January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

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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.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.
Masses for this weekend January 9th and 10th

5:00 PM  Frank Nardulli
8:30 AM  Mark Waitkins
10:45 AM  Kevin Dymes Sr.
          Betty Fontanez

MONDAY, January 11
Noon  Eileen Thompson

TUESDAY, January 12
Noon  Angela Creedon
      Rev. Brian Brennan (L)

WEDNESDAY, January 13
Noon  Malachi Sheahan

THURSDAY, January 14
Noon  Daniel Cassidy

FRIDAY, January 15
Noon  James Ginnang

SATURDAY, January 16
5:00 PM  Bart J. Mitchell
         James Healy Sr.

SUNDAY, January 17
8:30 AM  Ralph Cerrato
10:45 AM  Kim Gress
          David Demm

This week’s second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Event List
Jan. 9 - Jan. 16

Masses for this week:
Saturday (Church): 5:00 pm (Fr. Nelson)
Sunday (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)
          10:45 am (Fr. Ron)
Mon.-Fri. (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. 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**

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, Nina Barr, Peter Costantini, Mel Giarolo, Christopher Corry, Jane Milcetic, Anica Milcetic, Thomas Ferguson, Max Friedman, Patricia Biglin, Todd Picciano, Christa Picciano Daniello, Jerry Rubano, Jack Iser, Cole Iser, Gerald Russell, Bill Embree, Tyler Garrett, Angela Ceperano, Sue Gheringer, George Gheringer

* 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.

### 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: January 3rd**

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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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord’s Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be “a light for the nations.”

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God’s will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, “You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.”

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From Fr. Nelson

January 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We have moved beyond 2020 and are on our way, traveling the days of 2021. We have welcomed the new born Infant Son of God and with Him in our hearts we move ahead with hope for we who have lived in the darkness of 2020, have seen a great light. 2020 has hit us with waves over waves of fear, suffering, death and emptiness. But as people of God we have held on to our faith and clung to our relationship with our Father.

The New Year brings us the vaccine with the promise of ridding Covid from our lives. It brings us a new power in the White House, but we still have to recover from our broken yet beautiful world. We have seen the beauty of kindness, we have watched people scrambling to food distribution pantries across the nation, hiding their pain and yet greeting each other with love and understanding. We have noticed families being reunited and sharing the little they have. In our own parish we have had a great Christmas thanks to the hard work and collaboration of so many of our good and kind folks.

While the pandemic has shown us its brutality, the human spirit has soared to higher grounds of love and compassion. This pandemic has forced us to acknowledge that though we may not be in the same boat, the whole planet is in the same storm and we have to, as a planet, move out to a dry land of peace, brotherhood and kindness. This pandemic in 2021 must bring our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding that our aim should not be merely individual survival. We have to wear masks not only to protect ourselves but also to protect our brothers and sisters. “Love your neighbor as yourself.” While we sanitize our hands, let us also go deeper and sanitize out minds and hearts from all that separates us from one another. Let us use forgiveness to let go of anger and division, use compassion to let go of past hurt and pain and use positivity to clean the negativity that clouds our vision. Use these regularly and constantly and know that you are called to “Give the Good News to the poor” and to set others free from all that binds them.

As we go forward into 2021 we can choose to carry forward our fears from what we witnessed in 2020, or we can go ahead with hope because we know that God has been with us and will always be with us. When we place our trust and faith in Him, we can accomplish more than we can dream of. All we need is the ability to step outside our own wants, needs and fears and reach out to the people lost in the storm of the pandemic. We can encourage them to trust in God, the One who will always love us.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nelson Couto
**Christmas Update**
Thank you to everyone who gave a little extra this Christmas. Though we didn’t have as many people at Mass in person, there was a very large number streaming. We anticipated a low turnout and asked parishioners to see it in their hearts to donate a little more than usual in our Christmas letter. You didn’t disappoint and Christmas collections have amounted to $43,804 to date compared to last year’s total of $38,360. We are extremely grateful for all of your generosity and thank you immensely.

**Love to sing but can’t find the time?**
Join the Holy Name of Mary Virtual Choir for Easter!

Choir was never so “easy” to join as now:
Sing in the comfort of your own home, on Zoom rehearsals.
Can’t read music? No worries.
Tracks available to listen and learn.
Music sent by email until we can sing in person again.

Interested? Questions? Please let me know!

In Song,
Sara Della Posta
Music Director & Organist
Holy Name of Mary
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Please pickup your preordered Breaking Bread missals by January 15. We will begin to sell them on a first come, first serve basis after that date.

Please do not leave items in the back vestibule of the church whether it be clothing, food or flyers. The food pantry cannot take any outside food donations right now and there is no Midnight Run scheduled for the foreseeable future. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

The Care for Creation Ministry will be hosting a Sustainable Sunday Speaker Series event on **Sunday January 10 at 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm entitled How Green Is Your Village??**

Six local Croton leaders will speak about current environmental issues in the village:

- proposed regulations on gas-powered leaf blowers,
- the use of soy-oil-blended home heating oil for GHG reduction
- a look at the pros and cons of electrical school buses at Croton Harmon School District, and
- an examination of the proposed solar farm at Hudson National Golf Course which would require cutting down 400 or trees.

Please be part of the online Zoom presentation by logging onto [https://fordham.zoom.us/j/99964223882](https://fordham.zoom.us/j/99964223882) at 3 pm. The presentation will start shortly thereafter. Login at 2:45 and chit-chat with fellow attendees.

Past Sustainable Sunday presentations are available for viewing on our website [www.hnmcare4creationministry.com](http://www.hnmcare4creationministry.com). Scroll down on the opening page of the web site. A flyer for this presentation is available on-line as well.

**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](http://nybc.org/donate).