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.

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

**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 - 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 11AM - 1PM Bulletins deadline Fridays at 5:00 PM of the previous week

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Chapel of the Good Shepherd (Harmon)
59 Benedict Boulevard (off Young Avenue)
Masses for this weekend, February 17 & 18

5:00 PM Bart Anastasi, Carol Gorman & Family
8:00 AM Salvatore Vasta, The Nathan Family
9:15 AM Jack Pezanowski, Leontine Pearson
10:45 AM Matthew Correale, The Family
11:00 AM Efrain Colon Jr., Efrain Colon Jr. & Family

MONDAY, February 19

8:00 AM Catechist – Claire Whelan, Religious Ed
Noon Catechist – Matt & Meaghan Williman, Religious Ed

TUESDAY, February 20

8:00 AM Catechist - Yaya Zurita, Religious Ed
Noon Catechist – Eileen Brown, Religious Ed

WEDNESDAY, February 21

8:00 AM Catechist-Rosemarie McManus, Religious Ed
10:30 AM Mass at Skyview, for Residents
Noon Edward West, Rich Snow & Maria Modica-Snow

THURSDAY, February 22

8:00 AM Eleanor Guisti, Don & Dagmar Simons
Noon Robert Trabold, John & Mary Lally

FRIDAY, February 23

8:00 AM Lucille Rutigliano, Pete Costantini
Noon Nels Nelson, Rich Snow & Maria Modica-Snow

SATURDAY, February 24

9:00 AM William & Bernice Seekle, The Galazin’s
5:00 PM Frank W. Ronci, Donna & Armand Canestrano

SUNDAY, February 25

8:00 AM Salvatore Vasta, Art & Cynthia Neff & Family
9:15 AM Jack Pezanowski, Leontine Pearson
10:45AM Albert Ross, Michelle & Cliff Obenauer
11:00AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

Event List -

This Weekend: Care for Creation pulpit talks
Saturday, February 17, 2018
8 – 11:30 AM ACTs Men, PMR3-5
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM, Church
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1
9:30-5 and 6 9PM CYO Saturday, GYM

Sunday, February 18, 2018
12:noon - 7PM CYO Sunday, GYM
12:30 Baptism, Church

Monday, February 19, 2018
Presidents Day Office/HNMMS closed
HNMMSS recess until Feb 26
3 - 4PM CYO 2nd grade, GYM
Scouts: 4PM CSDen14 in PMR3
4:30 PM 9:00 PM CYO Mon-Wed-Thurs, GYM
7:00 PM AA Meeting in 4th flr Library
7:30 PM Debtors Anonymous in PMR2

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
4:30 - 7:30PM CYO Tuesday, GYM
7:00 PM Care for Creation Meeting, 316B
7:00 PM RCIA in Room 302

Wednesday, February 21, 2018
4:30-9PM CYO M-W-Th, GYM
Scouts: 5:30 GSTroop1234 PMR2, 6:30PM CSDen11 PMR3, 7PM CSDen9 PMR1
7:00 PM AA Meeting in 4th flr Library
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality IV, 314B
7:30PM D M Music Ministry rehearsal, GS Chapel

Thursday, February 22, 2018
4:30–9:00 PM CYO Mon-Wed-Thurs, GYM
6PM Weight Watchers Meeting, PMR1,2
Scouts: 6:30 CSDen 10 PMR4
7:00 PM 12 step Program, Library
7:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal, Church
7:30 PM Centering Prayer in Room 302
7:30 PM Divine Mercy meeting, Flr4 Chapel
9:00 PM HNM Mens’ Basketball, Gym

Friday, February 23, 2018
12:30-9PM Stations of the Cross after NOON Mass, Church
3:30 – 9PM CYO Practice (3:30-9), GYM
Scouts: 4:30 GSTrop1557 pmr2, 5-30 GSTrop2026 pmr3
7:00 Stations of the Cross (YM), Good Shepherd Chapel
8PM Stations of the Cross en espaol, Divine Mercy, Chapel
8:30 PM Grand Street Meeting of AA, Library

Saturday, February 24, 2018
8 – 11:30 AM ACTS Men, PMR3-5
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM, Church
10:00 AM Mystagoggy Meeting, Room 302
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1
9:30-5 and 6 9PM CYO Saturday, GYM
Second Collection: Vicariate Outreach
7PM Wellsprings (with Fr. Nelson), PMR 3-5

Sunday, February 25, 2018
9AM REI Ed Classes including 8th grade
10:45 Mass honoring First Responders, Church
Refreshments in lobby after 10:45 Mass
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YM God Squad weekly meeting, Flr4 Chapel

Local First Responders will be honored at the 10:45 Mass.

