20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Honoring Our Legacy, Investing in Her Future



What you need to know.

📅 **Dates: Thursday, July 1 – Sunday, July 4, 2027**

📍 **Location: Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson,**
2 Exchange Place, Jersey City, NJ 07302





Welcome to Our 20th Anniversary: Celebration Dates and Location

July 1- July 4, 2027, in Jersey City, New Jersey

On July 7, 2027, HOPSA USA–Canada officially turns 20 years old!

The weekend will celebrate 20 years of sisterhood, 20 years of service, and 20 years of supporting our beloved sisters. Twenty years of bringing HOPSANS together across the United States and Canada while continuing to support our beloved Holy Child School.
We are marking this milestone with an unforgettable long weekend in the New Jersey/New York area, bringing our sisterhood together to celebrate where we started, how far we have come, and the future we are building together.

Why New Jersey? Back to Where It Began
There is special meaning behind our return to New Jersey.
HOPSA USA–Canada was formally inaugurated in New Jersey in 2007. Twenty years later, we are returning to the place where this chapter of our story began.

Our location also gives us the best of both worlds: the beautiful New Jersey waterfront and easy access to the energy and excitement of New York City.
We are coming full circle, not simply to look back, but to celebrate the women who built this organization and invest in those who will carry it forward.

This is more than an anniversary. It is our homecoming.
Our celebration. Our legacy.

Day 1 : Welcome Mixer | Back Together Again

Hotel Check in: 3:00 PM EST
Arrive, settle in, and let the celebration begin!

Our opening evening is all about reconnecting. Find your year-group sisters, greet old friends, meet HOPSANS you may know only from WhatsApp, and enjoy an easygoing evening together.

Time: 5:00 PM EST
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Riverview Terrace

What to Expect
🤝 Registration & Welcome
🎶 Music & DJ
🍴 Light bites
🎲 Icebreakers & interactive fun
📸 Class-year photos
💕 Plenty of catching up, laughter, and sisterhood

Attire: **Comfortable & relaxed**

Come ready to reconnect and kick off our anniversary weekend in true HOPSA style.



Arrival: Thursday, July 1, 2027

Day 2 : Sisterhood, Culture & Celebration

Friday takes us across the Hudson for a day in New York City!

🚢 Spirit of New York Lunch Cruise
📍 Chelsea Piers, Pier 61 – New York City
🕐 Expected Boarding: 11:30 AM
🛳️ Cruise: 12:00–2:00 PM

We will enjoy lunch, music, dancing, spectacular views, and sisterhood aboard the Spirit of New York. Take in views of the Manhattan skyline and New York Harbor while enjoying an afternoon created for celebrating together.

Attire: A beautiful blouse in your print color over blue denim (**recommended**) or yellow blouse over blue denim.
Bring your camera and your dancing shoes!

Transportation: The current itinerary includes a group bus departure from the host hotel at 10:00 AM.

Please arrive early. The bus and the cruise vessel cannot wait for late arrivals.

Final transportation arrangements and boarding instructions will be communicated to registered participants.



New York City Experience: Friday, July 2, 2027

Day 3: Connecting Our Present. Shaping Our Future.

This morning is all about slowing down. We'll enjoy breakfast together before settling into our business meeting. We'll have an opportunity to reconnect with the mission of HOPSA USA–Canada, hear organizational updates, celebrate our progress, and explore opportunities for continued involvement.

Immediately following the business meeting, visit our Vendor Marketplace, support HOPSAN-owned businesses, network with fellow alumnae, and capture more memories through individual and year-group photography.

Our sisterhood grows stronger when we connect, participate, and support one another.

Time: 09:30 AM EST
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Riverview Terrace

What to Expect:
📋 HOPSA USA–Canada Business Meeting
🥐 Breakfast
🛍️ Vendor Marketplace
🤝 Networking
📸 Year Group & Individual Photography

Recommended attire: Business Casual (HCS Colors recommended)



Business Meeting & Vendor Fair: Saturday Morning, July 3, 2027



Saturday Evening, July 3: The 20th Anniversary Gala

Day 3: A Night to Remember! ✨

Twenty years deserves an extraordinary celebration!

Join us for an elegant evening filled with flavorful cuisine, music, live entertainment, surprises, and nonstop dancing.

