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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Sundays

5:30 PM Saturday (anticipated); 8:00 AM, 11 AM (High Mass) 8:30 PM

Weekdays

8:00 AM (Monday through Friday)

12:10 PM (Monday through Saturday)

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Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

Novenas and Devotions - Immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary for peace in the world

Wednesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Friday: **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament from
12:35 to 2:00 PM**
Sacred Heart Novena

(during Lent: Stations of the Cross replace Exposition, Novena and Benediction)

CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 11:55-12:05 PM and from 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

Sunday from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM and 8:15-8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55-12:05 PM

At other times please stop by the rectory

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are administered on Sundays at 12:15 PM. An instruction class is required for the parents and godparents. Please contact Fr. Murray for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Murray at least six months in advance of your proposed date of marriage. Pre-Cana instruction is required for the engaged couple.

VISITATION OF THE SICK - COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact Fr. Murray for visitation of the sick at home or in the hospital.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD

For the religious education of children in grades first through seven (including preparation for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera at the Parish Office.

Adults who would like to join the Catholic Church are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko. Baptized Catholics who need to receive First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation are asked to contact Fr. Joseph Chacko.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Holy Family! Please register in the Parish Office or on-line.

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

Online Giving is available with WeShare. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. To enroll visit churchholyfamily.churchgiving.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021



Sunday, February 14 th – <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
5:30 p.m. (Saturday)	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +
8:00 a.m.	Maria LaFranca Lovoi +
11:00 a.m.	Sal Tharani + and Sharick Tharani (L)
8:30 p.m.	Plunkett Foye +
Monday, February 15 th – <i>Weekday- President’s Day</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Margaret Gorman +
12:10 p.m.	- NO MASS -
Tuesday, February 16 th – <i>Weekday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Theodore Campbell +
12:10 p.m.	Laura Carrapatoso +
Wednesday, February 17 th – <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant’s Intention
12:10 p.m.	Mario, Gloria and Anthony Sergi +
5:30 p.m.	Ann Esposito (L)
Thursday, February 18 th – <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant’s Intention
12:10 p.m.	Krzysztof Skutela and Family (L)
Friday, February 19 th – <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Teresita Andaya +
12:10 p.m.	Fr. Piotr Przemielewski +
Saturday, February 20 th – <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	
12:10 p.m.	Victoria Pack (L)
5:30 p.m.	Gregory Boratgis +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

February 14th, 2021 (Year B, Cycle I). May be found:
<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.asp>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 11:55–12:05 p.m. and 5:00–5:25 p.m.

Sundays from 10:30–10:55 a.m. and 8:10- 8:25 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 11:55–12:05 p.m.

“The primary sacrament of the New Evangelization is the Sacrament of Penance.”

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Christmas - December 25th: 12 midnight, 8 am, 11 am *

Mary, Mother of God - January 1st: 5:30 pm (anticipated),
8 am, 11 am * (**If Christmas and January 1st fall on a Sunday, there is also an 8:30 PM Mass.*)

Ascension Thursday, Assumption of Mary - August 15th.

All Saints - November 1st, Immaculate Conception – December 8th, 5:30 p.m. (anticipated), 8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 pm*

*(*Please note: if January 1st, August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or a Monday, they are not Holy Days of Obligation, as decreed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.)*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 1:40-45. We see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in this act of healing. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. But where the disease was incurable, as real leprosy then was, to remove it by a simple word of command was more emphatically still the result of divine power. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.

His compassion for suffering humanity was, however, co-terminus with his power, it was also divine. It was out of compassion for the sad lot of the human race on earth that he descended to man's level, becoming man, equal to us in all things except sin, in order to suffer with us and for us. By his human sufferings he made an atonement, a satisfaction for all the sins of the world—a satisfaction which all mankind could never make—to his heavenly Father, and so obtained for us God's pardon. At the same time, 'by joining our human nature to his divine nature, he brought us into the divine orbit and made us adopted sons of God and heirs of the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity. Because this seems almost too good to be true, there are men who deny it or refuse to accept it. Such men make the mistake of measuring the infinite compassion of God with the limited yardstick of their own finite and puny compassion.

