

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 30-31,
2025

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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)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays – in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration and 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

Wednesdays 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

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 09/01	Tues 09/02	Wed 09/03	Thurs 09/04	Fri 09/05	Saturday 09/06	Sunday 09/07
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass +Anna Leszczynski Jr. r/b Anna Leszczynski 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 +Michael W. Mackie r/b Mom Wednesday Services held in Church	7:30am Mass +Debbie Ruffin Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Stefan Scerba r/b Irene Scerba and family	7:30am Mass +Alberto Parravono r/b Michelle Lantz and family And The Deceased of the Parish 10:00am Mass +Edward T. Kascak r/b Matt and Dawn Kascak

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Lena and Michael Dlugokenski
And the Deceased of the parish
7:30am +Parents, Joseph and Christina Grand
10:00am +Mary Golias

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Reverend Louis Mihok

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Anna Leszczynski Jr.

Sacred Heart Candle

In Thanksgiving for Fr. Jim upon his Installation as the 9th Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For all suffering from famine and disease

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Joseph and Christina Grand

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



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our parish Prayer Book is located near the Marian Shrine. Please add your intentions to the book as we pray for the needs of one another. Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died..



FAITH FORMATION IS:

CALLING ALL TEENS!

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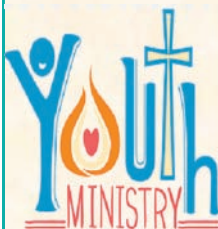
Following Jesus, Learning our Faith, Growing in Knowledge, Sharing our Blessings



Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation program has begun.

Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings. Our first family gathering will be Sunday, September 7th as we celebrate Fr. Jim's Installation as Pastor at the 10:00am Mass and continue with a reception in Heritage Hall. Gatherings for the children will continue the following Sunday September 14 from 11:00am to 12:15pm www.hnojchurch.org

MARK SEPT. 14 ON YOUR CALENDARS!



GROUP FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD.

For more information, see the notice on the next page!
Questions? call the parish office
203.375.5815

PLAN TO BE PART OF THE NEW AND EXCITING **REGIONAL YOUTH**

We welcome James, our newest Altar Server as he joined Chris, serving at the 10:00am Mass



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:
stratford@setoncollaborative.org

New Youth Ministry



We are initiating a new youth ministry in the Catholic Community of Stratford in September of 2025. Our inaugural Mass will be **September 14th at 4:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace**. Feel free to invite a young person you know! If you are interested in volunteering with our young people on their journey of faith, please reach out to Colin Petramale for more information.

New Series on Prayer



Have you ever wondered how to pray? This fall we will be holding a series on prayer at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall. The sessions are September 2nd from 7-8 pm, September 16 from 10am-11am, and September 29th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Each session will include fellowship, conversation and a prayerful experience. No RSVP required!

The Unfairness of God



Jesus tells us today "when you hold a banquet invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Jesus illustrates with this teaching the reversal of human expectation in favor of God's abundant generosity. We live in the world of quid-pro-quo; we give x amount of money and receive x amount of return. Yet this is not how God loves us. Indeed, when we make mistakes, God's mercy pours out on us evermore. Jesus reminds us of this in his parables, as the prophets Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel also do. God "gets us back" by loving us more. This is unfair and makes no sense to our standards. Perhaps the seeming unfairness of God's love overcomes the unfairness

Fr. Jim's Installation Mass ~ Sunday, September 7, 2025

We invite all our parishioners to celebrate Fr. Jim's Installation as the 9th Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, September 7th. Plan to arrive by 9:45am so you can be comfortably seated and enjoy the music program that will precede the beginning of Mass.

Dear Holy Name of Jesus family,

I hope like me your excitement is building for my installation as your 9th Pastor just a week away! I shared with you last Sunday how during the Rite of Installation, I will renew the solemn promises that I made at my ordination to the priesthood: Obedience to Bishop Caggiano and his successors, to Preach the Gospel and Teach the Catholic faith, to Celebrate the Sacraments with reverence especially the Eucharist, to live a Celibate life for the sake of the Kingdom of God, and to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

Now, there are two other solemn acts I will make during the Rite of Installation. Together with you, I will profess the Creed, the Church's authentic expression of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith which also serves to unify every community of Catholic believers (CCC 185-197). Then I will pledge the Oath of Fidelity. Now we all know the Creed, "I believe in One God, the Father Almighty. . .", but you probably only vaguely remember the Oath of Fidelity that Father Bert pledged at his installation.

