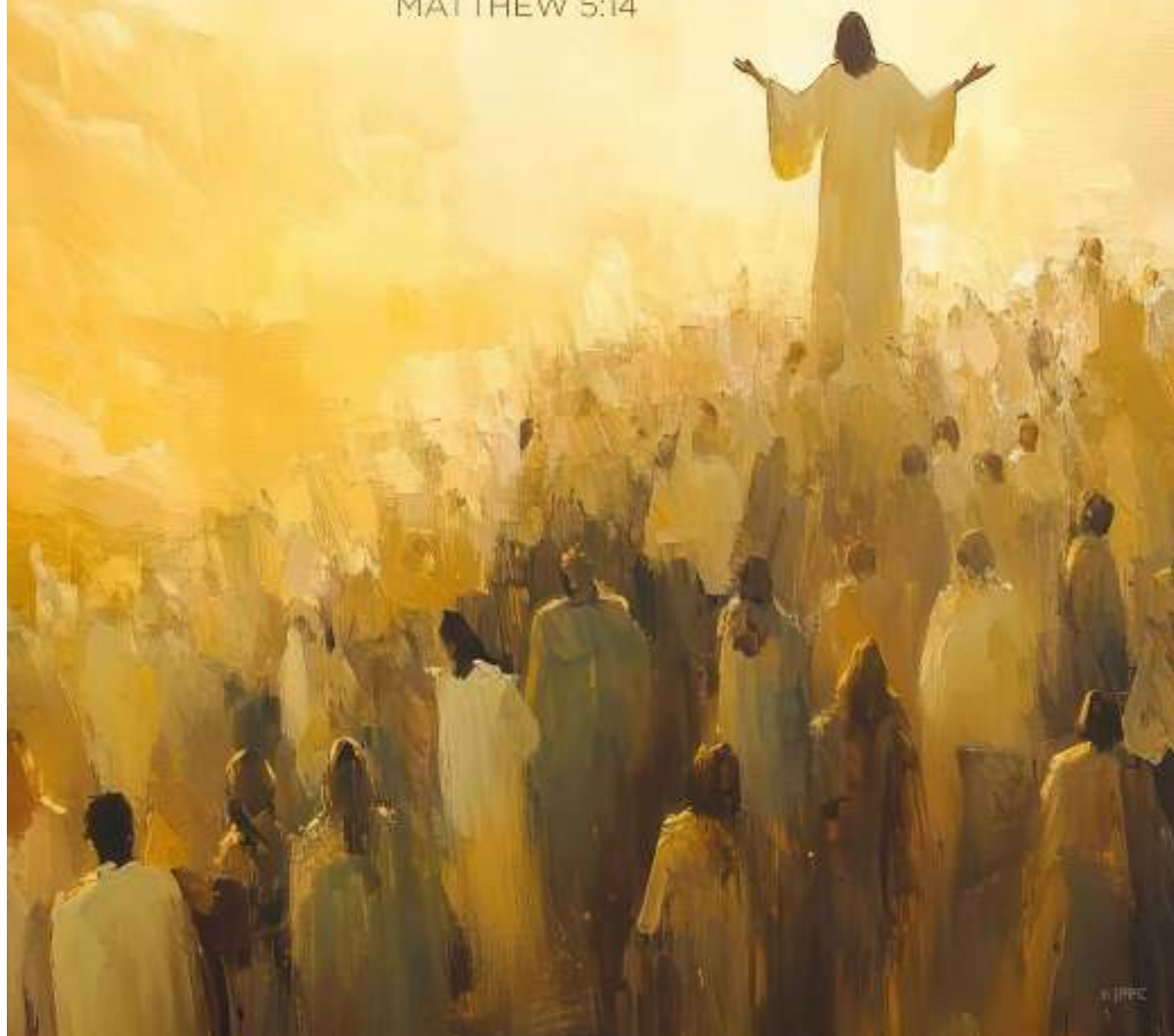


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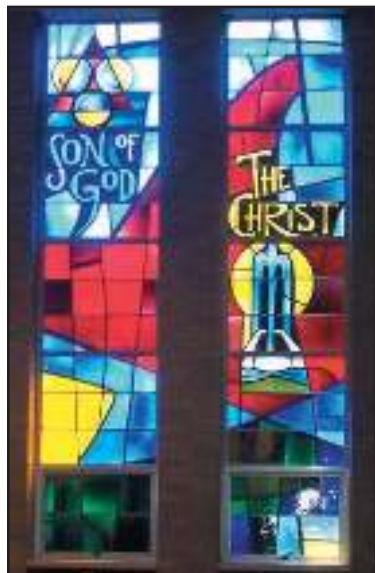
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SACRAMENTS AT HOLY NAME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:30 am (Family Mass)
12:30 pm (Spanish Mass)

Daily Mass: 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am Miraculous Medal
Novena Mass

Holy Day Masses: 8:15 am & 5:30 pm English
7:00 pm Spanish

Anyone age 7 or older who has not received First Holy Communion is asked to register for preparation by calling the Religious Education Office at 413-733-5823

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call 733-5823 for contact name and phone number.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation

Celebrated in 9th grade as part of our Religious Education program. Adult classes are also available. Contact Religious Education office at 413-733-5823

Confession

Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:15 pm and by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office for those who may need to be anointed.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

Vocations to the Priesthood

If you are exploring a vocation to priesthood or religious life you are invited to contact the Vocations Office, 413-452-0816; or email vocations@diospringfield.org. Fr. Piotr Pawlus is Director of Recruiting and Fr. David Darcy (413-896-6397) is Director of Seminarians.

