

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

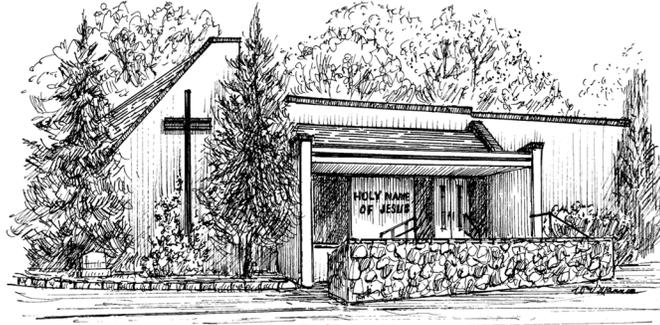
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Children's Choir

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 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

### **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. Frank Bassett 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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**First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016**

**“You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”**

— *Matthew 24:44*

**MASSSES for the WEEK**

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Saturday, November 26	
5:00pm	Rose Capasso (Barbara & Bob Valentine)
Sunday, November 27	
8:00am	Michael D’Andrea & Rev Frederico D’Andrea (Diane & Joseph Sciortino)
10:00am	Brianna Belmont (Grandma & Grandpa)
12:00pm	Rose Cantisani (Family, Daughters & Sons)
Monday, November 28	
7:15am	Aldo Menichino (Mr & Mrs Mario Conte)
9:00am	Hilda Bouza (The Sheridan Family)
Tuesday, November 29	
7:15am	William McCarthy (Don Guarnieri)
9:00am	Agnes Rotundo (Rose & Larry DiPierro)
Wednesday, November 30	
7:15am	Maria Servello (Victoria & Bruno Gulla)
9:00am	Vivian Sanmarco (Mr & Mrs Frank Uss)
Thursday, December 1	
7:15am	Lawrence Sposato (Family)
9:00am	Edward MacDonald (Wife, Catherine)
Friday, December 2	
7:15am	For All The People
9:00am	Martin Curanaj (Family)
Saturday, December 3	
9:00am	Joann Santoro (The Lane Family)
5:00pm	Copola & Candrea Family (Family)
Sunday, December 4	
8:00am	Catherine Miranda & Agapit Miranda (Family)
10:00am	Marge Pruner (Husband and Family)
12:00pm	For All The People

**TIME OF PREPARATION**-This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury



**DIVINE MERCY** -Advent is often described as a season of joyful anticipation, desire, longing, and expectancy. Saint Faustina wrote how "during Advent, a great yearning for God arose in my soul. During that time, the Lord gave me much light to know His attributes." She writes: The first attribute which the Lord gave me to know is His holiness. His holiness is so great that all the Powers and Virtues tremble before Him. The pure spirits veil their faces and lose themselves in unending adoration, and with one single word they express the highest form of adoration; that is — Holy ... The holiness of God is poured out upon the Church of God and upon every living soul in it, but not in the same degree. There are souls who are completely penetrated by God, and there are those who are barely alive. The second kind of knowledge which the Lord granted me concerns His justice. His justice is so great and penetrating that it reaches deep into the heart of things, and all things stand before Him in naked truth, and nothing can withstand Him. The third attribute is love and mercy. And I understood that the greatest attribute is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator. This immense love and abyss of mercy are made known in the Incarnation of the Word and in the Redemption [of humanity], and it is here that I saw this as the greatest of all God's attributes (180). This passage is a great example of how, when we spend our time in Advent.

**BE PREPARED** -Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward. —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:**

*Peter Barbieri  
Ben Balldasamo  
Gerry Blenkle, Sr.  
Nick Cacciola  
Jeff Caponera  
Andrea Damato  
Lou Dearstynne  
Donald DeLandri  
Matthew Phillips  
Ed Delliveau  
Linda Dempsey  
Frankie Dezell  
Edward DiCapril  
Joseph DiCioccio  
Alexandria Diemoz  
Guido Doria  
John Edwards  
Walter Franzken  
Jason Fiore  
Sabrina Gerstle  
The Family  
Fred Gillu  
Joan*

*Ed Kammer  
Nick Klaus  
Teresa Lingardo  
Gavin Little  
Holly Lynch  
Flavia Mirasole  
Francesco Mirasole  
Jaspere Miranda  
Alexa Nitting  
Alex Pacor  
Robert Pruner, Sr.  
Ginger Ragusa  
Frankie Ragusa  
Madeline Ragusa  
Frank Rotelline  
Kathy Ryan  
Irene Scazzero  
Kathy Schilio  
Richard Schilio  
Daniel Schoen  
Helen Severino  
Traci Sinapi  
Steven Soderquist*

*Carol Tucciarone*

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.



### *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!

### **Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Church!**

We welcome all who celebrate with us. If you would like to register in our Parish, or if changes were made after you registered, please fill out this form and drop it into the collection basket, or mail/bring it to the Rectory. If required, we will contact you after receiving your information.

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



**BLOOD DRIVE TODAY** -The Youth Group is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE this Sunday, November 27th from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Please consider donating a pint of blood to help those who desperately need it! Walk-Ins Welcome!

**ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS** – The Christmas and New Year signup book is in the sacristy please signup when you are available.

**ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE-** After all the Masses on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th, the Rosary Altar Society will have their Bake sale, Basket Raffle and Christmas items for sale. Come to the gym and buy some of the delicious goodies baked by the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society

**MUNCHKINS WITH SANTA** will be next Sunday, December 4th after the 10am Mass. All Children are invited! Parents bring your camera and snap a picture! Munchkins, apple juice, coffee and tea will be served!

