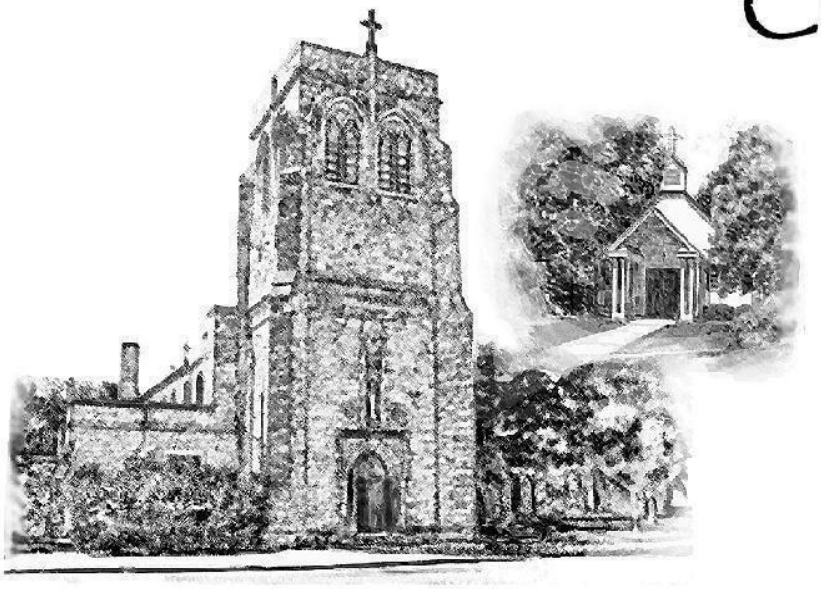

Church of the Holy Name of Mary

Rev. Brian Brennan, Pastor
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Rev. Ron Lemmert, Sunday Associate

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Chapel of the Good Shepherd (Harmon)
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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.

September 16, 2018 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST

Holy Name of Mary

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 9:00 AM
Sunday:9:15 AM ((English)
11:00 AM (Bilingual)
Weekdays: Monday – Friday:
8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession) After each
DailyMass/Saturdays from
4:00 - 4:30 PM at Church

Baptisms

Second Sunday of each month at 12:30 P.M. Please call the Parish Office at least three months prior to the 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.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Closed for Lunch between 1PM - 2PM Bulletin deadline Fridays at 5:00 PM of the previous week

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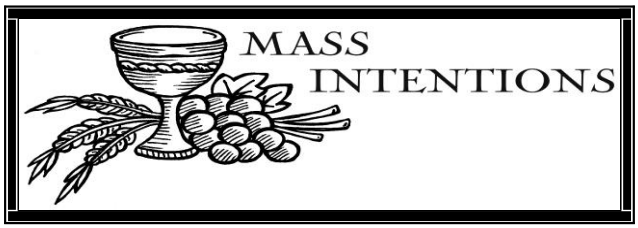

Masses for this weekend, September 15 & 16

5:00 PM **Madeline Casey,** The Martin Family
8:00 AM **Margaret Courtney Gunther,** Rich Snow & Maria Modica-Snow
9:15 AM **Joseph Leonard,** Joe & Ellen Bencivenga
10:45 AM **Ann Palmieri,** Merrily Bresnivick
11:00 AM **Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary**

MONDAY, September 17

8:00 AM **Nancy Springer (10th Anniversary)** The Post Family
Noon **Garrett P Cerulli (Living Birthday),** Dolores C Cerulli

TUESDAY, September 18

8:00 AM **Marie King,** Mary Pesavento
Noon **Fleming Families Loved Ones (Living & Deceased)** Ed Fleming

WEDNESDAY, September 19

8:00AM **Jeremiah, Irene & Timothy Herlihy,** Anthony & Margee Farano
10:30 AM **Mass at Skyview, for Residents**
Noon **Irene Kearney (Living)**
Happy Birthday, Mary Santella

THURSDAY, September 20

8:00 AM **Daniel McDyer,** Maureen McDyer
Noon **Jean Arquilla,** Norma Curtin

FRIDAY, September 21

8:00 AM **Michael Cawley,** The Cawley Family
Noon **Mary Polizzi,** Cheryl Comitto

SATURDAY, September 22

9:00 AM **Theresa Mottola,** Rich Snow & Maria Modica-Snow
5:00 PM **Silvia Costantini,** RoseMarie Costantini

Sunday, September 23

8:00 AM **Vinnie Antonecchia,** The Family
9:15 AM **Helen Gregory,** George & Rosmary Nass
10:45AM **Angel Martinez-Galarza,** Cliff Obenauer
11:00AM **Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary**

In addition to Mass Intentions, we are now offering The Eucharistic Bread and Sacramental Wine memorial for your loved ones, along with the Sanctuary Lamp Memorial. These memorial's will be for one week, the donation will be $30.00 and listed here with Mass Intentions.

