



HOLY NAME OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 22-23, 2026 ~ 21st 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
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The Delivery of the Keys, or Christ Giving the Keys to Saint Peter is a fresco by the Italian Renaissance painter Pietro Perugino which was produced in 1481-1482 and is located in the Sistine Chapel, Rome.

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 22-30, 2026

Saturday, August 22

**4:00pm +Angel Rivera
And the Deceased of the Parish**

Sunday, August 23

**7:30am +Rita Kanuch
10:00am +Joseph Kmec Sr.**

Tuesday, August 25

**7:30am +Helen Breznicky
r/b Parish Family**

Wednesday, August 26

**4:00pm Adoration
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass of the Day
+Linda Atencio
r/b Betty and Greg Moreau**

Thursday, August 27

**7:30am Renewed faith for
all Baptized persons**

Saturday, August 29

**4:00pm +Nicolas Piciw
r/b Jass and McMullan families**

Sunday, August 30

**7:30am +Elena Heidin
r/b Marion and Charles Rader
And the Deceased of the parish**

**10:00am +David Zalik
And Stephen Zalik, Sr.**

r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit to receive Communion or an anointing, please call the parish office.



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.



Lord, you are the source of wisdom
and strength. Help us to trust in
your plan, even when we do not
understand it. Teach us to lead with
humility and to serve others with love. Strengthen our
faith so that we may follow you fully. Guide us to
always seek your truth. Amen.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 138

Second Reading:
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel:
Matthew 16:13-20

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of John and Klara Romach

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For the newly Baptized

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

In Loving Memory of Daniel Andriso

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For Students, Parents and Teachers preparing for the
new school year

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Frank Picirillo

St Michael Candle

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

Fun Facts and Trivia About the Papacy

1) According to Catholic tradition, who was the very first Pope?

A. St Paul B. St Peter C. St John D. St James

2) When Cardinals are choosing a new Pope, what color smoke comes out from the chimney to announce that a new Pope has been elected?

A. Black smoke B. White smoke C. Gray smoke D. Blue smoke

3) The word "Pope" comes from an ancient word that means what?

A. Shepherd B. Teacher C. Brother D. Father

4) What is the special ring worn by the Pope called, which honors St. Peter's original job?

A. The Golden Ring B. The Papal Band
C. The Ring of the Fisherman D. The Bishop's Ring

5) Who was the first Pope to take a selfie photo with a visitor?

A. Pope John Paul II B. Pope Francis
C. Pope Benedict D. Pope Clement

6) Pope Leo XIV's birthday falls on:

A. Christmas B. The Annunciation
C. Ash Wednesday D. Exaltation of the Cross

7) What is the birth name of our current Pope, Leo XIV?

A. Jorge Mario Bergoglio B. Joseph Ratzinger
C. Robert Prevost D. Angelo Roncalli

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Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Aug 15-16	
Sunday	\$ 2,040.00
Monthly	45.00
Assumption	460.00
Other	.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Aug 10-Aug 16	
Sunday	\$ 660.00
Monthly	215.00
Other	195.00
ONLINE GIVING - Aug 10-Aug 16	
Sunday	\$ 352.00
Monthly	.00
Other	10.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 3,977.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$6,641

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 grounds. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all. **Current donations total \$6,641**



QUARTER NITE! 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. **Donations are now being accepted**—Gift Cards, Monetary donations, Lottery Tickets, New Items and Bottles of Cheer will be greatly appreciated.



PARISH TAG SALE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - 9AM TO 2PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - 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!

THEMED BASKET SILENT AUCTION!



Theme Baskets by Ramona are displayed on the back tables. We thank Millie (Ramona) Maynard for her creations and donation of eight beautiful themed baskets. 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*

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.

Mass Stipends: Weekend Mass \$15 Weekday Mass \$15 Candles 1 Week (Saturday to Friday) \$10 :

Church Sanctuary Lamp, Chapel Sanctuary Lamp, Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine, Saint Michael Candle, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine, Saint Joseph Shrine

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar!

