

Church of the Holy Name of Mary



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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.

DECEMBER 23, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Monday -- Friday:
8:00am and 12:00noon
Saturday: 9:00am and 5:00 PM

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/ and Saturdays
from 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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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From the Parish House

Christmas 2018

One of the more familiar Christmas carols that we hear each year is “*Do You Hear What I Hear?*” In it there are three questions: ‘Do you.. see .. hear .. know’

In our Gospel account, the shepherds were at their posts in the fields, watching over their sheep. They watched for things they could see, like a lamb straying from its mother. They listened to hear any sound which might indicate the approach of a predator. They knew how to do their job well, because they understood what was expected of them.

But this night, they would be startled to see and hear things they did not understand: the bright light, the angelic presence, the announcement of the birth of the Messiah. They were afraid and confused, but they knew what they must do – they must go to Bethlehem and see for themselves. Surely as they did so, they were saying to each other “Did you see what I saw? Did you hear what I heard? Do you know what it all means? Do you understand what is going on?” When they got to Bethlehem, they found everything ‘as it had been told them’.

As we celebrate Christmas 2018, what do we **see**: a church beautifully decorated; a beautiful ritual which celebrates a significant historical event of 2,000 years ago; the image of a little baby? And what do we **hear**: comforting Christmas carols; Scripture readings that we have heard so many times before? Do we really **understand** what is going on here today?

Unless we **see** Christmas as happening *now*, unless we **hear** the Christmas message as being given to each and every one of us individually *now*, then we will fail to truly **understand** what Christmas is all about. It will be a nice tradition, a time for giving gifts, an occasion for family gathering; but if it is only that, then it is merely an empty shell and a fleeting shadow of what it is truly all about.

Christmas is about the Invisible God becoming visible, not only in the person of Jesus, but in the person of each and every believer in Him. How will the world today ever see the Invisible God unless it can see His Presence in us? How will the world today ever hear the Word of God unless it hears it from us? How will the world today ever understand the immensity of the Incarnation unless it learns it from us? And how will all this happen unless we **see** the Word in ourselves, **hear** the word speaking in ourselves, and **understand** that Emmanuel is within ourselves *now*? Not just with us in general, but with, and within, each and every one of us *individually*. God dwells among us, and God dwells within us.

A Blessed Christmas to all.

Fr. Brian Brennan



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret Ewing, Judy Anderson, Anne Hogan, Ronnie Bruno,
JT Roper, Heather Mangan, Wendy Maier, John Johnson,
Joanna Modica, Benjamin Ordonez, Zoila Mora, Dody Bolt,
Helen McKiernan.

* 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, **Sandra Steenwerth, Tarcila Sotomayor, Gloria McCann, and Frank Vasta**, 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.

OUR PARISH COLLECTIONS

2018		I	2017		
Week Ending	Regular Collection	WeShare Report	I	Regular Collection	ParishPay Report
12/16	\$5,411		I	\$6,027	
12/9	\$5,363		I	\$4,384	
12/2	\$6,348		I	\$5,916	
11/25	\$6,290		I	\$5,855	
11/18	\$6,237		I	\$6,688	
November		\$14,538	I		\$16,038

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.



Registration opens for Father Nelson’s Bible spirituality classes beginning on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM. This is a one year course, every Wednesday.

Please call the Parish Office to sign up at 914-271-4797.

REMINDER TO ALL MINISTRIES---

As a result of the parish's current serious financial condition, a reminder that a **spending freeze is in place**. The Finance Council must pre-approve all expenditures which are not already in a given ministry's budget or will exceed the budgeted amount. Also, for ministries which do not have formal budgets, please remember any costs/expenditures incurred cannot be reimbursed from parish funds.

Longest Married Couple Search

The Search begins for the longest Married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019.

For further information, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at

646-794-3190 or Joan.brisson@archny.org.

Email entries can be sent directly to Joan.brisson@archny.org.

The deadline for entries is 5:00PM on Thursday, January 24, 2019.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe Serenade, 12/12/18, Holy Name of Mary



12/12/18 Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Name of Mary



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From Fr. Brennan, Fr. Nelson and the Staff of Holy Name of Mary; we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!



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