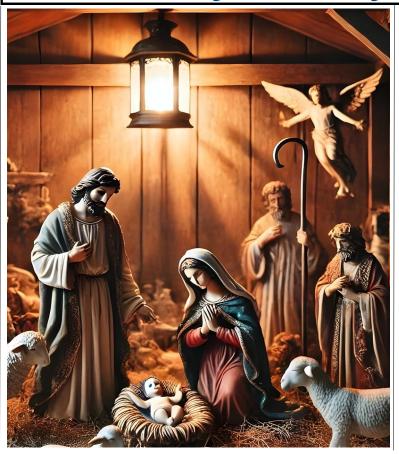
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Holy Name of Mary is a Roman Catholic community of believers who are dedicated to know Christ and become Christ, each one, for the sake of all. As disciples, we are called to create an environment where God is worshipped and where we serve our neighbor. 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 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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### BULLETIN

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## † CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### **HOLY NAME OF MARY**

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday: 12 Noon
Solemnity of Mary Mass at Noon

### **CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday: 9:15 AM Spanish Mass: Saturdays at 7PM

## SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM

### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

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Please submit any bulletin pieces by Monday in order to be included in the next bulletin. Send to: parishadmin@holynameofmary.org

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm Parish office closes at 1PM on December 31<sup>st</sup> and reopens January 5<sup>th</sup>

### **SACRAMENT INFORMATION**

Joe Costanzo (914) 271-4797 x 11 joechnm@gmail.com

### **BAPTISMS**

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Baptism.

### MARRIAGE

Couples should call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to wedding.

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA a/k/a RCIA)

### ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY

Corinne Basso 914-720-8109 *or* call the Parish Office 914-271-4797



Saturday, December 27

5:00 PM **Daniel Chesnard**, Caputo family

Barbara Storck, Cawley family

7:00 PM For the Unborn

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM Nicola & Maria Spedaliere, Joe Costanzo

9:15 AM Bill & Maureen Riedy, Tom & Alice Habib

Barbara Storck, John & Mary Lally

10:45AM Ann & James Boyle, John Boyle

Monday, December 29

Noon **John Cawley**, his family

Kevin James Morris, Greene family

Tuesday, December 30

Noon Kathleen & Ed Morris, Greene family

Mary Scahill (L), M. McDyer

Wednesday, December 31

Noon Mike Geradi, Kathy Geradi

Helen Olieszenski, Karen & Chris Moore

Thursday, January 1 - Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Noon Michael King, his family

Anna Gigliotti, her family

Friday, January 2

Noon **Stefano Santia,** Lena Cinquanta & family

Rosemarie Palmietto,

her daughters Roseanne & Angela

Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM Barbara Storck, Tom & Patty Costick

7:00 PM **Our Hispanic Community** 

Sunday, January 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary

9:15 AM Marina & Luigi Bicocchi,

Lydia & Joe Bicocchi

Cindy Bova, Salameh family

10:45AM Catharine & Edward O'Donnell, John Boyle

Robert Galazin, Marlene Galazin

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
In loving memory of

**George Steven Thornton** 

Requested by Steven Robert Thornton

## This week...

### Main Church:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Monday - Friday:

Chapel of the Good Shepherd:

Noon

Sunday: 9:15 AM

Saturday: Spanish Mass 7:00 PM

Pray the Holy Rosary with us Mon-Fri at 11:30 AM before the Noon Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Monday-Friday 11:30am

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday through Friday in the main Church 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

### Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

**Second Reading**: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel Reading: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### **Daily Mass Readings for this week:**

Monday: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Thursday: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 John 2:29–3:6; John 1:29-34



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### Remember in your prayers:\*

\*If an individual on this list has recovered from their illness, please notify the office with a request to discontinue.

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**FOR THE DECEASED**: We pray for all those who have recently died, and for all those who died from casualties of natural disasters, war, and terrorism.

FOR OUR MILITARY: Please remember in your prayers our active-duty service members Kaitlin Reynolds, Jack O'Brien, Jim O'Brien, Charlie O'Brien, Aidan Whelan, Benjamin Vasta, Evan Murtaugh, Sgt. Lawrence Chiulli, Matthew Pucci, and others serving overseas.

### **Mass Cards**

The gift of a Mass Card is a blessing. Having a Mass said for a friend or family member gives divine grace to those for whom we intercede. Mass intentions are \$15 and the Sanctuary Lamp which burns for a week is \$30. Mass cards can be purchased at the parish office from 9am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

### **How to support HNM Parish:**

- → zelle: parishadmin@holynameofmary.org
- → Online giving through WeShare at: holynameofmary.churchgiving.com
- → Remember Holy Name of Mary in your bequest.
- → Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Signs of Our Stewardship*			
Week of 12/21	2025	2024	
Collection	\$5,656	\$4,236	
We Share	\$1.797	\$1.689	

We are grateful that you have embraced the call to sacrificial giving to support the work of our parish!

### Mass Attendance

December 20th & 21st

5:00 PM	75
7:00 PM	25
8:00 AM	52
9:15 AM	78
10:45 AM	148

### **Sacramental Requirements**

**Parishioners**: You should register to be a parishioner under <u>your own name</u> at 18 years of age, whether or not you live with your parent/guardians.

**Sponsors:** You must be a <u>registered parishioner</u>, under your own name for at least 6 months in order to request a sponsor form for Baptism or Confirmation.

**Marriage:** You must begin the preparation process with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your wedding date.

**Baptism:** Parents must be registered parishioners and attend a mandatory baptism class. Godparents need to obtain sponsor eligibility forms from the parish they attend.

Contact the parish office 914-271-4797

"For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:11

~ Submitted by Respect for Life Society ~

Please pray for Pope Leo XIV as he leads our church and world to Jesus Christ!