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS**-Last weekend, our parishioners donated nearly 100 baskets of food to families in need this Thanksgiving. These families were so grateful for your generosity. Our collection would not have been possible without the hard work of many people. Special thanks to Maureen McLoughlin, Anthony Amiano, and Sue Rossi, who helped to coordinate the collection. Thanks also to the Valhalla Boy Scouts and their parents for helping to carry and sort the baskets; to the Youth Group and CYO teams that donated baskets; and to everyone who helped to transport the baskets. It truly made for a happy Thanksgiving for the families.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS



**CHRISTMAS ANGELS** - Christmas Gifts for Families in Need - Can you help a local family in need this Christmas? We are aware of about 30 families who are having a tough time making ends meet. Could you provide some presents for a family to make this a Christmas they will remember? A sign up list will be in the front vestibule of the Church at all Masses this weekend of **November 26th & 27th**. An index card for a family will be posted with each person in the family listed with suggested gifts/sizes. Print your name, phone number and email on the chart next to the family of your choice, take the index card, shop for the family and wrap the presents (if possible, include the gift receipt). Put a tag on each present for the intended recipient, e.g. girl - age 5; mom - size S, etc. All gifts are due no later than **Monday, December 12th**. Bring the gifts to the Rectory during regular business hours or call/email Gail Morrow (761-7294, gtmorrow@att.net) to arrange a time to meet. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Gail. Thank you so much for helping others in need this Christmas

**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING-** Our next meeting will be Saturday, December 17th, from 11:30-12:30 in the Father Dave library. Don't like to go to meetings? No problem, you can knit or crochet at home. Please call or email Christine Stephens at 761-7243, cstevens@pace.edu or Maureen McLoughlin at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net if interested.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS-** We will be making Christmas crafts for residents of area nursing homes on Saturday, December 3rd, from 12:30-2:30 in the school cafeteria. The crafts we make will go to residents of approx. 6 local nursing homes. . Please call or email Maureen if interested 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net



**TREE LIGHTING-MOUNT PLEASANT**-Friday, December 2nd will be at the Mt. Pleasant Town Hall, at 7:30pm with carol singing, refreshments and an appearance by Santa Claus.

**NORTH WHITE PLAINS** - Sunday, December 4th from 4 to 6pm will be at the North Castle Community Center with singing, refreshments and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Please Join St. Dominic Council for an early family Christmas Pasta Night and 300 club drawing on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7 PM at our Council, 874 Franklin Ave, Thornwood. Menu Provided by Casa Rina will include Chicken Verona, Steak Pizzaiola, Lobster Ravioli Belafonte, Eggplant Parmigiano, Sauté Broccoli Rabe, Oven Roasted Potatoes Coffee and Desert, Plus Beer wine and Soda. All for \$20.00 person!! Please RSVP by December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 to Grand Knight Mike DeFlorio at mick-d004@verizon.net or 914-490-6700.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, **THE XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND** will once again celebrate the Feast Day of St. Lucy, patron saint of the blind, with a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets in New York City at 6:30 pm in the intimate confines of the Lady Chapel. Please join us to celebrate our patron's feast day once again. For further information call: 212-473-7800

**SOCIAL CONCERNS-** Items Needed Year Round. We are collecting the following items year round-Travel Sized Toiletries- i.e.- soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, Men's sneakers and backpacks. The items may be dropped off in the Social Concerns bins.

**CHOCOLATE SALE FOR THE PLAYGROUND—** Good Counsel Academy Elementary School is offering World's Finest Chocolate for \$1 per bar of delicious chocolate after the Saturday, 5pm Mass and the Sunday 8am and 10am Masses. This School project is to raise funds for renovation of current playground equipment and the possibility of adding new play features. At any time through December 2nd you may go to the school office and purchase Chocolate at \$1 per bar.

Good Counsel Academy Elementary School Christmas Elves present "**THE GIVING TREE**" which will be located in the gym foyer and decorated with ornaments. The ornaments will have the age and requested donation for a child or an adult. You are asked to donate the item listed and drop it off by December 4th in the labeled bin in the Church foyer. Please leave the gift unwrapped and attach the identifying ornament to your donation. Items must be new, not used. We thank you for your generosity and the gifts will be distributed through the Shepherd's Flock, a ministry of the Sisters of the Divine Rosary Hill. They were thrilled to receive all our many gifts.

**61st ANNUAL MID-WINTER BALL  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2017  
WHITE PLAINS WOMEN'S 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 PAM MATOTT, Good Counsel Academy Principal**

**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:**

The cocktail hour will have four selections of hot Italian Antipasto Station with a cheese and market vegetables tapas bar.

The dinner menu choices are: Prime Rib of Beef, French Breast of Chicken and Parsley Crusted Salmon

**With any questions about reservations, please call Gail and Brian Morrow at 761-7294**

A PROGRAM WILL BE HANDED OUT THE EVENING OF THE BALL! The program will include Business Advertising from our local merchants, as well as congratulatory "Notes to Pam Matott." You can take this opportunity to write a note of thanks for her dedication and service to the Good Counsel Academy and our Parish. Please fill out the form below, and make sure to mark your envelope "Mid-Winter Ball."

This is Holy Name of Jesus' second largest fund raiser, the first being Last Man Standing. Fr Phil is able to use these profits for extraordinary expenses that occur during the year .

**Mid-Winter Ball—Program Advertisement**

Company/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Gold Page- \$200.00 \_\_\_ Full Page- \$100.00 \_\_\_ 1/2 Page- \$50.00 \_\_\_ 1/4 Page Ad or "Notes"- \$25.00