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.

December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST

HOLY NAME OF MARY

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM & 12noon
Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 9:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Weekend Mass Schedule
Sunday: 9:15 AM (English) & 11:00 AM (Bilingual)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)
After each Daily Mass
Saturdays from 9:00 – 10:00 AM

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
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Closed for Lunch between 1PM - 2PM Bulletin deadline Fridays at 5:00 PM of the previous week

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Judy Anderson
Joseph Costanzo
Masses for this weekend, December 16 & 17

5:00 PM Frank Tezzi, The Delasho Family
8:00 AM Julie Frano & Mario Franzoso, Mark Franzoso
9:15 AM Helenita Castro, Sean & Pat O'Rourke
10:45AM Patsy & Anna Gigliotti, The Family
11:00AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

MONDAY, December 18

8:00 AM Ida Costantini, Peter Costantini, Lena Cinquanta
Noon Catherine Connaire, Peggy Lane

TUESDAY, December 19

8:00 AM Michael Ferguson, Blanche Apollonio
Noon Catherine Connaire, Peggy Lane

WEDNESDAY, December 20

8:00 AM Leopoldine Farrell, Carlos & Miriam Farrell
10:30 AM Mass at Skyview, for Residents
Noon Bruno & Cutofo Families, Ronnie Bruno

THURSDAY, December 21

8:00 AM Elouise Koski, Nicholas Pizzella
Noon Virginia Naples, Albert Naples, Jr.

FRIDAY, December 22

8:00 AM Bruce Quinn, The Teague Family
Noon Catherine Connaire, Peggy Lane

SATURDAY, December 23

9:00 AM Anna Maria Cinquanta, Lena Cinquanta
5:00 PM Luigi Costantini, Silvia Costantini

SUNDAY, December 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
9:15 AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
10:45AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
11:00AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

In addition to Mass Intentions, we are now offering The Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine memorial for your loved ones. This memorial will be for one week, the donation will be $30.00 and listed here with Mass Intentions.

The Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine in memory this week December 17 – 23 For Daniel Rago, requested by The Rago Family.

Event List - This Weekend:

Saturday, December 16, 2017
8 AM ACTS Men, PMR3-5
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM Church
9:30 AM-5PM CYO Saturday Pt. 1 Gym
Pageant Rehearsal RM, 314A
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1
3-6PM K of C Open House for recruits, PMR1/2
6PM Chapel Mass, Fr. Nelson
6 PM 9 PM CYO Saturday Pt. 2, GYM

Sunday, December 17, 2017
9:00 AM ReEd Classes includes 8th grade
Noon-7PM CYO Sunday, Gym
12:noon Meet Santa, PCtrl Lobby, K of C
7:00 PM YM God Squad weekly meetg, Flr4 Chapel

Monday, December 18, 2017
4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 302
4:00 PM 8:00 PM Reconciliation Monday, Church
4:30 PM 9:00 PM CYO Mon-WeThurs- GYM
6:00 PM Novena and altar prep Guadalupe, Church
7:00 PM AA Meeting in 4th flr Library
7:30 PM Debtors Anonymous in PMR2

Tuesday, December 19, 2017
9:00 AM Walking with Purpose, PMRs
4:30 - 7:30PM CYO Tuesday, GYM
7:00 PM 10:00 PM CCO Rehearsal, Church
7:00 PM RCIA in Room 302
7:00 PM WWP Evening Session 1, PMR5
7:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting, GYM

Wednesday, December 20, 2017
ReEd Grd 6 Labyrinth times vary Ofsite
4:00 PM ReEd CGS Lvl2 Flr4 Rm 4A/Chapel
4:00 PM ReEd Grd 4 & 5 Flr4 Rm 4F, 4G
4:00 PM ReEd RCIC, 207/Alibum
4:30-9PM CYO M-W-Th, GYM
5:30 PM GS Troop 1234 in PMR2
CS Den 11 6:30PM PMR3,4, Den 9 7PM PMR1
Committee 8PM PMR4
7:00 PM AA Meeting in 4th flr Library
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality IV, 314B
7:00 PM 10:00 PM CCO Rehearsal, Good Shepherd
7:00 PM CS Den 9, PMR1
7:00 PM 9PM Lessons & Carols rehearsal, Church

Thursday, December 21, 2017
4:30-5:00 PM CYO Mon-Thurs-Gym
6:00 PM Weight Watchers Meetg, PMR1,2
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den10 in PMR4
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality in 314B
7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal, Church
7:30 PM Boy Scouts Thurs. Mtg in PMR3
7:30 PM Centering Prayer in Room 302
7:30 PM Divine Mercy meetg, Flr4 Chapel
7:30 PM Spanish Bible Study, 4th flr Library
8 – 10 PM K of C Meeting, PMR1&2
9:00 PM HNM Mens' Basketball Gym

