December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

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.

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 & 5:00pm

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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 – 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch between 1PM - 2PM
Bulletin deadline Fridays at 5:00 PM of the previous week

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Pastoral Council
Tom Faranda, President
Parish Trustees
Judy Anderson
Joseph Costanzo
Masses for this weekend, December 7 & 8
5:00 PM Carolyn Klingner, The Cawley Family
8:00 AM Anna Gigliotti, The Family
9:15 AM Peggy Cunningham, Rose Kollar & Vince Duffy
10:45 AM Alyce Picariello, Daughter Marianne
11:00 AM Parishioners of HNM

MONDAY, December 9
8:00 AM Ida Costantini, Peter Costantini
Noon Norah Mary Moore, Una Andrews

TUESDAY, December 10
8:00 AM Parishioners of HNM
Noon Joseph Turturro, Emily Mulhall

WEDNESDAY, December 11
8:00 AM Maureen McGuire, The Steinberg Family
10:30 AM Mass at Skyview, for Residents
Noon Parishioners of HNM

THURSDAY, December 12
8:00 AM JoAnn Cerussi, Albert Cerussi, Jr.
Noon Ivana Manco, John Manco

FRIDAY, December 13
8:00 AM Gina Costanzo, Albert Cerussi, Jr.
Noon JoAnn Cerussi, Albert Cerussi, Jr.

SATURDAY, December 14
9:00 AM Parishioners of HNM
5:00 PM Parishioners of HNM

Sunday, December 15
8:00 AM Anna & Patsy Gigliotti, The Family
9:15 AM Peggy Cunningham, Rose Kollar & Vince Duffy
10:45 AM Robert B. McHugh, The Warners
11:00 AM Parishioners of HNM

Fair Trade Gift Baskets will be sold after each Mass this Weekend

Next week will be a Second Collection for Retired Religious

Event List
12/7/2019 - 12/14/2019

Saturday, December 07, 2019
Cenacles for Life 7:20AM before Mass, Church
Fair Trade Coffee Sales
10:00 AM HNMS Breakfast with Santa, GYM
9:00 AM Food Pantry, PMR 2
9:00 AM Mens ACTS meeting PMR’s 3, 4&5
10:00 AM Weekly Food Pantry CCFP, PMR 1
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CYO games
8:00 PM Taghkanic Chorale Concert, Church

Sunday, December 08, 2019
Cenacles for Life 7:20AM before Mass Church
Fair Trade Coffee Sales
9:00 AM Rel Ed grds 1-8, Church
2:00 PM Sustainable Sunday PMR’s 3, 4&5
2:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 5, PMR 1
4:00 PM Taghkanic Chorale Concert, Church

Monday, December 09, 2019
3:30 PM - 9:00 PM CYO MonWedThu, GYM
4:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 14, PMR 3
6:30 PM Cub Scout Den 6 PMR 1
7:00 PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, 4th fl Library
7:00 PM Spanish Rosary Group, 4th fl Chapel
7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting, Rm. 316

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
9:00 AM Walking With Purpose, PMR 3
3:30 PM - 7:30 PM CYO Tues GYM
7:00 PM Bible Study Class Rm. 302
7:30 PM BSA Troup 28, GYM

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
3:30 PM - 9:00 PM CYO MonWedThu, GYM
4:00 PM Rel Ed classes, 314B
6:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 4, PMR 3
7:00 PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, 4th fl Library
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality IV, Rm. 316B
7:30 PM Westchester Ski Club, PMR 3
8:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting, PMR 4

Thursday, December 12, 2019
3:00 AM - 7:00 AM Serenata to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church
9:00 AM 11:00 AM Thursday Morning Playgroup GYM
3:30 PM - 7:15 CYO games, GYM
6:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting, PMR’s 1&2
7:00 PM Christian Healing Ministry, Rm. 316
7:15 PM Music Ministry rehearsal, Church
7:30 PM BSA Troup 28 Board of Review PMR’s 3,4&5
7:30 PM BSA Troup 28 PLC meeting, PMR1&2
7:30 PM Centering Prayer, Rm. 302
9:00 PM HNM Men’s Basketball, GYM

Friday, December 13, 2019
10:30 AM 12:00 PM HNMS Christmas Show GYM
3:30 PM - 7:15 CYO Friday, GYM
5:30 PM GSA Troop 1557, PMR 2
7:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting, GYM
8:30 PM Grand St Meeting, 4th fl Library

Saturday, December 14, 2019
Cenacles for Life 7:20AM before Mass, Church
Youth Group Homeless Sleep Out
9:45 AM - 5:00 CYO games, GYM
10:00 AM Weekly Food Pantry CCFP, PMR 1
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CYO games GYM
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, especially all 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

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*Year To Date numbers do not include WeShare/ParishPay for December 2018/2019

Our Giving Tree this year will gift students in the Religious Education program at Holy Spirit church in the Bronx.

Please take an ornament from the tree in the back of the church and chapel and purchase an item of clothing for a child. Return the gifts to the parish office, wrapped, with the ornament affixed, no later than Dec. 20th.

This Sunday’s Readings

First Reading
Isaiah 11:1-10
A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the nations.

