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.

September 9, 2018 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST**

**HOLY NAME OF MARY**

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

**CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 9:00 AM
Sunday: 9:15 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Bilingual)
Weekdays: Monday – Friday.
8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

(Confession) After each Daily Mass/Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 PM at Church

**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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**PARISH TRUSTEES**

Judy Anderson
Joseph Costanzo
The Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine will be offered this week September 9 through September 15 in memory of Margarida & John Madeiros, requested by Dolores C. Cerulli.

Event List

Saturday, September 8, 2018
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM, Chapel
9:00 AM ACTS Men Breakfast Meeting, PMR3-5
9:00 AM Teacher day of formation, Rm 316
10:00 AM noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1

This Weekend:
Fair Trade Coffee after Masses, Lobby PCtr
Fr. Patrick at Masses (Propagation of the Faith)

Sunday, September 09, 2018
9:00 AM RelEd Grd 1 Orientation, PMR3-5
12:00 PM Interfaith Program, PMR3-5
12:30 PM Baptism Church
3:00 PM Sustainable Sunday, PMR3-5
6:30 PM Folkloric Dance Group mtg/rehearsal, PMR3-5

Monday, September 10, 2018
HNMM New Students 9:30-11
10:30AM Monday Morning Bible Study, Room 302
7:00PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, Library
4:00PM CS Den 14 Monday Meeting, PMR3
7:00PM CS Den 5 Monday Meeting, PMR3
7:00PM Liturgy Committee Meeting, 314B
7:00PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, Library

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
7:00PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, Library (or 314B)
7:00PM CS Den 4 Monday Meeting, PMR3
7:00PM CS Den 14 Monday Meeting, PMR3

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
6-9PM CYO Sept Wed/Thur GYM
7:00PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, Library (or 314B)
7:00PM Bible Spirituality IV, 316B

Thursday, September 13, 2018
6-9PM CYO Sept Wed/Thur GYM
6PM Weight Watchers, PMR 1-2
6:30PM CS Den 11 Thursday Meeting, PMR5
7:00PM Bible Spirituality, Rm 316
7:00PM Music Ministry rehearsal, Church
7:30PM Boy Scout Leader Meeting, PMR3
7:30PM Centering Prayer, Rm 302
8:00PM K of C Meeting, PMR1&2
9:00PM HNM Mens Basketball, GYM

Friday, September 14, 2018
5-6:30PM CYO Sept Fridays, Gym
5:30PM GS Brownie Trp2026, PMR3
6:45PM CS Pack Meeting, GYM
8:30PM Grand Street Meeting of AA, Library

Saturday, September 15, 2018
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM, Chapel
10:00AM noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1

Sunday, September 16, 2018
9:00AM RelEd All students /c parents @ Church, Classes
Masses combined: 10:45 and 11AM in the Church
6:30PM Folkloric Dance Group mtg/rehearsal, PMR3-5
7:00PM YM God Squad Meeting, Flr4 Chapl
**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Anthony Crespo, Frank Patti, Gail Pizoski, Maria Pillco, Norah Moore, Margaret Ewing, Chris Nash, Ramon Rodriguez, Franco Cirino, Barbara Principe, Linda Jelicece, Adam Armenia, Jr., Dr. Cathy Cantelina, Carmenza Hernandez, Joan Achorn, Elizabeth Gandolfo, Pat Walsh, John Duffy, Mike Bischoff, Alan Speure, Judy Anderson, Anthony Delano, Jennifer Kazin, Baby Elliott Hollister, Joe Dunn, Eli Fiss, Sam Colombo, Douglas Ruffles, Daniel Jarama, Erlemde Billa, Mary Ellen Carullo, Joanna Modica,, Alex Zadrima, Anastasia Armenia, Loretta Oppitz.

* 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, Georgiana Grant, 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.

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**Task Force for Fund Raising**

We have received 8 emails, and some have multiple suggestions, Thank you!

Fr. Brennan has reviewed the suggested ideas, along with the Finance Council, and will pass on several to the Pastoral Council to work with you on planning, developing and making it happen! It is hoped a task force will be developed.

This is an opportunity for all parishioners to help HNM through the immediate financial challenges. Your assistance is needed! So if you have some time and energy to share let us know or Email Finance@hnmchurch.org

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**Midnight Runs**

At Holy Name of Mary, we participated in our first "run" in 2008. We bring box lunches, hot coffee, soup and clothing to the homeless on the streets of NYC about eight times per year. We spend time with the people and talk to them. They, in turn, share their stories with us. We have monthly runs scheduled. To do this, we need volunteers. Teenagers are welcome. A typical run needs three or four vans/SUV's, 5-6 adults, 8-10 teenagers. The teenagers who attend are very moved by their experiences.