We Welcome New Parishioners!!

Interested in joining our parish community? New parishioners are most welcome. There are welcome cards by the parking lot exit door or obtain one from the priest. Just fill one out and a new parishioner packet will be sent to you. For more information call 733-5823.

Parish Mission Statement:

"We at Holy Name Parish, through the empowering spirit of Jesus Christ, strive to build a faith-filled community through prayer, action, and outreach to all."

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



Saturday, February 7

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, February 8

8:30 Celebrant's Intention

10:30 Celebrant's Intention

12:30 Rafael Hernandez
By his Wife and Son

Sofia Lozano
By Marta and Family

Monday, February 8

8:15 Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, February 9

8:15 Intentions of Mary Flahive
By the Family

Wednesday, February 10

8:15 Holy Name Parishioners

Thursday, February 11

8:15 Nhan Nguyen
By Nguyet Tran

Friday, February 13

8:15 Vera Murphy
By the Family

Saturday, February 14

8:15 Bob and Betty O'Herron
By the Family

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, February 15

8:30 Celebrant's Intention

10:30 Juliette Rivest (1st Anniversary)
By Maggie and Jerry

12:30 Maria Lamilla Fajardo
By Sonia Davila

Fr. David Joyce
By the Davila Family



IS FAST APPROACHING.....

WORSHIP

From Your Parochial Vicar



From Fr. Yerick [5th Sunday Ordinary Time]

Your Light Must Shine!

