Church of the Holy Name of Mary

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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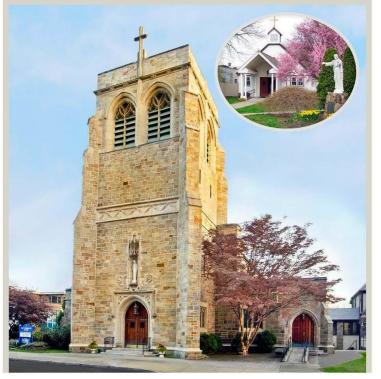


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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Name of Mary

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:45 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Mon - Fri: 12:00 noon

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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)

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Monday thru Friday 9am - 4pm



Masses for this weekend March 20th and 21st

5:00 PM Mark Prendi

Rita Burke

8:30 AM Josephina Lozano

10:45 AM John Corser

Mary Ann Milcetic

MONDAY, March 22

Noon David McFarlane

TUESDAY, March 23

Noon Deceased Members of Capellazzi &

Cavozzi Families

WEDNESDAY, March 24

Noon Mark Doyle

THURSDAY, March 25

Noon **Anthony Coscia**

FRIDAY, March 26

Noon David Whitt

SATURDAY, March 27

5:00 PM Robert Spatta

Ed Blevins

SUNDAY, March 28

8:30 AM John Toolan

10:45 AM Mary Fuller

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns this Week
In Loving Memory of
Maria & Joseph Obermeier
Requested by The Kehrle Family

<u>Event Líst</u> Mar. 20- Mar. 27

Masses for this week:

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

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 Care for Creation will conduct via Zoom

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

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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 3/14 | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Envelopes: | \$7,872 | \$5,977 |
| WeShare: | \$5,326 | \$4,556 |
| Fiscal Year to date | \$237,677 | \$277,731 |

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 14th

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 | 74 | |
| 8:30 AM | 48 | |
| 10:45 AM | 84 | |



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Fathers will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

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Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

From Fr. Nelson

March 21, 2021

Numbed out

This pandemic isolation has placed us in deep freeze, all wrapped up in ice. From deep within our hearts we try to break the ice and call out, "I am here, can't you see me can't you hear me? Please do not identify me with my mask. I am not my mask." We look out from the windows of our being and ask the question "Is anybody out there? Where has everybody gone?" Like the snowman we have all played around in the winters of life. We have now become the snowman, but there is still a prisoner in there that longs to melt in the warmth of love, caring and understanding. Nobody seems to be at home for us and we are not at home to anybody. Where is the laughter? Where is the innocent splashing in the puddle? Where is the neighbor, the family and the community? Do I belong? Will I become...?

We must fight this feeling of perpetual numbness and be human once again. It is time to put away our winter clothing and lighten ourselves a bit by feeling the warmth of our community, our church, our family and neighbors. It is time to awaken the sleeping child within us and bring back the laughter.

We can live in this world as victims, as if things are happening to us or we can choose to be in a world that is forever evolving, changing and in action mode. Forever evolving and moving from darkness to light. It is time for us to move on from being victims of all that is happening to us and transition into holding on to our inner strengths and to our faith that there is a God and thus bring about the world of action and evolution. We have to knock at the door of our hearts and ask the question "Is anybody there? Through the iciness of fears comes a still small voice answering us "I am here." That is the voice of our spirit; that is the voice of life waiting to reach out into action, into happenings and into living abundantly.

As we proceed into this season of lent that keeps before us the images of the crucifixion and the resurrection, let us remember that we all have passed through a number of crucifixions during the course of our lives. The crucifixion of Christ shows us we can either see ourselves as victims of our world and environment or willingly and actively see the meaning of the cross and embrace it. ("Take up your cross and follow me") We choose to follow Christ who walks before us willingly carrying the cross. There is no life without the cross, we can either choose to be victims or choose to be victorious. We learn to confront the cross without fear of the pain, the suffering and even death. We know deep within that this is merely transitory for we are beings that move from pain, suffering and death into immortality, eternity and perpetual love. Through the freeze and the numbness will life find a way, for with Christ we have the Way, the Truth and the Life?

Yours in Christ, Fr. Nelson Couto

Evening Stations of the Cross

3/26 - Care for Creation will conduct via Zoom beginning at 7:30 pm.

https://fordham.zoom.us/j/99964223882

Stations of the Cross will also be celebrated Friday immediately following the Noon Mass in the Church. You can watch any of the previous Stations at www.holynameofmary.org by clicking the You-Tube/Live Now box on the home page.

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)

The <u>Poor Box</u> 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 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

Please hold these children and their families in your prayers this weekend as they receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Michael Berger **Lexi Drew Munoz Dillon Caputo** Mackenzie Munson **Matteo Cruz Timothy Obermeier Owen Ferguson** Victoria Parker **Connor Forbes Cynthia Patino** Marck Garcia Michael Pepperney Stephen Junkovic **Antonio Spatta** Luke Mari **Tyler Sullivan** Olivia McInnis **Cooper Whalen**

We are very grateful to Molly Moran, our catechist who prepared them.

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On March 16, Loaves & Fish delivered it's 10,000th meal during COVID.

Prior to the pandemic Loaves & Fish volunteers cooked and served community dinners at Trinity Church in Ossining. But with COVID we changed our model to meet our neighbors where they were: sheltering at home and anxious. On April 11, 2020 we began delivering our home-cooked meals to our guests' homes.

This ministry is a community-wide effort, with people coming together from all over, to be of service to our brothers and sisters for the sake of God. 90 cooks have volunteered their time, talent and treasure to cook nutritious meals over the last year. Many of our cooks live in Croton; others hail from Briarcliff, the Bronx, Buchanan, Chappaqua, Cortlandt, Irvington, Ossining, Peekskill, Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Yorktown.

Donations from Holy Name of Mary parishioners and other members of the community have enabled us to purchase ingredients and the 'take-out containers' in which the meals are delivered. Loaves & Fish also partners with two Ossining-based non-profit organizations: Gullotta House coordinates the delivery drivers, and the Ossining Food Pantry provides bags of groceries that are delivered along with the home-cooked meals to our neighbors in need.

Loaves & Fish was founded by Holy Name of Mary parishioners in 1993.

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.

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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

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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.

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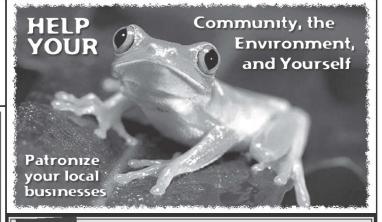
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