December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

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Administrator

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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.

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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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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

To stream, visit:
www.holynameofmary.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Tom Faranda, President

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.

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 December 5th and 6th

5:00 PM  Mary Millon
8:30 AM  Jim Moore (6th Anniversary)
10:45 AM Joseph Luis Alvarez
           Maury Leone

MONDAY, December 7
Noon    Frank Waitkins
        Emma Langone Rodriguez (L)

TUESDAY, December 8
Noon    Larry Dinoia
        Valentin Ortiz

WEDNESDAY, December 9
Noon    Ann Mary Guarino

THURSDAY, December 10
Noon    James Lucas Sr.

FRIDAY, December 11
Noon    Phil Rizzuto

SATURDAY, December 12
5:00 PM  Ivana Manco

SUNDAY, December 13
8:30 AM  Vinny Antonecchia
10:45 AM Julia Devlin

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week, December 5 – December 12
in loving memory of Deceased Veterans of World War II

Event List
Dec. 5 - Dec. 12

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 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.holynameofmary.org
Masses also available on youtube www.youtube.com/user/nelson1945

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

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.holynameofmary.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.

We are now on AmazonSmile!!! Start at https://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1740302
Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Holy Name of Mary, at no cost to you.
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Margaret Ewing, Judy Anderson, Anne Hogan, Ronnie Bruno, Wendy Maier, John Johnson, Joanna Modica, Benjamin Ordenez, Zoi La 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 Daniels, Jerry Rubano, Jack Iser, Cole Iser, Gerald Russell, Bill Embree

* 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 Kevin Dymes Sr., Gerald O’Malley, Rose DiGiugno 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.

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.

Mass Attendance: November 29th
With the new seating layout we can now fit up to 125 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

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Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing and care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, normally a Holy Day of Obligation. We will hold Mass as usual at 12 noon. There is still no obligation to attend for those with concerns about the pan

2021 Breaking Bread Missals have arrived!
They can be picked up at the parish office Monday thru Friday 9am-4pm.
As a reminder, we are asking for $3 per book this year.

Croton Community Cookbook Sale
We still have plenty of cookbooks for sale. If you haven’t been able to stop by the parish office, we will have stands set up outside the Black Cow and the church at different times over this weekend and next, depending on weather and seller availability.
Cookbooks contain over 300 recipes from our community, including from a handful of Croton restaurants. Not only should you get one for yourself but they make great gifts for others.
Cookbooks are $15 each. All Proceeds benefit the Holy Name of Mary community and ministries.
If you have any questions or would like to help with the sale of books please email HNMCookbook@gmail.com or call the parish office at (914) 271-4797.
Thank you so much for your support.
Holy Name of Mary

Holiday Giving Drive

to Support

Croton Caring Committee

December 7 - 18, 2020

The holidays can be a particularly challenging time for those in need – perhaps this year more than ever. The Croton Caring Committee would appreciate your support in helping to make the holiday season a little brighter for our Croton neighbors-in-need. Below are some ways you can help.

**Donate Food for Christmas/Hanukkah Food Baskets**
Croton Caring Committee prepares and delivers holiday food baskets to local individuals and families in need. We collect any non-perishable breakfast, lunch and dinner items. **We are particularly in need of these items:**

- Complete Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Pop-Tarts
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Canned Vegetables (Green Beans, Peas, Corn and Carrots/Mixed Veg)

Food donations may be dropped off anytime at 11 Eklof Court (bins on front porch).

**Donate a Family Gift for Holiday Gift Program**
Along with the food baskets, Croton Caring’s Adopt-a-Family Program provides families in need with holiday gifts. **We are particularly in need of family gifts. This year our push is to help local businesses at the same time by purchasing gift cards to places families can eat or purchase things they need (e.g. restaurants, deli’s, grocery stores, drug stores, etc). This is a great way to help Croton business too!** Other family gift ideas include: winter items (hats, gloves, scarves, socks); warm blankets/throws or a box of Candy or other Holiday Treat.

Gift items may be dropped off in the garage of 22 Sunset Drive (across from Sunset Park).

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The Croton Caring Committee Thanks You for Your Support!

The Croton Caring Committee has served the Croton community for almost 40 years. Learn more about us at our web page: www.crotoncaring.org
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @crotoncaring
Taghkanic Chorale to present virtual holiday concert starting December 12

For each of the past 53 years the Taghkanic Chorale has performed the best of choral music live for appreciative Westchester audiences. But this year live choral concerts, and even in-person rehearsals are all but impossible, so most choral groups have been in hiatus.

Despite the challenges, the Taghkanic Chorale has been rehearsing regularly, and will present its annual holiday concert online beginning Saturday, December 12 with the theme “Hope and Healing”. The performance combines singers captured remotely and compiled into a “virtual chorale”, with in-person recordings of small ensembles at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Croton.

How it came to be is a story of determined optimism, technology and ingenuity. In March as Covid restrictions kicked in, the Chorale moved its rehearsals to Zoom for safety. When each piece was ready, singers videotaped themselves singing it in their own homes, and the videos were electronically assembled into an overall performance.

Meanwhile, smaller ensembles of TC singers rehearsed together outdoors through the fall, in masks and maintaining social distancing. In mid-November, these small groups met at the church in Croton to record live performances, again meticulously following Covid protocols.

The live recordings were a triumph of planning and execution. Singers brought their fans and extension cords, and the church windows were opened for ventilation. After recording each piece, singers stood outside while the fans cleared the air for up to 30 minutes each. “The process took over three hours, but it was well worth it,” says David Watson, a tenor. “I like to kid people that the Chorale sang in person in front of 15 of its biggest fans.”

Jason Tramm, the Chorale’s Music Director was the driving force throughout, recognizing the healing power of choral music. “Beyond the obvious impact of Covid on our health, economy and society, it has taken a subtler toll on our emotional and spiritual well-being as well.”

In that spirit, the program features stirring and inspiring music by classical and modern composers - striking an uplifting chord in this season of joy and sharing. It includes excerpts from Handel’s Messiah, Mendelssohn’s Elijah, and Vivaldi’s Gloria, along with The Awakening by Joseph Martin, I Believe by M. Miller, and Earth Song by Frank Ticheli, plus a couple of well-loved holiday pieces.

As Maestro Tramm sees it: “In a year characterized by disruption, deprivation and loss, music can be a source of beauty, solace and joy that we desperately need at this point.”

The concert begins online streaming on Saturday evening, Dec. 12 at 7:30 pm, and the recording will be available on YouTube until the end of December. Listeners should use this link to access the concert: https://youtu.be/BSJg0AudkFc

The performance is free to all, though donations are encouraged to help support the Chorale’s not-for-profit work at https://www.taghkanicchorale.org/donations
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 *(at church capacity)*
- 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

*All masses based upon availability, additional seating will be available in the gym with live video streaming and the reception of communion.*

**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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