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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 15-16, 2026 ~ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 7:30am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday | 7:30am in the parish Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius, 2 Mary Ave

Wednesday | 4:00pm Adoration
4:30pm-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass. All services held in Church

Thursday | 7:30am in the parish Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius, 2 Mary Ave

Tuesday -Friday Private Prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm
in the parish Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius

CONFESSION

Wednesday | 4:30 - 5:00pm

Saturday | 2:30-3:30pm

Other | By Appointment

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
Closed Mondays

OUR STAFF

Rev. James DiVasto, Pastor

Rev. Churchill Penn, In Residence

Deacon Joseph Huong

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Parish Secretary: Maryjean daSilva



*The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her Daughter,
Bazzi Rahib, coptic Monk, Egypt 1684*

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office for registration and instructions.

Marriage

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

Hospitalization

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound, please notify us to receive care.

New Parishoners

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register online at www.hnojchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org.
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

August 15-23, 2026

Saturday, August 15

**12:15pm All Mothers, Living & Deceased
of our parish**

4:00pm +Robert J. Staffey

And +Fr. Stephen Barnufsky

Sunday, August 16

**7:30am +Biagio and Maria Mucciacciaro
And the Deceased of the parish**

10:00am +Stephanie Petersen

And +James Perry

Tuesday, August 18

7:30am +Marge and Stanley Gadsby

Wednesday, August 19

4:00pm Adoration

4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day

+Josephine DeLizo

r/b Silhavey family

Thursday, August 20

7:30am +Ann Oleyar

Saturday, August 22

4:00pm +Angel Rivera

r/b Carol Mobilio

And the Deceased of the Parish

Sunday, August 23

7:30am +Rita Kanuch

r/b Kanuch family

10:00am +Joseph Kmec Sr

r/b McMullan and Jass families



Please remember in prayer,
All who are ill.. All Healthcare
Workers.. All Military
Personnel and First
Responders...All who are

near death.. All who suffer from violence and
Injustice...All who have no one to pray for
them..All names and intentions listed in the
prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual
Shrine....And for all who have died.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 67

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Robert J. Staffey

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Fr. Stephen Barnufsky

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

In Loving Memory of Albert and Mary Baronowski

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Emily Csizmadia

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Joseph and Mary Basko

St Michael Candle

For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370
Knights of Columbus

August Saint - St. Laurence, Deacon



Saint Laurence, one of the seven deacons of the early Church of Rome was martyred on 10 August 258. Just a few days before, on 6 August 258, Pope Sixtus II was arrested while celebrating the liturgy in the Catacomb of Callixtus and was immediately executed with four of his deacons. According to tradition,

Laurence met Sixtus on his way to execution and asked, "Father, where are you going without your deacon?" Sixtus is said to have replied that Laurence would follow him in three days... and indeed Laurence was arrested and martyred days later. During his lifetime, Laurence was entrusted with the administration of the Church's material goods and, above all, with caring for the poor. During the persecution of Emperor Valerian, he was ordered to surrender the Church's treasures to the Roman authorities. Requesting three days to gather them together (immediately after Pope Sixtus II was killed), Laurence instead distributed the Church's wealth among the poor. When he finally appeared before the prefect of Rome, he presented the poor, the sick, widows, orphans and the disabled, declaring, "These are the true treasures of the Church." Enraged by such courage, the authorities condemned him to death by being roasted alive on a gridiron. Laurence retained his serenity and even his wit to the very end, saying to his executioners, "Turn me over; I am done on this side." His words beautifully express the joyful confidence with which the saint faced his martyrdom. For this reason, Saint Laurence has become the patron saint of deacons, cooks and chefs. Let us pray in a special way for all deacons throughout the world. May they, following the example of Saint Laurence, serve Christ with humility, joy and compassion, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel and caring for those most in need.

St. Laurence, Pray For Us!

Father Patrick van der Vorst

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Aug 8-9	
Sunday	\$ 1,822.00
Monthly	119.00
Other	186.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Aug 3-Aug 9	
Sunday	\$ 710.00
Monthly	80.00
Other	110.00
ONLINE GIVING - Aug 3-Aug 9	
Sunday	\$ 597.00
Monthly	18.00
Other	50.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 3,692.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$6,441

Regular August offertory envelopes also include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Assumption, Air Conditioning and HNoJ Annual Collection Parish Campus Safety repairs

HNoJ Parish Annual Collection



Our 2026/2027 HNoJ Parish Annual Collection envelope is included in the July envelope mailing. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church ground including the handicap ramp to the Church, sidewalks, staircases and railings at the church, hall and parish office. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all. **Current donations total \$6,441**

Quarter Nite! September 18



Join us Friday September 18

Doors open at 5:30pm and bidding begins at 6:15pm

Let us know you will be attending. Sign Up sheets are in the back of church or call the parish office.