Event List

Saturday, September 15, 2018
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM, Chapel
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1

Sunday, September 16, 2018
9:00 AM RelEd All students /c parents @ Church, Classes
6:30 PM Folkloric Dance Group mtg/rehearsal, PMR3-5
7:00 PM YM God Squad Meeting, Flr4 Chapl

Monday, September 17, 2018
HNMMS Full Day begins
10:30AM Monday Morning Bible Study, Room 302
4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Room 302
4:00 PM CS Den 14 Monday Meeting, PMR3
7:00 PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, Library

Tuesday, September 18, 2018
7:00 PM Care for Creation Meeting 314B
7:00 PM RCIA, Rooms 302, 316B
7:30 PM BoyScout Weekly Meeting, GYM

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
8:30AM-3PM RelEd Grd7Mod Sea of Galilee/BearMt.
9AM- 4PM RelEdGrd8, Maryknoll
6-9 PM CYO Sept Wed/Thur, GYM
7:00 PM AA Mon/Wed Meeting, Library
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality IV, 316B

Thursday, September 20, 2018
6 - 9 PM CYO Sept Wed/Thur GYM
6 PM Weight Watchers, PMR 1-2
7:00 PM Bible Spirituality, Rm 316
7:00 PM HNMMS Back to School Night, PMR4&5
7:00 PM Music Ministry rehearsal, Church
7:30 PM Boy Scout Leader Meeting, PMR3
7:30 PM Centering Prayer, Rm 302
9:00 PM HNM Mens Basketball, GYM

Friday, September 21, 2018
K of C Annual Golf Tournament, Offsite
5 - 9PM CYO Sept Fridays, Gym
5:30 PM GS Brownie Trp2026, PMR3
5:30 PM GS Troop 1557, PMR2
7:00 PM Divine Mercy Adoration/Worship, GS Chapel
8:30 PM Grand Street Meeting of AA, Library

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Cenacles for Life Rosary 8:20AM, Chapel
10:00 AM-noon Weekly Food Pantry, PMR1
2:00 PM Baptism at Chapel - Fr. Nelson, GS Chapel

This Weekend:
WWP reps speaking at Masses
Harry Chapin Fund raising (Sammy)

Sunday, September 23, 2018
9:00 AM RelEd Grds 1-8 @ Church, Classes
10:30AM RelEd Confirmation Class, PMR 1-5
6:30 PM Folkloric Dance Group mtg/rehearsal, PMR3-5
7:00 PM YM God Squad Meeting, Flr4 Chapl

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anthony Crespo, Frank Patti, Gail Pizoski, Maria Pillco, Norah Moore, Margaret Ewing, Chris Nash, Ramon Rodriquez, Franco Cirino, Barbara Principe, Linda Jellocece, Adam Armenia,Jr., Dr. Cathy Cantelina, Carmenza Hernandez, Elizabeth Gandolfo, Pat Walsh, John Duffy, Mike Bischoff, Alan Speure, Judy Anderson, Anthony Delano, Jennifer Kazin, Baby Elliott Hollister, Joe Dunn, Eli Fiss, Sam Colombo, Douglas Ruffles, Daniel Jarama, Erlemde Billa, Joanna Modica,, Alex Zadrima, Anastasia Armenia, Loretta Oppitz, Anne Hogan, Anne DeCrenza, Karen Biglin.

*** 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, **Joseph Pettit and Edward Bolger a**nd for 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.

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Annual Golf Tournament

Friday September 21st, 2018

Casperkill Golf Club, Poughkeepsie

$150.00 pp which includes Greens Fee & Cart, Driving Range, Lunch Buffet & Dinner

Shotgun Format - Everyone Welcome - We can pair up individual golfers

Chances to win a vacation for two, a car, cash, 4K TV and other prizes

Reservations are required by September 10th.

For more information and to register/sponsor/donate please go to our website at www.HNMKofCGolf.com

Task Force for Fund Raising

We have received 9 emails, and some have multiple suggestions, Thank you!

Fr. Brennan has reviewed the suggested ideas, along with the Finance Council, and will pass on several to the Pastoral Council to work with you on planning, developing and *making it happen!* It is hoped a task force will be developed.

This is an opportunity for all parishioners to help HNM through the immediate financial challenges. Your assistance is needed! So if you have some time and energy to share let us know or Email finance@hnmchurch.org

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Midnight Runs

At Holy Name of Mary, we participated in our first "run" in 2008. We bring box lunches, hot coffee, soup and clothing to the homeless on the streets of NYC about eight times per year. We spend time with the people and talk to them. They, in turn, share their stories with us. We have monthly runs scheduled. To do this, we need volunteers. Teenagers are welcome. A typical run needs three or four vans/SUV's, 5-6 adults, 8-10 teenagers. The teenagers who attend are very moved by their experiences.