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.
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In today’s Gospel we read the account of the Temptation of the Lord in the desert. It is a reminder to us of our constant need to deepen our trust in the Lord, especially in difficult or trying times. Lent is a time to help us focus on that goal, and a time to put into regular practice the things which will help us reach that goal.

First and foremost is prayer. Prayer always comes first on the list because God must always come first. The very first commandment establishes this when God says, “I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods except Me.” It is from Him that all comes, and it is to Him that all honor and glory is due. We do this in prayer. But prayer is more than just ‘saying our prayers’. Prayer is our intimate conversation with God Who not only wants to hear what we have to say, but wants us to hear what He has to say.

There are many kinds of prayer. There is ‘active’ prayer, meditation, contemplation, and the greatest prayer of all – the Eucharist. The Mass is the summit of all prayer, and we should not only make every effort to participate each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, but also to make an effort, especially during Lent, to come to Mass during the week as well. Remember what happens at Mass: God speaks to us in the Holy Scriptures, we speak to Him our needs; we offer bread and wine to Him, He offers Himself to us in Holy Communion. We are intimately connected to Him, because He intimately connects Himself to us. How foolish we are if we neglect to appreciate and accept such a Gift! I often hear people complain that they ‘don’t get anything out of Mass’. But what do we put into it? To ‘get something out of it’ (even though we ‘get’ God whether or not we realize it!), we need to prepare for, and focus on, what we are doing. Perhaps a reading of the scriptures beforehand would be helpful. Perhaps arriving a little early to ‘get settled’ and focusing on what is about to happen would be helpful. Perhaps staying until the end of Mass and participating in the Dismissal Rite would help us realize that we are being sent forth on a mission – the mission of continuing the Lord’s work of salvation by bringing the Gospel message into our everyday world. In any case, a little more focus can go a long way in helping us to more fully appreciate, and participate in, the Mass. But even if you cannot get to Mass, perhaps you can just ‘drop in’ at church for a quick visit. The Lord is always there, waiting for us to say ‘hello’ -- and to say ‘I love you’ to us in return. Please try to come, even if for only a few minutes.

We also need to make time for God in personal prayer. The more we knock, the more the door of our awareness of God’s presence opens. We need to commit to daily prayer, because an ‘intermittent’ relationship is one that is weak at best, and easily forgotten at worst. That is why we must make time for God, not just take some time for God. When we make God important enough in our lives, we will want to be with Him, and we will be willing to give up something else for Him. Taking time is almost an after-thought; making time denotes resolve and firm intent.

We can also pray by doing ‘spiritual reading’. St. Benedict saw reading as a prayerful activity and required each of his monks to read a book during Lent. Whether we use Scripture, biographies of saintly people, Church teaching, or something else about the spiritual life, reading of this sort can deepen our prayer. Try it – you might just like it!

A parting chuckle: Some years ago when I was stationed at the Cathedral, I was standing next to an old priest as we distributed ashes to the seemingly never-ending line of people making their way up the aisle. He was using the words “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” One young man on his line was making his way forward, drinking from a container of coffee as he came, and talking to the guy behind him. My companion noticed this and gave me a wink. When the man presented himself for ashes, the old priest looked him directly in the eye and, in a rather loud, stern voice, demanded, “Will you turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel??!!” The startled man stood there for a moment before he finally squeaked out “Do I have to?”

With prayers and love,

Fr. Brian
EXPENSE CONTROL MEASURES

Our priests and staff have, quietly, been taking steps for some time to control the costs of maintaining parish facilities and activities. Periodically, we detail some of those measures here......

** One of the more-expensive, necessary liturgical items is the Paschal Candle (replaced each year as part of the Easter Vigil as required, burned at all funerals, and at all Masses in the Easter Season). For the last two years, the prior year’s candle has been given a second life ---courtesy of Mike Lavery. He re-forms the old Paschal into smaller altar candles used in the chapel to carry us through the two daily summer Masses celebrated there.

** For Advent, the custom has been to place three purple candles and one pink in the wreath and replace them with four whites at Christmas. This year, to save money, we used the same four white candles during Advent (decorated then with purple and pink) AND during the Christmas season. Two of the four whites will be used A THIRD TIME on Good Friday in the Eucharistic Procession from the Repository to the altar.

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Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will be available upon request. If you are an envelope user and are in need of a contribution statement, please call the Parish Secretary at 914-271-4797 Ext. 10.

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YEAR END STATEMENTS

WeShare Thank you for your patience!

