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.

December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST
Mass Schedule
HOLY NAME OF MARY
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Sunday: 9:15 AM

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Maureen Poh-Fitzpatrick, President

PARISH TRUSTEES
Thomas Faranda
Karen Olieszewski

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.

Please submit any bulletin pieces by Friday, the week prior to it being printed.
Mass Intentions

Masses for this weekend December 18th and 19th

5:00 PM  Norma Curtin, Ed & Debi Braddock
          Brendan McCabe, The Herron Family

8:00 AM  Nora & Edward McLaughlin, Ronnie McNally

9:15 AM  James & Ann Boyle, John Boyle

10:45 AM Catherine Connaire, Peggy Lane

MONDAY,  December 20
Noon       Michael Guglielmo, The Casey Family

TUESDAY,  December 21
Noon       Deceased Members of Capellazzi & Cavozzi Families, Rich Capellazzi

WEDNESDAY, December 22
Noon       Sr. Angelene Matero, FMSC, Mary Santella
          Catherine Connaire, Peggy Lane

THURSDAY,  December 23
Noon       Gina Costanzo, Ed and Debi Braddock

FRIDAY,    December 24
5:00 PM    Parishioners of HNM

6:00 PM    Parishioners of HNM

SATURDAY,  December 25
9:15 AM    Parishioners of HNM

10:45 AM   Parishioners of HNM

5:00 PM    Parishioners of HNM

SUNDAY,   December 26
8:00 AM    Christopher McNally Ronnie McNally

          Lucjan Nawrocki, Barbara Krenz
          Catherine & Edward O’Donnell, John Boyle

          The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for
          Mary Niland
          Requested by Marlene Galazin

MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO BE WORN AT
MASS PER NEW YORK STATE

Event List
Dec. 18 – Dec. 25

Masses for this week:

Main Church
Saturday: 5:00 PM (Fr. Nelson)
Sunday: 8:00 AM (Fr. Nelson) & 10:45 AM (Fr. Nelson)
Monday - Thursday: 12:00 noon (Fr. Nelson)

Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Sunday: 9:15 AM (Fr. Jack)

*No noon Mass on Friday December 24th*
(Christmas Mass schedule on Pg. 5)

Parish Office will be closed Friday 12/24 and Monday 12/27 and will close at 1 pm on 12/23.

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Mass per New York State
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 Thomas Albano 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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Thank you again to everyone who has recently renewed or increased their offertory commitments! We are grateful that you have embraced this call to sacrificial giving to support the work of our parish.

Mass Attendance: December 12th

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This Weeks Readings

**Sunday**
Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Monday**
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday**
Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

**Wednesday**
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Thursday**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Friday**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Saturday**
Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

First Reading
*Micah 5:1-4*
The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

Responsorial Psalm
*Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19*
A prayer for God's salvation

Second Reading
*Hebrews 10:5-10*
Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

Gospel Reading
*Luke 1:39-45*
Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

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This week we have been inundated with images of the devastation caused by tornadoes in Kentucky. The images of homes and buildings razed to the ground along with the human suffering it has caused bring us face to face with the floods and the chaos that forever threaten human lives. Death lurks around the corner; devastation rears its ugly head from time to time and loss of near and dear ones makes us reach into our souls to make some sense of it.

Added to these calamities that strike us now and then, we have tragedies that last for months and sometimes for years. Look at the continuing wars in some regions of the globe where the people have adjusted to the horrors as a way of life. Many babies have been born just to have their lives end without any glimmer of peace to be found. Their lives are like deserts with only sand and heat with no possibility of a shady spot of peace. We are constantly faced with a chronic refugee problem, caused by oppression, poverty, power brokers and human traffickers. The Taliban has caused a huge migration of helpless Afghans into our country.

This is not something that is only taking place in our times; it has always been happening. The floods have always threatened us, dictators have exerted brutal power and malevolence has forever dogged our steps snapping like wolves at our heels.

And yet we are still here, aren’t we? Humanity goes forward with deliberateness, humans come to the aid of one another to force the light of kindness & generosity, and peace finds a place on this earth. People give their time, companionship, consolation, food, shelter, and clothing and thus keep the light of love, joy and peace shining above all the devastation and misery caused by the recurrent floods that threaten to drown us.

Joseph, with pregnant Mary, is a refugee knocking on doors that refuse to open for him. But there among the animals, humanity comes to him with gifts of joy, peace, and consolation. The dictators wish to kill the child Jesus and yet again the elements come shining through the darkness to lead the family to safer havens.

