April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

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We are temporarily closed. We will be responding to voicemails and emails. Stay in touch through flocknote at www.hnmcroton.flocknote.com

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Name of Mary

Mass will not be open to attend however private Mass will be live-streamed weekdays at noon and Sundays at 10:45am. Visit: www.holynameofmary.org

Donate online at: www.holynameofmary.churchiving.com

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Welcome!

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Canceled until further notice

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.
**Mass Intentions**

* Weekend intentions have been combined to be said by Fr. Nelson at 10:45 AM on Sunday

**Masses for this weekend, April 25 and 26**

*10:45 AM* 
- **Bill & Maureen Riedy**, Habib Family  
- **Gerald Quinn**, Tom Vasta & Family  
- **Robert Moore**, John & Cecilia Sarcone

**MONDAY, April 27**

Noon  Charles Fieramosca (L)

**TUESDAY, April 28**

Noon  Parishioners of HNM

**WEDNESDAY, April 29**

Noon  Alfred Costa Jr., Dolores C. Cerulli

**THURSDAY, April 30**

Noon  Frankie Bruno, Frances Bruno  
- **Peter Cinquanta**, Lena Cinquanta

**FRIDAY, May 1**

Noon  Grace Barbera, Linda Potthast  
- **Olga S. Costa**, Dolores C. Cerulli

**SUNDAY, May 3**

10:45 AM  **Peter & Marie Montana**, Lewis Montana  
- **Margaret, Mary, and Thomas Meagher**, The Rudden Family  
- **Doris McIntosh**, Don & Dagmar  
- **Gina Frieder**, The Family of HNM

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**Event List**  
**April 25 - May 2**

At the time of printing, all events for the week have been canceled.

**Mass Schedule**

Live-stream: [www.holynam eofmary.org](http://www.holynam eofmary.org)

Monday-Friday: 12 Noon  
Sunday: 10:45 AM

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**flocknote**

Sign up for flocknote to receive important updates from the Parish at:  
[www.hnm croton.flocknote.com](http://www.hnm croton.flocknote.com)

This will be our main source of communication over the coming weeks.  
You can also call the Parish Office at 914-271-4797. We will be checking messages even if no one available.

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**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns**

April 26th-May 2nd  
In Loving Memory of  
Maria & Joseph Obermaier  
Requested by the Kehrle Family

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**ONLINE GIVING By WeShare**

Continue to support our Parish by giving online through WeShare at  
[www.holynam eofmary.churchgiving.com](http://www.holynam eofmary.churchgiving.com)

You can also mail your weekly envelopes to the Parish Center or put them in the locked mailbox on the wall outside the Parish Center doors.
A Letter from Fr. Ron

4-22-20

Greetings from the Front Line!

I miss seeing you all at Holy Name, but I just wanted to let you know I’m still very involved in my hospital ministry at Phelps. In the past, I used to visit all of the Catholic patients and administer the sacraments. But once the COVID-19 Virus hit us, we went from one case in early March to almost the entire hospital being filled by the end of March. Since everyone is quarantined, I have been unable to go inside of the rooms to administer the sacraments. Many of them are unable to receive anyway, since they are on ventilators. But every day, I go from room to room throughout the entire hospital and pray at the doorway and give them a blessing. I do that for everyone, regardless of their religion or lack of religion.

When speaking with their families, I remind them that Pope Francis said that anyone who dies from this virus and is unable to be anointed by a priest has a Plenary Indulgence. Normally, there are certain conditions that have to be met in order to receive a Plenary Indulgence, such as going to confession and receiving communion. But Pope Francis said that as long as a person has at some point been open to God’s grace, the Church will compensate for anything that might otherwise be lacking. That means that the person leaves this world with a clean slate and is ready for the Heavenly Kingdom. I also pray with the families over the telephone and comfort them in their distress at not being able to be with their loved ones when they die.

The good news is that the worst seems to be behind us. The number of new admissions has been steadily dropping, and so has the number of deaths. At Phelps, as of last Friday, we had released close to 200 people who survived. Every time a patient gets released the hospital plays a Beatles’ song over the loudspeaker. It is called “Here Comes the Sun,” and it has been a big boost to everyone’s morale.