More than a gala, this is our opportunity to celebrate the legacy of HOPSA USA–Canada and the remarkable women whose commitment and service have brought us this far.

Dress beautifully. Bring your dancing shoes. Let's celebrate 20 years together!

Red Carpet & Photography: Time: 03:00 PM EST
Anniversary Dinner Dance & Gala: 05:00 PM EST
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Manhattan Ballroom

What to Expect:
🍽️ Flavorful Cuisine
🎶 Great Music
💃 Nonstop Dancing
🎭Abundant Surprises!

Attire: Formal/Semi-formal outfit in shades of Gold, Bronze, Yellow or Brown (recommended)

Let your hair down, hit the dance floor, and indulge in a night full of flavor, rhythm, and sisterly joy! This is where the real party begins! 🎉



Day 3: Anniversary & Gala Night Outfit Inspiration

Day 4: Faith, Gratitude & Sisterhood 🙏🏾

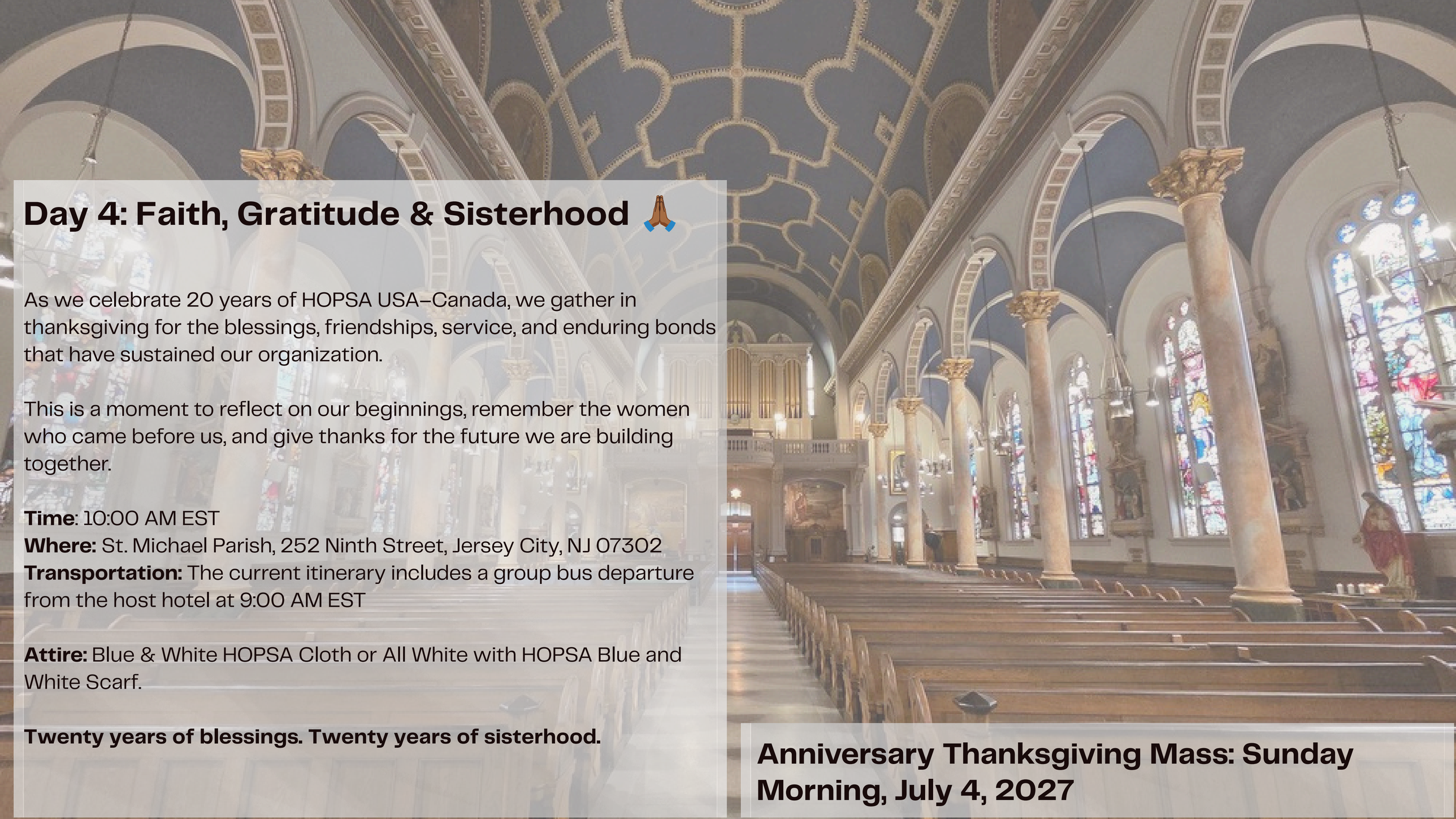
As we celebrate 20 years of HOPSA USA–Canada, we gather in thanksgiving for the blessings, friendships, service, and enduring bonds that have sustained our organization.