**How you can help**

Donations are always needed. Please donate new socks, underwear, backpacks, t-shirts (medium and large sizes), pants, sweats and individual toiletries; including toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorants, disposable razors. Donations can be left in the Parish Center and labeled for Midnight Run.

We are also looking for volunteers to make sandwiches and bake desserts. We make 80 brown bag sandwiches, soup, coffee, fruit and fresh baked dessert.

We are always in need for more volunteers with SUVs to drive down to the city with us.

Our next run is on September 29th. Please contact us if you would like to help stage a run or go down to NYC to hand out clothing and food. Davidadler@optonline.net or 914-806-7419. We have additional runs on November 3rd and December 15th. Midnightrun.org is a non-profit based in Dobbs Ferry and started in 1984 to help the less fortunate in NYC. They organize visits to NYC on Friday and Saturday nights by charity groups throughout the greater NYC area.

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**Annual Golf Tournament**

Friday September 21st, 2018
Casperkill Golf Club, Poughkeepsie

$150.00 pp which includes Greens Fee & Cart, Driving Range, Lunch Buffet & Dinner

Shotgun Format - Everyone Welcome - We can pair up individual golfers

Chances to win a vacation for two, a car, cash, 4K TV and other prizes

Reservations are required by September 10th.
For more information and to register/sponsor/donate please go to our website at www.HNMKofCGolf.com
Holy Name of Mary Montessori School welcomes children from 3 years old through kindergarten. Our innovative and child centered approach fosters a child’s natural inclination to learn. The religious aspect of our program takes place in our beautiful Atrium where children can talk to and listen to God. Please contact the school at 914-271-5182 to learn more about our program.

Our Parish Collections

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Note on WeShare: Numbers are reported to the parish with a lag as compared to regular collection data which is available on Mondays. For WeShare#, the monthly total is available on the first of the next month.

Holy Name of Mary Playgroup
Begins October 19th

Moms, dads, grand-parents, and babysitters: mingle while kids play. Watch them enjoying ride-on toys, reading books and playing games at Holy Name of Mary's Playgroup in the big gym.

We meet on Fridays, starting October 19th and the time is from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We are on the same calendar as the Croton-Harmon School District.

Children ages from birth to 4 years old are welcome. Our cost is $30.00 for the year as a donation to Holy Name of Mary.

Come, stop by and see how much fun we have all Fall, Winter, and Spring on Fridays! Babies have a blast there too and get to make friends that they will grow up with!

If you have any questions please contact Holy Name of Mary's admin office 914-271-4797 x30.

Hope to see you there, Jessica Dieckman

Holy Name of Mary Rummage Sale
To support HNM Parish & ACTS-NY

Saturday & Sunday
Oct 6th – 9am to 4pm
Oct 7th – 9am to 3pm

Donations will be gratefully accepted
Thursday & Friday, Oct 4th and Oct 5th – 8am to 6pm
in the Parish Gymnasium

*Sorry, no books, clothing, stuffed animals, mattresses, window treatments, large exercise equipment, large furniture, computers, or console TV’s.

Please do not drop items at the church prior to the above donation dates.

For more information please contact Maureen McDyer at 914-271-2530
Summer Mass Schedule

September 16th, and on each third Sunday of the month, the 10:45 Mass and 11:00 bi-lingual Mass will be combined at 10:45 in the Church.

WEEKDAY MASS Changes

The weekday Masses (Monday through Friday) will be held at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Also, Saturday morning Mass will be at 9AM at the Chapel.

These changes will be continued through the summer and until further notice.

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Religious Education Registration

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD?

All classes begin at 9:00 a.m. in the church on Sunday September 16, with parents.

If you have any questions, please call the office at (271-4254) or email hnmreleduc@aol.com  Thank you!

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Support Connection’s Annual Support-A-Walk

for breast and ovarian cancer is a 3-mile walkathon on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people living with breast and ovarian cancer. Thousands of people come together for this uplifting community event. Family and friends come from near and far to celebrate or remember loved ones.

Proceeds help fund Support Connection’s FREE confidential breast and ovarian counseling services, support groups, and wellness and educational programs all year long. To learn about Support Connection, or donate to the Support-A-Walk, visit www.supportconnection.org/support-a-walk-overview/ or call 914-962-6402.

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Fr. Ron Book Signing

Imagine a parish where the entire congregation consists of murderers, thieves, rapists, child molesters and drug dealers. That was my congregation at Sing Sing Prison. It was quite a challenge helping them to discover that God could still love them in spite of all that they had done and that God was eager to help them rebuild their broken lives. The challenge was even greater within a very dysfunctional and corrupt prison system.

