderly neighbors and friends.

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, 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.



Please Join St. Dominic Council on April 7th at 7 PM at St. Dominic Council (874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood) for a Lenten Pasta Night, featuring Stuffed Shells, Calamari Bianco, Sole Oreganata, Penne with Broccoli in a Garlic and Oil, Escarole and Beans rice Pilaf, salad and bread and Butter and of course Beer, Wine and Soda all for \$20.00 per person . Please RSVP by April 3rd, 2017 to Grand Knight Mike DeFlorio at mick-d004@verizon.net or 914-490-6700.

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

FREE Lecture on Tuesday April 4th, 7-8:30 PM at the RDC Center, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603 **SOCIAL MEDIA 101:** Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Utube 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 or 914-798-1103 by April 1st

FREE 6-Week Employment/Networking Support Group – Sponsored by The RDC Center and given at The White Plains Education & Technology Center, 303 Quarropas St., White Plains – 6:30-8 on April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15 & 22 - Topics: Job Trends, The Myers Briggs Inventory, Resume Preparation, Interviewing and LinkedIn – To register or for more information – psherdan@divinecompassion.org or 914-798-1103



Did you know one theory how it started: In 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the new year fell on January first. There were some people, however, who hadn't heard or didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April first. Others played tricks on them and called them "April fools." They sent them on a "fool's errand" or tried to make them believe that something false was true.