

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

**TO TEACH, TO BUILD, TO SERVE, TO SANCTIFY**

246 Dodd St. corner Midland Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



**Served by:**  
**Rev. Frederick A. Pfeifer**

*Pastor*

**Rev. Charles M. Kelly**

*Priest in Residence*

**Rev. Vincent Sebastine**

*Priest in Residence*

**Rev. Mr. Leo Woodruff**

*Deacon*

**George Henderson**

*Music Director*

**Marilyn Spesak**

*Parish Secretary*

## **SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS**

### **CELEBRATION of the**

#### **EUCCHARIST:**

**Saturday Evening: 5:30 PM**

**Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Weekdays: 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday in the Chapel**

### **SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday: 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

### **SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must first register at the Rectory for confirmation of a date. Parents should be registered members of the church prior to making baptism arrangements. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be presented as well as sponsor certificates for the godparents, if they are not members of the parish.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every First Friday of the month, 7PM-12AM in Church.

### **SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:**

Couples planning to marry should make arrangements with the priest **1 year** in advance of the wedding date.

### **MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND:**

If you are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your parish priest, please notify the parish directly. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by a priest, deacon or a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Holy Communion, please call the Rectory.

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:**

**Saturday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We invite new parishioners to register at the Rectory. If you are moving, or have an address or phone change, please notify the secretary.

### **Parish Website:**

**[www.hnjeo.org](http://www.hnjeo.org)**

**(Improvements in Process!)**

**RECTORY AND PARISH CENTER: 184 MIDLAND AVENUE, EO, NJ 07017**

**Parish Center Hours - Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

***Rectory and Parish Center Phone: 973-675-4444***

***CCD Emergency Phone: 201- 953-5077***

***Protecting God's Children Victim Assistance Coordinator: 201-407-3256***

***E-mail (NEW!!!): [info@hnjeo.org](mailto:info@hnjeo.org)***

***Social Services: 1-800-227-7413***

## CENTERED ON THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Looking up at the stars on a warm, quiet night is one of my favorite things to do. I revel in the chance to soak in the vastness around me, staring at the charming character of stars that are so massive and powerful in existence but seem so tiny to my eyes. I remember driving through the jungles of Honduras at night in the back of a pickup once in college. The sweet-smelling dirt swirled around me, the bump and thud of the truck hitting mud hummed under my feet, and I looked up. It was simply pure beauty. There were no lights from cities or towns to adulterate the sky. Miles of mountain villages and the deep Caribbean Ocean spilled darkness to everything around us. I couldn't make out a tree in front of me if it weren't for the headlights. Because of the impenetrable darkness, the stars sprinkled about the night sky became alive. Each one was more beautiful than the one next to it. There seemed to be thousands more than I had ever seen before.

The readings this Sunday remind me of this paradox — that within some of the darkest parts of our history, the light of Christ has shone even more brilliantly. Some of the most trying times in the history of the Church brought about the greatest saints who were willing to die for the faith. Those lights in the darkness allowed the Church to flourish. This reminds us that no matter how dark the world seems to get around us, the light of Christ shines even brighter, leading his people to healing and hope.

I see a darkening of hope when the world sits on the precipice of war. I see darkness when friends lose hope of ever being able to afford to pay bills and provide for their children. How are we to respond to the enveloping darkness around us? How do the readings this weekend teach us to respond?

In the second reading, St. Paul attempts to show us the answer. He chastises the Corinthians to avoid divisions and rivalries among them. While we aren't arguing who is a follower of Paul or Apollos in our times, we can see the divisions we've allowed to take root in our lives in a similar way. We hear things like "I'm a Trump supporter!" or "I will never vote Republican!" and more. The point Paul makes is that to combat the darkness, we need to follow the light. In other words, our lives must be entirely Christ centered, or Christocentric. Our primary identity must lie in belonging to Christ. Everything else must become secondary.

In the Gospel, Christ beckons the first Apostles to follow that primacy and light. The darkness they experienced in their day may have been in the context of different circumstances than we are in, but it wasn't completely unlike our own. Jesus

spoke to the darkness surrounding the Apostles spiritually and answered it with the call to follow him. The challenge for us today is to be deeply convicted of that same call and to recognize that Christ is reaching into the impenetrable depths and darkness of our own hearts and cultures and calling us to follow him in a new, profound way. After this, we need to follow the example of the Apostles and act on it. We need to answer the question, "What is God calling me to let go of so that I will be freer to live a life for Christ?"

Like the brilliance of the stars I experienced in that dark drive in Honduras, when we truly accept that Christ loves us and is calling us "out of darkness and into his marvelous light," we can stop fearing the darkness and division around us (1 Peter 2:9).

Angie Windnagle

### PRAYER

Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me  
true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command.

Amen.