Wednesdays

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



Aug 29-30 Monthly Food Collection
Aug 31 CT FoodShare-HNoJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am
Sept 5-6 Parish Nurses
Sept 13 Faith Formation Opening Day
Sept 18 Quarter Nite
Sept 19-20 Coffee And...
Sept 20 Faith Formation Session - Parish Hall
Sept 26-27 Monthly Food Collection
Sept 26-27 Parish Tag Sale
Sept 27 Faith Formation Session - Church
Sept 28 Lord's Kitchen

BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jim will resume in the fall

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP September dates to follow

The Chosen - Season 3
Join us Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall



Sept 9 Episodes 1 & 2
Homecoming and Two by Two
Sept 23 **in Parish Community Room*
Episodes 3 & 4 *Physician, Heal Yourself and Clean Part 1*
Sept 30 Episodes 5 & 6
Clean, Part 2 and Intensity in Tent City
Oct 7 Episodes 7 & 8
Ears to Hear and Sustenance
(No showing on Sept 16)

All are welcome - bring the family! Snacks 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

Aid to Columbia

Following the 7.4 magnitude earthquake that struck western Columbia, Catholic Relief Services is supporting Caritas Columbia and its nationwide diocesan and parish network as they respond to widespread damage across multiple communities. Many families are in urgent need of shelter, clean water, food and essential support.

Please pray for all those affected and give today to help bring urgent support to our sisters and brothers in Columbia.
crs.org/donate/columbia-earthquake



Celebrate Stratford

Latin Music Festival

Sunday, September 13 at Paradise Green

12:00 - 6:00pm

(rain date September 20)

facebook.com/StratfordHispanicHeritage

Restaurant Week September 20 - 26
<https://www.stratfordct.gov/page/2026-restaurant-week>



"The cry of displaced children rises to God today," Pope Leo said in his Message for the **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which the Church observes on September 27th**. The Holy Father recalled that minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration and observed the suffering of migrant children does not end with their relocation. He remembered very young children who have lost parents, brothers, sisters and friends, and who have witnessed unspeakable acts of violence; others who have been separated from their families for long periods; and minors, even if making the journey together with their parents, exposed to extreme and traumatic conditions.

"Finally," he continued, "we cannot forget the tragic situation of those separated from their parents because of repatriation." The Pope also deplored the many deaths along migration routes; trafficking and exploitation; the recruitment of minors for use in armed conflicts; sexual violence; forced marriages; and the atrocities they have suffered or witnessed during their travels. "The cry of displaced children rises to God today, just as did the cry heard in the Book of Exodus," he said, noting, "We cannot remain indifferent, nor can we become accustomed to such suffering." Meanwhile, in our personal lives, he said, we are "to open our eyes and heart to a profound listening to his or her story, fears and dreams, overcoming that detachment which reduces the human person to a statistic that does not directly concern us." Yet, amid so much darkness, Pope Leo expressed gratitude to the many individuals, families, civil institutions, and ecclesial communities who "choose not to pass by on the other side" and instead offer solidarity. "Let us entrust migrant and refugee children to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, together with Saint Joseph and the child Jesus experienced the cruelty of Herod's violence and the tragedy of exile in Egypt. May she accompany their steps and help our communities to become living and credible signs of the Gospel." vatican.va

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

**Baptist..Church..disciples..Elijah..God..son
Jeremiah..keys..living..Messiah..Peter..rock**

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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, SafeEnvironment Training & Compliance Assistant 203-416-1407



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Padre Pio's Feast Day Mass & Celebration Join the Padre Pio Foundation of America to celebrate

the Feast Day of Pio of Pietrelcina! The day will begin with a special Feast Day Mass at Holy Apostles College Seminary, followed by light refreshments at the PPFOA. Guests are also invited to pray in Our Blessed Mother of the Holy Innocents Chapel and visit our Padre Pio Gift Shop. Each attendee will receive a commemorative rose. Free and open to the public. Wednesday, September 23, 2026 Mass at 11:00 am Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Chapel at Holy Apostles College and Seminary 33 Prospect Hill Road, Cromwell, CT RSVP: <https://padrepio.com/padre-pios-feast-day-mass-celebration/> (860) 635-4996

Our Lady of Peace Parish -She Shall Be Called Woman offers **Season Five: Lift Up Your Hearts** - 9 Tuesdays, Sept 15-Nov 10, 6:30-8:00 pm, Msgr. Gilmartin Hall

Register:<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/BED9D3>
Session 1: Consumed - Session 2: Offer it up!