### **January 1, 2026**

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass is at Noon in

the Main Church. A collection will be taken up. Envelopes are available on the ushers' table in the vestibule.

"For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is the Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone." (source: Loyola Press)

### **Faith Formation Events**

## **Christmas Pageant**

All the children in grades Pre-K through 8th grade gave an amazing presentation at this year's Christmas Pageant! Thank you to all those who assisted in making it a success, especially **Isabelle Pepperney** and **Mary McAndrew**! Everyone had fun and memories were made.



The "Christmas in a Shoebox" projects shared by our Faith Formation students were outstanding! Thank you to everyone who created their version of a nativity scene. We look forward to continuing the creativity next year too!

### Message from our Music Director...

Holy Name of Mary's Music Director Sara Della Posta wishes to thank the parish community consisting of dedicated Choir members, soloists, lectors, hospitality committee, the entire staff of HNM, and Fr. Tony and Fr. Ron for their participation and support in presenting the Festival of Lessons and Carols in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It was a delightful evening which left everyone in awe of the talent within our parish! Thank you also to everyone who attended!



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**FYI**: Be sure to notify the Parish Office of any change of address, phone number, or email.

# New Year's Day Gala Concert Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra Thursday, January 1st

The Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra presents its annual New Year's Day Gala Concert on **Thursday, January 1**<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm in Holy Name of Mary Church on Grand Street.

The traditional concert will welcome 2026 with light classical favorites, including music by American and Viennese composers. Be sure to arrive early to hear the Simons Family Funtime Band, opening with a **2:00pm** performance of standard favorite tunes from the American songbook.

This is a FREE performance, and all are welcome to attend. Donations to the Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra or Holy Name of Mary Church are welcome, but not required. In lieu of donations, bring your friends to the concert.

For more information, or directions, please contact the Cortlandt Regional Music Association on our website (www.cortlandtmusic.org), or by phone at (845) 838-1077.

### **New Year's Day Prayer**

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever.

Amen.

~ Courtesy of World Library Publications ~

Holy Name of Mary Church hall and meeting rooms available to rent for your next family event!

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



The Holy Name of Mary Knights of Columbus 2026 Basketball Free Throw Contest will be held on **January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, in the Holy Name of Mary gym.

Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. There is no fee required. Registration opens at 5:30pm (registration forms will be available at the event).

### **Great Gift Idea**

### **Shoprite Gift Cards**



Shoprite gift cards are available for purchase after Mass or at the Parish Office during normal office hours. When you purchase a card in \$20, \$50, or \$100 denominations from us, Holy Name receives 5% of the total amount you purchase because we purchase them in bulk at a 5% discount. Use them as gifts or for your own food shopping! That 5% raised goes toward helping the needy of our parish at no cost to you.



Through your generosity and commitment to the Appeal, many parishes receive the resources needed to serve their local community and administer the sacraments. Consider a gift today to support our sister parishes in the archdiocese. We still need \$16,220 to reach our goal! To learn more about the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit cardinalsappeal.org.

We have reached \$56,400 **Donations** 71.24% 2025 of our goal. \$40,560 Thank you to all \$40,180 \$38,680<sub>HANK</sub> parishioners who \$37,639<sub>(OU!</sub> have supported \$36,670 this year's 112 Donors Cardinal's

Appeal!



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### Reflection

The words Ben Sira and Saint Paul use sound too good to be possible: honor, reverence, consideration, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Yes, these are ideals and sometimes we fall short. Therefore, Paul writes that we must bear with one another and forgive one another, as the Lord has forgiven us again and again. Try as we might, we can become inconsiderate, impatient, or unkind to a family member. Or they may to us. Forgiveness restores our relationships, no matter who's at fault or more to blame. Our love for each other can make forgiveness easier and more desirable, leading to reconciliation more easily. Further, having the peace of Christ in our hearts can give us the serenity we need to accept request forgiveness without rancor recriminations.

By recalling the words of Hosea -"Out of Egypt I called my son" (Matthew 2:15) - Matthew connects the Holy Family's departure from Egypt with the Israelites' flight from Egypt centuries before. In both cases, God leads those in danger to safety. God's care over us is a constant, whether in Moses' time, Jesus's time, or our own era. This does not mean that nothing bad will ever happen. Some of the Chosen People did not survive the years in the desert. Many innocent babies died at Herod's hands. But God is there with us always, guiding us, ensuring that our path to salvation is clear.

Think of it: the Holy Family (with Jesus still in his mother's womb) are required to leave their home in Nazareth, in Galilee, to travel to Bethlehem, in Judea, at the orders of the Roman emperor. Then, soon after Jesus was born they need to flee to Egypt in the middle of the night due to the murderous intent of the Judean king. Joseph, Mary and their newborn baby become refugees in a foreign land, owning nothing but the clothes on their back; with no job or money; living among people with a different culture, religion, ethnicity, and language; reliant on God and their new neighbors for food, shelter, and mercy. This is not something they or anyone else would ever choose.

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But circumstances and political authorities left them no choice. As an adult, Jesus would tell his disciples that those who welcome the stranger will inherit the kingdom of heaven. He knows of what he speaks. When he was an infant, he and his family were the strangers in need of welcome. These are the conditions that God chose to be born into. May God be with us in this reality today.

~ Courtesy of World Library Publications ~

### **Devotional Candles**

Have you lit a candle in memory of a loved one? Don't forget that our candle stand is located at the back of the church and at Our Lady's Chapel. Large candles are \$2 and small candles are \$1.

The <u>Poor Box</u> in the lobby area 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. Have an extra dollar? Feed the Hungry....

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