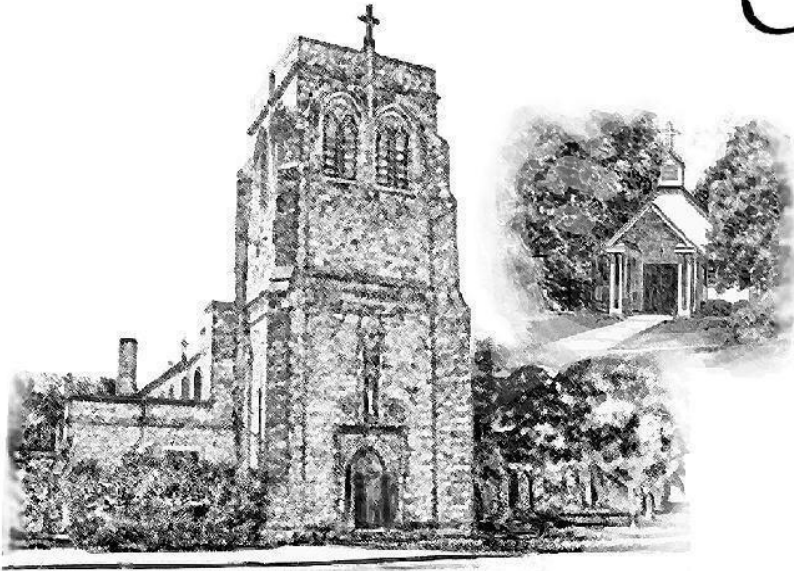


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Holy Name of Mary is a Roman Catholic community of believers who are dedicated to know Christ and become Christ, each one, for the sake of all. As disciples, we are called to create an environment where God is worshiped and where we serve our neighbor.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

December 17, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST **HOLY NAME OF MARY**

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM & 12noon

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:15 AM (English) &
11:00 AM (Bilingual)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

After each Daily Mass

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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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From the Parish House

17 December 2017

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, often known as *Gaudete Sunday*, so-called because of the first word (in Latin) of the Introit of the Mass. This word means *Rejoice!* and it sets the tone for the second half of Advent as a joyful expectation of the Lord's entrance into our human condition by His birth as the little Babe of Bethlehem. It is also a good time for us to look at our spiritual preparations for Christmas and determine if we are 'on track' or if we have to get back on track. One way to prepare is to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here at Holy Name of Mary we offer the sacrament after each of our daily Masses, as well as from 4:00 – 4:30pm on Saturdays. We will also be joining all of the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York in a special Reconciliation Day on Monday, December 18th, when we will be available in the church continuously from 4:00pm to 8:00pm to polish the haloes of all who come. So please come and bring a friend who might also enjoy a halo-polishing!

Bravo to *Angelica Women's Chamber Choir* for the sublime presentations you gave us this past week. The almost ethereal sound of your wonderfully able and coordinated voices, made for the most uplifting of experiences! You truly helped to keep the wonder and awe in the Advent season, and have helped us to approach Christmas in a more spiritual way. Thank you!

My deepest thanks to John and Mary Lally and all those who gave many hours of their time in preparing the wonderful Christmas baskets that the Fair Trade program had for sale last weekend, and a thanks to all of you who purchased them.

Since Fair Trade helps the cooperative farmers, so it is definitely a wonderful Christmas gift for them as well. Thank you one and all!

This coming Friday, December 22nd, is the evening of our Interfaith Lessons and Carols. All are invited to this special 7:30pm gathering in the church to hear readings pointing to the coming of the Messiah, as well as the singing of traditional Advent and Christmas carols, both by choirs and by the congregation. It is a great coming-together of Christians to celebrate our common Origin, and the Reason for the Season, so please try to come, and bring a friend.

A parting chuckle: A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?!" responded the startled woman. "Well then, give me 50 Catholic stamps and 50 Protestant ones!"

In His Peace, *Fr. Brian*

Renew & Rebuild Goal

\$1,056,500

Gift Level	Amount of Gifts	Total
\$100,000+	2	\$268,550
\$50,000+	3	\$150,103
\$25,000+	5	\$135,000
\$12,000+	4	\$65,000
\$5,000+	16	\$120,500
Less than \$5,000	70	\$236,510

87% pledged, Thank you



Looking for an unconventional Christmas gift idea?