This is a moment to reflect on our beginnings, remember the women who came before us, and give thanks for the future we are building together.

Time: 10:00 AM EST
Where: St. Michael Parish, 252 Ninth Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Transportation: The current itinerary includes a group bus departure from the host hotel at 9:00 AM EST

Attire: Blue & White HOPSA Cloth or All White with HOPSA Blue and White Scarf.

Twenty years of blessings. Twenty years of sisterhood.



Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday Morning, July 4, 2027



Day 4: Food, Family, Friends & Fun!

Our celebration continues outdoors with an afternoon of Ghanaian food, music, games, entertainment, and community fellowship. Bring your family and friends as we enjoy the warmth of our extended HOPSA community.

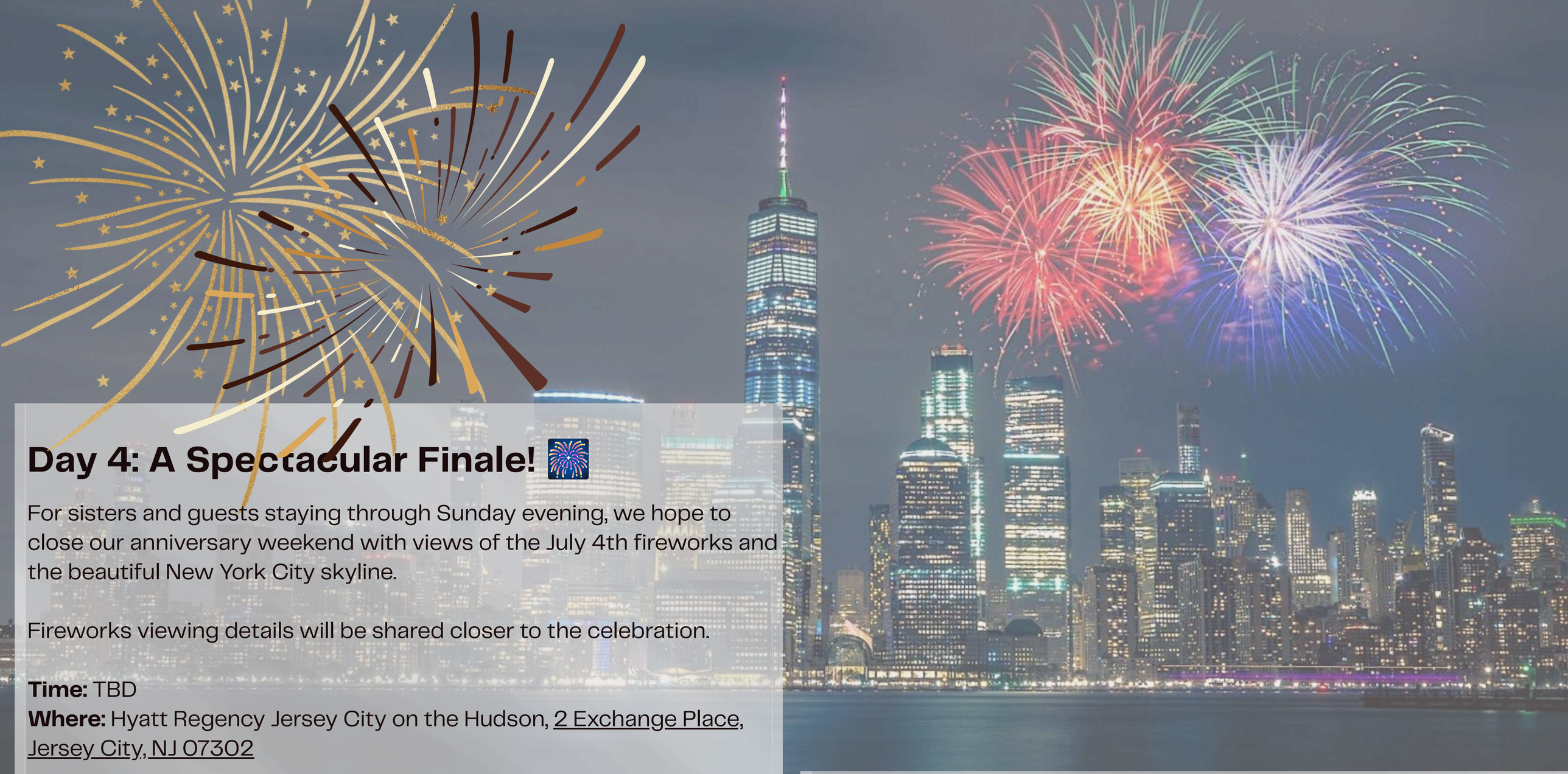
Time: 3:00 PM EST
Where: Lincoln Park | 201 Lincoln Park, Jersey City, NJ 07304