Session 3: Spirit & Truth - Session 4: From Heart to Heart

Session 5: Anchored in Awe

Session 6: A Sacrifice of Gratitude

Session 7: The Posture of Praise

Session 8: Undivided

Session 9: The Ultimate Sacrifice

Contact: Laurie Collins, Laurie22c@gmail.com or 203-892-5080



You are Peter and
on this rock I will
build my Church.
Matthew 16:18

FR. JIM'S COLUMN—JUST ONE MORE THING!

Looking through our bulletin this Sunday, we find many important pieces of information, people, reflections, and coming events to remind us of the gift of our Catholic faith. And even more importantly some of the many ways the Lord Jesus calls you and me to sincerely fulfill his new commandment, *"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* (Jn 13:34-35)

Praying for one another is a way to love one another. We begin this Sunday before the 10am Mass, and going forward every Sunday, to pray the rosary. Come pray with me, with your intentions for your needs, your loved ones, the strangers who crossed your path. Pray for anyone still trying to discern what God's will is for them. Pray that they let themselves trust God, to allow themselves to listen and follow God's will for them. Make time each day to pray.

We love one another by seeking to learn more deeply about the gift of our Catholic faith. Faith Formation will begin Sunday, September 13th for our children. Nancy Milewski and I also want to help you all from high school age to grandparents and great-grandparents continue the life-long journey of faith formation. In our bulletin of July 19th, cut-out coupons were available to let me know what kind of faith formation events you would be interested in attending. Please think about this now and call me at the parish office or email me at my new email, pastor@hnojchurch.org. All of us need to come to experience 'Encountering Our Lord in Ritual, Relationships, and Real Life situations', the goal of our faith formation program.



We love one another by giving of our time, talent, and treasure. Pope Leo reminds us of the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially children and young people, who are or have experienced the trauma of migration. The peoples of Venezuela and Columbia have recently experienced devastating earthquakes. These are just two of many needs we are called to respond if we sincerely live as disciples of Jesus in his Church. Saint Jane Frances de Chantal is such a disciple. Servant of God Dorothy Day is one of many others too. I'm sure like me, you are inspired by the example of many in our parish family who serve us week in and week out as greeters, ushers, sacristans, altar servers, readers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, just to name a few. Won't you consider one of these ministries? You can say yes to Jesus to be generous with your time, talent, and treasure in these and other ministries like The Lord's Kitchen. May we all more generously love one another. God bless+



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. For more info call Nancy Milewski, Coordinator of Faith Formation, Tuesday - Friday, at 203.375.5815 or email cff@hnojchurch.org

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano will celebrate the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, at 11:00am** at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. **To register contact: Sharon Colihan at 203.416.1454 or Sharoncolihan@diobpt.org**



August Saint – St. Jane Frances de Chantal

St. Jane was the foundress of the Order of the Visitation of Mary. She was born in 1572 and came from a noble family, her father gave her in marriage to the Baron von Chantal in 1592. As mother she most zealously instructed the children in the ways of virtue and piety and in the observance of every divine precept. With great generosity she supported the poor and took special joy in seeing how divine Providence blesses. Therefore she made a vow never to refuse anyone who asked for alms in the Name of Christ. The death of her husband, who was accidentally shot while on the chase, she bore with Christ-like composure and with all her heart forgave the person who had killed him; then she acted as sponsor for one of his children in order to show her forgiveness openly. There was a holy friendship between her and her spiritual guide, Francis de Sales; with his approval she left her father and children and founded the Visitation nuns. "If I followed my inclination, I should never speak of anything but charity; having a mind to say: Thou shalt love the Lord with thy whole heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." *Patronage: Forgotten people; in-law problems; loss of parents; parents separated from children; widows* Catholicculture.org



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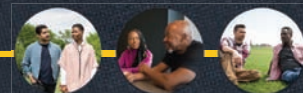
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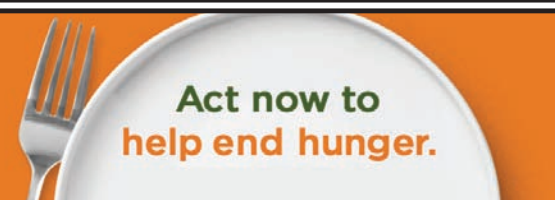
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