March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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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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.
Mass Intentsions

Masses for this weekend March 13th and 14th

5:00 PM  Robert Spatta  
           Kevin Dymes

8:30 AM  Vern Van Vooren

10:45 AM Robert Spatta  
           Luis Humberto Crespo Inga

MONDAY, March 15
Noon  Patrick Scozzafava, Jennifer & Deann Sarcone  
      David Demm Sr.

TUESDAY, March 16
Noon  Frank, Emily, Blanche Souza  
      Kevin Walsh

WEDNESDAY, March 17
Noon  Patricia Carr

THURSDAY, March 18
Noon  Michael Cawley

FRIDAY, March 19
Noon  Marie King

SATURDAY, March 20
5:00 PM  Mark Prendi  
          Rita Burke

SUNDAY, March 21
8:30 AM  Josephina Lozano

10:45 AM  John Corser  
          Mary Ann Milcetic

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns this Week in memory of Robert Spatta and for the family of Robert Spatta  
Requested by Ronnie McNally

This week’s Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services

Event List
Mar. 13 - Mar. 20

Masses for this week:
Saturday (Church): 5:00 pm (Fr. Ron)
Sunday (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)  
      10:45 am (Fr. Nelson)
Mon.-Fri. (Church): 12:00 noon (Fr. Nelson)

Adoration Service: Friday 7 pm in the church

Stations of the Cross:
Friday following the noon Mass  
Friday evening 7:30 pm led by the Boy Scouts.

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 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: March 7th
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 LENT
First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God’s temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren’t killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God’s mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21
God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

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We are God's Handiwork

Sunday
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
   Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
From Fr. Nelson

March 14, 2021

I can’t pray!

While many of us want to pray, we find that our minds distract us and lure us into a thousand other bylanes we would rather not travel. We call them distractions and they can occupy about 50% of our thought processes. The mind swings from the pole of the past to the pole of the future. Between these swings, it now and then pauses in the center which is the present. And since prayer is in the present, we are not praying but swinging from past to future. And even when we are in the present moment we are battered by a torrent of notifications, alerts, texts, phone calls, video and TV, stresses of life, family, relationships, our cravings and needs. Are we to live in this thought jungle? Are we awake or constantly in a dream? Are our minds being perpetually hijacked from the present?

Jesus tells us to “Be awake, be watchful.” So let us figure out what it means to be awake and how we can be watchful not only when we pray but also at every moment of our lives. Jesus also tells us, “Pray always.”

We can do this with a wee bit of regular practice which strengthens and stabilizes our minds and keeps the flab of distractions and stress at bay, reduces our anxiety levels, protects us from depression and improves our memory. Let us begin by paying attention to the present moment, by being awake and watchful of where our attention is. For ages the sages of old and even today practice focusing all their attention on their breath. Just breathe in and be aware, breathe out and be aware. Whenever your mind begins to wander, like a good shepherd bring the wandering sheep back to the fold. Think of your brain like a puppy that needs to be gently trained to walk on a leash. Another routine you could follow could be becoming aware of all the sensations that you feel in various parts of your body. Begin from the crown of your head and gradually move on down to your toes. You could also pay attention to all the sounds that come to your ears, all the smells that drift through the air and all the sights that present themselves to your eyes. Just notice all this and let them dissolve and dissipate. As you practice, your mind will get used to be where it needs to be. It feels like now you walk the puppy and not the other way around. You will walk through this world with serenity and joy. Without being pulled or pushed around.

Do this exercise for a month for around 15 minutes a day and maybe you will learn to pray and be centered. You do not stop the mind from wandering, but you can gently bring it to where you need it to be. You are now awake and watchful and therefore in the present where your Father and mine has a residence.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nelson Couto
Evening Stations of the Cross

3/19 – Led by Boy Scouts  
*In the church following Adoration at 7pm. Stream will also be available afterwards.*

3/26 - Care for Creation will conduct via Zoom  
Stations of the Cross will also be celebrated each Friday in Lent immediately following the Noon Mass in the Church. You can also watch them live-streamed at [www.holynameofmary.org](http://www.holynameofmary.org) by clicking the You-Tube/Live Now box on the home page.

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RCIA will begin after Easter.  
Those who wish to learn more or to join the Catholic Faith, please contact...  
Tom Faranda: 914-924-2061  
(Text preferred)

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Free Books!  
We are cleaning out the library on the 4th floor of the Parish Center. We’d like to see if there are any books parishioners may want to take home to keep.  
If interested in seeing what’s available, please call or email Debra Rago.  
Phone: 914-271-4797 x 30  
Email: parishadmin@hnmchurch.org

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Free Marriage Enrichment Seminar:  
A great idea for couples to do together during Lent—from your home, at your pace.  
MarriageinChrist.com is an easy to use online program with video presentations, a downloadable workbook, discussion starters etc. It is simple, practical and fun! Just 5 sessions. Free for couples who register by March 31 ($40 value).

