

Good Shepherd Sunday



*Lord, God, heavenly Father,
in Your fatherly goodness
You have been mindful of us poor,
miserable sinners
and have given Your beloved Son
to be our Shepherd,
not only to nourish us by His Word
but also to defend us from sin, death,
and the devil.*

*Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us
so that as our Shepherd knows us
and provides for us in every affliction,
we may also know Him
and trusting in Him,
seek help and comfort in Him,
obey His voice with all our hearts
and obtain eternal salvation.*

*Through Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit,
one true God, now and forever. Amen.*

Good Shepherd Sunday is also known as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"*. (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Mass Intentions



MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 *John 10:1-10*
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 8:30am Josephine Agresti
 12:10pm Private Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 *John 10:22-30*
St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
 8:30am Private Intention
 12:10pm Private Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 *John 12:44-50*
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
 12:10pm MaryAnn Murtha
 7:30pm Private Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 *Mark 16:15-20*
St. Mark, Evangelist
 8:30am Anna & Vincent Oliva
 12:10pm Private Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 *John 14:1-6*
 8:30am Intentions of Anne Marie's Beloved Friends
 & Their Families
 Susan Kohut
 12:10pm Theresa Rocco

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 *John 14:7-14*
 8:30am Private Intention
 5:00pm Nora Quinn (20th Anniversary in Heaven)
 Theresa Manini

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 *John 15:1-8*
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:45am Anna & Michael Apollo (Living)
 Minnie O'Connell
 Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
 9:00am Rolando, Frank, Nela Gascon
 Pura Torres
 Teresa & Santiago Alayo
 Joey Gusmano
 Nicholas Vacchiano (Living-16th Birthday)
 11:00am Gregory Filippi
 Carmine Mollica
 Michelle Britton
 1:00pm Maria Del Carmen Mateo
 Manuel & Elizabeth Naves
 Juan Carlos Morales

Next Sunday's Liturgy—April 28



Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 The Holy Spirit built up the church, including an unlikely leader named Saul.

Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 Tell the coming generation about the Lord that they, too, may speak of divine justice.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 Our love is shown not in fine words but in what we do for the truth.

Gospel: John 15:1-8 Jesus is the true vine in which we remain rooted.

FOCUS: Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us.

When we remain in Jesus, His word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

Almighty and eternal God, protect the men and women who serve in our military. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration



You are invited to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following the 12:10pm Mass, until 6pm; and every Saturday from 7pm - 8pm.



Priest Schedule of Masses



Saturday, April 27, 2024
 5:00 pm Fr. Mike Lombardi

Sunday, April 28, 2024
 7:45 am Fr. Map
 9:00 am Fr. Mike Lombardi
 11:00 am Fr. David Regan
 1:00 pm Fr. Roger Velasquez

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 change*

If you regularly attend Sunday mass here at Holy Name of Mary, you have noticed that over the past 10 months, there has been a perceptible increase in the use of incense at the Sunday liturgy.

Among the reasons why our parish has been using incense more often, (other than the fact that we love it so much), is because the use of incense add so much more to the experience of attending Mass. Not only does it add a visual and audible dimension to the liturgy, but most assuredly it adds an olfactory dimension as well. With the addition of incense, as participants in the Mass, we more fully incorporate the use of our senses when experiencing the liturgy. But the use of incense is more than just the appeal to the senses, there is also historical and liturgical reasons why incense is used.

The rising smoke of the incense symbolizes the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven. Since ancient times, incense has been used as part of sacrifice for rituals and offerings throughout history by various cultures throughout the world. And in the context of our Catholic theology, the Mass is a holy sacrifice, in which incense is intended to create that “sweet aroma” which signifies those items which are being sacrificed.

As we read in Psalm 14: *“Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!”* And this is perhaps most evident at the part of the Mass known as the Offertory.

As we prepare to bring up our gifts, the gifts include a number of things. They include all of our prayers; they include our monetary gifts; but most importantly, they include the bread and wine that becomes the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Thus, it is Jesus Himself who becomes the ultimate and never ending sacrifice. So, as we offer our gifts and prayers to God, the smoke from the incense ascends higher and higher, and thus symbolizes our prayers rising towards heaven.

With regard to the proper names of the items used for incensing, most notably, we have the thurible. The thurible is the incense “basket” that is supported by one or more chains. The term thurible comes from the Latin, *thuris*, which means “incense.”

The thurible is comprised of a metal container, usually of an ornate design, equipped with a cover. The cover has several

openings which allow the smoke to rise. Inside the thurible, a small metal dish is situated, where pieces of charcoal are placed. As the charcoal is lit, it burns to a glowing ember, and then the grains of incense are placed on top of the embers. This is what causes the smoke to billow forth and allows the sanctuary and the church to be filled with a fragrant and aromatic smoke.

In addition to the style of thurible that we use at Mass, the style that we ‘swing’, there is also the style of thurible that are fixed and can be placed on a table top. These are called incense burners: they are small open braziers which are equipped with a perforated lid, but they art remains stationary cannot be shaken or moved around.

Along with the thurible, there is a smaller vessel, called the incense boat, which holds the incense stock. During the Mass, either the altar server or Deacon will bring the thurible to the priest and hands him the boat. The priest then takes the incense from the boat and sprinkles it onto the charcoal.