How you can help

Donations are always needed. Please donate new socks, underwear, backpacks, t-shirts (medium and large sizes), pants, sweatshirts and individual toiletries; including toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorants, disposable razors. Donations can be left in the Parish Center and labeled for Midnight Run.

We are also looking for volunteers to make sandwiches and bake desserts. We make 80 brown bag sandwiches, soup, coffee, fruit and fresh baked dessert.

We are always in need for more volunteers with SUVs to drive down to the city with us.

Our next run is on September 29th. Please contact us if you would like to help stage a run or go down to NYC to hand out clothing and food. Davidadler@optonline.net or 914-806-7419. We have additional runs on November 3rd and December 15th. **Midnightrun.org** is a non-profit based in Dobbs Ferry and started in 1984 to help the less fortunate in NYC. They organize visits to NYC on Friday and Saturday nights by charity groups throughout the greater NYC area.

Holy Name of Mary Montessori School welcomes children from 3 years old through kindergarten. Our innovative and child centered approach fosters a child's natural inclination to learn. The religious aspect of our program takes place in our beautiful Atrium where children can talk to and listen to God. Please contact the school at 914-271-5182 to learn more about our program.

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OUR PARISH COLLECTIONS

	2018		2017	
Week Ending	Regular Collection	WeShare Report	Regular Collection	ParishPay Report
9/9	$4,299		$5,971	
9/2	$5,572		$4,792	
9/1		*$15,380*		*$14,849*
8/26	$6,886		$5,638	
8/19	$3,983		$4,839	
8/12	$5,372		$4,282	
8/5	$5,385		$5,465	

Note on WeShare: Numbers are reported to the parish with a lag as compared to regular collection data which is available on Mondays. For WeShare#, the monthly total is available on the first of the next month.

Holy Name of Mary Playgroup

Begins October 19th

Moms, dads, grand-parents, and babysitters: mingle while kids play. Watch them enjoying ride-on toys, reading books and playing games at **Holy Name of Mary's Playgroup** in the big gym.

We meet on Fridays, starting October 19th and the time is from **9:30-11:00 a.m.** We are on the same calendar as the Croton-Harmon School District.

Children ages from **birth to 4 years old** are welcome. Our cost is $30.00 for the year as a donation to Holy Name of Mary.

Come, stop by and see how much fun we have all Fall, Winter, and Spring on Fridays! Babies have a blast there too and get to make friends that they will grow up with!

If you have any questions please contact Holy Name of Mary's admin office 914-271-4797 x30.

Hope to see you there, *Jessica Dieckman*

Holy Name of Mary Rummage Sale

To support HNM Parish & ACTS-NY

Saturday & Sunday

Oct 6th – 9am to 4pm

Oct 7th – 9am to 3pm

Donations will be gratefully accepted

Thursday & Friday, Oct 4th and Oct 5th – 8am to 6pm

in the Parish Gymnasium

**Sorry, no books, clothing, stuffed animals, mattresses, window treatments,*
large exercise equipment, large furniture, computers, or console TV's.

Please do not drop items at the church prior to the above donation dates.

Please see flyers at the back of the church for more information.

Summer Mass Schedule

September 16th, and on each third Sunday of the month, the <u>10:45 Mass and 11:00 bi-linqual Mass will be combined</u> at 10:45 in the Church

<u>WEEKDAY MASS Changes</u>

The weekday Masses (Monday through Friday) will be held at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Also, Saturday morning Mass will be at 9AM at the Chapel.

These changes will be continued through the summer and until further notice.

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<u>Religious Education Registration</u>

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD?

All classes begin at **9:00 a.m**. in the church on **Sunday September 16, with parents.**

If you have any questions, please call the office at (271-4254) or email hnmreleduc@aol.com Thank you!

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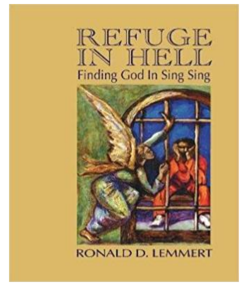
<u>Support Connection's Annual Support-A-Walk</u> for breast and ovarian cancer is a 3-mile walkathon on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY. It is held to bring attention to the needs of people living with breast and ovarian cancer. Thousands of people come together for this uplifting community event. Family and friends come from near and far to celebrate or remember loved ones. Proceeds help fund Support Connection's FREE confidential breast and ovarian counseling services, support groups, and wellness and educational programs all year long. To learn about Support Connection, or donate to the Support-A-Walk, visit www.supportconnection.org/support-a-walk-overview/ or call

914-962-6402.