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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

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The Care for Creation Ministry will be hosting a Sustainable Sunday Speaker Series event on **Sunday March 14 at 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm** entitled **Recycle Right!**

The program is a joint venture with the Croton Conservation Advisory Council.

Eva Thaddeus from the CCAD will present the newly launched “Recyclopedia” which is a fantastic resource in Croton to help you recycle over 200 different items.

Following her presentation, Sean O’Rourke, County Director of Material Handling will show us what happens to all of our recycling in Westchester and why proper recycling is so important. Where does the recycling go? What is aspirational recycling and why is it bad? Where does the other trash go?

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.

Recordings and slides from past Sustainable Sunday presentations are available for viewing on our website [www.hnmcare4creationministry.com](http://www.hnmcare4creationministry.com). Go to the More menu on the upper right and select Resources.

A flyer for this presentation is available on-line as well.
Eagle Scout Project: Fencing & Benches for the Good Shepherd Chapel Court

My name is Mitchell Considine. I am a Life Scout in Troop 28 Croton who is working on his Eagle Scout project. My project will entail the installation of new fencing and benches by the basketball court at Good Shepherd Chapel on the corner of Benedict Boulevard and Young Avenue. This will help get the court ready for CYO use for practices and games, as well as for recreational use by the community.

This project will complement the ongoing court renovation that the Church is undergoing, creating a more pleasurable experience for both players and onlookers. The fencing will also help keep the basketballs from rolling into the street, as it is going to be extended and will be closed off in the corner, which was a safety issue. In total, the cost of funding this project is approximately $4,800. This is because the fencing will be about 200ft long and set in concrete. Also, the benches will be aluminum 15ft team benches with backs.

As a part of my responsibility for leading this project, I need to raise the funds to cover the entire cost of the project. So, I am asking for your help. If you would like to donate, please see the details below. Overall, this will be a project not just for the Holy Name of Mary Parish, but for the community as a whole. Thank you very much, and please contact me with any questions.

Before pictures:

My Contact information: Email: mitcon61@gmail.com, Phone: 914-406-6850

For questions about BSA Troop 28 please contact: scoutmaster@troop28croton.org.

If you would like to donate, please use the URL below or QR Code.

Link: https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=E9H2DARKB7WSE
For Easter services we will be asking everyone to make reservations again. Unlike Christmas, reservations will be handled through Flocknote. Please make sure to let us know the total family size. The limit has been set to 5 seats per family. Please contact the Parish Office if you need to reserve more than 5 seats.

Even with reservations some families may have to sit separately based on pew layout so please reserve seats early. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

If you are not on Flocknote you can still reserve a seat at hnmcroton.flocknote.com/signup/43071

You may also reserve seats by:
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.

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

**Palm Sunday March 28:**
Follow regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**Reconciliation Monday March 29:**
Archdiocesan-Wide Day of Reconciliation
Confessions available from 4:00 to 8:00 PM

**Holy Thursday April 1:**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 PM

**Good Friday April 2:**
Passion of the Lord: 3:00 PM

**Holy Saturday April 3:**
Church: 8:00 pm Easter Mass (Vigil pending)

**Easter Sunday April 4:**
Church: 8:00 am
Church: 9:30 am
Church: 11:30 am

Ushers will be provided a list and will direct you as to where to sit at the Mass.
SUSTAINABLE SUNDAYS
SPEAKER SERIES

Recycle Right

SUNDAY, 3pm Mar 14, 2021

The upcoming Croton “RECYCLOPEDIA”
will be your newest and best source!

Eva Thaddeus, Croton resident & co-owner of Wild
Gardens Nursery, a new native plant nursery in
Westchester County, will present the Village’s new
guide that details how to responsibly dispose of your
used materials.

Sean O’Rourke of Westchester Co. Dept. of
Environmental Facilities will show us the present
state of Westchester recycling, including the
Material Handling Facility in Yonkers, He will answer
such questions as:

🧬 Where does the recycling go?
🧬 What is “aspirational recycling” and why is it harmful?
🧬 Where does the rest of the trash go?

For more info see https://www.hnmcare4creationministry.com,
or EMAIL: contact@hnmcare4creationministry.com
“to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”
**Spring Food Drive**

Croton Caring is currently collecting non-perishable food items for our spring food support programs, including our Holiday Baskets and Healthy Start Programs, which are delivered to Croton families facing food insecurity. We are grateful for any donations.

### The Following Are Food Items in Greatest Need:

**Breakfast Foods**
- Family Size Cereal, Oatmeal
- Complete Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Breakfast Bars/Pop Tarts
- Muffin Mix

**Canned Soups (Any Variety), Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese**

**Lunch Foods**

**Dinner Foods**
- Stuffing/Rice A Roni, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Carrots, Mixed Veg), Pasta/Sauce, Canned or Bagged Beans, Box or Bagged Rice

**Cake/Brownie Mix/Icing, Fruit Snacks/Rice Krispy Treats Chips, Granola Bars, Applesauce Cups/Jars**

**Desserts/Snacks**

Drop off at a community drop off point or at 11 Eklof Court at any time!