Second Reading
Romans 15:4-9
Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 3:1-12
John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading
In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week’s Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John’s baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John’s baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: “… the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals” (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today’s passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus’ public ministry.

John’s preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus’ coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.
Help the hungry & homeless in your neighborhood

AT THE 15TH ANNUAL GOD SQUAD SLEEP OUT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH CENTER
110 GRAND STREET, CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NY

Monetary donations, as well as non-perishable food items, toiletries, and men's & women's clothing will be accepted from 4 PM Saturday through 12 PM Sunday to support CHHOP in their efforts to fight hunger & homelessness.

Westchester Skiers & Riders is a family-focused, Croton-based ski and snowboard club. We have day and weekend trips upcoming for the 2019-20 season. All ages and skill levels are welcome! WSR is a member club of the Metropolitan NY Ski Council.

Contact: Tony Pucca - 914-439-7722
westskiers@optonline.net
Meeting time is 7:30 – 8:30 PM on 12/11, 1/8/20, 2/12/20 in PMR 3.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE! The Croton Community Blood Drive is today, from 9 AM to 3 PM at CHHS gym. Please bring proof of identification, and eat and hydrate normally before you come.

Care for Creation News
Our next Sustainable Sunday is Sunday Dec. 8th
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM in PMR 3/4/5

Brother Kevin Cawley
Exec. Dir. of the Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona College
NGO Representative to the UN

“Laudato Si: How Does the Agenda of the World Need its Wisdom?”

We are so fortunate to have Brother Cawley come and speak about global issues and Laudato Si. He will speak of his work with the UN on climate issues. If you are wondering about Catholics and Climate Change and Luadato Si, this is the talk for you! We pray you attend.

With free sustainable snacks!

For more info contact us at contact@HNMCare4CreationMinistry.com
www.HNMCare4CreationMinistry.com

Concerts On Hudson @ Holy Name of Mary

Save the Dates!
Ecumenical Lessons & Carols
Friday, December 20th at 7:30 pm
Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra’s Beloved New Year’s Day Concert
Wednesday, January 1st at 3 pm
Opener: 2 pm Simon’s Family Band!
Update from Parish Alive

The next Adoration, sponsored by our Prayer Group, will be held on January 3rd, the first Friday of January. Please come pray for our Parish from 7-8 PM in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Our Marketing Group is busy engaging with families of Confirmation students to nurture and sustain their ongoing relationship with our parish family.

Plans to visit new parishioners are being prepared by our Visitors Group to ensure they are made to feel welcomed and valued.

Messages and videos are being sent out each week via Flocknote by our Resources Group. We hope you find them thought-provoking and inspirational.

In addition to assisting the Hospitality ministry with the celebrations for Fr. Brennan, Fr. Ron and Fr. Jack, our Social Events Group hosted an event featuring hot cider, cookies and caroling on November 30th to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

If you would like to join one or more of the Parish Alive groups, please contact us at HNMCroton@gmail.com.

Online Training and Certification for Lectors!

Have you thought about becoming more active in your parish? Are you a lector who wants to learn more about the Scriptures? Give back this holiday season and sign-up for a new online training program, offered in English and Spanish! Through an instructional video and short quizzes, deepen your connection to this ministry and earn your certification in as little as two hours.

Sign up at nyliturgy.teachable.com

Holy Name of Mary Usher Ministry

Keep a watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the Church of God that he acquired with his own blood.

Acts 20:28

Members of the Usher Ministry play an important security role in the Church. In our world today, preparedness and vigilance is essential. Our Ushers help to coordinate security, administer emergency procedures and handle disturbances. Training is offered by our Security Council, community Law Enforcement and Emergency Responders. How valuable it can be to learn these important skills as well as play a pivotal role in the safety and environment of our Parish.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher and would like more information, please contact Corinne Basso at 914-720-8109 or bassoc33@optimum.net

Thank you

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....
**Gift Giving Tree**

select an ornament for a student in the Religious Education program at Holy Spirit Parish in the Bronx

**Return to Parish Office by December 20th**

Saturday, December 7  
**Holy Name of Mary Montessori presents**  
Breakfast with Santa at 10:00 AM  
*Featuring a visit with Santa – in the gym. Details in the bulletin*

Saturday, December 7  
**Taghkanic Chorale-Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**  
8:00 PM Concert in Church [www.taghkanicchorale.org](http://www.taghkanicchorale.org)  
1.800.838.3006

Sunday, December 8  
**Taghkanic Chorale-Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**  
4:00 PM Concert in Church [www.taghkanicchorale.org](http://www.taghkanicchorale.org)  
1.800.838.3006

Thursday, December 12  
**Serenata to Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
3:00 AM to 7:00 AM in the Church  
Mass in Spanish 5:00 AM in the Church

Saturday, December 14  
**Homeless Awareness Sleep-Out**  
*God Squad experiences the life of the homeless;*  
Sent forth from 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 15  
**God Squad**  
Welcomed back at 10:45 AM Mass

Monday, December 16  
**Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation**  
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Church

Friday, December 20  
**Ecumenical Lessons & Carols**  
7:30 PM in Church – Free Admission

Sunday, December 22  
**Visit With Santa**  
Parish Center Lobby, after 10:45 AM Mass  
*Sponsored by Knights of Columbus*