Thanks be to God, for his infinite compassion! Thanks be to God, for Christ his Son, who came and dwelt amongst us! He put heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach; he has shown us how to attain them, giving in his Church and the sacraments, all the necessary aids. But we still need all of Christ's compassion if we are to get there. Because of our inclination to sin and because of the many times we unfortunately give in to that inclination, nothing but the mercy of God can save us from our own folly. However, that mercy is available, if only we ask for it. What we sinners need is the faith and confidence of the leper in today's gospel reading. He believed firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean," was his approach to Jesus.

This should be our approach too, if we have the misfortune to fall into serious sin. Jesus does will and does want our salvation. His incarnation, and death on the cross, proves

that. The fact that he left the power to forgive sins to his Church is another proof of both his will and desire to help us. "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth," he stated. Part of that power which he left to his Church is in the sacrament of penance where the leprosy of sin can be washed away and the sinner restored to new and perfect spiritual health. What folly for any Christian then, to commit sin and isolate himself, like the unclean leper, from God. But it is greater folly still, to remain in this unclean state when the cure for his disease is so easily available to any sincere penitent.— Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Dear Parishioners,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will have Mass at 8 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM. **Due to the coronavirus pandemic ashes will not be imposed upon the forehead, but rather sprinkled upon the top of the head of each person who attends Mass.**

During Lent we are encouraged to make sacrifices, such as giving up things we like, to pray more, for instance attending daily Mass, and to share our material blessings with the poor and needy by giving alms. To help you pray more during Lent we offer the *2021 Magnificat Lenten Companion*, available for free on the table at the back of the church. This booklet contains a meditation for each day of Lent.

The Church's Lenten Regulations are printed below. Please read them carefully. They remind us that we need spiritual discipline in order to recognize our sins and faults, and to reform our lives.

All Catholics are encouraged to make a good confession during Lent. Confessions are heard from 11:55 to 12:05 PM Monday to Saturday, from 5 to 5:25 PM on Saturday evenings, and from 10:30 to 10:55 AM and from 8:15 to 8:25 PM on Sundays. During the coronavirus pandemic confessions are being heard in the sacristy. Please enter by the doorway at the left side of the sanctuary.

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 12:40, immediately following the 12:10 Mass. This will replace the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which will resume after Easter.

Please take home the informational brochure about the **2021 Cardinal's Appeal** if you did not receive one in the mail. The brochures and contribution envelopes are found on the table at the back of the church. We urge all our parishioners to donate to the Cardinal's Appeal. Your generosity allows Cardinal Dolan to maintain and expand the pastoral, charitable and educational activities of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish goal is \$41,500.

God bless you.

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, Pastor

LENTEN REGULATIONS.

1) **Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

2) **Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

February 2021: Violence against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember:

Melody Colligan, Carlos Cuerta, Rachel Dawson, Gene Doyle, Ann Esposito, Paul Estipona and Family, Deborah Feudo, Dorothy Gerber, Gregory Henry, Ronald Henry, Sr., Ken Majuk, Audrey Marshall, Bea Maviglia, Joanne Perry, Frank Sajeski, Sebastian Sancho, Margie Skeels, Mateo Tobia, Alfredo Thomas, Virginia Vassallo, Dr. Tony Vivera, Nivene Young and Cathy Vukovich, who are ill or disabled.



LECTORS, USHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the rectory.

LEGION OF MARY: For more information on the Legion of Mary: please contact Rose Gaddi: 267-546-8204. Meetings are on Thursdays from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Suspended until further notice.

SPANISH MARIAN PRAYER GROUP. Tuesdays 6:00–8:00 PM in the rectory. For more information: Laura Hagan: 516-492-7158. Suspended until further notice.

TAX STATEMENTS. Parishioners seeking year-end contribution statements for tax purposes are asked to contact the rectory office.

The joy of forgiveness is inexpressible, yet it radiates all around us whenever we experience forgiveness. Its source is in the love with which God comes to meet us, breaking through walls of selfishness that surround us, in order to make us in turn instruments of mercy. – Pope Francis

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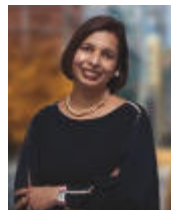
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