

M A S S S C H E D U L E

Monday 1/25 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22
Psalm 117:1-2
Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday 1/26 7:30am Fr. Idomele

2 Timothy 1:1-18 or Titus 1:1-5
Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday 1/27 7:30am Fr. Spellman

2 Samuel 7:4-17
Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday 1/28 7:30am Fr. Idomele

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14
Mark 4:21-25

Friday 1/29 7:30am Fr. Spellman

2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17
Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday 1/30 7:30am Fr. Spellman
4:30pm Fr. Idomele

2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17
Psalm 51:12-17
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday 1/31
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00am Fr. Spellman
10:00am Fr. Spellman
12:30pm Fr. Spellman

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

CDs of Sunday Masses are available in the Church Office on Tuesday of each week.

In need of our prayers...

Ethel Allen, Genevieve Alexander, Susan Augustine, Arleen Bouscher, Iola Brown, Rebecca Braithwaite, McCoy Brown, Inez Cameron, Nicholas Dudley, Bettye Epps, Olivia Griffin, Amy Gosey, Henry Green, Margaret Guillory, Rudi Eagleson, Milton Johnson, Ellender Julian, Irene Johnson, David Little, Ruth Revis, Edna Valdry, James Smith, Eva Smith, Phyllis Troupe, Elsie Weston, West "Ted" Williams, Mary Wiley, Thad Wiltz, Donald Aubrey, Phyllis Pope, Jose Gonzalez, Ruben Palamaris, Elrena Dandy and Ruth Howard (Sisters of Tina Floyd), Ophelia Walker, Sheryl Cooper-McGinest, Naomi Sealey, Berenice Scott, Eva Anderson, Lucy Byrd, Zelandia Fero, Taylor Brown, Jordan Brown, David Lewis, Gerald Winn, Susan Hughes, Karla Martinez Ochaeta (niece of Carmen El-Khour), Joshua Bolden, Warren Knox Jr., Edwin Thomas Sr., Barbara Ellis, Clyde Mitchell, Lloyd Moses, Oscar Antonio Romero, Thurman Johnson, Edna Bendy, Debra Stewart, Gary Elliott, Mario Toledo, Kelly Matthews, Angie Dupre, Shirley Miller, Emily Lewis, Basil Lewis, Mrs. Oliska Batiste, Tyrone Batiste, Santiago Zayas, Florentino Pulido, Genevieve Tobin, those seeking employment, and those struggling to make ends meet during these tough times.

Church Bulletin Board

Monday, Jan 25, 2010 10:30am Journey Through Bible
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Spanish Renew
7:00pm PPC Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2010 7:00pm RCIA
7:00pm Substance Abuse
7:00pm Spanish Intercessory
7:00pm Youth Group Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 27, 2010 6:30pm MSC
7:00pm Mariano Ministry
7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Thursday, Jan 28, 2010 12:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, Jan 29, 2010 6:30pm BDYC
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Baptism Class
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, Jan 30, 2010 9:30am Religious Formation
9:30am Spanish Bible Study
10:00am Mass (Maggie)
10:00am Meeting
12:00pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, Jan 31, 2010 9:00am Religious Formation
2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

Each day when I see pictures on the news about the devastation caused by **the earthquake in Haiti last week**, I keep asking myself why things like this happen. There are many who suffer due to the evil of others, such as victims of racism, and victims of discrimination, and the victims of the attacks on September 11th. I do not understand evil, but I do realize that evil results when we turn away from God and towards our own selfishness. But there is other suffering that is not caused by evil, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, cancer, AIDS, and birth defects. Why do those things exist?

Like Job in the Old Testament, I am only asking the question: Why? Some people have said that God is angry, or that the people of Haiti must have done something to deserve this. (Remember some of those ugly emails that were floating around soon after Hurricane Katrina?) Others have said that everything that happens in our world is the will of God. I do not believe that any of this is true. Do the people of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere need to suffer while the greedy investment bankers on Wall Street receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in yearend bonuses? Is everything that happens in the world really the will of God - such as slavery, or the Holocaust, or the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King? Again, I do not believe this, either.

Eventually God reminds Job that he (Job) was not there when God created the world, and that many things are beyond his understanding. And, in the **Book of Revelation**, God tells us that, *"Behold God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God Himself will always be there with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."* And He concludes His words with, *"Behold, I make all things new."* And that, by brothers and my sisters, is the basis of my faith when bad things happen to good people.

However, when something like this happens, even thousands of miles away, **we are called to reach out to the victims both in prayer and in material assistance.** Last weekend we took up a Second Collection for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and, as a result, we have been able to send over **\$5,000** to **Catholic Relief Services** to provide direct assistance to the people of this devastated country. Thank you so much for your generosity!

During this week let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and then ask the Lord how we may continue to contribute towards ending the suffering and helping to rebuild homes and schools.

May the Lord continue to bless us always and in all ways, *Father Paul*

HNOJ School News

Gratitude is Golden

A warm thank you to the following parishioners who have responded to Holy Name of Jesus School's Annual Fund Appeal for 2009/2010:

Jenny Millender: Friend of HNOJ	Gloria Banner: Friend of HNOJ
John Takenaka: Friend of HNOJ	Claudia Osorio: Friend of HNOJ
Muriel Wallace: Friend of HNOJ	Shirley Coburn: Friend of HNOJ
David Leech: Friend of HNOJ	Eva Mai Smith: Bronze Donor
Deniche Francis: Bronze Donor	Basilia Rosales: Bronze Donor
Verna Lipscomb: Silver Donor	Donna Finley: Silver Donor
Ella Jackson: Gold Donor	Martha Hamiter: Gold Donor
Brenda Harris: Diamond Donor	Joe Elady: Platinum Donor
Christine Moore: Platinum Donor	Henry Grayson: Platinum Donor
Barbara James: Platinum Donor	Norma Mitchell: Platinum Donor
L.R. LaBorde: Platinum Donor	Paul Bay: Platinum Donor
Marsha Barnes: Platinum Donor	Jeffrey Upperman: Platinum Donor

The appeal will run for the remainder of January. Kindly get in touch with the school if you have not received your appeal forms in the mail. Thank you to all our donors and may God continue to richly bless you. You are making a difference in the lives of our students through your kind contribution.