Misery will never overtake us. Poverty will only make us rise to its challenge. Brutality will never enslave us for long. Humanity is very resilient and filled with love and grace. While we have within us the power to inflict evil, more than that, we have the deep resources of love that lights up our minds, hearts, and bodies to serve, to repair and to bind that which is broken.

The little child Jesus and his parents keep on reminding us of this today and at every Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
Masks now required
As Holy Name of Mary does not have a full-course vaccination requirement, New York State requires that all people wear a mask indoors at our facilities (church, chapel, parish center) **regardless of vaccination status.**

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Friday December 24, 2021
- 5:00 PM  
  Fr. Nelson  
  Church
- 6:00 PM  
  Fr. Ron  
  Chapel

Saturday December 25, 2021
- 9:15 AM  
  Fr. Ron  
  Chapel
- 10:45 AM  
  Fr. Nelson  
  Church

**Masses for the Holy Family of Jesus**
(Sunday Mass Obligation)

Saturday December 25, 2021
- 5:00 PM  
  Fr. Nelson  
  Church

Sunday December 26, 2021
- 8:00 AM  
  Fr. Nelson  
  Church
- 10:45 AM  
  Fr. Nelson  
  Church

*We are NOT taking reservations this year*

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**Reconciliation Monday Dates**

This year for Advent Reconciliation Monday, which will be held on December 20, 2021, it was suggested that it might be effective to offer a daytime option for confession. After consultation, all parishes will make the sacrament available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of NY and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

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**Adoration**

Every Friday we will have the Blessed Sacrament set up in the church for adoration following the Noon Mass and lasting until 7pm.

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**Solemnity of Mary**

The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary on January 1st is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday. We will have the usual 5:00 PM Mass that day.

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**Christmas Cards for Fr. Brennan**

If you would like to have a Christmas card sent to Fr. Brennan, please drop the card off at the parish office and we will be sure he receives it.

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**NEW YEAR’S DAY GALA CONCERT**

Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra will present the annual New Year’s Day Gala Concert on Saturday, January 1st, 2022 at Holy Name of Mary church. The concert will feature light classical (happy music) to herald the hope and vitality of a fresh start, in the tradition of the Vienna Concerts, with selections from Strauss and others that bring smiles to most audiences. The Orchestra Concert will be at 2:00 pm, and there will be a Pre-Concert presentation of Dixieland and Swing music at 1:00 pm. There is no charge for admission, and this is suitable for an audience of any age; families are encouraged to attend together.

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**Please consider joining our dynamic team of Ushers.**

*The Usher Ministry is in need of your support.*

If interested please contact either of our head ushers, Lewis Montana at 914-737-3515 or John Sarcone at jsarcone@sarconelaw.com or 914-260-7582

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**Return of the Gift Giving Tree**

Our Giving Tree is back this year to gift students in the Religious Education program at Holy Spirit church in the Bronx.

Please take an ornament from the tree in the back of the church and chapel and purchase an item of clothing for a child. **Return the gifts to the parish office, wrapped, with the ornament affixed, no later than WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22ND.**

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**Devotional Candles**

Have you lit a candle in memory of a loved one? Don’t forget that our candelabra is located at the back of the church at Our Lady’s Chapel. Large candles are $2 and small candles are $1. Simply put your donation in the slot and press down on one of the candles.

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**Welcome New Parishioners!**

Holy Name of Mary welcomes Erin, Michael, and Sofia Jordan to our parish family.
MASS CARDS

Each of us should pray (that is, speak to God and/or to the saints about our hopes, fears, loves, losses, etc.) In prayer we ask for things, give thanks, complain, or simply praise and love God with our minds and hearts.

Prayer often helps people when they are hurting. That is why a Funeral Mass is important for the living as well as for the dead. Every Catholic, even if he or she wasn’t much for going to church, deserves a Funeral Mass. Both the living and the dead benefit from every act of worship.

You see, the Mass renews the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. It gives divine grace to people who participate and to people for whom we intercede. Masses can be requested for the good of others and can also be offered for people who cannot or do not pray for themselves.

That is why having a Mass offered for someone who is sick, for someone’s birthday, anniversary, or as a gift for a friend is a great idea. Mass cards are not just for the dead ... they are for the living, too. We can all use the extra grace and blessings.

The **Poor Box** in the lobby areas of Holy Name of Mary Church, and at Good Shepherd Chapel, is a very special Box. It supplies the resources the Parish needs to continue to assist the needy in our Parish. Food and grocery cards are distributed monthly to those few local people who need a bit of help. Have an extra dollar? Feed the Hungry....

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We Thank all those who advertise in our Holy Name of Mary Church Bulletin. We encourage our Parishioners to patronize the businesses that advertise in our bulletin. *Shop Local !!!*