Friday, December 22, 2017
9:15 AM HNM Playgroup,GYM
GS: 4:30 Trp1557 PMR2, 5:30 Trp2026 PMR3
3:30 – 9PM CYO Practice (3:30-9) GYM
7:00 PM Lessons & Carols, Church
7:00 PM Mass at Chapel at 7PM(Fr. Nelson)
7:30 PM Divine Mercy devotion, Chapel
8 PM-10 PM Posada Reception, PMR3-5
8:30 PM Grand Street Meeting of AA, Library

Saturday, December 23, 2017
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM Church
9:30 AM-5PM CYO Saturday Pt. 1 Gym
10:00 AM Baptism, Church
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1
6PM Chapel Mass, Fr. Nelson
6 PM 9 PM CYO Saturday Pt. 2, GYM

Sunday, December 24, 2017
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mas, Church
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, Good Shepherd
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass bilingual Good Shepherd
11:00 PM Christmas 'Midnight' Mass, Church
From the Parish House

17 December 2017

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, often known as Gaudete Sunday, so-called because of the first word (in Latin) of the Introit of the Mass. This word means Rejoice! and it sets the tone for the second half of Advent as a joyful expectation of the Lord’s entrance into our human condition by His birth as the little Babe of Bethlehem. It is also a good time for us to look at our spiritual preparations for Christmas and determine if we are ‘on track’ of if we have to get back on track. One way to prepare is to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here at Holy Name of Mary we offer the sacrament after each of our daily Masses, as well as from 4:00 – 4:30pm on Saturdays. We will also be joining all of the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York in a special Reconciliation Day on Monday, December 18th, when we will be available in the church continuously from 4:00pm to 8:00pm to polish the haloes of all who come. So please come and bring a friend who might also enjoy a halo-polishing!

Bravo to Angelica Women’s Chamber Choir for the sublime presentations you gave us this past week. The almost ethereal sound of your wonderfully able and coordinated voices, made for the most uplifting of experiences! You truly helped to keep the wonder and awe in the Advent season, and have helped us to approach Christmas in a more spiritual way. Thank you!

My deepest thanks to John and Mary Lally and all those who gave many hours of their time in preparing the wonderful Christmas baskets that the Fair Trade program had for sale last weekend, and a thanks to all of you who purchased them. Since Fair Trade helps the cooperative farmers, so it is definitely a wonderful Christmas gift for them as well. Thank you one and all!

This coming Friday, December 22nd, is the evening of our Interfaith Lessons and Carols. All are invited to this special 7:30pm gathering in the church to hear readings pointing to the coming of the Messiah, as well as the singing of traditional Advent and Christmas carols, both by choirs and by the congregation. It is a great coming-together of Christians to celebrate our common Origin, and the Reason for the Season, so please try to come, and bring a friend.

A parting chuckle: A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. “What denomination?” asked the clerk. “Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?!” responded the startled woman. “Well then, give me 50 Catholic stamps and 50 Protestant ones!”

In His Peace, Fr. Brian

 renew & rebuild goal

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87% pledged, Thank you
Looking for an unconventional Christmas gift idea?

Consider A Retreat As The Perfect Gift. A faith-filled weekend retreat could make a wonderful Christmas present for a loved one. The next ACTS Retreat for Men will take place on March 1st through March 4th, 2018 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stony Point NY. Send an email to hnmactsny@yahoo.com for an informational brochure and an application form.

CARE for CREATION Ministry

Top 3 Ways to “Green” Your Christmas

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." (Laudato Si’, 211)

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, to cherish our friends and family, and to serve those who most need us. It is a wonderful opportunity to focus on our call to love. Protecting vulnerable people and all of creation can be part of the joy of Christmas.

Here are some suggestions:

Consider buying one fewer gift this year. Instead, pledge to spend time with a special person or donate to a cause that serves the most vulnerable. Producing consumer goods at a large scale requires enormous energy and material resources. Buying even one fewer gift is a move toward a more meaningful and sustainable lifestyle.

As the weather changes, adjust your thermostat one degree cooler than you normally set it. Change the setting by several degrees when you are asleep or away from home. Heating and cooling buildings is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in many countries. Reducing your energy use may be the best gift you can give creation.

In preparing food for Christmas celebrations, focus on vegetarian dishes. It’s a surprising truth that tending livestock for meat production makes a significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. Vegetarian cuisine is native to many cultures, and family members may enjoy encountering familiar dishes or exploring new ones.