Transportation: The current itinerary includes a group bus departure from the host hotel at 2:00 PM EST

Attire: HOPSA USA-Canada T-Shirt with blue denim or white bottoms

One sisterhood. Many generations. Endless memories.

Anniversary & July 4th Picnic: Sunday Afternoon, July 4, 2027



Day 4: A Spectacular Finale! 🎆

For sisters and guests staying through Sunday evening, we hope to close our anniversary weekend with views of the July 4th fireworks and the beautiful New York City skyline.

Fireworks viewing details will be shared closer to the celebration.

Time: TBD
Where: Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson, 2 Exchange Place, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Attire: Dress comfortably

20 Years of Sisterhood. Together Under the Stars. Endless Memories.

NYC July 4th Skyline Fireworks: Sunday Evening, July 4, 2027



I know you are thinking:

“What exactly do I need to pack?”
“Who am I rooming with?”
“What’s the vibe — casual, dressy?”
“What time do I show up and where?”
“What’s already taken care of?”
“Do I need to bring anything specific?”

You’re in the right place!
Keep reading...

✈️ Getting to New Jersey

Nearest Airports:

- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) **recommended** (11.9 miles from the Hyatt Regency Hotel)
- LaGuardia Airport (LGA) (13.3 miles from the Hyatt Regency Hotel)
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) (45 min – 1 hour drive to Jersey City, NJ)

Suggested Travel Dates:

- Suggested Arrival: Thursday, July 1 (Check in at 3: 00 PM EST)
- Suggested Departure: Monday, July 5 (Check out at 12 Noon EST)

🚘Getting to the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jersey City, NJ

✈️ **Arriving by Air?** From the airport, consider using Uber, Lyft, a taxi, or public transportation to reach the hotel.

🚗 **Driving In?** Please note that parking at the hotel is NOT complimentary. Parking fees are the responsibility of each guest.

🚦 **July 4th Holiday Weekend Travel Advisory**

Expect increased traffic, larger crowds, and higher demand for parking throughout the Jersey City and New York City areas.

Our recommendation: If you don't need your personal vehicle during the weekend, consider leaving it at home and using rideshare services or public transportation instead.

The Hyatt Regency is conveniently located near the Exchange Place PATH station, making it easy to travel into Manhattan without a car.

Travel light, plan ahead, and leave the driving worries behind. Let's enjoy the celebration!

🅿️ Is parking available at the hotel?

Yes. Paid parking options are available near the Hyatt Regency Jersey City. Parking fees are separate from hotel accommodations and event tickets.

Please check the hotel's current parking rates and restrictions before arrival. Hotel parking and transportation information: https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/newjp-hyatt-regency-jersey-city-on-the-hudson/parking-and-transportation

🪪Travel Reminder: REAL ID Requirement

As you prepare for your upcoming travels, please remember that the REAL ID requirement is now in effect for domestic air travel within the United States. Ensuring you have a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, or another acceptable form of identification will help provide a smooth and stress-free airport experience.

If you do not yet have a REAL ID, please plan accordingly and bring an alternative TSA-approved form of identification, such as a valid passport.

For the most up-to-date information and a full list of acceptable identification, we encourage you to visit the official TSA website prior to your trip.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). You have questions? We have answers.

