February 7, 2016 – The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST

Holy Name of Mary

Weekday Schedule
Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM & Noon

Weekend Schedule
Saturday: 9:00 AM  & 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:15 AM
12:30 PM Bilingual Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
After each Daily Mass at HNM
Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM at HNM

Baptisms:
Second Sunday of each month at 12:30 P.M. Please call the Parish Office at least three months prior to the baptism.

Marriage:
Couples should call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):
Please call the Parish Office for information.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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Holy Name of Mary is a Roman Catholic community of believers who are dedicated to know Christ and become Christ, each one, for the sake of all. As disciples, we are called to create an environment where God is worshiped and where we serve our neighbor. Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate the Eucharist with us! We thank God for your presence at Holy Name of Mary and we pray for you and your families.
Masses for this weekend, February 6 & 7

5:00 PM  Ainsley Adams, Tim & Cathy Higgins
8:00 AM  Capellazzi & Cavossi Family, Richard Capellazzi
9:15 AM  Patricia Duffy, Carolyn Klingner
10:45 AM  Anne M. Fenton & Lee Maegerle, Family
12:30 PM  Dominic Cerulli, Dolores Cerulli

MONDAY, February 8
8:00 AM  Antonia Murphy, Ellie Koski
Noon  Charlie Gebbia, Rykowski Family

TUESDAY, February 9
8:00 AM  Marie Cody, Horan Family
Noon  Marion Cusano, Ronnie McNally

WEDNESDAY, February 10
8:00 AM  Marie Montana, Ronnie McNally
10:30 AM  Mass at Skyview, for Residents
Noon  Marion Cusano, Bill Riedy

THURSDAY, February 11
8:00 AM  Antonia Murphy, Ronnie McNally
Noon  Ivana Manco, John Manco

FRIDAY, February 12
8:00 AM  Dorothy Gilbert, Marjorie Gilbert
Noon  Marion Cusano, Deann Sarcone & Norma Curtin

SATURDAY, February 13
9:00 AM  Michele Costantini, Silvia Costantini
5:00 PM  Patricia Duffy, Rose Kollar

SUNDAY, February 14
8:00 AM  Florence Ahern, John & Katie Tufanio
9:15 AM  Angelo Milano, Ellen & Joe Bencivenga
10:45 AM  Angelo Milano, Bernice & Anthony Derocco
12:30 PM  The Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

This week’s 2nd collection is for Peter’s Pence

EVENTS CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND
Saturday, February 06, 2016
HNMMs, 11:00 AM 2:00 PM Activity Day, GYM
CYO Saturday, from 6PM, GYM
Fair Trade Coffee Sale after all Masses, Lobby PCtr
Second Collection Peter’s Pence
Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, 7:30PM, Church

Sunday, February 07, 2016
HNMM ReEd 9AM Classes
CYO Sunday from noon in GYM
Scouts Blessing, 10:45 Mass, followed by reception PMRs
Youth Ministry Meeting, 7PM, Flr4 Chapel, PMR5

Monday February 08, 2016
Rosary, 11:30, Mon - Fri, Church
CYO Monday Practices, from 4:30, GYM
RCIA, 7:30, Spiritual Dir Room
Debtors Anonymous, 7:30 PM, PMR 2
Rosary, Spanish Ministry, 8PM, Flr4 Chapel

Tuesday, February 09, 2016
Walking with Purpose, 9:15AM, PMRs1-5
CYO Tuesday Practice, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, GYM
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7PM, Lobby PCtr
Cub Scout Dens 1,4,10 PMR 1,2,4
Boy Scout Meeting, 7:30, Gym

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:00AM, noon, 7:30 PM, Church
Lenten Wednesday Prayer Group, 10AM, Rm 314B
Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, 4PM, Church
Divine Mercy monthly meeting, 7:30, Flr. 4 Chapel

Thursday, February 11, 2016
CYO Thursday practices, 4:30 – 9PM, GYM
Weight Watchers Meeting, 6PM, PMR 1&2
Thursday Catechist, 7PM, Library
Bible Spirituality #2, 7:30, Rm 316
Boy Scouts Thursday Meeting, 7:30PM, PMR3
Centering Prayer, 7:30, Spiritual Dir Rm
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 7:30, Church
HNM Men’s Basketball, 9PM, GYM

Friday, February 12, 2016
HNMM Playgroup, 9:30, GYM
Stations of the Cross after noon Mass, Fridays in Lent
CYO Friday Practices, 3 to 7PM, GYM
Divine Mercy, 7:30, Church
AA Meeting, 8:30, Library

Saturday, February 13, 2016
ACTS Meetings from 8AM, PMR3
Cenacle for Life, 8:20AM, Church
CYO Saturday, from 9:30AM, Gym
Lenten Mission begins at 5PM Mass (Fr. Jack), Church
Midnight Run

Sunday, February 14, 2016
Lenten Mission at Masses (Fr. Jack)
CYO Sunday from noon, Gym
Youth Ministry Meeting, 7PM, Flr4 Chapel, PMR5
From the Parish House

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we honor our Boy Scouts at the 10:45am Mass. Scouting is a very important leadership-building program, and as the boys move up through the ranks they are preparing to take leadership roles in adult life. We pray for the Scouts that they may persevere in Scouting, and we pray for the adult leaders who mentor these boys on their Scouting journey.