Consider A Retreat As The Perfect Gift. A faith-filled weekend retreat could make a wonderful Christmas present for a loved one. The next ACTS Retreat for Men will take place on March 1st through March 4th, 2018 at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stony Point NY. Send an email to hnmactsny@yahoo.com for an informational brochure and an application form.

CARE for CREATION Ministry

Top 3 Ways to "Green" Your Christmas

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." (Laudato Si', 211)

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, to cherish our friends and family, and to serve those who most need us.

It is a wonderful opportunity to focus on our call to love. Protecting vulnerable people and all of creation can be part of the joy of Christmas.

Here are some suggestions:

Consider buying one fewer gift this year. Instead, pledge to spend time with a special person or donate to a cause that serves the most vulnerable. Producing consumer goods at a large scale requires enormous energy and material resources. Buying even one fewer gift is a move toward a more meaningful and sustainable lifestyle.

As the weather changes, adjust your thermostat one degree cooler than you normally set it. Change the setting by several degrees when you are asleep or away from home. Heating and cooling buildings is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in many countries. Reducing your energy use may be the best gift you can give creation.

In preparing food for Christmas celebrations, focus on vegetarian dishes. It's a surprising truth that tending livestock for meat production makes a significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. Vegetarian cuisine is native to many cultures, and family members may enjoy encountering familiar dishes or exploring new ones.

If Mass is being offered for someone in your family, and you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at the Offertory, please speak to one of the ushers as you arrive.

THEMES FOR ADVENT

The liturgical season of Advent is a "period of devout and expectant

delight," during which ---

We remember the First **Coming** of Jesus,

as **Light** for all, while

Always Anticipating His second coming when time will end.

Our liturgies here will focus on these very themes:

- His **Coming** to forgive, renew, and feed;
- As the **Light** of our hope, peace and joy;
- While we watch, prepare and proclaim His Saving Word **Always** --
culminating in His glorification on Christmas Day.

December 18

Archdiocesan Reconciliation Monday;
Confessions 4 PM to 8 PM Church

December 22

Ecumenical Lessons and Carols
7PM Church

OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS:

- Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24:
5 PM in the church
5:30 PM in the chapel
7 PM Spanish Mass in chapel
11 PM in the church
- Christmas Day, Monday December 25:
9:15 AM in the chapel
10:45 AM in the church
Note: NO 8 AM Mass

Please note:



- **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th**



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frank Caterino, Frank Power, Marie King, Anthony Crespo, Frank Patti, Gail Pizoski, Bonnie (Giarolo) Dietz, Mariana Fiss, Edward Creasy, Maria Pillco, Silvia Costantini, Norah Moore, Margaret Ewing, Chris Nash, Robert Mastrodi, Susan Siebert, Ramon Rodriguez, Rachael Hojnacki, Franco Cirino, Barbara Principe, Marie Kehrlle, Ronnie McNally, Linda Jellocece, Adam Armenia, Jr., Mary Santella, Karen Colombo, Dr. Cathy Cantelina, Carmenza Hernandez, Don Simons, Jim Caldwell, Joan Achorn.

*** 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, and 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.

Notes from the Respect Life Society

We thank all our 2017 supporters as the year comes to a close! The parish could not reach out to so many consistent life needs without your help. The annual October Respect Life collection allowed a \$1,000-each donation for Good Counsel Homes Pregnancy Care, and for the Knights of Columbus Caribbean Hurricane Relief efforts.

Our Craft and Bake Sale in November raised just over \$1,000, so Birthright of Peekskill received that amount also, with a little left over for the HNM St. Vincent DePaul Fund. Thank you for such generosity! The Bake Sale could not have succeeded this year without the baking and craft efforts of so many, including Sharon Lavery, Lupe, Jeanne-Marie Gagnon, Eileen O'Leary, Meaghan Wilimann, Regina Riely, Patricia Riely, Elizabeth Mauer, Mary Keon, Peggy Lane, Kathleen McLoughlin, the Farandas, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Marking with prayers and witness this 45th year (two generations) and close to 60 million pre-born lives lost since the legalization of abortion in America, the 2018 March for Life takes place on Friday, January 19, 2018 in Washington, DC - we will travel with St. Augustine Parish bus in Ossining.

The Rally for Life on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in White Plains will pray from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Maple and Mararoneck Avenue in White Plains for one hour between 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Contact Tom and Brigid (271-4598) or Judy (271-4627) for details and watch for fliers for both events.