Who is the light of the world? Is it Jesus or is it us? If we only read the gospels superficially we might be confused about this question. During the gospel acclamation (the Alleluia) we heard what Jesus said in John's Gospel. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12). However, in Matthew's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." (Mt. 5:14). Is it then a contradiction to say that both Jesus and his disciples are the light of the world? It would seem that there can only be one Light of the World. Jesus did not say, "I am *one* of the lights of the world." or "You are *a* light of the world." He speaks of The Light. Since the Bible is the inspired word of God and cannot be mistaken on such an important truth there must be a way for both Christ and his disciples to be the "light of the world" and yet for there to be only one light. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the light by his divine nature as Son of God. Thus the Creed professes Jesus as "God from God, Light from Light." How then do we become light? In the First letter of Saint John we hear, "Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin." (1 Jn 1: 5-7). While we remain in sin we remain in darkness because of our separation from God who is light. But if we walk in the light of Christ he makes us his friends, brings us together as one in his light and cleanses all our sins in his blood. Once cleansed of our sins we become part of the light for the darkness that once separated us from God has now been overcome. "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." (Eph. 5:8-9). Jesus warns us not to take this gift for granted however. We cannot continue to walk in darkness. We must not return to a life in sin or else we will lose the light and have no fellowship with it. Returning to sin after being enlightened by Christ is like salt losing its flavor or hiding a lamp under a basket. Jesus would say, "it is no longer good for anything." (Mt. 5:13). Remember, Jesus is not insulting you, he is saving you. When my doctor tells me I'm overweight I understand that he's not trying to make me sad but rather to make me healthy. We should apply the same principle to Jesus' words because they have the power to give us eternal life (*see Jn 6: 68*). We should realize the astounding power of Christ's calling to each one of us. No, we are not called to be "good for nothing" Christians who remain in darkness. We are called to be the light of the world, a radiant city on a mountaintop shining with the light of Christ for all to see that they may give glory to God. Our good works, done in Christ, make his light visible in a dark world. So we should make every effort to "be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world." (Phil. 2:15). Perhaps like me, you are keenly aware of your own sinful darkness. What should we do? Bring it to The Light! "Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them... everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light." (*see Eph. 5:11-14*). Bring your sins to Jesus in confession for in confessing our sins we expose them to the light. Our darkness will become visible and be transformed into light. We will return to the light and hear Jesus say once again, "Your light must shine." (Mt. 5:16).

Just a little reminder.....

- Barring any flight issues, we'll be welcoming Fr. John back in church this Sunday.
- The rectory office will be closed on days that school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Eucharistic ADORATION

Tuesdays, 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

The Chaplet is prayed at 3p.m., the Rosary is prayed at 3:30p.m. followed by Benediction.

May MASS INTENTIONS Still Available for JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2026

Please email to annfholyname@gmail.com or call if you prefer. Please be reminded that we can now take multiple intentions (they are called Collective Mass Intentions) for the **Sunday 10:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. Masses only**. The stipend is still \$15.00 if that is affordable for you.

On the first Saturday of every month, the **Blue Army** group follows the 8:15a.m. Mass with a rosary, meditation on the mysteries and confession until approximately 10:30a.m. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to take part.

When trying to reach a priest in an **emergency situation** to administer the **Sacrament of the Sick** for someone in the hospital – if a parish priest isn't immediately available and time is critical, there should be a Chaplain available 24/7 at each of the area hospitals.

February Bible Study

All are invited to join Fr. Yerick, Deacon Michael and Sr. Leila on Thursday, February 19th, right after the 8:15a.m. Mass.



Are you registered as a parishioner?

If not, just call or email the secretary, and she will mail or email the form to you. Yes, it's that easy! If you are asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or a Confirmation sponsor, you will most likely be asked which church you regularly attend. If we are asked to verify it, we can only do so if you have registered with us.

Special Note: To be considered a parishioner at a church, you have to be registered. Your information will remain private. Please call or email the office to obtain a registration form.

STEWARDSHIP

Tax Letters Available Upon Request

As we have done for several years, if you would like a statement of your charitable donations to Holy Name for 2025, please call the rectory (733-5823, ext. 113) or you can email your request. Then we will either mail or email the information to you.

Special Note: Please be sure to tell us "how" you give (weekly envelopes, on-line, or both). The two modes of giving are recorded separately, and we want to be sure you receive credit for your total giving amount. Thank you.



Collections and Mail-ins for January 24 & 25, 2026 totaled \$3,220.50. Thank you!

February special collections are: First Offering – 2-1; Missions in the United States and Snow Removal 2-8; St. Michael’s Academy 2-15; Energy & Fuel 2-22



We are once again requesting food items for the **OPEN PANTRY**.

As always, we appreciate your giving spirit. The items hoped for are (and we have a **few new ones** added to the list!!): Canned meats and canned vegetables, oatmeal or hot cereal, peanut butter, (and **jelly** to go with it), macaroni and cheese, **soup** and spaghetti sauce. And, as always, no perishables!! Thank you very much!

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Classes and Confirmation Classes are back up and running according to the 2026 schedule. If you are in need of a schedule, please see Sister Caritina, or call her at 413-777-5115, or email her at misionera557@gmail.com.