Throughout the Mass, the incense is used at key moments in the Eucharistic celebration: the first is at the opening of the Mass. Just before the priest reverences the altar, he will incense the altar first. Secondly, the priest or the deacon will Incense the Lectionary or the Book of the Gospels, before he does the Gospel reading; thirdly, incense is used during the Offertory. Here, once again, the priest will incense the altar; and finally, incense may be used at the moment of the consecration of the Eucharist.

In addition to the Sunday liturgy and Solemnities, incense is commonly used during a funeral Mass. In addition to using incense at the offertory, the priest will also incense the coffin during the concluding rite to bless and purify it.

Censers and boats can be manufactured today with different materials, usually brass or bronze. They are often finely crafted, with silver, gold plated, smooth, hammered, and decorated with high craftsmanship. The incense itself also varies widely by manufacturer. Difference includes the type of ingredients, grain size, color, and scent.

Despite what type of incense you use, there can be no doubt that the use of incense enhances the experience of the liturgy and elevates it in a way that brings the participants experiences more fully in communion and relationship with the divine.





MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

One of the greatest gifts God can give us is the gift of someone who cares.

The Ministry of Consolation is an opportunity for all of us to show care and concern to families in our parish when they lose a loved one. By being a community of faith and demonstrating our support, we can directly bring comfort and power of the Gospel to hurting people at a time when it is really necessary. Through the **Ministry of Consolation**, priests, staff and parishioners are working together to make the funeral experience warmer and more meaningful.

There are roles for anyone who wishes to be involved - no matter how much time you have to give. Information and instructions will be given to volunteers, and training will be provided when needed. Currently there are 3 teams of volunteers, and the teams rotate, so all members do not attend all parish funerals. Specific needs include:

- _____ **Attend parish funerals** - with other Ministry of Consolation members - several times per month
- _____ **Greeter** - welcomes people and distributes funeral booklets at parish funerals - several times per month
- _____ **Lector at funerals** - occasionally; training provided if you are not currently a lector
- _____ **Eucharistic Minister at funerals**- once or more per month (indicate if you are currently an EM)
- _____ **Bake a cake for and/or deliver a cake to a grieving family** - once or more per month

TO VOLUNTEER: Return this form to: Parish Outreach, 55 E. Jamaica Ave. Valley Stream, NY 11580 or call 516-825-0177.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

I understand that I will be contacted by phone to discuss the possibility of my involvement in this ministry.
 The best times to reach me are: _____ Daytime _____ Evenings _____ Weekends

Financial Information

Weekly budget amount to meet parish expenses	\$13,882
Weekly offering of April 14, 2024	\$10,486
Faith Direct (average of weekly donation)	\$ 1,952
TOTAL of weekly offering & Faith Direct/Other	\$12,438
Deficit	\$ 1,444

Msgr. Mulligan Memorial



Candles
In Memory of
Susan Kobut

Requested by Marie & Geoffrey O'Connell

SAVE THE DATE!

Holy Name of Mary School's Annual Raffle Dinner

Saturday, May 18

Stewart Manor Country Club

More information coming soon!

HNM School Registration

Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit www.hnomschool.org for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

Baptism Schedule

Baptisms in English are scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 3pm. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled on the second Saturday of every month at 12 noon. Please call the Parish Office for available dates. Baby's birth certificate and signed sponsor forms from godparents are required.

Remember In Prayer



All Those Who Are Sick

Father of Goodness and love, bear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need...

- Annie Bottone, Anthony T. Chirico, Angela Hope Conroy
- Flo Facibene, Anthony Ippolito, Danny Larengeria
- Alice Lynch, Kevin Lynch, Joanne Menzies
- Richard Menzies, Ruth Ann Murray, Nial Pace
- Jane Pope, Eddie Pultorak, Francine Raimondi
- Vincent Raimondi, Jimmy Ross, Mary Ryder
- Mary Lou Shannon

(Names will remain on the sick list for **four weeks only**. If you would like to have the name listed again, please notify the Parish Office.)

All Those Who Have Died

Please remember in prayer all the recently deceased, of our parish and for those who mourn their loss.

We also remember all the souls in Purgatory.

Elma Perez

St. Vincent de Paul Message



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday," where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, and help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Pantry needs: paper towels, toilet tissue, cereal, rice, beans, canned vegetables/fruit, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, coffee, tea, condiments, muffin/cake mix, Mac and cheese, instant or canned potatoes

Your generous offerings helps us assist families in need in our own parish. Thank you!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, call SVdP or Parish Outreach at 516-825-0177.

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 27, 2024

5:00pm

HOST} C. Gugliano, B. Cercone

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:45am

HOST} D. Fox, P. Jung

9:00am

HOST} S. Paradiso, R. Abiuso

11:00am

HOST} L. Gangemi, A. Calisi



Welcome
to Our Church

If you and your family recently moved to Valley Stream and wish to become registered parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church, (or maybe you attend Mass regularly and have never registered), please visit the Parish Office to fill out a short registration form. Using our envelope system is the only way to have all your donations recorded.

Loose checks are not recorded, they must be placed in your registered parishioner envelope.