We look forward to 2018 with you all!

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

FIRST READING: **ISAIAH 61:1-2a, 10-11**

SECOND READING: **I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24**

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28



Next Weeks Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."



2nd Annual Ecumenical Lessons and Carols

On Friday, December 22nd, at 7:30 PM, the church will host the 2nd Annual Ecumenical Lessons and Carols. Come join the houses of worship in Croton to get in the Christmas spirit!

If you'd like to participate in the choir or if your child would like to participate in the children's choir for the Lessons and Carols night or for Christmas, please contact Jack Coen at hnm.music.ministry@gmail.com

GIVING TREE 2017

Each year we collect one warm article of clothing, per child, for the needy children from Holy Spirit Church in the Bronx. Please take a gift tag from our tree and return the wrapped gift to HNM Church, or the Parish Center, by December 20th. Please include the Gift Sales Receipt in the wrapped box. Also, tape the gift ORNAMENT TAG to the outside of the gift to assist with the sorting. NO TOYS please. Thank you for your generosity to those families in need.

Birthright of Peekskill is now open every morning, plus Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons! If you know of someone who is pregnant and needs help, please call **914-737-0344**. Lives can be saved where Hope is given.

Proceedings of the Holy Name of Mary Pastoral Council Meeting of November 27, 2017

1. An updated Constitution and By-Laws for the Pastoral Council, revised to better reflect its current organizational structure and function, was amended to provide for additional voting members and new ministries. It was adopted by unanimous vote and is effective immediately.
2. A Special Report on church and school security was presented by a retired police detective with >20 years experience. After questions and discussion on what HNM has already done, and might do going forward to address security risks, an *ad hoc* committee was formed to further investigate and report back to the Council. Parishioners wishing to join this committee may contact Regina Montana (regm55@gmail.com).
3. Reports from HNM administrative staff and representatives of the following ministries, committees and working groups on recent and upcoming activities were discussed: Facilities Management; Finance Council; Liturgy-Spiritual Needs, Youth, and Ministry Clusters; Knights of Columbus; Montessori School; and Hispanic Ministry.
4. The continuing need for more participation in HNM ministries was addressed. How greater attendance at mass can be encouraged and achieved was also discussed. Ideas and suggestions from parishioners may be brought to upcoming Council meetings.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:30pm in Parish Center meeting rooms 4-5. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

You will be receiving an envelope in the HNM Christmas mailing to memorialize your loved ones. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Christmas, and the nine day Novena ends on January 2, 2018.

Meet Santa on December 17th

The Knights of Columbus will host a Meet Santa reception for children after the 10:45am mass on December 17th in the Parish Center entrance. Please join us after mass and give your children an opportunity to say hello to Santa and get those last minute requests in before Christmas Day!



All women of the parish are invited to a Connect Coffee Video/Discussion: "Getting a Grip Through Rest" Tuesday, December 19th 9:15 – 11:00am Holy Name of Mary Parish Meeting Rm. 5 Childcare provided.



We live in a world in which people are valued for what they do and what they produce. How many of us women charge through our week, going from one activity to another, ending each day exhausted? When the weekend comes, we simply switch gears for a different set of activities. When we stop and choose to rest, however, we show that we know we are deeply loved by God -- not for what we achieve, but for who we are. Please join us for an inspiring video and discussion about how to truly rest; how to prepare, delight and contemplate, turning our focus toward God. No experience necessary, just come as you are for some coffee and a chance to see what Walking with Purpose is all about!

For more information, contact us at 917-656-2346 or COHWalkingwithPurpose@gmail.com.

Improvements at Good Shepherd Chapel

The Spanish Ministry has volunteered to paint the interior of the chapel. The results thus far are beautiful! They are also working on a deep cleaning. We are grateful to the many volunteers who labored so selflessly. Holy Name is blessed to have such an active and giving ministry. These are the volunteers who have given their time and effort:

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| Segundo Arevalo | Manuel Guerrero |
| Xavier Arevalo | Javier Gusman |
| Luis Gallegos | Elena Marin |
| Luis Guaman | Juan Quito |
| Anita Guaman | Julia Tepan |



Announcing the new Care for Creation Ministry at Holy Name! Based on the environmental teachings of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* Looking for new members!!! Email us at careforcreationministry@gmail.com Showing *Before the Flood* movie on Sunday Jan. 21