Special Note: For possible religious education class cancellations this winter due to snowy weather, please tune into **WWLP Channel 22**. We will post cancellations there if we have cancelled, and it must say **Holy Name** to be our cancellation. If another church is cancelling, it doesn’t mean we are.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Mensaje Del Padre Yerick [V Domingo Tiempo Ordinario]

¡Brille la Luz de Ustedes!

¿Quién es la luz del mundo? ¿Es Jesús o somos nosotros? Si leemos los evangelios de manera superficial nos pudiera confundir esta pregunta. En la Aclamación del Evangelio (el Aleluya) oímos lo que Jesús dice en el evangelio de Juan, “Yo soy la luz del mundo. El que me sigue no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la Vida (Jn. 8, 12). Pero en el evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús dice a sus discípulos, “Ustedes son la luz del mundo. No se puede ocultar una ciudad situada en la cima de una montaña. (Mt 5:14). ¿Es una contradicción decir que Jesús y también sus discípulos son la luz del mundo? Parece verdad que solo puede haber una Luz del Mundo. Jesús no dijo “Yo soy una luz del mundo.” ni tampoco, “ustedes son unas luces del mundo.” Él proclama La Luz. Puesto que la Biblia es la palabra inspirada de Dios y no puede errar en respeto a una verdad tan importante, tiene que haber una manera en que Cristo y también sus discípulos sean una sola la luz del mundo. Sin duda, Jesucristo por su naturaleza divina como el Hijo de Dios, es la luz. Por eso, el Credo profesa que es “Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz.” ¿Entonces, cómo podemos nosotros llegar a ser la luz? La Primera Carta de Juan dice que, “La noticia que hemos oído de Él y que nosotros les anunciamos, es esta: Dios es luz, y en Él no hay tinieblas. Si decimos que estamos en comunión con Él y caminamos en las tinieblas, mentimos y no procedemos conforme a la verdad. Pero si caminamos en la luz, como el mismo está en la luz, estamos en comunión unos con otros, y la sangre de su Hijo Jesús nos purifica de todo pecado.” (1 Jn. 1, 5-7). Mientras permanecemos en pecado quedamos en oscuridad por estar separados de Dios que es luz. Si caminamos en la luz de Cristo él nos afianza en su amistad, nos da communion unos con los otros en su luz y nos lava todos nuestros pecados en su sangre. Una vez purificados del pecado formamos parte de la luz, pues ya se venció la oscuridad que nos separaba de Dios. “Antes, ustedes eran tinieblas, pero ahora son luz en el Señor. Vivan como hijos de la luz. Ahora bien, el fruto de la luz es la bondad, la justicia y la verdad.” (Ef. 5, 8-9). Sin embargo, Jesús nos advierte a no presumir ingenuamente tener este don. Ya no podemos caminar en la oscuridad. No debemos volver a vivir en pecado por riesgo de perder la luz y dejar de estar

en comunión con ella. Volver al pecado después de haber sido iluminado por Cristo es ser como la sal que pierde su sabor o como lámpara escondida bajo una olla. Jesús dice que “Ya no sirve para nada.” (Mt. 5,13). Recuerda que Jesús no te está insultando, te está salvando. Cuando el médico dice que estoy sobrepeso yo sé que su intención no es hacerme sentir mal, sino hacerme saludable. Debemos interpretar las palabras de Jesús, usando el mismo principio, porque tienen el poder de darnos la vida eterna (ver a Jn 6, 68). Tomemos en cuenta el poder asombroso que tiene el llamado de Cristo a cada uno de nosotros. No nos llamó a ser cristianos que “no sirven para nada,” que se quedan en la oscuridad. Nos llamó a ser la luz del mundo, una ciudad radiante en la cima de un monte que brilla con la luz de Cristo para que todos la vean y den gloria a Dios. Nuestras buenas obras, echas en Cristo, hacen visible su luz en un mundo oscuro. Por eso debemos esforzarnos por ser “irreprochables y puros, hijos de Dios sin mancha, en medio de una generación extraviada y perversa, dentro de la cual ustedes brillan como haces de luz en el mundo.” (Fil 2,15). Quizás, como yo, están muy conscientes de su propio pecado y oscuridad. ¿Qué debemos hacer? ¡Traerlo a La Luz! “No participen de las obras estériles de las tinieblas; al contrario, pónganlas en evidencia... cuando se las pone de manifiesto, aparecen iluminadas por la luz, porque todo lo que se pone de manifiesto es luz.” (ver a Ef. 5, 11-14). Llevemos nuestros pecados a Jesús en la confesión pues al confesarlos los exponemos a la luz. Nuestra oscuridad se hará clara y se transformará en luz. Entonces seremos restaurados a la luz y podremos oír que Jesús nos dice nuevamente, “Brille la luz de ustedes.” (Mt. 5, 16).

