December 20, 2020
Fourth 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.

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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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.holynamofmary.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 19th and 20th

5:00 PM  Kevin Dymes Sr.
          Ron & Dolores Williams

8:30 AM  Anna & Patsy Gigliotti

10:45 AM John & Josip Milcetic

MONDAY, December 21

Noon    Ellie Koski
        Jean Frances Karas

TUESDAY, December 22

Noon    Catherine Connaire
        Emmett Ottaviano

WEDNESDAY, December 23

Noon    Bianca Montenegro
        Virginia Naples

THURSDAY, December 24

5:00 PM  Parishioners of HNM

7:00 PM  Parishioners of HNM

FRIDAY, December 25

8:30 AM  Parishioners of HNM

10:45 AM Parishioners of HNM

SATURDAY, December 26

5:00 PM  Kevin Dymes Sr.
          Dolores Basso

SUNDAY, December 27

8:30 AM  Mario Franzoso & Julie Frano

10:45 AM Mary Giacomelli

Please note that the 5pm and 7pm Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve are already at capacity. Also, the 9pm Vigil Mass has been canceled due to lack of interest.

Please let us know if you reserved a seat for Christmas but are unable to attend so we can accommodate others.

Event List
Dec. 19 - Dec. 26

Masses for this week:

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

Sunday (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)
          10:45 am (Fr. Ron)

Mon.-Wed. (Church): 12:00 noon (Fr. Nelson)
Christmas Eve (Church): 5:00 pm (Fr. Nelson)
          7:00 pm (Fr. Ron)
Christmas Day (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)
          10:45 am (Fr. Nelson)

*Reservations required for Christmas Masses*

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday & Friday.

There will be no adoration service on Christmas. It will resume Friday, Jan. 1st at 7 pm in the church.

There is no obligation to attend Mass at this time. Please stay home if you are at risk or sick.

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
www.hnmcroton.flocknote.com

Support our Parish through online giving:
www.holynameofmary.churchgiving.com

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


* 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 Phoebe Carter 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: December 13th

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8a-12, 14a, 16
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, “Let it be done to me as you say.”

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From Fr. Nelson

Here’s wishing you all a very, very joy-filled Christmas

A Christmas where you find your innocence lying in a world that longs for you.
A Christmas in which you look around and see nothing but darkness, a dark world waiting for you to reveal your true self.

A Christmas that is silent and yet filled with angel voices.
A Christmas that has you realizing that you are the one sent by your Father.
A Christmas that tells the world there is nothing to be afraid of.
A Christmas that enfolds the world with infinite compassion and love.
A Christmas that whispers, “You are my Child in whom I am well pleased.”

A Christmas in which you stretch out your hands and inform the world that you are here to heal, to bind and to nurse.

A Christmas that lets you know that you live forever in your Father’s house.
A Christmas wherein you teach the world that there is enough love, joy and peace to overwhelm every universe and all inhabitants that exist.

A Christmas where forgiveness is fore-given.
A Christmas where sounds of laughter fill the air.

A Christmas that has your lips whisper, “Glory to God in the highest.”
A Christmas that heralds the rush of life and the ebb of death.
A Christmas that acknowledges that all people are one and equal sons of God and there is no power that divides us.

A Christmas where everything you touch becomes alive.
A Christmas where you experience over and over again all that is good, holy and beautiful.

A Christmas that renews you, cleanses you and wipes away every tear from your eye.
Our Mass schedule for the January 1 Holy Day:
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:
Thursday, December 31: 5 PM
Friday, January 1: Noon
(Normally a Holy Day of Obligation but there is no attendance obligation during Covid 19).

JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH
The New York Blood Center, the Croton Community Blood Drive and the Village of Croton on Hudson are partnering to offer blood drives every Saturday in January 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Croton Municipal Building Community Room, 1 Van Wyck Street. Please use the entrance from the parking lot. The actual dates are January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing, APPOINTMENTS ARE PREFERRED. Walk-ins are welcome if drive capacity permits. You must bring photo id and wear a mask.
To sign up, call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org/donate.

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.

Bear with us as we continue to make renovations to the vestibule in the church. Before long, we will have a beautiful entrance way to greet you.
We have also been continuously working on a more visually appealing seating arrangement which you should notice this weekend.
Thank you to everyone volunteering their time and energy to make these projects possible.

The Fair Trade Ministry is pleased to announce we have sold over $1100 worth of Fair Trade products in December. Even though this amount is significantly less than we usually sell during our annual December basket sales, we are thrilled with the contribution our parish has made to help the small-scale farmers during this difficult time. Thank you for your continued support.

Croton Community Cookbook Sale
Cookbooks are still available to purchase. Stop by the Parish Office during normal office hours.
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.

We still have ShopRite and Foodtown cards available for purchase. If you would like to buy food cards please stop by the Parish Office or call Debra Rago at 914-271-4797 x 30
Thank You
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 *(at capacity)*  
Church: 9:00 pm Vigil Mass *(canceled)*

**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*