— St. Francis's Prayer Before a Crucifix



**Elizabeth Hegarty, Delano Kimbrough, Ellis Thomas, Fred Watson, Kevin Watson, Dorothy Jackson, Helen Hiner, Adrien Marc Gilles, Mary Angela Kunst, Paula Del Vento, Julia Daniel, Neil and Mary Lou Boylan, Bob Simons, Catherine Mazzie, Jim Landers, Eileen Cremen.**



### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

**January 26th, 2020**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

8:00 AM – Emily Dela Cruz

By Samia Family

5:30 PM – Donna Gilsenan

By Rosanne and Jim Mulhearn

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

9:00 AM – Betty Duschl

By Deacon Leo and Loretta

11:30 AM – Fran Semler

Birthday Blessings

By Andaya Family

### Masses For The Week



**Monday, January 27, 2020**

8:00 AM – Mike Viray

Memorial Mass

By Viray Family

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

8:00 AM – Agnes Matagu

By Muriithi Family

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

8:00 AM – Angelita and Terry

Diaz Trip Blessings

By Diaz Family

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

8:00 AM – Emily Dela Cruz

By Samia Family

**Friday, January 31, 2020**

8:00 AM – Emily Dela Cruz

By Samia Family

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

8:00 AM – Emily Dela Cruz

By Samia Family

5:30 PM – People of the Parish

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00 AM – People of the Parish

11:30 AM – Luisa Galanido

By Galanido Family





**Monday, January 27, 2020**

Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10

Gospel: Mark 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19

Gospel: Mark 3:31-35

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-17

Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-19;24-29

Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

**Friday, January 31, 2020**

Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a,13-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

## **What the Catechism of the Catholic Church Teaches...**

### **In what does the mission of the Apostles consist?**

The word "Apostle" means "one who is sent." Jesus, the One sent by the Father, called to himself twelve of his disciples and appointed them as his Apostles, making them the chosen witnesses of his

Resurrection and the foundation of his Church. He gave them the command to continue his own mission, saying, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21); and he promised to remain with them until the end of the world.

### **In the Kingdom, what authority did Jesus bestow upon the Apostles?**

Jesus chose the twelve, the future witnesses of his Resurrection, and made them sharers of his mission and of his authority to teach, to absolve from sins and to build up and govern the Church. In this college, Peter received "the keys of the kingdom" (Matthew 16:19) and assumed the first place with the mission to keep the faith in its integrity and to strengthen his brothers.



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## **COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY**

**January 19th, 2020**

**STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION- \$ 1,459.00**

**ONLINE GIVING - \$1,083.70**

**Thank You for Your Faithful Giving!**

**This weekend will be the Archdiocesan Assessment, and next weekend will be the regular Stewardship collection.**

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

Our email address is now [info@hnjeo.org](mailto:info@hnjeo.org). Please make note of this new address.

## **SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this week in the memory of Betty Duschl by Deacon Leo and Loretta Woodruff.

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"He called them, and they immediately left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put god first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Sunday, February 2 is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. If you wish to have candles blessed please bring them and they will be blessed at all the weekend Masses. The feast of St. Blaise will also be celebrated with throat blessings at all the weekend Masses.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

February's bible study will be on Tuesday the 4th at 7PM in the Fatima Center.

## **WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY**

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is World Marriage Sunday. A blessing will be given to couples at all the weekend Masses.

## **BRING YOUR OLD PALMS**

If you would like to bring any old palm branches you have, There will be a basket at the Midland Ave. exit on Sundays February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **ENVELOPE UPDATE**

The stewardship envelopes will not arrive until the end of January. There are blank envelopes at the Midland Ave. exit. Please take and use them until the regular envelopes arrive. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

## **50/50 UPDATE**

The next 50/50 drawing will take place on Tuesday, January 28. Please remember that you do not have to take five tickets; also, if you wish to have tickets mailed there are forms at both Church exits. Please sign and return to the office. If you wish to sponsor a month, the stipend is 100.00.

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES**

The Archdiocese will be honoring couples that are celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage this year. The liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Tobin on the following dates: 5 and 25 years on April 19 at 3PM and 50 years on May 3 at 3PM. Registration forms can be obtained at the office.



## WHO SAID?

In the Gospels, who said, "May it be done to me according to your word"?

Which apostle proclaimed, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God"?

What preacher declared, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"?

If you answered that Mary said, "May it be done to me according to your word," you would be correct. That was her response when she was asked to be the mother of the Savior. (Luke 1:38)

If you replied that Peter proclaimed, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God," you would be right. That is what he said when Jesus asked him "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16: 15-16)

If you responded that Jesus preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," you would be correct. We hear that proclamation in this Sunday's Gospel as Jesus begins his public ministry. ([Matthew 4:12-23](#))

However, there is another possible response to that third question. If you answered that John the Baptist said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," you would also be right.

We heard those words in the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent. There we were told, "In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" (Matthew 3:1-2)

However, though the words might be the same, each message was different - as different as the preachers.

When John the Baptist called people to repent for the kingdom was at hand, he was announcing that the kingdom was imminent. It was fast approaching. Now was the time to get ready for its arrival.

When Jesus said those words, he was proclaiming that the kingdom of heaven had arrived. The kingdom was present in him and in his ministry. It was at hand. The kingdom was not some future reality or some heavenly place, it was the power of God acting in this world to set things right.

Jesus demonstrated the presence of that kingdom by his preaching and miracles. As we read in Sunday's Gospel, "He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Those miracles of Jesus highlight the difference between John and Jesus. John proclaimed the kingdom was at hand, it was coming, but its power was not yet evident. "John performed no sign." (John 10:41)

The presence of the kingdom, the power of God acting in Jesus, is also seen in the call of Peter and Andrew, James and John. When Jesus summons them, they leave their nets and follow him. At his word, fishermen are transformed into disciples.

That kingdom proclaimed by Jesus is present today. It is present as the power of God works in the lives of those who turn from sin and open their hearts to the Lord. Their acts of kindness and generosity, their ability to forgive those who hurt them, their sacrifices for the sake of others, their love of neighbor and stranger, their ordering their lives according to the Gospel, and their willingness to share their faith are all signs that the kingdom of heaven is at hand,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," those words spoken by Jesus challenge us to see the presence of God's kingdom in our world and in our lives.