We now have a file of 2017 donations from WeShare which includes ParishPay donation information. If you need assistance retrieving your end of year donation information, email Cheryl at parishadmin@hnchurch.org or call 914-271-4797

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The 2018 Cardinal’s Appeal

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

Our goal: $66,000 Our pledges as of 2/9/18: 5.58% of goal

The Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our 10 counties. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

There are 2.6 Million Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York

Your Gift Helps Support:

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170 Retired Diocesan Priests ~ 86 Seminarians ~ 12 Offices and Ministries

To make an ONLINE GIFT, visit www. Cardinalsappeal.org
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frank Caterino, Marie King, Anthony Crespo, Frank Patti, Gail Pizoski, Maria Pillco, Norah Moore, Margaret Ewing, Chris Nash, Robert Mastrodi, Ramon Rodriguez, Rachael Hojnacki, Franco Cirino, Barbara Principe, Linda Jellocece, Adam Armenia, Jr., Dr. Cathy Cantelina, Carmenza Hernandez, Jim Caldwell, Joan Achorn, Elizabeth Gandolfo, Barbara Barnes, Baby Elliot Hollister, Barbara Matero, Pat Walsh, John Coyne, Austin Delong, The Vargas Family, John Duffy.

* 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, 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.

HNM 300 CLUB

Holy Name of Mary parishioners, family and friends are invited to participate. Each week a drawing will be held and one member will be selected to receive the prize. The cost is $50.00 per member, and you will be eligible to be a winner over the next 10 weeks.

The first drawing is April 2, 2018

10 Chances to Win!

9 Weekly Prizes of $300.00

The 10th Prize will be $3,000.00

Please bring your check or cash to the Parish Center or see Joe or Tim after each Mass. For questions please call Tim Higgins, 271-5979, Joe Costanzo, 271-4988 or Carol Gorman, 271-4797.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-15
SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22
GOSPEL: MARK 1:12-15

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed “This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.” Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

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Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 7PM
At the Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Led by the Holy Name of Mary Ministries

Feb 16th Stations of the Cross were led by the God Squad.

The Feb 23rd Stations of the Cross will be led by our Respect Life and Centering Prayer Ministries.

Please join us as we pray this wonderful devotion during the season of LENT.
Wellsprings
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:
“True Presence”
All are welcome. Bring a friend or two

MIDNIGHT RUN
Midnight Run provides food and clothing for the homeless in New York City. As per Midnight Run’s philosophy, the goal is to forge a bond between housed and homeless people by establishing a foundation of sharing and caring. Volunteers come to see the homeless as real people. Homeless men and women learn that mainstream adults and teenagers have commitments and concerns that go beyond their own lives and families.

Please help us to help the homeless by donating new or lightly used men’s pants and long sleeve shirts, ladies pants and leggings, back packs, warm hats and gloves as well as men’s and women’s shoes. We’re also looking for new and unused travel size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, men’s underwear, undershirts and socks.

Please place items in the small lobby on the left of the Parish Center lobby. The Parish Center is open 9-5 during the week and 9-12 on Saturdays.

Care for Creation

The Care for Creation Ministry will be hosting an Interfaith Croton Climate Summit on Sunday March 4 from 3-5 in PMR 3/4/5. The Summit will feature a Climate Reality Presentation by Andrea Andrews. Come for the Presentation and to engage with other Crotonites as we Care for our Common Home.

For more information email us at CareforCreationMinistry@gmail.com

What is it?
It’s a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Spiritual Director and sponsored by the Church of the Holy Name of Mary in Croton On Hudson, NY. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a love for each other and a desire to become more involved. The dates of the retreat this year are March 1-4, 2018. For more information please contact hnmactsnv@yahoo.com or call 201-446-6509.

TRY CENTERING PRAYER THIS LENT.
WHY CENTERING PRAYER?

Centering (Contemplative) Prayer involves consenting to God’s presence and healing action within you and sitting in silence for about 20 minutes, while letting go of your distractions and remaining open to God’s unconditional love. This method of prayer involves a movement beyond conversation with God toward communion with God.

More specifically, Centering Prayer is a practice of self-emptying. It is letting go – of our attachments to our ego, self-image, control, judgments, expectations, and feelings. Though life itself – through great love and suffering – is often our most powerful teacher in these respects, Centering Prayer is a daily, small death to false self and ego. It makes space for the uncovering of our deepest, “True Self,” allowing it to gradually rise from the ashes of our partial and protected self and to deepen our relationship with God.

We invite you to join us for Centering Prayer any Thursday 7:30-8:30 PM in the Spiritual Direction Room off the Parish Center Lobby. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jeanne Marie Gagnon at 914-271-1405 or John Lally at 914-271-5628 and/or go to http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/.