October 25, 2020
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
MASS SCHEDULE
Holy Name of Mary
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:45 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Mon – Fri: 12:00 noon

*Weekday Masses have been moved back to the Church*

To stream, visit:
www.holynameofmary.org

PARISH TRUSTEES
Judy Anderson
Joseph Costanzo

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturdays at 4:00 PM

BAPTISMS
Please call the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Baptism

MARRIAGE
Couples should call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the wedding.

*Change in Church Hours:*
The Church doors will now be open each day from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Parish Center office hours remain:
Monday-Friday:
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
# Mass Intentions

**Masses for this weekend October 24th and 25th**

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**MONDAY, October 26**

Noon  Carmine Cingarale

**TUESDAY, October 27**

Noon  Anna Gigiotti

**WEDNESDAY, October 28**

Noon  Margaret King

**THURSDAY, October 29**

Noon  Helen & Andrew Fetchick

Mark Waitkins

**FRIDAY, October 30**

Noon  Virginia Naples

**SATURDAY, October 31**

5:00 PM  Richard Kollar

Russel Francis

**SUNDAY, November 1**

8:30 AM  Nazim Baksh

10:45 AM  Erica Illescas

Loly Criollo

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The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week, Oct. 24–Oct. 31 for all parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

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**Event List Oct. 24 - Oct. 31**

As of Monday October 5th all weekday Masses are being held in the main Church at 12 noon. The Sunday Mass schedule remains 8:30 am and 10:45 am in the main Church. The Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass remains the same.

**Masses for this week:**

Saturday (Church): 5:00 pm (Fr. Ron)

Sunday (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)

10:45 am (Fr. Nelson)

Monday–Friday (Church): 12:00 noon (Fr. Nelson)

Adoration Service: Every Friday at 7 pm in Church

*There will be NO Adoration Service Oct. 30th.*

There is no obligation to attend Mass at this time. We encourage you to stay home if you are at risk or sick. Live-streams will still be available for Sunday Masses.

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

Masses also available on youtube [www.youtube.com/user/nelson1945](http://www.youtube.com/user/nelson1945)

Check us out on facebook at: [www.facebook.com/holynam eofmarycroton/](http://www.facebook.com/holynam eofmarycroton/)

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

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.
**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Margaret Ewing, Judy Anderson, Anne Hogan, Ronnie Bruno, Wendy Maier, John Johnson, Joanna Modica, Benjamin Ordonez, Zoila Mora, Dody Bolt, Helen McKiernan, Jim McNally, Helena Gaulrapp, Bob Spatta, Jack Mack, Matthew Triga, John Brown, Edward Nathan, Patrick Cawley, Jude Maroney, Francisco Cabrera, Maria Jaquez, Connie Corry, Jacyn Debaun, Mary Santella, Carter McNally, Nina Barr, Peter Costantini, Mel Giarolo, Christopher Corry, Jane Milcetic, Anica Milcetic, Thomas Ferguson, Max Friedman, Jay Mercatante, Patricia Biglin, Todd Picciano, Christa Picciano Daniello, Gerald Parker, Jerry Rubano, Kevin Dymes Sr.

* 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 Joseph Borges and 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.

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**Our Parish Collections**

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Please make checks out to Holy Name of Mary. The bank has advised they can no longer accept checks made out to HNM.

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**Mass Attendance: October 18th**

With limiting attendance to 33% capacity and practicing social distancing we can fit approximately 85 people in the Church. **We will continue to monitor the Mass attendance closely and return to 4 weekend Masses if attendance continues to rise.**

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, “Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?” With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one’s entire being; the second is to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

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From Fr. Nelson

October 25, 2020

Love and seek the truth.

As never before, Catholics today are called to heal and bind the wounds of a fractured country. Called to love and understand, called to empathize and be one family. However, to heal divisions we must learn to disagree with love.

Let us think about a person in our lives with whom we disagree. Maybe it is about global warming, abortion, economy, race or immigration. Now let us bring that person to our minds. Experience the feeling of disagreement, and then each of us arguing our case. We may notice that while we are listening to their case, we’re waiting for an opportunity to refute it rather than listening and understanding. We are all guilty of this because in that moment what do we all want? We want the other person to agree with us! We want them to listen to us, nod their heads a little and say, “You know I think you’re right.” But when was the last time we changed our minds and agreed with them.

Most of us think that we are open minded, we are the flexible ones, we are responsive to new information. So if you are told that you’re not as open minded as you think you are, you might feel a bit offended. But just keep on reading even if you disagree with me.

It is very hard for people to change their minds about something they really believe in even when they’re faced with the facts. Changing one’s mind about something important takes time, it takes a lot of effort and it often requires the following ingredients of love; trust and respect, empathy, vulnerability and most of all courage. It’s a skill and a skill that most of us could be better at.

Today we all have to learn to do a lot of fact-checking ourselves and not just swallow everything that is fed to us. We have to learn to fact check consistently and with courage. We should also be aware and find out how our social life, our sense of what is right and what is wrong, the experiences of our lives and also our allegiance to the tribe we belong to affect our decision making.

