



HOLY NAME OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.hnojchurch.org

August 29-30, 2026 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday | 7:30am, 10:00am

Rosary prayed at 9:30am prior to the 10:00am Mass

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
pastor@hnojchurch.org

Rev. Churchill Penn, In Residence
Deacon Joseph Huong

Parish Trustees: Carol Bogue and Paul Kravitz

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Music Director and Organist: Bob Cloutier

Coordinator of Faith Formation: Nancy Milewski
cff@hnojchurch.org

Parish Secretary: Maryjean daSilva



*Byzantine icon
anonymous*

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
Matthew 16:24-25

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 29-September, 2026

Saturday, August 29
4:00pm +Nicolas Piciw

Sunday, August 30
7:30am +Elena Heidin
And the Deceased of the parish
10:00am +David Zalik
And Stephen Zalik, Sr.

Tuesday, September 1
7:30am +Anna Donna Leszczynski
r/b Jass and McMullen families

Wednesday, September 2
4:00pm Adoration
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass of the Day
+Marianna Scaturchio
r/b husband and family

Thursday, September 3
7:30am
Annual World Day of Care For Creation

Saturday, September
4:00pm +David Zalik
And +Chris Zalik
r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik

Sunday, September 6
7:30am
+Parents, Joseph and Christina Grand
r/b the family
10:00am +George Margonis
r/b David Margonis



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.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 63

Second Reading:
Romans 12:1-2

Gospel:
Matthew 16:21-27

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle
Peace in the world

Chapel Tabernacle Candle
World Day of Prayer for Care for Creation

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle
For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
For the intentions of Pope Leo XIV

St Joseph Shrine Candle
For all suffering from natural disasters

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

Sunday Morning Rosary



Join us on Sundays at 9:30am to pray the Rosary.

If you would like to help by leading one of the five decades, please call the parish office or email Fr. Jim at pastor@hnojchurch.org "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+**"

Care of Creation



On September 1, the Pope will celebrate a special "Mass for the Care of Creation". The Mass marks the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the opening of the Season of Creation—an ecumenical journey of prayer and commitment to safeguarding our common home.

The period concludes on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the 800th anniversary of his passing. During this season, the Church and other Christian communities are invited to renew their commitment to creation through prayer, conversion, and concrete acts of stewardship.

"All creation is a gift, and every gift generates a responsibility." "Faith teaches us to recognize our common home not primarily as a resource to be used, but as a gift to be welcomed with gratitude and cared for with love. In the Mass, our thanksgiving to God also becomes a commitment: caring for creation means caring for life, for people—especially the most vulnerable—and for future generations." Loving your neighbour means safeguarding creation." "Safeguarding our common home, means loving our neighbor, particularly those who suffer most from the consequences of environmental degradation, poverty, the climate crisis, and conflicts.

Vaticannews.va
Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and Cardinal Fabio Baggio, Director General of the Laudato Si' Centre for Higher Education

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Aug 22-23	
Sunday	\$ 1,944.00
Monthly	30.00
Other	60.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Aug 17-Aug 23	
Sunday	\$ 287.00
Monthly	.00
Other	.00
ONLINE GIVING - Aug 17- Aug 23	
Sunday	\$ 340.00
Monthly	38.00
Other	10.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 2,709.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$7,286

REGULAR SEPTEMBER OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

also include Monthly Outreach,
Monthly Repairs & Improvements,
Catholic University, Holy Name Society
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 \$7,286**



**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.



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 & 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

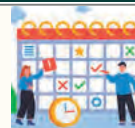
Candles 1 Week (Saturday to Friday) \$10

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

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP September dates to follow

BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jim will resume in the fall

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*

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**



Aid to Columbia



Following the 7.4 magnitude earthquake that
struck western Columbia, Catholic Relief
Services is supporting Caritas Columbia as
they respond to widespread damage. Please
pray for all those affected and give today to
help those affected and give today to help
support our sisters and brothers in Colombia.
[crs.org/donate/columbia-earthquake](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/StratfordHispanicHeritage)

Restaurant Week September 20 - 26

<https://www.stratfordct.gov/page/2026-restaurant-week>



Sacrament of Baptism



We congratulate and welcome Liliana Margaret Edis Rodriguez into the Catholic Faith and the family of the Holy Name of Jesus through the sacrament of Baptism. May God abundantly bless Liliana, her godparent, and her family as she grows in faith and love.

Back to School Supplies Drive



Thank you for your continued generosity and care for others. Amanda Meeson, Executive Director of Sterling House received our *Back to School* Donations with gratitude for your outreach to the children of Stratford.

Also pictured are Anne Wargo and Rob Cotto who packed it all up and made the delivery.

Parish Tag Sale



Saturday, Sept 26TH

9am to 2pm

Sunday, Sept 27TH

11am to 1pm

Sign up sheets for volunteers

are in the back of Church.

Grocery bags and newspapers are needed and can be brought to the Parish Office during the week or to Church on the weekend.

Tag Sale donations will be accepted on Mon. & Tues. Sept. 21 and 22 from 11am to 2pm at the Parish Hall.

Reminder: NO electronics, TVs, computers, exercise equipment, cribs or encyclopedias can be accepted.