To make our fall Quarter Night a big success we are asking for your help! Donations are now being accepted—Gift Cards, Monetary donations, Lottery Tickets, New Items and Bottles of Cheer will be greatly appreciated.

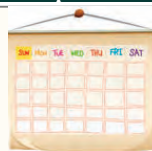


THEMED BASKET SILENT AUCTION!

Beautiful Theme Baskets by Ramona are displayed on the back tables. Stop by to browse the selections and cast your bids. Winners will be determined the evening of Quarter Nite.

Good Luck! *Winners do not have to be present*

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar



Wednesdays
4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Aug 15-16 Coffee And...
Aug 17, 21 CT FoodShare
HNoJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am

Aug 29-30 Monthly Food Collection



BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jim
will resume in the fall



MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP
September dates to follow



PARISH TAG SALE
Saturday, September 26 - 9am to 2pm
And
Sunday, September 27 - 11am to 1pm

More details to follow! We are now accepting donations of jewelry. You may bring your donations to Church or drop them off at the parish office Tuesday-Friday. Thank you!



2026 LOURDES RETREAT

Please join us for a Special Day of Hope and Healing with Bishop Frank Caggiano, **SUNDAY SEPT 27th St. Mary Church** 566 Elm St, Stamford 5:00pm Mass and Retreat, Candle Light Rosary, Procession, Lourdes Water, and Courageous Witness from members of the Diocesan Committee for Healing. Refreshments follow.

Free Admission -All are welcome- Fr. Jim will be there. Information and Registration: Erin Neil, Director of Safe Environment (203)416 1406 Valeria Jarrin, Safe Environment Training and Compliance Assistant (203)416-1407



CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 2026

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Saturday, October 10
Holy Cross Catholic HS Waterbury

National Speakers, Exhibits, Confession, Vigil Mass with Archbishop CJ Coyne

Intentions for the 2027 Mass Book



may be requested by calling or visiting the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am - 2:00pm or by emailing parishoffice@hnojchurch.org or you may place your intentions in the offertory basket.

Intentions may be for your deceased loved ones and also intentions for the living.

Mass Stipends: Weekend Mass \$15 Weekday Mass \$15

Candles 1 Week (Friday to Friday) \$10 for: Church Sanctuary Lamp, Chapel Sanctuary Lamp, Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine, Saint Michael Candle, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine, Saint Joseph Shrine





The new school year causes us to pause and shift gears. Providing an opportunity to find God's presence in this moment is helpful and encourage us to grow

in our faith together. This **Back to School Milestone Moment** provides the opportunity to gather with family and friends to have caring, trusting conversations and reflect on the school year to come.

SHARE IT!

- What are you most looking forward to in the new school year?
- What are some concerns you may have about the new school year?
- When is a time you can set aside each day this school year to talk with God about your day?

STUDY IT!

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you -oracle of the Lord-plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

- What are your hopes for the new school year?
- What plans do you think God may have in mind for you?

PRAY IT!

Dear God, help us to open our hearts and minds to the plans you have for our welfare. We pray for all students, staff and teachers in our schools as we look to the future with hope. In Jesus' name. Amen

LIVE IT!

Sometimes going back to school can be a fearful time for students.

- When have you been scared or worried about school?
- Have you seen a friend or someone in your classroom who might need support or a kind word.
- How can you help that person?

<https://www.ncclcatholicfamilies.org/resource-center/milestones>



An Invitation from St Mark Church Food Handling Training

Learn the essentials of food handling

to keep yourself and others safe. Presenter, Maureen Whalen REHS Town of Stratford Health Dept. The training will include personal hygiene, time and temperature controls, cross contamination prevention, proper storage and more.

2 Sessions offered:

Thursday, August 27 6:30 - 8:30pm
or Saturday, August 29 9:30-11:30am

St. Mark Parish Hall (Church Basement)
500 Wigwam LN Stratford
RSVP Deb Brelsford brelsdeb@gmail.com
by Mon. Aug. 24

How much do you know about the Assumption of Mary?

