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November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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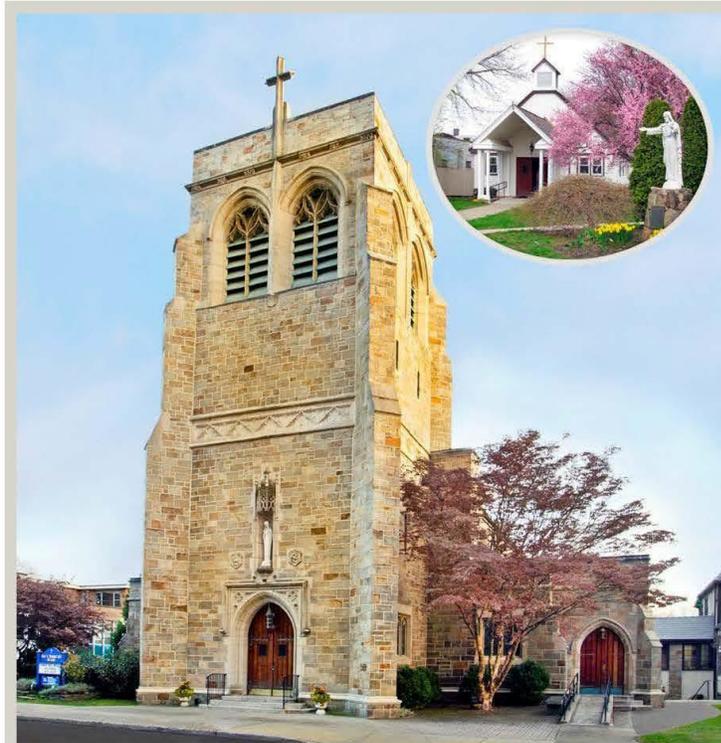


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Holy Name of Mary is a Roman Catholic community of believers who are dedicated to know Christ and become Christ, each one, for the sake of all. As disciples, we are called to create an environment where God is worshiped and where we serve our neighbor. 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.

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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

Weekday Masses have been moved back to the Church

To stream, visit:
www.holynameofmary.org

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Tom Faranda, President

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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 Intentions

Masses for this weekend November 28th and 29th

5:00 PM Edward Barnes
 8:30 AM Margaret McGrath
 10:45 AM Richard Renz
 Kathleen Wilson

MONDAY, November 30

Noon Maurice Downing

TUESDAY, December 1

Noon Walter M. Chudkosky
 Dorothy Hurst

WEDNESDAY, December 2

Noon Ann Langone
 Joseph Borges

THURSDAY, December 3

Noon Kathy Thorpe
 Margaret Cunningham

FRIDAY, December 4

Noon Michael Doyle
 John McCormick

SATURDAY, December 5

5:00 PM Mary Millon

SUNDAY, December 6

8:30 AM Jim Moore (6th Anniversary)
 10:45 AM Joseph Luis Alvarez
 Maury Leone

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
 Nov. 28 through Dec. 5
 In loving memory of
 Gina Costanzo
 Requested by Joe Costanzo

Event List Nov. 28 - Dec. 5



Masses for this week:

Saturday (Church): 5:00 pm (Fr. Nelson)
 Sunday (Church): 8:30 am (Fr. Nelson)
 10:45 am (Fr. Ron)

Monday–Friday (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.
 We encourage you to stay home if you are at risk
 or sick. Live-streams will still be available for
 Sunday Masses.

Live-stream: www.holynameofmary.org

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*** 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

Week Ending <u>11/22</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Envelopes:	\$3,920	\$5,280
WeShare:	\$5,394	\$945
Fiscal Year to date	\$103,386	\$124,488

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: November 22nd

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.**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
5:00 PM	64
8:30 AM	54
10:45 AM	78



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that “We are all the work of your hands.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God’s grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master’s house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

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Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

From Fr. Nelson

November 29, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

While we are now experiencing the second phase of Covid, we are gently stepping into the oncoming season of the Birth of Christ. This pandemic has created havoc in the minds of those who deal with life by trying to make sense of it, trying to organize, restructure, and fix it. There are also those among us who have learned to live by saying, "Life is messy— Love it."

What broke in the Garden?

In the Garden of Eden there was a breaking of connection. The only thing that gives value and meaning to our life is connection. We talk very rarely about connection because most of our lives, we feel disconnected. We tell our stories of heartbreaks more often than stories of Love, of exclusion rather than of belonging. When Adam and Eve hid behind fig leaves, connection was broken because shame had entered the garden; it was shame that made them feel disconnected from God and with each other. Shame is the fear of disconnection. We all have this and it is evident when we ask ourselves, "Is there something about me that if others know it or see, will break up my connection with them?" Shame is always with us and it is shown by this. "I'm not good enough, rich enough, beautiful enough, thin enough or savvy enough." In order for connection to happen we have to allow ourselves to be seen, really seen, as we are. (Beloved we are children of God. That is what we are.) Jesus washes us by taking our shame upon himself and restoring us to our true reality. We are all made worthy! And so there are those of us who have accepted being worthy and there are those of us who struggle to be seen as worthy both by themselves and by others. It is time for many of us to believe that we are worthy of love and belonging. As long as we do not believe this we shall never feel a connection with God or with ourselves or with others.

To be worthy of having a connection you need a sense of courage. The courage to tell yourself, who you are with your whole heart: the courage to be imperfect. Begin by learning to be compassionate, forgiving and kind with yourself first and then with others. (Love your neighbor...) Learn to let go of who you think you should be in order to be who you are. Great connections arise from this source.