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

Offerings from the Diocese



The Institute for Catholic Formation
Diocese of Bridgeport

In June, the Diocese of Bridgeport

received six awards from the Catholic Media Association from more than 3,000 submissions. Among the honors received were:

- **Best Video** (Honorable Mention) – *Directory of Catechesis*, Institute for Catholic Formation
- **Best Use of Graphics in Social Media** (Honorable Mention) – *The Face of Prayer*, Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
- **Best Blog** (Third Place) – *Expressions of Faith Institute Blog*, Patrick Donovan. Recognized for its clear and thoughtful essays for faith formation leaders, catechists, pastors, and parents.
- **Best Website** (Honorable Mention) – *First Witnesses*

We invite you to explore these outstanding resources and the many faith formation opportunities available through the Diocese of Bridgeport at

<https://formationreimagined.org>



FIRST WITNESSES
An ICF Initiative



The Face of Prayer

Celebrating 50 Million Prayers and Counting
Text **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayers from Bishop Caggiano

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



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

Offertory Needs

Dear Parish Family, I am always grateful for your financial support to the parish. Without your generosity, our parish bills would not get paid. But our weekly collections are not enough. At the end of each month, both cathedralism of \$3,261 and self-insurance of \$3,434 we owe the Diocese of Bridgeport is paid by withdrawal from our parish's liquid investment funds. And there are annual bills that are paid by liquid investment funds like fire extinguisher inspections, the diocese priest pension, and Town of Stratford Sewer Usage, to name a few.

Out of the 191 parishioners who have asked and receive offertory envelopes to financially support the parish, over 90 give less than \$25 a week. We need at least a weekly collection in the first pass of the basket in church of \$5,102 to pay all our bills. If everyone who has asked for offertory envelopes consistently supported our parish at \$25 every week in the first pass, we would collect \$4,775 every week. To those of you who give more than \$25 in your weekly envelope, Thank You! To those of you who do not, please consider making little sacrifices each week so that you can give at least \$25 consistently in your weekly envelope. Try skipping one coffee out or whatever innocent pleasure you buy for yourself and instead add that money to your weekly offering to our parish. Please, everyone needs to help!

Staff Changes

Recently, Nancy Milewski became our Coordinator of Faith Formation. This is a part-time position at \$10,400 a year. Also, our bookkeeping needs are transitioning to a salaried position through the Seton Collaborative Corporation of the Diocese of Bridgeport at an annual cost to our parish of \$27,300. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Anne Wargo who has done all our bookkeeping needs with superior excellence since 2019 at no cost to our parish! Anne will continue to assist me with this transition. I am most grateful for her love and dedication to our parish, not just with bookkeeping and many other behind-the-scenes ways in the office and our church, but going forward giving herself selflessly in other ways around our parish.

Building & Grounds Projects

- Signs for our church, Heritage hall, and Parish Office will be installed soon showing each building name, address, office and Mass days and hours.
- In July, the Parish Office boiler died and now the hot water heater needs replacement. I have chosen Steve Basso Plumbing, Heating & A/C to replace these units. This work will begin in mid-September once Homeguard Environmental removes asbestos. The new boiler and hot water heater will burn natural gas, not oil.
- Sidewalks all around the parish property including flagstone at the front of the church will be repaired either in September or early October.
- Final lighting improvements along the church college street entrances, parish office and garage along with installation of two security cameras for the hall parking lot will begin soon.
- Three security cameras will be installed in the church sacristy. This is by mandate of Bishop Caggiano, a best practice to ensure full compliance with safe-environment requirements of the diocese. All video recorded will be stored with a cloud server company for decades. Cloud storage cost will be \$138.24 monthly for the first year.
- Finally, minor repairs to the hall handicap ramp railings will be done in September.

The total cost for all these repairs and improvements will be around \$118,000. This will be paid from our available Building & Grounds, Bequests of our deceased parishioners, and our liquid investment funds. The good news is no special collection will be necessary. But the bad news is both our Building & Grounds and Bequests funds will be exhausted. Also, our liquid investment funds will be reduced to \$16,179. This is why your gift to our parish Annual Collection is necessary and very appreciated to maintain our ability to do needed repairs.

Parish Investments

Last, but not least, our remaining investment funds continue to grow. The \$1,600,000 received from the school sale was split into two investments. One million dollars of it was valued as of July 31, 2026 at \$1,201,216. The remaining \$600,000 was laddered into CD's and a money market cash account. Since January 2025, I have needed to withdraw over \$309,000 to pay diocesan cathedralism of \$210,844 on the school sale proceeds as well as monthly diocesan cathedralism on parish collections and diocesan self-insurance, plus operating expense shortfalls. Keep in mind these investment deposits and earnings are not guaranteed and can change significantly depending on market conditions. In consultation with our Finance Council, I keep a close eye on our investments and make withdrawals only when absolutely necessary. However, continual spend down of either our one million or six hundred thousand dollar investments is neither prudent nor allowed under diocesan financial norms.

Thank you for your understanding and support with all these needs of our parish. If you would like to discuss these needs with me, don't hesitate to see me after Mass, call me at the parish office, or email me at pastor@hnojchurch.org. God bless+



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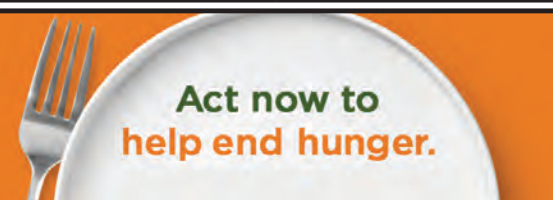
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