Si desea una carta que certifique sus donaciones caritativas a la parroquia del año 2025 para propósitos contributivos, Favor de llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina. Asegúrese de Indicarnos su Método de donación: Si fue por sobres semanales, en línea o ambos, Ya que esas donaciones se registran por separado.

Cuando se intenta contactar a un sacerdote en una situación de emergencia para administrar el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos a una persona hospitalizada, si un sacerdote parroquial no está disponible de inmediato y el tiempo es crítico, debe haber un capellán disponible las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, en cada uno de los hospitales del área.

¡En caso de inclemencias del tiempo!

“Solo un recordatorio de que la oficina de la rectoría estará cerrada los días en que se cancelen las clases debido a condiciones climáticas adversas.” Si las escuelas publicas de Springfeild anuncian que estarán cerradas, la oficina también estará cerrada. **Nota especial:** En caso de cancelaciones de las clases de educación religiosa durante este invierno debido a condiciones de nieve, favor de sintonizar el canal **WWLP Canal 22**. Las cancelaciones se anunciarán únicamente a través de ese medio y deberán indicar específicamente **Holy Name Parish Spfld.** para que apliquen a nuestra parroquia. La cancelación de clases en otra iglesia no implica que las nuestras también hayan sido canceladas.

Desea ser parte nuestro grupo de voluntarios para los eventos de la Parroquia el Santo Nombre? O ser parte de el grupo de Uijeres/acomodadores? o si toca guitarra y desea ser parte del Ministerio Musical Hispano (el coro)?. Si está interesado y siente el llamado, favor de hablar con Marta Piñero después de la santa misa Hispana o llamarla al 413-733-5823, Ext. 132 y dejar un mensaje con su nombre y numero de telefono. Se le devolverá la llamada lo mas pronto posible. Como también puede enviar un correo electronico a: marta.pinero23@gmail.com

Para Bodas, Quinciañeros, preparación de Adultos para matrimonio, Presentación de infantes: Favor de verse con Marta Piñero después de la Santa Misa o llamar a la oficina al 413-733-5823 – Ext. #132 y dejar su Nombre y numero de telefono o enviando un correo electronico a: marta.pinero23@gmail.com

Para Primera Comunión o Confirmación, favor de verse con la Hna. Caritina, o llamarla al 413-733-5823 – Ext. #130 o al 413-777-5115.

Grupos Hispanos

Hora Santa Sábados
@ 7:00pm en la Iglesia

Hora Santa primeros sabados
del mes @ 5:00am

Legión de María
Mártes @ 6:00pm

Movimiento Juan XXIII
Miércoles @ 7:00pm

Acompañenos a rezar el Rosario ántes de la Misa Hispana. Los Domingos a las 11:45am.

Contáctanos en Español

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Maria Events & Other Happenings

Because of NBC's coverage of the 2026 Winter Olympics- the weekly televised Mass, **The Chalice of Salvation** will air at 6am on Sundays February. 8, 15, & 22. **Real to Reel**, the weekly diocesan news magazine program will be pre-empted for Olympic coverage on Saturday February 14. We are most grateful to the management and staff at WWLP for finding alternative times for the **Chalice** program during these busy broadcast weeks.

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