#1 What exactly is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

- The teaching of when Mary visited Elizabeth
- The teaching of when Mary died
- The teaching of when Mary's body was taken up to heaven

#2 Is Mary's assumption different from Jesus' ascension?

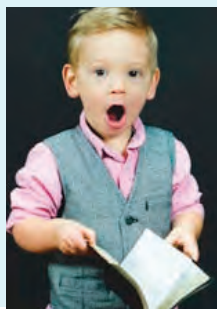
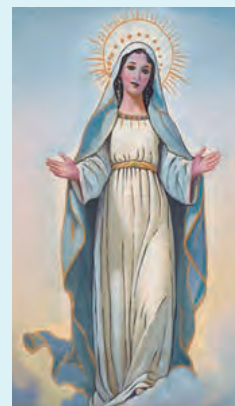
- Yes, Jesus ascended into heaven in front of a crowd of people and only the disciples saw Mary ascend
- No, Jesus and Mary had the same kind of event and both were assumed into heaven
- Yes, they were two separate events and did not happen at the same time
- Yes, because Jesus was God and ascended into heaven under his own power and authority since he was God and Mary was assumed into heaven because she did not have the power to take herself to heaven

#3 Where in Sacred Scripture is Mary's assumption stated?

- All 4 Gospels in the New Testament speak of her assumption
- Only the book of St. Matthew speaks of her assumption
- The Bible does not talk about Mary's Assumption directly
- The books of St. Mark and St. John both speak of it

#4 If Mary was assumed into heaven, did she die?

- No, assumption means she went directly to heaven when her life was over
- No, Sacred Scripture says Mary never died
- Yes, it is the common teaching of the Church that Mary died and then was assumed after her death into heaven
- Yes, her body was found in Jerusalem



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FR. JIM'S COLUMN—JUST ONE MORE THING™!

Just yesterday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While not a holy day of obligation this year, it is no less important for us to understand and celebrate this unique grace of salvation that Jesus did for his mother. Because Mary belongs to Christ her son, so too we who belong to Christ (1 Cor 15:23) shall all be brought to life (1 Cor 15:22), eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Please see How much do you know about the Assumption of Mary? here in the bulletin to learn more.



In an article, published August 6, 2020, in the *National Catholic Register*, we learn too that, *"In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on Aug. 22 as the Octave of the Assumption. . . Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Friday before; the celebrations are next to each other). . . The Holy See's Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy makes clear 'the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a celebration of the complex visceral relationship of Mary with her Son's work of salvation: from the Incarnation, to his death and resurrection, to the gift of the Holy Spirit.' That's one explanation why Jesus wants devotion to his Mother's Immaculate Heart spread."*



Dear Parish family, this is why I want us all to take another step in joining together in devotion to Mary, to her Immaculate Heart, through the rosary. The rosary, all its mysteries, is a devotion to Mary that starts from, and leads to, her son Jesus Christ.

Just a month ago, I began praying a rosary with those attending adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays in the church. Now beginning next Sunday, August 23rd, I will pray the rosary with those of you in church, twenty minutes before the 10am Mass. I would appreciate very much any of you who would like to help me by leading one of the five decades. Please call the Parish Office or email me at FrDivasto@diobpt.org if you would like to help or have any questions or concerns.

May we all continue to experience Mary's help, protection, and intercession for us. O Immaculate Heart of Mary cause of our joy, pray for us+

Faith Formation Is:



Following Jesus,
Learning our
Faith,
Growing in
Knowledge,
Sharing our Blessings

Registration for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation program has begun. Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings beginning on Sunday, September 13th from 11:00am to 12:15pm in Heritage Hall.

Nancy Milewski, our Coordinator of Faith Formation will be at the 10:00am Masses this month to answer questions and help you fill out the Registration forms. For more info call

Nancy Milewski, Tuesday - Friday, at 203.375.5815 or email cff@hnojchurch.org

The woman had much faith

begged..Canaan..children..daughter..demons..
disciples..dog..faith..food..healed..sheep..woman

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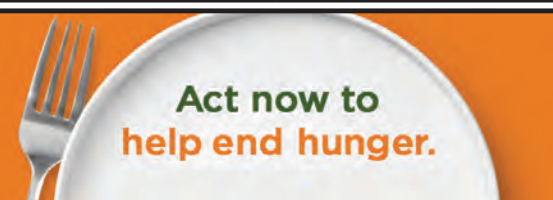
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