Embrace your vulnerability. This makes you beautiful and it is necessary for your personal redemption. Have the willingness to say "I'm sorry" first. "I love you" first. Have the willingness to reach out, even if you are not sure of success. The willingness to love even if there is no love in return. (I have loved you with an everlasting love.) The willingness to accept whatever comes your way and to live with the struggle of existence. Get your life back.

We have become masters at numbing our vulnerability. We live in a vulnerable world and we deal with it by numbing ourselves as is seen with the standards of our country. We have to learn to deal with fear, disappointment, grief and shame. Because we do not know how to deal with vulnerability, we comfort ourselves with over eating and binge drinking. And yet we cannot numb only the negative emotions that are constantly with us, we also numb the other emotions like joy, happiness, empathy, gratitude, compassion, laughter and kindness.

Why and how do we numb vulnerability?

We do this by making everything that is unsure and uncertain into that which is certain and sure. We have cast off the mystery of religion in favor of living without any mystery. We are sure that we are in the right and others are in the wrong and so we silence them. Politics has descended from discourse, dialogue and conversation to vilifying and blaming. Blame is a way to wash ourselves from pain and discomfort.

Let us teach ourselves and our children that nothing is ever going to be perfect and up to our expectations. We are all imperfect and yet we are hard-wired for struggle. We are worthy of love and belonging and set apart from God. Let us show ourselves as deeply vulnerable beings and learn to say to ourselves, "I am enough. I can find compassion and joy in moments of terror and feel gratitude and empathy in moments of darkness." Create a new you as you head into Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Nelson Couto

2021 Breaking Bread Missals have arrived!

They can be picked up at the parish office Monday thru Friday 9am-4pm.

As a reminder, we are asking for \$3 per book this year.

Birthright of Peekskill is in need of **girls' winter clothing, sizes 12 months - 3 years**. Our newborn babies are growing up! Mothers are listening to our message of **Hope**. We are only too happy to help them, but need your help. If you have these gently used clothes to donate, please call us at **914 -737-0344**, or bring them to our office at **826 South Street** in Peekskill. **Life is precious. Handle it with care.**

The 2021 Mass Book is now open!

Request a Mass in one of the following ways:

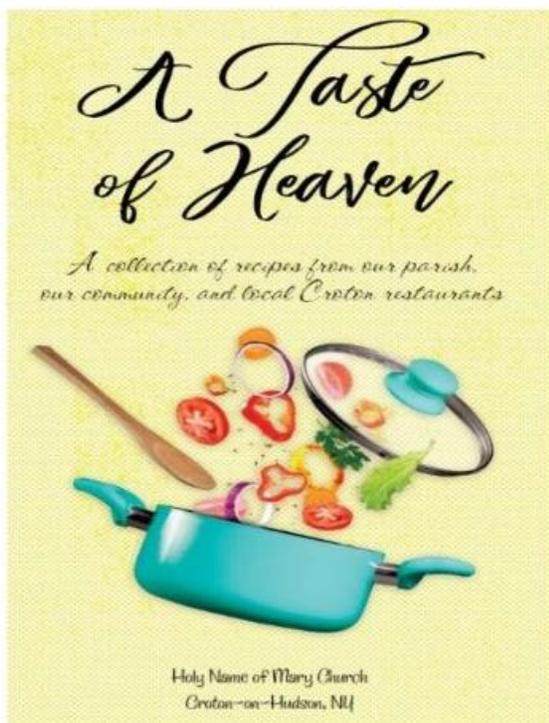
1. Stop by the Parish Office
2. Email parishsecretary@hnmchurch.org
3. Call the Parish office at:
914-271-4797 x 10

Fair Trade Products

Once again, we have an opportunity to order Fair Trade products we have previously sold. These products would need to be purchased in boxes, not individually. Holy Name of Mary has been one of the biggest sellers of Fair Trade products over the last 16 years. Just this past September we sold over \$600 worth of products. Covid-19 continues to impact the small farmers from around the world who rely on the sales of these products to make a fair living for their families. We would like to continue to support these farmers.

If you are interested in ordering or have any questions, please call John or Mary Lally (271-5628) or email/call Ellen Camillieri (emc709@aol.com - [271-5335](tel:271-5335)). We encourage you to visit holynamemary.org/news/fair-trade-coffee for prices and products. **In addition, check out the new Equal Exchange Solidarity Box offered this holiday season for gift-giving (also on our website). Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 6.** Pick-up/delivery can be contactless

Croton Community *Cookbook Sale*



Cookbooks contain over 300 recipes from our community, including from a handful of Croton restaurants.

These will definitely come in handy this winter as we are cooking from home more than ever before. Plus they make GREAT GIFTS!

Cookbooks are \$15 each, and all proceeds benefit the Holy Name of Mary community and ministries.

If you have any questions, please email HNMCookbook@gmail.com or call the parish at: (914) 271-4797.

Thank you so much for your support.

We will be asking everyone to make reservations to attend Mass this Christmas. In consideration of safety guidelines and attendance restrictions, we want to do everything in our power to allow people to celebrate Christmas in a safe manner. Please let us know which Mass you plan to attend and how many family members will accompany you. Your family will be assigned seats based on size and availability. **There will be limited seating and we will strictly adhere to distancing and capacity restrictions so please reserve your seats ASAP to be assured entry.**

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Church: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (at church capacity)

Church: 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Church: 9:00 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

Church: 8:30 am

Church: 10:45 am



*All masses based upon availability, additional seating will be available in the gym with live video streaming and the reception of communion.

Reserve seats in the following ways:

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.

You will receive confirmation of your reservation which we ask that you bring with you to the Mass. Ushers will be provided a list as well.

There will be no noon Mass on Christmas Eve

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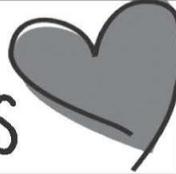
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