THEMES FOR ADVENT

The liturgical season of Advent is a “period of devout and expectant delight,” during which ----

We remember the First Coming of Jesus, as Light for all, while

Always Anticipating His second coming when time will end.

Our liturgies here will focus on these very themes:

- His Coming to forgive, renew, and feed;
- As the Light of our hope, peace and joy;
- While we watch, prepare and proclaim His Saving Word Always -- culminating in His glorification on Christmas Day.

December 18
Archdiocesan Reconciliation Monday;
Confessions 4 PM to 8 PM Church

December 22
Ecumenical Lessons and Carols
7PM Church

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24:
5 PM in the church
5:30 PM in the chapel
7 PM Spanish Mass in chapel
11 PM in the church

Christmas Day, Monday December 25:
9:15 AM in the chapel
10:45 AM in the church
Note: NO 8 AM Mass

Please note:

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th
**Notes from the Respect Life Society**

We thank all our 2017 supporters as the year comes to a close! The parish could not reach out to so many consistent life needs without your help. The annual October Respect Life collection allowed a $1,000 each donation for Good Counsel Homes Pregnancy Care, and for the Knights of Columbus Caribbean Hurricane Relief efforts.

Our Craft and Bake Sale in November raised just over $1,000, so Birthright of Peekskill received that amount also, with a little left over for the HNM St. Vincent DePaul Fund. Thank you for such generosity! The Bake Sale could not have succeeded this year without the baking and craft efforts of so many, including Sharon Lavery, Lupe, Jeanne-Marie Gagnon, Eileen O’Leary, Meaghan Wilimann, Regina Riely, Patricia Riely, Elizabeth Mauer, Mary Keon, Peggy Lane, Kathleen McLoughlin, the Farandas, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Marking with prayers and witness this 45th year (two generations) and close to 60 million pre-born lives lost since the legalization of abortion in America, the 2018 March for Life takes place on Friday, January 19, 2018 in Washington, DC - we will travel with St. Augustine Parish bus in Ossining.

The Rally for Life on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in White Plains will pray from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Maple and Mararoneck Avenue in White Plains for one hour between 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Contact Tom and Brigid (271-4598) or Judy (271-4627) for details and watch for fliers for both events.

We look forward to 2018 with you all!
**Birthright of Peekskill** is now open every morning, plus Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons! If you know of someone who is pregnant and needs help, please call 914-737-0344. Lives can be saved where Hope is given.

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**Proceedings of the Holy Name of Mary Pastoral Council Meeting of November 27, 2017**

1. An updated Constitution and By-Laws for the Pastoral Council, revised to better reflect its current organizational structure and function, was amended to provide for additional voting members and new ministries. It was adopted by unanimous vote and is effective immediately.

2. A Special Report on church and school security was presented by a retired police detective with >20 years experience. After questions and discussion on what HNM has already done, and might do going forward to address security risks, an ad hoc committee was formed to further investigate and report back to the Council. Parishioners wishing to join this committee may contact Regina Montana (regm55@gmail.com).

3. Reports from HNM administrative staff and representatives of the following ministries, committees and working groups on recent and upcoming activities were discussed: Facilities Management; Finance Council; Liturgy-Spiritual Needs, Youth, and Ministry Clusters; Knights of Columbus; Montessori School; and Hispanic Ministry.

4. The continuing need for more participation in HNM ministries was addressed. How greater attendance at mass can be encouraged and achieved was also discussed. Ideas and suggestions from parishioners may be brought to upcoming Council meetings.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:30pm in Parish Center meeting rooms 4-5. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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**Christmas Flower Envelopes**

You will be receiving an envelope in the HNM Christmas mailing to memorialize your loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Christmas, and the nine day Novena ends on January 2, 2018.

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**Meet Santa on December 17th**

The Knights of Columbus will host a Meet Santa reception for children after the 10:45am mass on December 17th in the Parish Center entrance. Please join us after mass and give your children an opportunity to say hello to Santa and get those last minute requests in before Christmas Day!

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**Improvements at Good Shepherd Chapel**

The Spanish Ministry has volunteered to paint the interior of the chapel. The results thus far are beautiful! They are also working on a deep cleaning. We are grateful to the many volunteers who labored so selflessly. Holy Name is blessed to have such an active and giving ministry. These are the volunteers who have given their time and effort:

- Segundo Arevalo
- Manuel Guerrero
- Xavier Arevalo
- Javier Gusman
- Luis Gallegos
- Elena Marin
- Luis Guaman
- Juan Quito
- Anita Guaman
- Julia Tepan

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**Announcing the new Care for Creation Ministry at Holy Name!**

Based on the environmental teachings of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* looking for new members!!! Email us at careforcreationministry@gmail.com

Showing *Before the Flood* movie on Sunday Jan. 21