April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

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CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST
Mass Schedule
Holy Name of Mary
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon
Saturday: 5:00 pm
To Stream, visit:
www.holynameofmary.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Tom Faranda, President

PARISH TRUSTEES
Judy Anderson
Joseph Costanzo

REV. NELSON COUTO, PASTOR
REV. BRIAN BRENNAN
REV. RON LEMMERT, SUNDAY ASSOCIATE

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59 Benedict Boulevard (off Young Avenue)

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.

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 April 17th and 18th
5:00 PM Margaret Keating (D)
& her grieving family (L)
  Virginia Wolf
8:30 AM Barbara Principe
10:45 AM Josip Milovich

MONDAY, April 19
Noon Ralph F. Cerulli

TUESDAY, April 20
Noon Theresa Italiano

WEDNESDAY, April 21
Noon Joseph Sheridan

THURSDAY, April 22
Noon Sue Szczypca

FRIDAY, April 23
Noon Frank Bergman

SATURDAY, April 24
5:00 PM Robert Spatta

SUNDAY, April 25
8:30 AM Richard Zagami
10:45 AM Anne Fenton & Lee Maegerle

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week
April 17 – April 24
In Loving Memory of
Antonino & Violetta Costanzo

This week’s Second Collection is for
Vicariate Outreach

Event List
Apr. 17 - Apr. 24

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

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www.facebook.com/holynamemofmarycroton/

Sign up for flocknote to receive important updates
www.hnmcroton.flocknote.com

Support our Parish through online giving:
www.holynamemofmary.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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2020 Easter collection shows total for last year. 2021 number is current year total as of April 14th.

*Please make checks out to Holy Name of Mary. The bank has advised they can no longer accept checks made out to HNM.*

### Daily Readings

**Sunday**

**Monday**
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**
Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday**
Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday**
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

### HNM PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

The HNM Pastoral Council (“the PC”) is seeking several new members to replace members completing terms of service in June.

The PC is a forum where HNM parishioners meet monthly to advise the Pastor. It encourages constructive dialogue in assessing parish needs and in determining its strategic goals and objectives and then facilitates development and implementation of programs and actions to meet them. The PC also seeks to promote the mission of the Roman Catholic Church in our community and to encourage a vigorous and effective lay apostolate.

If you are an active parishioner willing to contribute your energy and wisdom to the HNM PC for the next two years, or if you have any questions about PC membership, please contact any of the Selection Committee members: Maureen Poh Fitzpatrick mbp9@columbia.edu, Doreen Nisenson lovey64@optonline.net, or Regina Montana regm55@gmail.com.

### Mass Attendance: April 11th

We can safely seat appx 125 people in the Church with social distancing. **We will continue to monitor the Mass attendance closely and return to 4 weekend Masses if attendance levels rise.**

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From Fr. Nelson

April 18, 2021

Ask and you will receive!

A large portion of our spiritual life revolves around prayer and we pray sometimes or most of the time or never. There may be times when in the course of our day, we come across people in distress who ask us for a relief from their sufferings or something they are in need of. It is in this listening to their words with full intent and respect that we begin praying. We do this by simply being silent and allowing their words to sink deeply into our hearts. We keep our personal agendas off the table. We desire at that moment all that is best for that person; we wait for thoughts to appear rather than simply thinking out thoughts and spewing out words. As we wait in silence we notice the reactions within us, eventually thoughts begin to surface and then we share our reactions and the thoughts that have risen in us with them. What we have actually done is: Asked, so as to receive, we have knocked to have the door open for us.

Even when you have to enter into prayer for yourself, repeat the same process by sitting in a quiet place so as not to be disturbed, just be alone with God and say to Him, “I would like an answer to this and I am willing to accept whatever answer is appropriate.” As you wait, you will find the door opening and magically the answer is delivered to you. This is what the meditative practice is all about; it involves the clearing of the mind of the short lived concerns and focus your mind on those things that are eternally true. It means that you are opening yourself up to inner revelation in relationship to that which is eternally true.

Prayer therefore needs us to let go of our worldly and proximate pursuits. We then enter into a life of doing only that which is meaningful and not be hooked on to that which is expedient. “Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and all other things will be given unto you”. Seek the highest good for yourself; seek for what would be good for you now and in the near future and forever. At the same time, seek for that which is good for your family and for your community both now and in the remote future. Let your life be oriented towards accepting the highest gift of God. If you think you are worth the highest good then why not aim for that which is best and perfect for you. Not only for today but forever, it is a poor life indeed that doesn’t aim for the best for itself. But once we aim and seek for the best and it begins to show itself to us even in a small way, it is worth getting excited about. It calms our anxieties and soothes our existential pains. Life is lived now on a higher plane. We have sought first the Kingdom of Heaven and reaching out to God as the highest good we can conceive of. Prayer then becomes a mode of life, as Jesus says, “Pray always.”

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nelson Couto
From the Desk of Debra Rago

Notice to all Holy Name of Mary Advertisers or those looking to acquire advertising space in our bulletin:

Good news: HNM will now be publishing our own bulletin. We will be billing you directly for the bulletin space which will reduce the advertising cost and will also provide enhanced benefits such as a direct link to your website.

Please look out for an email this coming week with all the details or contact me directly at: parishadmin@hnmchurch.org or 914-271-4797 x30

There will be a limited supply of bulletins placed in the church each week for those who do not have access to the digital version. Please feel free to pass on a bulletin to someone that is in need.

The Cardinal’s Appeal Supports
- Assistance for Needy Parishes
- Pastoral and Administrative Assistance
- Formation of New Parish Priests
- A Home for Retired Parish Priests
- Funding for Parish Schools

HNM goal: $61,000
Our pledges as of 4/9/21: $19,575
32% of goal

To make an ONLINE GIFT, visit www.Cardinalsappeal.org

Brava, Bravo and Thank You to All our Easter Singers!

Cantors: Sally Barnes and Laura Stelman-Jaeger

HNM Virtual Choir:
Soprano: Cindi Ambrogio, Donna Barbara, Megan Clarke, Kathleen Gaffney
Alto: Barbara Bootz
Tenor: Barbara Bootz, Michael Gaffney
Bass: Michael Kuennen, Michael Lavery & Andrew Tomasello.

If you attended our Easter Services in person or online, your worship was blessed by our wonderful choir and cantors! During lent, choir members individually recorded their parts for the Gloria and other mass parts. Through the magic of editing, our individual voices were edited into a Virtual Choir and re-played Holy Thursday, The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Special thank you to my husband and digital editor, Mike Kuennen.

Finally, thank you to Sally Barnes and Laura Stelman-Jaeger, whose talent and joyful spirit uplift this church Sunday after Sunday, throughout the year.

Looking forward to a time when we can ALL sing together, as many verses as we like and without a mask!

In Song,
Sara Della Posta
hnm.music.ministry@gmail.com