I wrote a book about this, REFUGE IN HELL: Finding God in Sing Sing, which was just published by Orbis Press at Maryknoll. I will be speaking about the book at a book signing in the 3rd Floor meeting room of the school on Sunday, September 30 at 7 PM. Copies of the book will be available for purchase for $22. Or you can order them sooner from Orbis Press or Amazon. All are welcome.

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From Fr. Patrick Kroteh, who will be with us at Masses September 8 & 9

I am Fr. Patrick Kroteh from the Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia, West Africa. Liberia was founded as a result of the abolition of the slave trade in the United States. We have three Catholic dioceses. The nation is recovering from the effects of a civil war and the deadly Ebola virus disease. Funds raised will be used for the evangelization of woman and children.
Why do Catholics have to go to Confession? 7

The question that comes to me very often is: why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest? Why do we have to do that? Why not go right to God? Great questions!!

So the answer would be, “Oh yes! Go right to God.” As baptized Christians, our relationship with Jesus Christ and the power give to us by the Holy Spirit, we do have direct access to the Father. So even if some of you find yourselves in serious sin go right away to God, apologize, repent and confess your sins directly to Him.

But we also recognize that we are called to go to a priest. Why? Because the role of a priest, even in the Old Testament, was a role of a mediator and an intercessor. But when Jesus Christ sacrificed himself on the cross he became the greatest and only mediator between God and man. That is a very specific title, He is the one who ultimately makes it possible for us to have full access to the Father. But we also mediate on behalf of each other when we pray for the sick, for our friends and also for the dead. This mediation always ends with pronouncing “through Christ the Lord.” God does give us gifts directly but also prefers to give us some gifts through the mediation of others. The gifts of baptism, healing, Eucharist etc. are some of the gifts given to us through the mediation of others. The Word of God is preached to us by the mediation of the Church.

In the OT the priests mediated and prayed for their people, but ultimately they could not forgive sins. That required a sacrifice, Jesus Christ became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the whole world and so He could really mean what he said, “go in peace, your sin is forgiven.” It is His sacrifice on the cross that makes it possible for us to have our sins forgiven. Now something powerful takes place in John 20 after Jesus has risen from the dead, he appears to His Apostles in the upper room and while breathing on them he says, “Receive the Holy Spirit, those whose sins you forgive are forgiven, those whose sins you retain are retained.” Thus He gives His apostles the ability to forgive sins. Now this is absolutely powerful because Jesus is instituting a new priesthood to extend His full and total forgiveness to all who come in repentance thus revealing that Jesus intended that His apostles use this ability and pour out his forgiveness on all His people.

Now why do we have confession? Because right from the very beginning of the church this practice was in vogue, the practice of confessing sins to the priest and having the priest to pray for their forgiveness. In fact in James 5. We read, “Is there anyone sick among you, let them send for the priest, and the priest will pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord, If the person is sick, they will recover, if they have any sins, those sins will be forgiven them.” Jesus gave the ability to forgive sins to the Apostles and to their descendants.

Priests do not have the power to forgive sins, but they have been given the authority to do so. It is the desire of Jesus to forgive sins through his priests. It is just as if someone is given the gift of healing, the healing is not done by them but by Jesus through them. The priest is a tool, a servant to be used by Jesus Christ.

Although we can go directly to God, Jesus needs us to go to His channel, the priest. This is not only to reconcile us to God but also to reconcile us to the community. That’s one of the things that sin does to us, it not only divides us from God but also cuts us off from the community, so we need to get back into the community. Just as Jesus when he heals the leper tells him “now go and show yourself to the priest, and offer as a sacrifice what Moses prescribed.” Thus the priest receives you back into the community after you have been out of it.

It was very dignifying to be received into the Church by the mediation of another human and you were not left to baptize yourself. No one can baptize themselves into Christ and no one can baptize themselves into the community. But then when it comes to confession we prefer to have no mediation but to go directly to God. Just as Baptism is a service done to us, so is confession a service that is done to us because of the dignity we have. so now let us be really honest, because here is where the rubber hits the road. In baptism you do not have to confess your sins, you don’t have to say anything, so you don’t have any problem in receiving baptism from another. But in confession you have to admit your fault, say things that are embarrassing, this is why you want to go directly to God. Jesus in Sacred Scripture gives the priests the ability to forgive sins—we don’t seem to like that, because we don’t want to confess, yet all the same we do know that there is a power in confession.

In confession there is no place for embarrassment, there is no room for shame, no reason to feel beaten up or feel defeated. Confession is a place for victory. Confession is where you declare that you have been defeated by sin and claim victory through Jesus Christ. You get to say, “Lord God, this is where I’ve been, that is what I’ve done, please have mercy on me” Then you get to hear those amazing words, “I absolve you of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

So do not wait if you need to receive the gift of the loving embrace of forgiveness, don’t hold back. Go to confession.

Only Love Matters
Fr. Nelson Couto