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.

August 18, 2019 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION of the EUCARIST

HOLY NAME OF MARY

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

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 9:15 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Bilingual)
Monday - Friday
8:00 am and 12:00 noon
Saturday: 9:00 am

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 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

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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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The Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine
will be offered this week
August 18-August 24 for
Felisa Sanchez-Rivera
Requested by The Rivera Family
**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**


* 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.

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**Week day Masses AND Saturday 9 AM Mass have been moved to the Chapel for the Summer; Will return to Main Church on Monday, September 30**

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**Pastoral Council Corner**

Future meeting dates:

2019
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9

2020
- February 10
- March 9
- April 20
- May 11
- June 15

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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**This Sunday’s Readings**

**First Reading**
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10
Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm**
Psalm 40:2-4,18
A prayer for God's help

**Second Reading**
Hebrews 12:1-4
Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**Gospel Reading**
Luke 12:49-53
Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**
Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus’ birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: “Master, now you may let your servant go in peace.” Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.
One of the exercises I taught myself to do was to just plain and simply stand in my room look out of my window and watch every car and passer-by, just to communicate to them my acceptance of the truth, that they are the images of My Father. I looked at each car and said to myself, “there goes God’s perfect creation, whom I love.” As I kept on doing this for weeks and months I began to see the miracle of change in me. No longer was my body something that was alone and separate, it was a tool to be used by me to communicate love, unity, joy, peace. I saw myself as a communicator, a TV Monitor that allows channels to be viewed through it. The TV screen did not produce the images but was only a communication tool of images. I am and will be the conduit of God’s love to the world and to all those He sends within my orbit of influence.

In order for the TV to send out clear images the screen has to be cleaned and wiped thoroughly from time to time. I had to do the same to myself by cleaning all the fears that kept on clouding my mind and my heart. I would find my mind bringing in thoughts of hurts of my past. I would remember the words, the feelings that they brought up in me and the anger, hate and fear rising up but I knew now that I was not a separate entity that was meant to survive, live a finite existence and who was only a body. I realized however dimly that I was created perfect by the perfection of infinite intelligence to be forever. I was created by Love to be a bearer of Love and that was what mattered to me more and more as the days passed by. The sting of the past hurts and even the hurts that came my way on a day to day basis were losing their sting and I found myself asking the question. “What is this event, interaction and happening teaching me?” The lesson learnt was worth all that I had to go through to learn that lesson.

There is always given to us the gift to enjoy all the moments of life that rise and fall away from our consciousness, without having an opinion or a judgment about these things. They arise in our consciousness and we hold on to them for some time and when it is time to let go of them we do it without frustration or even a sense of loss. This is true even of all the relationships that come our way.

Yet all the same there are three relationships that compose my very being. They are the essential ingredients of who I am. The relationship I have with Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ. For years I have spent at least half an hour daily with her as I recite the rosary. She in her own way introduced me to her Son, brought me to the priesthood and allows me to consecrate the bread from heaven and the one who gave His blood to heal the world. Jesus in turn introduced me to His Father and mine and I have ever since found great comfort and strength in staying with the words. “The Father and I are One.”

-Fr. Nelson
Knights of Columbus  
Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser  
Friday, September 20th, 2019  
Mohansic Golf Course  
$160 pp which includes,  
Greens Fee & Cart & BBQ Dinner.  
Shotgun Format – Everyone Welcome.  
We can pair up individual golfers.  
Reservations are required by September 9th  
For more information and to register please go to  
www.CrotonGolf.com  

Midnight Run  
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.  
At Holy Name of Mary, we participated in our first "run" in 2008. We bring bag 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 with 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: We need new socks, new underwear, new undershirts, lightly used backpacks, t-shirts, pants, and comfortable shoes. Donations can be left in the Parish Center and labeled “for Midnight Run.”  
We also need volunteers to buy the food, make sandwiches and bake desserts. We make 125 brown bag sandwiches, soup, coffee, fruit and fresh baked dessert.  
We would like to do a "run" each month; we need more volunteers with SUVs to drive down to the city with us. We need $100-$125 to fund each run. If you want to donate, please make checks payable to Holy Name of Mary, note for Midnight run fund.  
Our next run is on August 24th. 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 FoodTown and ShopRite cards available for purchase. A percentage of each sale supports the Loaves & Fish Ministry. You can buy them at the parish center or after Mass on the weekends.

Hello Parents of Holy Name of Mary Parish,  
Holy Name of Mary participates in the CYO Westchester/ Putnam Basketball League.  
Our goal for our Holy Name of Mary CYO Basketball program is for kids to gain more confidence in themselves, learn the benefits of team play, become better basketball players and make new friends.  
Our CYO Basketball program is open to girls and boys in grades 3 through 8.  
The twelve game season runs from mid-November through mid-February. The games are in either Westchester or Putnam County and half of the games are at home. Teams practice once a week starting the first week of October.  
Registration is now open for CYO Basketball through September 6th.  
You can register at hnmcroton.com  
Please contact Ken Walsh, our Parish CYO Coordinator with any questions. He can be reached at either (914) 450-5403 or kenwalsh1@icloud.com.
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. Have an extra dollar? Feed the Hungry….

**MASS CARDS**

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 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 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.