I used to think that my prison ministry was the culmination of my priestly career. But now I know that being privileged to work on the front line of this pandemic is the reason why I became a priest. Please keep all of us in your prayers that we don’t get this virus, and I pray that you remain safe too.

Fr. Ron
God Squad likes to support the senior citizens of Holy Name of Mary each year with our Spring & Fall Clean-up. We may not be able to host our Spring Cleaning this Spring, so we have chosen to support our seniors by writing to them in this time of “social distancing” with our new Pen Pals service project.

If you are a young adult and would like to help us write one of our beloved seniors, or if you are a senior citizen that would like to receive a Pen Pal letter please contact God Squad member Nicki Bugliosi via email at cocoaviper99@gmail.com. You do not have to be a Holy Name of Mary parishioner to participate. You can also call Carl Barnes at 914-263-3111 if you have additional questions.

Thanks and Stay Safe!

Defining Moments Bible Study
Walking With Purpose is creating a **FREE** brief weekly study for all Catholics (that's men AND women) that coincides with Sunday Mass. It's called *Defining Moments* and it's meant to help prepare and be "present" for Sunday Mass during this time when we cannot be at Church and are connecting to watch Mass online. Each lesson is divided up into 5 days giving just enough material per day to hit reset and to focus on God. Day 1 covers the First Reading; Day 2 the Responsorial Psalm; Day 3 the Second Reading; and Days 4 and 5 will be the Gospel. Ideally, the study would be done PRIOR to Mass. That way when we are watching Mass online, we’ll be engaging in a whole new way because we’ve prepared our hearts throughout the week.

Anyone interested can join Walking With Purpose email list on walkingwithpurpose.com in order to receive the weekly study PDF.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to one another ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?’ So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying ‘The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon.’

A beautiful book entitled ‘Walking with Jesus’ consists of the teachings of Pope Francis. It covers a wide variety of topics, enabling the reader to listen, learn and find Jesus present in so many ways today.

The walk of the two disciples to Emmaus was so special. Cleopas, was named by Luke, and perhaps I am the second person, now joined by Jesus. He continues to accompany us, but sometimes our eyes are closed or we are unable to recognize Him. He walks with us as we meet the poor. He talks with us, as we listen to the hurts of victims of injustice. He calls us to remedy unjust conditions as racism, xenophobia or discrimination.

My task today is to open my eyes to the reality of my world. Where can I find the Lord and how do I treat Him? The bottom line for those who were walking is that He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread. He reveals Himself to us today in the same action of the Eucharist. ‘Lord I want to see.’

**CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULE**
Prior to the pandemic we had reluctantly decided to make changes to our permanent Mass schedule, recognizing the need to offer a reasonable number of well-attended Masses, in what will now be a parish with only one dedicated, full-time priest. When we do return to a normal Mass schedule, the daily **8:00 AM Mass** will be **dropped** from the schedule, and the **Sunday, 11 AM Spanish Mass** will also be **eliminated**. Individual intentions already booked will be combined with the nearest possible continuing Masses.
Prayer Resources in the Absence of Mass

**Act of Spiritual Communion:** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

**Act of Perfect Contrition:** The Holy Father has recently drawn attention to the fact that, before Easter, many faithful go to Confession to meet with God again. “However,” he acknowledged, “many will say to me today: ‘But, Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because one can’t leave home? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want Him to embrace me, that my Papa embrace me . . . What can I do if I can’t find priests?’”

“Do what the Catechism says,” the Pope stressed, “it’s very clear: if you don’t find a priest to hear your Confession, talk with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth: ‘Lord, I’ve done this, and that, and that . . . I’m sorry,’ and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition and promise Him: ‘Afterwards I will go to Confession, but forgive me now.’”

“If you do all this,” Francis said, “you will return to God’s grace immediately. As the *Catechism* teaches,” he reminded, “you yourself can approach God’s forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think: ‘it’s the moment!’ And this is the right moment, the opportune moment. An Act of Contrition well made,” Francis said, “will make our soul become white as snow.”

– Pope Francis, Daily Mass Homily, Friday of the Third Week in Lent,” 20 March 2020

While there is no set formula for making a Perfect Act of Contrition, a common one reads as follows:

**My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.**
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance,
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin

Read more about making a Perfect Act of Contrition in the following article.