



# Welcome to Holy Name of Parish

## *Easter Sunday*

April 4-5, 2026



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### MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am  
Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the  
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

Wednesdays – in Church  
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with  
Adoration  
4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass

### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM

Families are asked to contact the office before the  
arrival of your new child for instructions and  
registration.

#### RECONCILIATION

Fridays 4:30pm in Church  
Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

### MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the  
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact  
the office one year in advance.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort  
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to  
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

### HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,  
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified  
due to HIPAA law.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register  
online at [www.hnojchurch.org](http://www.hnojchurch.org)

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: [parishoffice@hnojchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@hnojchurch.org)  
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm



Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" and then reported what he told her.

John 20:18

## Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 04/06	Tues 04/07	Wed 04/08	Thursday 04/09	Friday 04/10	Saturday 04/11	Sunday 04/12
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Anthony Pucci (Anniv) r/b granddaughter, Mary Ellen and Steve Kother  Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation  5:30pm Mass of the day +Chatlos and Mensik families r/b Sandy Chatlos  Service celebrated in Church	7:30am Mass +Gabriela Amenda r/b McMullan and Jass families  Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am- 2:00pm	2:30—3:30pm Reconciliation  4:00pm Mass +MaryAnn Nicholas r/b Theresa Cocchia and family  And Deceased of the Parish	7:30am Mass +Rudy Kother (Anniv) r/b son and daughter in law Steve and Mary Ellen Kother  10:00am Mass +Michael Pistey Jr. r/b Verna Pistey

### MASS INTENTIONS



7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter  
7:30am Living & Deceased of the Parish  
10:00am Living & Deceased of the Parish



Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. All the names and intentions in the Prayer Book at the Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help..All who suffer from violence and injustice...All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died.

### THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

#### Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Anna Ziza

#### Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For the homebound of our parish

#### Sacred Heart Candle

For the intentions of Pope Leo

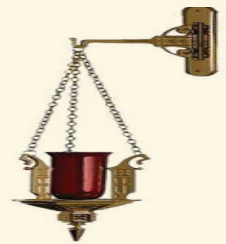
#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Paula Schmitt

#### St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Robert Burns

St Michael Candle For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus



## Easter Church Cleaning ~ Thank you!

A big thank you to Anne, Bob V, Darwin, Edith, Luis, Mary Ellen, Narcia, Pablo, Rich K, Roberto, Steve M and Susan for cleaning, dusting, washing, waxing and polishing to beautify our church for Holy Week and Easter. May God bless them for their loving service.

*"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*

1 Corinthians 10:31



The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, invites, welcomes, accompanies, prays with, and educates disciples to minister and serve.

**Together**, we are vibrant.

**Together**, we grow in our faith in new and exciting ways.

**Together**, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS), we serve the needs of our community more effectively.



Contact:  
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**CCS Weekly**

### Easter through the words of St. John Chrysostom

*Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh.*



### Vacation Bible School: Summer 2026

Parents and guardians have two opportunities for vacation Bible School in the town of Stratford this year: August 10-14 at St. Mark and August 17-21 at Our Lady of Peace. Please reach out to Dana Donia at [ddonia@stmarkstfd.org](mailto:ddonia@stmarkstfd.org) for more information for the week at St. Mark, or Colin Petramale at [colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org) for more information for the week at OLP. Both weeks promise to be faith-filled for all involved!



**Grateful thanks to all our faithful and hard-working women and men who spent all day Saturday, March 14, prepping, mixing, rolling and baking the dough. Washing all the bakeware and packaging the orders of the delicious Rolls & Paskas. We made 197 Nut rolls, 70 Poppy rolls and 60 Plain and 134 Raisin Paskas for a profit of \$4008.00! God bless our workers and patrons!**



## Parish Financial Support

Parish Financial Support will be updated next weekend.

**ONLINE GIVING** "Share the Warmth! Make an Impact! Support our Ministries!" We offer ONLINE GIVING as an additional option to help strengthen our community and support our ongoing mission and ministries. **SIGN UP TODAY ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE** [WWW.HNOJCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.HNOJCHURCH.ORG) AND CLICK ON "GIVE"



Regular April offertory envelopes include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Holy Land/Good Friday, Easter, Catholic Missions/Black & Indian Missions



## Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

### Wednesdays

4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available 5:30pm Mass

April 11, 26 Men's Reflection

April 11-12 Parish Nurses

April 12, 26 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

April 18-19 Coffee And...

April 19 Family Faith Event—all parishioners are invited

April 22, 29 The Chosen

April 25-26 Monthly Food Collection

April 26 Faith Formation for children



## Men's Reflection Group



**Upcoming Saturday Reflection dates:**  
**April 11, 26, and May 16** Join us! Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room -with reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we'll finish at 9:00am.

## Annual Bishop's Appeal

### SCHOLARSHIPS THAT CHANGE LIVES

Through the Bishop's Scholarship Fund, in partnership with Foundations in Education, more than 1,300 students receive tuition Assistance each year. Behind each scholarship is a story of faith, sacrifice and hope.