1. Why is the anniversary celebration being held in New Jersey?

HOPSA USA-Canada was officially inaugurated in New Jersey in 2007. Returning to the NJ/NY area for the 20th anniversary creates a meaningful full-circle moment.

2. Who can attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration?

The celebration weekend welcomes HOPSANS, their families, friends, and guests who buy tickets to these events. Tickets are available on zeffy.

3. What are the accommodation arrangements?

Our host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson, located at 2 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey. We have arranged for a block of rooms to accommodate attendees during the anniversary weekend. Hotel accommodations are separate from event registration fees, and attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their rooms.

Details regarding our negotiated group rates, reservation link, and booking deadline will be shared to help members plan their stay.

4. What if members don't want to share beds or rooms?

Sharing accommodations is entirely optional. We understand that everyone has different preferences when it comes to comfort, privacy, and personal space. Members may choose to book a room for themselves, share a room with another attendee while requesting separate beds, or make alternative accommodation arrangements.

If you plan to share a room, we encourage you to coordinate with your preferred roommate before making your reservation. Room types and bed configurations are subject to hotel availability.

5. What if I can only attend part of the celebration?

That's perfectly fine! We understand that schedules, family commitments, and travel arrangements may not allow everyone to participate in the entire four-day celebration.

Our flexible ticketing options on zeffy allow you to choose the events you wish to attend, whether it's the Welcome Mixer, Lunch Cruise, Anniversary Gala, or Sunday Picnic.

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6. Why do we have to secure our spots now rather than later?

Planning a four-day anniversary celebration of this scale requires advance commitments for hotel accommodations, catering, transportation, cruise reservations, and other event arrangements. Additionally, some events have limited capacity, and special pricing is available only for a limited time. Registering early helps us plan confidently while giving you the opportunity to secure your preferred events and take advantage of available discounts.

7. Do you allow installment payments?

Yes, installment payment arrangements are available. Please contact the planning committee at **443-297-9411 (text only)** for details on installment payment options. Final installment payment must be made by March 31, 2027.

8. Are spouses or children invited?

Families and children are welcome at applicable events. The Zeffy registration form includes age-related ticket categories. Please review the specific event options and any age restrictions before purchasing tickets.

9. Should I be worried if I don't have anyone from my year group attending?

Absolutely not! Whether you're attending with a group of friends or coming on your own, you are part of a much larger sisterhood. Our Welcome Mixer and other weekend activities are designed to encourage interaction, connection, and meaningful conversations among HOPSANS from different year groups. We encourage everyone to come with an open heart, ready to meet new sisters, share memories, and create lasting friendships.

10. I bought my tickets early, but I can no longer attend. What are my options?

We understand that plans can change, especially when making arrangements well in advance.

Please note that all ticket purchases are final and non-refundable. This policy helps us honor advance financial commitments made to vendors and service providers based on confirmed registrations.

However, if you are no longer able to attend, you are welcome to transfer or resell your ticket to another interested attendee. We encourage you to reach out to fellow HOPSANS, friends, or family members who may be interested in purchasing your ticket directly from you, subject to any applicable ticket eligibility requirements.

The HOPSA USA–Canada 20th Anniversary Planning Committee will also be happy to assist in facilitating ticket transfers where possible. Please notify the planning committee of any proposed transfer so we can update our registration records and ensure a smooth experience for the new ticket holder.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to make this milestone celebration a memorable experience for everyone!

👗 What Are We Wearing?
Pack for the Celebration Guide!

Thursday – Welcome Mixer: Your choice: Comfortable and casual

Friday – NYC Experience: Wear your print color top over denim or a yellow top

Saturday – Business Meeting/ Vendor Fair: Business Casual (HCS Colors)
Saturday – Gala Night: Formal / Evening Elegance in Gold, Bronze, Yellow or Brown ✨

Sunday – Thanksgiving Worship: Blue & White HOPSA Cloth or All White with HOPSA Blue and White Scarf
Sunday – July 4th Picnic at Lincoln Park: HOPSA USA-Canada T-Shirt with blue denim or white bottoms



Secure Your Spot Now!

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect, celebrate 20 years of sisterhood, and create unforgettable memories with your fellow HOPSANS!

Early Bird offer ends March 31, 2027
Installment Payment Deadline: March 31, 2027

20 years only happens once. Be part of the celebration!

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