<u>Fr. Ron Book Signing</u>

Imagine a parish where the entire congregation consists of murderers, thieves, rapists, child molesters and drug dealers. That was my congregation at Sing Sing Prison. It was quite a challenge helping them to discover that God could still love them in spite of all that they had done and that God was eager to help them rebuild their broken lives. The challenge was even greater within a very dysfunctional and corrupt prison system.

I wrote a book about this, **<u>REFUGE IN HELL: Finding God in Sing Sing</u>**, which was just published by Orbis Press at Maryknoll. I will be speaking about the book at a book signing in the 3rd Floor meeting room of the school on Sunday, <u>September 30 at 7 PM</u>. Copies of the book will be available for purchase for $22. Or you can order them sooner from Orbis Press or Amazon. All are welcome.

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Expectant Mother Care's Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you for your generosity! To all who participated in the Baby Bottle Drive this spring: the amount collected to date is <u>$3,228</u> and we'll report the final figure when everything is totaled.

In NYC there are works of mercy that happen every day for mothers and their children thanks to Expectant Mother Care. By the grace of God, EMC has saved 43,000 babies over the last 33 years. Expectant Mother Care offers pregnancy testing, sonograms, counseling, and provides help with adoption if needed. Expectant Mother Care empowers mothers to make the courageous choice to bring their child into the world. What a wonderful mercy!

Lost Faith…Lapsed Catholic? 8

People come to me often and I hear them say, "I have lost my faith. I no longer believe, I am a lapsed catholic." Or maybe they say, "My kids have no faith, my siblings no longer go to church, some friends of mine have left the church." Is it possible for us to lose our faith?

It is possible for us to lose our salvation if we so choose, it is possible for us at one point to say "yes" to God and later on to say a "no". the second thing for us to know about faith is for us to understand that faith is both a gift and a virtue. By this I mean that no one can give oneself a gift of faith, it is always given. It is a gift given to those who believe in God Himself. Now god desires that all people come to knowledge of Him and attain salvation. But since it is also a virtue it has to be maintained, cultivated and nurtured. It has to be used, and exercised. So we cannot lose faith but we can choose to give it away or choose not to use it.

The choice to give it away does not happen in a moment or suddenly, it is not that one day you decide to say a "no, I will not serve the Lord, I will now serve something or somebody else." Usually though we take back our hearts from God a little bit at a time, a tiny bit at a time, and give those pieces to something or somebody else and that is how we create an idol. Making an idol is done by taking a good thing and then making it the ultimate thing in your life. Taking a relationship, a gift, a talent, a career, a job and placing it at the center of your life, a place that was once given only to God. Like many marriages that end up as shipwrecks, they did not happen in one major event but over time bit by bit, piece by piece. Pieces of the marriage were taken away from and handed over slowly to another. The same is with our relationship with God. What happens is that something else becomes a chief rival to God for a place in your life, your heart, your time and your mind. This is because as humans we always need an idol, somebody once said that the heart is an idol making machine. We can make an idol from almost anything.

Does God have a chief rival in your heart? Chances are there may be at least one if not two or more. How do you find that out? We owe God our worship at least once a week, on Sundays! OK so the question is when it comes to your weekend, your Sunday, is there anything that you would skip Sunday Mass for in order to go to this other thing? When I talk to parents, they'll say things like, "we have soccer, or Hockey or whatever other thing, oh yes! There is this tournament coming up and we just can't make it for Mass." I am sometimes tempted to ask the parents whether they expect their kid to be in the NFL or in the National Hockey League—are they going pro? Are they even in the starting line-up? So if your kid isn't even in the starting line-up are you willing to take them away from God. Then there are other idols. "Oh! We are going shopping, there is a sale, we are visiting grandma today, my child had a sleep-over last night…" so many rivals and idol replacements for God.

Yet I have met very many who are an inspiration to me, says one, "I love to receive Holy Eucharist every Sunday and I feel good for the week, I love to be at Mass and listen to God's word and be with fellow believers." A young man told me, "My highest priority is the Eucharist, my next priority is my wife and my third priority are my kids. God doesn't need to have a rival in our lives and that's one way to lose faith. The other way is to just not use our faith, which means to give in to indifference, we do not care one way or the other and so we don't act our faith and don't exercise and so by being unused our faith dies, it shrivels up, it dries out, it atrophies and dies. Like any other part of our body dies when not used or exercised.

I love you readers and invite you all back into the faith: Remember that if you are reading this, it is God's way to call you back. If you are restless and feeling your heart needs a safe place, God is calling you back. Lean into this relationship with Jesus and identify the rivals and idols you have made in your heart. Eliminate the rivals, decrease their hold on you by returning to God, Give your soul and body back to God, you are His Temple. Pray alone and with others, ask for advice and be aware of all that is happening in your life right now, maybe they are messages coming from God for your return. Walk by faith and may the Joy and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

Only Love Matters
Fr. Nelson Couto