This coming Wednesday, February 10th, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We will distribute ashes at each Mass after the homily, as well as during a Scripture Service at 4:00pm. Traditional Stations of the Cross will follow the Friday noon Mass. There will also be Friday evening Stations of the Cross at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, conducted by our various ministries. A reminder about confessions: we offer this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation after each daily Mass and many of you already avail yourselves of this convenience. Please do not wait until the last minute during Holy Week to get your halo polished; come early, come often, and make this Lent a powerful time for inner conversion of heart!

Lent is a time for 'penitential practices' whose purpose is to help us to restore balance in our lives, both physical and spiritual. Some of those practices are fasting and abstinence. Fasting generally means consuming less. Abstinence means doing without entirely. Usually we use the word abstinence when we mean 'not eating meat'. Fasting and abstinence are two sides of the same coin, so to speak, and are mainstays of the season of Lent. They are meant to help discipline our bodies (and our minds) to rely less on the things of this world. They help us realize that ultimately, all good things come from God and it is upon Him alone that we depend for our life and our salvation.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting means the taking of one full meal during the course of the day. Other sustenance may be taken, the combined amount of which should not amount to a second meal. Fasting applies from ages 18 – 59 inclusive. Abstinence from meat (including poultry) obliges from age 14 onward. There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence, but are encouraged to perform some other penitential practice in their place.

Although fasting and abstaining obliges only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are encouraged to follow the Lord’s example and practice it in a more substantive way throughout the season of Lent. At first, it may look like an overwhelming task, but if we make good decisions about what and when we will eat and drink, we can make Lent a time profitable to our salvation. Perhaps we could start by not eating between meals. Perhaps we could fast from junk food and eat healthier foods. Perhaps it is a good time to forego our cocktails or cordials. Perhaps we can give up our desserts. Perhaps we can eat meat less during this season and choose grains and vegetables, as do so many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Lent is a good time to fast from the time spent in front of TV or computer screens and use it instead to read some Scripture, a spiritual book, or something on the lives of the saints. Perhaps we could go for a walk and appreciate more fully God’s gift of nature, and thank Him for it. Perhaps we could use the time to do something helpful for someone else. Perhaps we could use the time to pray (hint, hint) !!! It is not the end goal simply to give something up just for the sake of giving it up; the real purpose is to free us from one thing so that we now have the time and ability to do something for others. Lent is a good time to help us shift our focus off ourselves and toward the needs of others. Try it -- you’ll like it!

A parting chuckle: John Smith was the only Protestant in a Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big, juicy steak. Meanwhile his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on week after week, and the aroma was driving them all crazy. They decided the only way to solve this problem was to have John become a Catholic. When they talked to him about it, he was happy to do so, and so they took him to the priest. The priest sprinkled some water over him and said in a solemn voice, “You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic!” The men were so relieved that their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved. The next Lenten season rolled around, and just at supper time when they were all sitting down to their cold tuna fish suppers, they again smelled steak cooking on the grill!!! Thinking that John has forgotten that meat was not allowed on Fridays during Lent, they all went to his house to remind him. Sure enough, there he was at his grill, a big steak sizzling away. But then, as they watched, they saw John take a pitcher of water and sprinkle it on the steak, and they heard him solemnly intone, “You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish!”

Fr. Brian Brennan
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Agnes Biondi, Joan Bree, Madeline Casey, Cathy Conry-Cantilena, Marie Tornello, Rose Tornello, Grace Lattanzio, Marie Kooney, Isabel Paredes, Carissa Cerrato, Anna Spreitzer, Donald and Margaret Ewing, Maribel Morales, Lilian Pusatere, James Trotter, Crissy Hajkowski, Mike Johnson, Jack Coyne, Colleen Curran, Jean Nesbitt, Leslie LaMouge, Phil Wolfe, Karen Biglin, Libby Alson, Catherine McCormack, William Rumbaugh, Wayne Arrigo, Karen Vamos, Susan Siebert, Olivia Dempson, Joseph Lauria, Mary Murphy, Andrea Repicky, Kim Paradowsky, Efrain Colon Senior, Tom Caterino, Ken Nisenson, Caroline and Justin Torrey, Tamara Geradi Bagen, Kathy Dymes, Marie Power, Bob Spatta, Nina DeMattia, Michael Keerdoja, Katrina Steier, Bill Wojnar, Matty EhIberg, Sr., Chubby Milano, Frank Caterino, Marge Matero, Patrick Timmons, Nakima Roberts, Laura Novotny Reda, Albert Reifenhauser, Mary Boerner, Pat Mackin, Joe DiCiccio, Francesca Martinelli, Derek Madison, Vince & Patty Matero, Bela Suranyi

FOR OUR MILITARY: Please remember in your prayers our active duty service men and women and those serving overseas.

