December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve

**CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST**

**HOLY NAME OF MARY**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**
- Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM & 12:00 noon

**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
- Saturday: 9:15 AM (English) & 11:00 AM (Bilingual)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

(Confession)
- After each Daily Mass
- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM

**BAPTISMS**

Second Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. 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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Sunday, December 24, 2017
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, Church
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, Good Shepherd
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass, bi lingual Good Shepherd
11:00 PM Christmas 'Midnight Mass', Church

Monday, December 25, 2017
Masses at 9:15 (Chapel) and 10:45 (Church)
7:00 PM AA Meeting in 4th flr Library

Tuesday, December 26, 2017
Parish office closed
4:30 PM 9 PM CYO Tuesday GYM
7:00 PM CCO Rehearsal in Church

Wednesday, December 27, 2017
4:30-9PM CYO M-W-Th, GYM
5:30 PM GS Troop 1234 in PMR2
CS Den 11 6:30 PMR3,4, Den 9 7PM PMR1
7:00 PM AA Meeting in 4th flr Library
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality in 314B
7:30 PM DM Music Ministry rehearsal, Chapel
7:00 PM CS Den 9, PMR1

Thursday, December 28, 2017
4:30 9PM CYO Mon-Wed-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 CCO Rehearsal, Church

Friday, December 29, 2017
3:30 – 9PM CYO Practice (3:30-9) GYM
7:30 PM Divine Mercy devotion, Chapel
7:00 PM CCO Rehearsal, Church
8:30 PM Grand Street Meeting of AA, Library

Saturday, December 30, 2017 -
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM Church
9:30 AM-5PM CYO Saturday Pt.1 Gym
10:00 AM Mystagogy Meeting, Room 302
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1
6 PM 9 PM CYO Saturday Pt. 2, GYM
7:00 PM Wellspring (with Fr. Nelson), PMR3-5

Sunday, December 31, 2017
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

NOTE: Mass on Jan 1, New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary, at 9AM
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The first reading of the Christmas Midnight Mass is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” Given the recent events, this reading takes on new import, and gives us new hope, that the gloom of the present is being transformed by the indwelling of the Word-made-Flesh. I pray that the peace of the Prince of Peace will abundantly fill your hearts and the hearts of all.

On behalf of Father Nelson, Father Jack and Father Ron, as well as all of the Holy Name of Mary Parish Staff, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peace-filled Christmas, and healthy New Year.

A parting chuckle: A Sunday school teacher was telling her fourth-grade class the Christmas story about the visit of the three Wise Men, and how they brought their special gifts to the Baby Jesus. A little girl, who had recently become the big sister of a brand-new baby brother, said, “Well, I guess all that gold and other stuff was nice, but I bet Mary wished that somebody had brought some diapers!”

Merry Christmas, one and all!

Fr. Brian
REMEmber in your prayers

Frank Caterino, Frank Power, Marie King, Anthony Crespo, Frank Patti, Gail Pizoski, Bonnie (Giarolo) Dietz, Mariana Fiss, Edward Creasy, Maria Pillo, Silvia Costantini, Norah Moore, Margaret Ewing, Chris Nash, Robert Mastrodi, Susan Siebert, Ramon Rodriguez, Rachael Hojnacki, Franco Cirino, Barbara Principe, Marie Kehrle, Ronnie McNally, Linda Jellocece, Adam Armenia Jr., Mary Santella, Karen Colombo, Dr. Cathy Cantelina, Carmen Hernandez, Don Simons, Jim Caldwell, Joan Achor, Elizabeth Gandofo, Barbara Barnes.

* Please Note: Names on the sick list will be included for 4 weeks unless the family contacts the office to request the names be included for an additional 4 weeks.

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

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

If Mass is being offered for someone in your family, and you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at the Offertory, please speak to one of the ushers as you arrive.

Please note:

- The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th

From Father Brennan, Father Nelson and the staff of Holy Name of Mary; we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14
Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one’s parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:13-21
Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ’s peace reign in their hearts, and in their homes.

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God’s anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed “the glory of your people of Israel.” The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

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.

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
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.

Thank you for donating gifts to the 2017 GIVING TREE!

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New Year’s Day Concert

The Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra will present their annual New Year’s Day Gala - a free concert of popular favorite classical music - conducted by Gabriel Tevan & Richard Simons. Arrive at 2:00pm to hear the Simons Family Funtime Band playing Jazz standards from the Dixieland Book. The orchestra performs at 3:00pm. The show will take place on Monday, January 1st, at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church - 110 Grand Street, in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. For more information, contact the Cortlandt Regional Music Association:

(845) 838-1077, or www.cortlandtmusic.org

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Croton Community Blood Program

This Christmas, give the most precious gift of all – the Gift of Life – at the Critical Period Blood Drive sponsored by Croton Community Blood Program.

Thank you to all who donated blood on Dec. 3 at CHHS. A total of 179 pints was collected, potentially helping over 500 patients! The holidays are always a period of blood shortages, and we have scheduled a Critical Period drive for donors who were unable to give on Dec. 3 and college students who were away at school.

When: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 from 3:30-8:00 pm

Where: Community Room, Stanley Kellerhouse Municipal Bldg., 1 Van Wyck St., Croton on Hudson

To schedule an appointment, contact 914-271-5529 or communityblooddrive@gmail.com.

Make it a family event, or invite a friend to come with you. Walk ins are welcome, but letting us know that you plan to come helps us insure adequate staffing. Start the New Year off right with a Gift of Life!

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Wellspring

Every last Saturday of the month

Fr. Nelson has a seminar/workshop

At 7:00 PM in

PMR 3-5

This month the topic will be:
'I Have Overcome the World'

All are welcome. Bring a friend or two.
Each of us should pray (that is, speak to God and/or to the saints about our hopes, fears, loves, losses, etc.) In prayer we ask for things, give thanks, complain, or simply praise and love God with our minds and hearts.

Prayer often helps people when they are hurting. That is why a Funeral Mass is important for the living as well as for the dead. Every Catholic, even if he or she wasn't much for going to church, deserves a Funeral Mass. Both the living and the dead benefit from every act of worship.

You see, the Mass renews the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. It gives divine grace to people who participate and to people for whom we intercede. Masses can be requested for the good of others and can also be offered for people who cannot or do not pray for themselves.

That is why having a Mass offered for someone who is sick, for someone’s birthday, anniversary, or as a gift for a friend is a great idea. Mass cards are not just for the dead ... they are for the living, too. We can all use the extra grace and blessings.

The **Poor Box** in the lobby areas of Holy Name of Mary Church, and at Good Shepherd Chapel, is a very special Box. It supplies the resources the Parish needs to continue to assist the needy in our Parish. Food and grocery cards are distributed monthly to those few local people who need a bit of help. Our Pastor, who sometimes, is asked for help, will have the means to assist if the funds are available.

Have an extra dollar? Feed the Hungry....

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**2017 Christmas Mass Schedule and Events**

**Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 24:** Regular Saturday and Sunday Masses  
**Christmas Eve, Dec 24 Church:** 5:00 PM ~ Vigil Mass  
**Chapel:** 5:30 PM ~ Vigil Mass  
**Chapel:** 7:00 PM ~ Vigil Mass, Bilingual  
**Church:** 11:00 PM ~ Vigil Mass  
**Monday, December 25:** Chapel: 9:15 AM  
**Christmas Day Church:** 10:45 AM  

**Monday, January 1, 2018:**  
**Solemnity of Mary Church:** 9:00 AM