#### Parent Voices:

**Lecilana Rodrigues Da Silva**, a mother of two children attending Assumption Catholic School expresses her gratitude for the opportunity to provide her children a Catholic education with tuition assistance from the Bishop's Scholarship Fund. She says, "So many families cannot afford a Catholic education for their kids, when the Bishop offered scholarships for children, it shows compassion, mercy, and love. It welcomes everyone in the Kingdom of God, regardless of their social class."

## Bible Study

Join Fr. Jim as we continue understanding the Prophet Isaiah.

**Sunday, April 12**, 11:30am-12:30pm

**Sunday, April 26**, 11:30am-12:30pm and

**Saturday, May 16**, 10:00am -11:15am



## The Chosen

We hope you will join us for Season Two of...**The CHOSEN** Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall

**April 22** Episodes 1 & 2

"Thunder" "I Saw you"

**April 29** Episodes 3 & 4

"Matthew 4:24" "The Perfect Opportunity"

**May 6** Episodes 5 & 6

"Spirit" "Unlawful"

**May 13** Episodes 7 & 8

"Reckoning" "Beyond Mountains"

**All are welcome—Bring the family! Snacks will be available or you may bring your dinner!** Study guides will be provided for you to take home. Sign-up sheets in the back of church



## PALM SUNDAY



## Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Holy Name of Jesus family, the grace and peace of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all this Easter! What a grace filled and beautiful Holy Week and Easter we have had together. I am very, very grateful for each and everyone of you who gave so much time, talent, and treasure to make our church so beautiful by cleaning and polishing, arranging flowers and candles. And making our Masses so beautiful and deeply moving by your service as greeters, ushers, readers, Altar servers, musicians and singers. Know that I, but evermore so God bless you for all you have done!



During the coming seven weeks to Pentecost, the Sunday gospels will be entirely from the Gospel of Saint John with only one exception. On the Third Sunday of Easter, we will hear the Gospel of Luke in which two disciples returned from Emmaus and telling the other disciples of what happened are suddenly interrupted by the arrival of the Risen Lord.

British poet, artist, and spiritual author, Caryll Houselander (+1954) offers you and me a profound, deeper meaning of the disciples' journey to Emmaus that no doubt is a work of the Holy Spirit in her. Here in part is Caryll's reflection that helps you and me enter into the deep joy and mystery of our Easter day today that Jesus wants you and me to enter with him.

*"After his Resurrection, Christ showed himself to his friends five times which are recorded. . . Some of the Fathers of the Church say that when Christ broke the bread at Emmaus, he gave his Body to the two disciples in Communion; in our life now that miracle is worked day after day with just the same secrecy. . . Yet while we watch we see nothing. There is the wafer of unleavened bread; it is changed to the Body of Christ who is God; it looks, feels, tastes, the same as before. The Blessed Sacrament is so much part of our ordinary life that we hardly ever realize that we are involved in a deed greater than any miracle every day. . .*

*The lock into which this key fits is our own lives today. He wanted to prove then, as he wants to prove in us now, that it was He who was still alive, with the same character, the same way of doing things. Those of His miracles that need not be made public to give glory to his Father he works in secret, with such courtesy. . . Such are the daily unobserved, unguessed miracles of grace, contrition, conversion, hope, forgiveness, love, taking place secretly in human souls."*

How exceedingly generous is God our Father and his Son our Lord Jesus Christ! And as Jesus continues to work these unseen miracles in us may we too come to know, believe, and live as Saint Paul did that, *"None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death, we are the Lord's."* Romans 14:7-8 (NAB 1970 edition)

This Easter day may we begin to allow our crucified and risen Lord to accomplish his unseen miracles in us now and throughout this Easter season. May God bless you all for your love, support, generosity, and service to me and one another +

**We thank Fr Micheal Boccaccio and Deacon Art Miller for enriching our Lenten journey with presentations on the Lenten Gospels—challenging us to reflect and renew our lives!**



*Consider life  
as a gift;  
every moment,  
every person,  
every  
relationship,  
the good things,  
the difficult times,  
the celebrations,  
the tragedies,  
the joy,  
the sadness,  
the births,  
the deaths.  
Consider it and  
how you respond  
to each gift.*



*with love, patience, joy, forgiveness, generosity, perseverance, faith,  
resilience, acceptance, humility, hope, peace...  
Or anger, resentment, unforgiveness, greed, selfishness, self-righteousness, hopelessness.  
How we respond to each gift is the gift we return to the world.*

Deacon Art Miller

Biblical ref:

James 1:17, Romans 8:28, 1Thessalonians 5:16–18, Matthew 25:14–30

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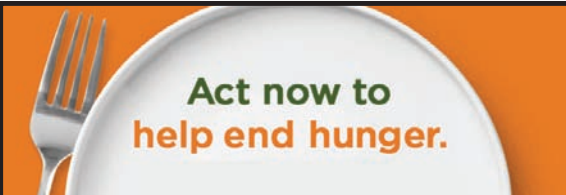
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