FOR THE DECEASED: We pray for all those who died this week especially for Margaret Sarfaty and for those who died from casualties of natural disasters, war and terrorism.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:1-11

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Moses discusses the power God has displayed in freeing his people from oppression and leading them to a rich land. He tells the people that they should make offerings to God to show their gratitude, then celebrate over the great things he has given them.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Paul tells us that if we proclaim, “Jesus is Lord” and truly believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. For God shows his mercy toward everyone who calls upon his name.

Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, then Satan appeared to him and tempted him to turn stone into bread. After Jesus refused, Satan promised him great powers if Jesus would worship him. Jesus replied that he would worship God and no one else. Then Satan tried to persuade Jesus to put God to the test, but again Jesus resisted his temptation.

HNM Montessori School

The Montessori Method is a child-centered approach to education. Children are free to choose the work that most appeals to them. Engaged and interested students learn with little effort. Teachers observe students to guide them with lessons that pique their interest and match their level of ability. HNM Montessori is enrolling children for the 2016/2017 school year.
Please call 914.271.5182 to schedule a visit.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES AND EVENTS

* February 7 -- 10:45 Mass -- Special Blessing for Scouts

* February 10 -- Ash Wednesday --- in Church Masses at 8 AM, Noon and 7:30 PM
Ashes Distributed During 4 PM Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

* February 13-17 inclusive -- Parish Lenten Mission with Father Jack

* February 21 -- 10:45 Mass -- Special Recognition of First Responders

All volunteer and employed members of Croton Police, Fire Departments and the Ambulance Corps, plus Croton residents serving those departments in other towns, are invited; please come in uniform

* February 27/28 -- Jubilee Year of Mercy Weekend -- Focus on Parables of Mercy
Small Lenten Groups

During the 6 weeks of Lent, small groups of parishioners (usually about 7 to 10 people) meet in each other homes or the parish center to share faith. They are guided by a book that is specific to the journey through Lent. Some groups in our parish have been formed for many years, others began meeting last year. If you would like to join a group please call Regina Clarkin at 271-4254 and state your preference for time and day (mornings, weeknight, etc).

Fair Trade Coffee

Fair Trade Coffee, Chocolates, Teas and Snacks will be sold in the Parish Center or outside the Chapel after each Mass this weekend, let’s continue to demonstrate our solidarity with small-scale farmers and their families in the developing world by purchasing their delicious high-quality, organic products.

Stewardship Corner December 2015

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Fr. Jack Rathschmidt will be preaching a Lenten mission at Holy Name on Feb. 15, 16, 17. People are invited to come at 7 p.m to sit quietly in a softly lit church for prayer accompanied by meditative music. Preaching begins at 7:30 and the evening ends at 8:30. Childcare will be available in the evenings during the mission. Catholics are urged to accept the mercy of God and remember that being faithful to the Gospel means more than going to church each Sunday and being kind to those around us. Our parish mission will explore ways we seek God’s grace and attempt to find new ways to announce the Good News of Jesus with power and conviction. The themes for the three evenings include: We are all Missionaries, Setting out Anew, Broadening our horizons. To view a recent visit of Fr. Jack, go to the following address:

https://www.facebook.com/carl.barnes.5895/videos/151993351492563/?theater
AN INVITATION ----

All FIRST RESPONDERS will be honored during the 10:45 AM Mass on February 21. Please plan to join us (in uniform) if you are a member of the Croton Police Department, Fire Department or Ambulance Corps, or you serve in those positions in another community. Be a part of our "Thank You" to all who protect us so dependably.

Knights of Columbus Crown Free Throw Champions

The local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held on January 22nd at the James R. Moore gymnasium at Holy Name of Mary Church on Grand Street. All girls and boys ages 9 to 14 were invited to participate in the annual skill event in which winners progress through district and state competition. All of the contestants received a certificate for their participation and sharpshooting skills.

The winners in the girls’ groups were 9-year old Lily Moore, 10-year old Emma Windrum, 11-year old Anjane Nathan, 12-year old Lindsey DeLasho, and in the 14-year old category, Caleigh Moore. The boys’ champions were Aidan Callahan (9), Evan Kurtz (10), Brian Osborne (11), Jake Sharkey (12), Wyatt Robinson (13), and Sean Reynolds (14). Each of these winners will compete in a district competition to be held in the next few weeks, with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

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OFFICIAL PRAYER OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!". You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness In order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.