Let us also note that our brains gradually accept the false and the untruths if they are repeated over and over again. The media knows this and so it plays with us. We are also prone to accept those evidences that support our own viewpoints and refute the evidences of the contrary. Perhaps we are biased towards the people and sources within our circles and more likely to reject the same facts when presented by others. We find it scary to be rejected or isolated from our tribe.

So now what?

1) Stop tearing down those who back flip and change their minds. Learn to value the traits of those who when presented with new facts do change their minds.

2) Rediscover the lost art of civil disagreement. Disagreements are not all bad; they are very useful to our intellectual process and guide us to better ideas.

3) Make sure that you are listening to really, really understand and not waiting to argue.

4) Be curious: this can be fun and interesting. Try to add some empathy to your listening by trying to discover the “why” behind the views of the other person. Thus you will find a connection with the other.

5) When it’s time for you to respond try to find at least one small point that you both agree upon.

6) Don’t try to win the argument, but create a ground on which the seed of new evidence may have a chance to grow.

Let’s prove to ourselves that we have the intellect to reach for the best possible evidence and not just to the proof we want to see; that we have the emotional intelligence to enjoy fruitful conversations and the wisdom and courage to change our minds. The warmth of our love and empathy can draw us out of our caves and rabbit-holes to offer the Bread of nourishment and the Wine of brotherhood to the world of today.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nelson Couto
There will be NO ADORATION SERVICE on Friday October 30th.

Instead, we’d like to congratulate our Religious Ed students making Confirmation that day.

We are happy to announce that the Brian Bag event is back! All are invited to come to the grassy area in front of the HNM rectory after 10:45 am mass on Sunday, October 25th. If you have not yet been to mass, this is a great time to sit in our pews, enjoy the presence of the Lord and then to help those experiencing homelessness by putting lovingly donated items into a care package. If you enjoy mass at home, please consider coming by after mass for a socially distanced opportunity to help others!

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members on Saturday November 7th at the 5PM Mass. Please come pay your respect to those Knights who helped shape our church and community.

The 2021 Mass Book is now open!
Request a Mass in one of the following ways:

1. Stop by the Parish Office
2. Email parishsecretary@hnmchurch.org
3. Call the Parish office at: 914-271-4797 x 10

Thank you to everyone that pre-ordered Breaking Bread Missals. Missals are expected to arrive in late November. We will let you know when they are ready to be picked up.

We celebrate with the following young men and women upon the occasion of their Confirmation on October 30, 2020. We pray that the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct them on their faith journey.

Emily Elizabeth Adler
Sheylla Mary Cadme
Caroline Rose Casieri
Stephen Jude Castilla
Anastasia Diana Chiocchi
Allison Albert Corbett
Brittany Patrick Corbett
Caitlyn Ann Fitzmaurice
Christina Catherine Greene
Tiffany Mary Guaman
Jacob Sebastian Jones
Gianna Antonia LoPresti
Evelyn Maria McAndrew
Grace Madeline McCann
Jackson Jerome Mills
Gabriella Victoria Montenegro
Grace Catherine Puente
John Michael Robinson
Christopher Michael Saquipay
Paola Elizabeth Saquipay
Francesca Teresa Sarcone
Juliet Teresa Skrelja
Elizabeth Von Reissig
Jack John Yurek

We are grateful to Efrain & Lee Colon and Donna Fitzmaurice our catechists for all their patience and guidance this past year.
On Saturday, October 17th, Croton-on-Hudson’s Scout Troop 28 replaced the American flag flying proudly in front of The Church of the Holy Name of Mary. Father Nelson graciously provided the opening prayer and Troop 28, chartered by Holy Name, provided a heartfelt ceremony to retire the tattered, old flag and post the new, brilliant flag. Later that evening, the Scouts retired the old flag properly in a flag retirement ceremony as part of their weekend campout.

Those that were in attendance Saturday afternoon listened to a presentation about the true meaning of our American flag. Our flag represents our founding fathers and their sacrifices to build a new nation, as well as, those that have died over the years defending our freedom, and our pledge of devotion and loyalty to our great country. It represents our nation’s unity, its hopes, achievements, glory and high resolve – red for courage, white for purity and blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice. It represents sovereign power residing with a body elected by, representative of, and responsible to this nation’s citizens. It represents that we are united as one under God, to who we turn for guidance, whose blessings we ask for and who watches over us as individual citizens and collectively as a nation, for in His spirit, America was founded. It represents the great diversity of our country, from different racial backgrounds, with different traditions, and different ways of worship. It is because we are so varied, diverse and rich in heritage that the whole of our nation is far greater than the sum of its parts. And finally, it represents that we all have the right of freedom and the responsibility to protect the freedom of others. Our flag is a symbol of the people. All the people. The people of the United States of America.

Croton-on-Hudson’s Troop 28, its adult leaders and Scout youth leaders have done a tremendous job keeping the Troop moving forward during COVID. Early in the spring, they began conducting virtual meetings and providing opportunities for the Scout to continue with rank advancement and merit badges. They have had backyard campouts and hosted small group, outdoor activities following all COVID protocols. For more information about Troop 28, please contact Scoutmaster Paul Kooney at scoutmaster@troop28croton.org.