

M A S S S C H E D U L E**Monday 2/22 7:30am Fr. Spellman**

1 Peter 5:1-4
 Psalm 23:1-6
 Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday 2/23 7:30am Fr. Idomele

Isaiah 55:10-11
 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19
 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday 2/24 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Jonah 3:1-10
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday 2/25 7:30am Fr. Idomele

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
 Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8
 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday 2/26 7:30am Fr. Spellman

Ezekiel 18:21-28
 Psalm 130:1-8
 Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday 2/27 7:30am Fr. Spellman
4:30pm Fr. Spellman**

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
 Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday 2/28**Second Sunday of Lent**

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

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 9:28-36

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-Khoury), 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, Feb 22, 2010 10:00am Journey Through Bible
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Spanish Renew
7:00pm PPC Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 23, 2010 7:00pm Single Parent Ministry
7:00pm Substance Abuse
7:00pm Spanish Intercessory
7:00pm Youth Group Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 24, 2010 6:30pm MSC
7:00pm Mariano Ministry
7:00pm Spanish Baptism Class
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Thursday, Feb 25, 2010 12:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday, Feb 26, 2010 6:30pm BDYC & Young Adults
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Baptism Class
7:00pm Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, Feb 27, 2010 9:00am Young Adult Meeting
9:30am Religious Formation
9:30am Spanish Bible Study
11:00am Census
12:00pm Quilting
7:00pm Concert for Haiti

Sunday, Feb 28, 2010 9:00am Religious Formation
2:00pm Awe Drumming

Pastor's Letter

In Monday morning's *Los Angeles Times* there was an article entitled, "*Cal State at the Pulpit: University officials reach out to Black students at churches where they worship.*" (page AA 1) The message was one of the importances of education to the success of Black Americans. **Chancellor Charles B. Reed**, head of the 23-campus California State University system, was quoted as stating, "*Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, there is no gift that you can give to all of our children that is more important than preparing them to be able to go to college. It is imperative that the African American community of this state and of this nation do that.*"

As I have stated before, "*Education is the best investment you can make - they cannot repossess it and they cannot foreclose on it! It is yours forever!*"

Last year here at Holy Name of Jesus Church we held a series of seminars for junior high and high school students, informing them of the classes that they would need in high school so that they be accepted into the college of their choice. And many of the parents pointed out that the students must have a solid education in their first eight years of school in order to master the required classes that are required prior to applying for college. Without the basics in reading, math, and science, they will never meet the challenges of English Literature, Algebra, Calculus, Chemistry, and Physics. *Here at Holy Name of Jesus School, we have a proven track record of preparing our students for Loyola High School, Notre Dame Academy, Saint Genevieve High School, Verbum Dei High School, and many others.* And, as you know, the vast majority of the graduates of these high schools continue their education at some of the top colleges and universities in the country!

The article in the paper pointed out that "*the Cal State system is the largest recipient of federal Pell Grants in the United States. Through these awards and state and university grants, most families with incomes of \$80,000 or below would qualify for a full scholarship.*" That is an incredible incentive to begin now in the preparation of our children and grandchildren for their college educations! Wouldn't it be sad if one of our children had to pass up such an opportunity because they were unable to master the required subjects?

With the wonderful education that our children at **Holy Name of Jesus School** receive, they are also receiving an *education in the Bible, the teachings of our Lord and Savior, and a sense of what is right in the eyes of God and what is acceptable in the eyes of society.* This teaching goes hand-in-hand with the teaching of reading, writing, math, and science.

Next month we will begin enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. I ask you to invite a friend, family-member, or neighbor who has school-age children to take the entrance exam for Holy Name of Jesus School. It could turn out to be one of the best decisions of their lives!

