November 8, 2020
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Church of the Holy Name of Mary

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 CENTER OFFICE HOURS
Mon – Fri 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
The Parish Center doors will remain closed. Please ring the doorbell for assistance.

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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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Please call the Parish Office for information.

If you have a loved one that is not computer savvy, please print out a bulletin for them. Spread the love.
Mass Intentions

Masses for this weekend November 7th and 8th

5:00 PM Peter Coleman
8:30 AM Margaret Cocoran
             Kevin McIvor
10:45 AM Victims of COVID 19 and all war

MONDAY, November 9
Noon Vera Maggia
             James Emmett Ottaurano

TUESDAY, November 10
Noon Andrew Mulhall Sr.
             Alfred Costa

WEDNESDAY, November 11
Noon Paula Harney
             Albert & Virginia Naples

THURSDAY, November 12
Noon Jim Moore (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
             Edward & Catherine O'Donnell

FRIDAY, November 13
Noon Adelaide Costa

SATURDAY, November 14
5:00 PM Mary Ellen Knecht

SUNDAY, November 15
8:30 AM Frankie Bruno
10:45 AM Norah Considine Moore
             Worldwide COVID-19 Victims

Thank you to all who served and those still serving.

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. Nelson)
Sunday (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)
             10:45 am (Fr. Ron)
Monday–Friday (Church): 12:00 noon (Fr. Nelson)

Adoration Service: Every Friday at 7 pm in Church
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.holynamemofmary.org
Masses also available on youtube
www.youtube.com/user/nelson1945

Check us out on facebook at:
www.facebook.com/holynamemofmarycroton/

Sign up for flocknote to receive important updates from the Parish at:
www.hnmcroton.flocknote.com

Continue to support our Parish by giving online through WeShare at
www.holynamemofmary.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 Ordenez, 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 Garolo, Christopher Corry, Jane Milcetic, Anica Milcetic, Thomas Ferguson, Max Friedman, Jay Mercatante, Patricia Biglin, Todd Picciano, Christa Picciano Daniello, Jerry Rubano, Kevin Dymes Sr., Jack Iser, Cole Iser

* 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.

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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.

Mass Attendance: November 1st
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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Believe in Jesus
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Regarded as personifying God’s power, Wisdom is readily and easily found by those who seek her.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The Thessalonians, who fear that those who have died will miss Christ’s return, are comforted by Paul’s assurance that those “who have died in Christ will rise first.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
In the parable of the five sensible bridesmaids and the five foolish bridesmaids, Jesus emphasizes the fact that we must always be ready for the coming of Christ because in his words, “You know not the day or the hour.”

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As the pandemic rolls on and forces us to do things we never would have dreamed of doing, like wearing a mask and suspiciously keeping away from one another, we feel a great strain on our happiness as we chug along with seemingly no end in sight. This brings about a lowering in the level of happiness both as individuals and as a group. This pandemic has managed to subdue us and so we feel that the success we chase after is becoming more difficult to attain.

But is happiness all about success? Is it about succeeding in getting a better relationship, having a larger salary or not having to work? Today people have more wealth, easier living and more leisure time yet they are still chasing happiness. There are more people living in anxiety and depression than ever before. The suicide rate has never been higher and it seems to be continuously increasing. But despair does not stem from a failure to be happy but from a lack of having a meaning to your life.

Going deeper into this, we find that there are those who even in these days of fear, brokenness and division are happy just by creating a meaning for their existence on this planet. There are also those in these pandemic months who sow the seeds of anxiety in those around them and engulf others in their panic.

Having a meaning in our lives makes us feel good in the present, in the here and now. Having a meaning for our existence is shown by having a belonging to and serving others. It also stems from developing the best within us. I have witnessed very happy persons who found meaning just by taking care of their sick and bedridden husbands, wives or other family members. Others have even undertaken months of loving service to complete strangers. People who have meaning to their lives are more resilient and do better in other aspects and departments of their lives. They also live longer. Having a meaning to our lives gives us a purpose for each and every day. Having a meaning for our life is not the same as having a goal. It is greater than a goal. It feeds you constantly with a feeling of wellness; there is no elation at successes achieved or disillusionment at failures that crop up along our way. Every moment has a meaning to it and there is no goal, no success and no failure. Having a meaning for our life also includes satisfaction of a quiet joy and eliminates from us the drive to compete with other human beings.

To be continued ...

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nelson Couto
The Care for Creation Ministry will be hosting a Sustainable Sunday Speaker Series event on Sunday November 8 at 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm on the Danskammer 600 MW plant proposed to be located within the town of Newburgh.

This plant proposal presents climate justice and climate change issues that will be explored by representatives from Scenic Hudson, the Sierra Club, and the Newburgh Clean Water Project.

Please be part of the online Zoom presentation by logging onto https://fordham.zoom.us/j/99964223882 at 3 pm. The presentation will start shortly thereafter. Never been on Zoom? Ask a friend or a kid to help! Ask them to stay and watch with you! Login at 2:45 and chit-chat with fellow attendees.

Past Sustainable Sunday presentations are available for viewing on our website www.hnmcare4creationministry.com. Scroll down on the opening page of the website.

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**Croton Community Cookbook Sale**

Cookbooks contain over 300 recipes from our community, including from a handful of Croton restaurants.

These will definitely come in handy this winter as we are cooking from home more than ever before. Plus they make GREAT GIFTS!

Cookbooks are $15 each, and all proceeds benefit the Holy Name of Mary community and ministries.

If you have any questions, please email HNMCookbook@gmail.com or call the parish at: (914) 271-4797.

Thank you so much for your support.
October was a busy month in Religious Education. Earlier in the month, 36 children received Holy Communion for the first time. To accommodate social distancing, we had 2 services. We were delighted to celebrate the sacrament with them which was originally scheduled for May.

This past Friday Bishop Gerald Walsh came to our Parish for Confirmation. Fortunately, this celebration was able to take place as scheduled. He thanked the candidates for their letters and was impressed with their readiness.

Thank you Marjorie Gilbert and Erin McAndrew for making our church look beautiful on both occasions and to Sara Della Posta for taking pictures from the choir loft.
We will be asking everyone to make reservations to attend Mass this Christmas. In consideration of safety guidelines and attendance restrictions, we want to do everything in our power to allow people to celebrate Christmas in a safe manner. Please let us know which Mass you plan to attend and how many family members will accompany you. Your family will be assigned seats based on size and availability. There will be limited seating and we will strictly adhere to distancing and capacity restrictions so please reserve your seats ASAP to be assured entry.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

**Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve**
Church: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Church: 7:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Church: 9:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Friday, December 25: Christmas Day**
Church: 8:30 am  
Church: 10:45 am

Reserve seats in the following ways:
Phone: 914-271-4797 x 10  
Email: parishsecretary@hnmchurch.org  
Or in person at the Parish Center at 114 Grand St.  
Monday thru Friday 9am - 4pm.

You will receive confirmation of your reservation which we ask that you bring with you to the Mass. Ushers will be provided a list as well.

*There will be no noon Mass on Christmas Eve*
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