HNN TV – Holy Name News Hits the Airwaves



The Student Council started the first week of school to do televised student assemblies seen by students on the televisions in their classrooms. The effort integrates the use of technology in the classroom, strengthens the leadership capacity of the students and increases motivation. The students prepare and conduct the assemblies with guidance from faculty.

We are still in need of video equipment. If you would like to donate a tripod, video camera, etc., please call the school office

Healthy Living...

Storms remind residents to pack *10 Essential Items* to be prepared for emergencies

As storms blanket Los Angeles County with heavy rain, wind, mudslides and flash flooding, the Department of Public Health has tips on pre-planning for an emergency and cleaning up after disaster strikes in order to best protect one's health. The storms that have struck this week have already caused evacuations, unfortunate damage to homes, and power outages, underlining the importance for every resident to be prepared.

“Though no one can prevent the forces of nature from affecting our county, everyone has the ability and the responsibility to prepare for disasters. This is especially important for those that have special health or medical needs,” said Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director of Public Health and Health Officer.

The **10 Essential Items**, as recommended by the Emergency Survival Program in LA County's Office of Emergency Management, include:

1. Water
2. Food
3. Cash and Important Documents
4. Clothes
5. Flashlight
6. First Aid Kit
7. Medicine
8. Radio
9. Toiletries
10. Tools

These essential items will help ensure that people have access to basic essentials when other resources may not be available during an emergency. It is also vital that families put together a Communications Plan, such as a pre-planned place to meet and a designated out-of-state contact, in case family members are separated or at work or school when a disaster strikes.

For more information on earthquake and disaster readiness, call (866) 999-5228 or the LA County Information Line at 2-1-1. Bilingual staff is available Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional information can be found on the *Just Be Ready: Prepare Together* webpage at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?**Road to Priesthood Involves a Rigorous Formation Process**

Seminary formation involves much more than academic study. Prior to ordination, a candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John's Seminary, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit www.la-archdiocese.org and click on the "Vocations" tab.

**SHARMAINE HAYLOCK, CHAIRPERSON
HOLY NAME CHURCH SAFEGUARD
THE CHILDREN COMMITTEE**

Please keep the following 8th Graders and all 8th Graders in your prayers as they prepare to take the High School Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 30th.

Mykellie Anderson, Jamie Linton, Cheyenne Reid, Frank Barragan, Erick Davis, Michelle August, Paul Pollard, Kianna Bowden, Ronald Castellon, Jacqueline Alas, Daisy Okoyeocha, Marcus Calbert, Taylor Mercado, Veronica Tatenco, Joseph Paige, Patrick Jose, Breanna Franklin, Gilmore Augustus, Jackeline Alvarez, Nathaniel Webb, Alexander Grizzle, and Jessika Whitefield.

Black History Month 2010

Planning for Black History Month is underway! Look for exciting guest speakers, celebrants and events throughout the month of February. Get your African and cultural attire ready to wear each Sunday. If you would like to be a vendor for the market place, please call the parish office and leave your name and number.

The Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick would like you to share in the joyous celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Canonization of their Holy Mother Foundress, Saint María Soledad Torres Acosta. On January 25th she was canonized by His Holiness Paul VI, who said in his homily, "Saint María Soledad is recognized and proclaimed Saint and added to the number of Saints, since she belongs to the Celestial Church . . . Today is a happy day for us. . . With this canonization the Church tells us that we still have in our midst people who are faithful to the values that the world so much needs. "There will be a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the Convent on Monday January 25th at 6:00 p.m. 2131 West 27th Street, Los Angeles, Ca. 90018 (323) 731-5747 servantsofmaryla@aol.com

Parish Photo Directory

If you missed taking your picture with Olan Mills and would like a Family Portrait to be in the Parish Photo Directory please submit a photo to the Church office by Monday, February 8, 2010..

All ministries that wish to have their picture in the Photo Directory need to submit it to the church office no later than Monday, February 8, 2010.

Stewardship Report***Stewardship: A Definition from Scripture***

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

-Matthew 10:8

Current Year:

January 17, 2010 = \$ 8,499.00

Two Previous Years:

January 18, 2009 = \$ 7,650.85

January 20, 2008 = \$ 6,866.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**The Knights of Peter Claver
Coordinating Junior Branch and Courts
Annual Fish Fry
Saturday, February 6, 2010
From 11:00am - 6:00pm
Holy Name of Jesus Hall**

Office of Religious Education

- Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on Tuesday's at 7:00pm in Acacia Center.
- For all young people making First Holy Communion, the First Parent Meeting will be held in Spanish on January 23, 2010 and in English on February 6, 2010 both will be held in the Acacia Center from 9:30am to 11:00am. You can attend either one.
- Please keep our Confirmation Classes in Prayer.
- The Rite of Acceptance for RCIA Candidate Christine Haylock and Salvador Alvarado will take place on Sunday, January 24th at 10:00am Mass please keep them in your prayers

For more information, please contact Cathy Brown at (323) 734-8888 ext 2.