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

HNOJ School News

Come on out and support our Boys and Girls Basketball Teams as they compete in the CYO Tournament. Please see the schedule below for dates, places and times:

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
- 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
- Alejandro/ Carmen Miranda: Bronze Donor
- James/Janice White: Bronze Donor
- Shirley Miller: Platinum Donor
- Sharon Johnson: Friend of HNOJ
- Albert & Lori Williams: Platinum Donor
- Danielle Hines: Friend of HNOJ
- Victor & Sylvia Garbutt: Friend of HNOJ
- James & Janice White: Bronze Donor
- Carmen & Alejandro Marin: Bronze Donor

These are the final weeks of the Annual Fund Appeal. 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.

Healthy Living...

Join us in the Parish Hall for today's Health Fair after the 8am, 10am, and 12:30pm masses.

Joining us today will be:

the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department providing H1N1 flu vaccines;

the office of Dr. Timothy Simmons, Gastroenterologist;

the American Diabetes Association;

the American Heart Association;

Nutrition Counseling;

and

Blood Pressure checks provided by Holy Name's professional medical staff;

and more...

Please take advantage of the free services and expertise available to us today.

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Save the Date!!!

The 50 Plus Club is hosting a Fundraiser on Saturday, March 27, 2010 to San Manuel Casino. Please call Lorraine Sparrow for information 323-734-8978.

DID YOU KNOW?**Office of Assistance Ministry Helps Victims**

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles deals with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious and any lay person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese. The office was charged with creating a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward, while ensuring that civil authorities are notified and victims are provided counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Directed by Suzanne Healy, the office also advises Catholic parishes and schools coping with issues of sexual abuse of minors. Ms. Healy may be reached by calling (213) 637-7650. The hotline number to report sexual abuse is (800) 355-2545.

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

Black History Month 2010***“An Unlimited Celebration;
Church, Family, Community, and Culture”
Sunday, February 21st***

Join us for the fourth Sunday of Black History Month with Deacon Doug Johnson, the Young Adults, and the Youth of our parish providing the homily and music for the liturgy.

There will be arts and crafts for the kids in the parish hall after the 8am and 10am masses. The Sunday Soul Food Dinners continue – cost is \$7.00 and includes dinner, dessert and beverage. Healthier alternatives are available! Wear your African / Cultural attire and bring a friend.

Men’s Annual Retreat –First Call

This is the First Call for sign-up for our annual parish Men’s Retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on April 16, 2010. All Men of the Parish are invited. Call now- don’t miss this chance for spiritual renewal with your fellow parishioners. Phone your reservation to Clyde Sparrow at 323-770-4708 or 213-392-1916.

Save the Date!!! The Youth in our Church are organizing a Benefit Concert for our brothers and sisters in Haiti on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

Some of the performances will be The Brighter Day Youth Choir, Holy Name School Drum Line, The Shining F.A.I.T.H Young Adult Choir, Morning Star Choir, and many more. Please come out and support our Youth as they raise money for Haiti. Tickets are on sale outside the church for \$5.00.

Office of Religious Education

- Please keep our Confirmation Classes in Prayer.
- The Rite of Acceptance for RCIA Candidate Christine Haylock and Salvador Alvarado - please keep them in your prayers.

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

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

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

-Matthew 10:8

Current Year:

February 14, 2010 = \$ 8,380.00

Two Previous Years:

February 8, 2009 = \$ 9,623.00

February 10, 2008 = \$ 12,826.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A few friendly housekeeping reminders...

- Please do not tape any flyers, posters, etc. on the walls or doors of the church.
- Children under the age of 13 will have to be accompanied by an adult when going to the restroom...
- No teenagers can accompany a younger child to the restroom unless they are over the age of 18...
- The crying room is for parents with babies only. All others will be asked to leave...
- Children must sit with their parents at all times during the mass services...
- Ushers will escort unsupervised children to their parents...
- When arriving late for mass, you will be requested to remain in the church lobby until directed by an usher...
- Turn cell phones and pagers off when entering church...
- No gum, food or drinks in the church!!!!