Well, the Oath of Fidelity is a solemn declaration made by those who are called and accept a mandate from their bishop to teach or govern in the Catholic Church. It is an affirmation of their commitment to uphold the teachings of the Church and the authority of the Magisterium (the Pope and all bishops in communion with him). This oath is particularly relevant for bishops, priests, deacons, and other church leaders who are responsible for authentically passing on the Catholic faith to ensure that their teachings align with the doctrines of the Church (CCC 888-892).

And because the Oath of Fidelity is a solemn act, not just done publicly in the presence of the parish community by the one who pledges it and of the one who receives it for the bishop, that after my pledge Monsignor Kinnally and I will go to the altar. There each of us will sign the Oath. This is one of only few other solemn actions that take place on an altar in the Catholic Church apart from the Eucharist. For truly my pledge will be humbly made to and graciously received by not only Bishop Caggiano through Monsignor Kinnally before all of you, but by Jesus Christ Our Lord, the Church's Head and all of us His Body. Wow! So yeah, please continue to keep me in your prayers. I need them along with God's grace to do all this and more that Jesus has entrusted me to do to lovingly shepherd you.

May God bless and keep you+
Father Jim

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH Aug 23-24		
Sunday	\$	2,222.00
Monthly	\$	80.00
Air Conditioning	\$	76.00
Other	\$	61.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Aug 18-24		
Sunday	\$	482.00
Monthly	\$	69.00
Air Conditioning	\$	20.00
Other	\$	45.00
ONLINE GIVING - Aug 18-24		
Sunday	\$	295.00
Monthly	\$.00
Other	\$.00
Total Income		\$ 3,350.00

Thank you! Your generosity has been a blessing to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesdays, in Church

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



August 30-31 Monthly Food Collection

August 31 Choir rehearsal at 11:00am for Installation Mass

September 7 10:00am Fr. Jim's Installation Mass

September 12 Quarter Night

September 13-14 Parish Nurses

September 13, 27 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

September 13, 17 Men's Reflection Group

September 14 Faith Formation Heritage Hall 11am-12:15pm

September 14 Youth Ministry KickOff Mass OLOP 4:30pm

September 15 Lord's Kitchen

September 20-21 Parish Tag Sale

September 20-21 Coffee And...

September 27-28 Monthly Food Collection

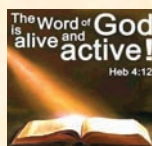
For the month of September: Our Parish Nurses will be available to take Blood Pressure Readings on the 2nd weekend, **September 13 & 14** following the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday 10:00am Mass. They will be located near the Sacred Heart Shrine.



BIBLE STUDY~THE WORD OF GOD

Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD**

Verbum Domini at 10:00am, - Parish Community Room - **Saturday, Sept 13 & 27** *The Word of God* emphasizes God's communication with humanity encouraging individuals to cultivate a close relationship with Christ through prayer and scripture. **All are welcome!**



MEN'S REFLECTION



September dates: Sat 13th and 27th

Listening for God in the outdoors is a special experience. **Guys are invited to gather on the lawn at 7:45 to start our reflections on the Readings at 8:00am and we'll finish at 9:00am.** Father Jim guides us. We also raise up the names of those who may need prayers. **Join us!**

SEPTEMBER TAG SALE



Our Parish Tag Sale will be held on:
Saturday, September 20 - 9am to 2pm
And Sunday, September 21 - 11am to 2pm
Please save your Grocery Bags (plastic & paper) And Newspaper and drop it off at Church at a weekend Mass.
Tag sale item donations will be accepted on Sunday, Sept 14th after the 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm on the Parish Hall RAMP OR on Monday the 15th from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Reminder: **NO electronics, exercise equipment, cribs, computers, tv and encyclopedias can be accepted.**
Volunteer Sign Up Sheets in the back of Church.

Regular September offertory envelopes include:

Monthly Outreach,
Monthly Repairs & Improvements,
Catholic University,
Holy Name Society



September 12 Quarter Night at HNOj



WHAT IS QUARTER NIGHT???? For a \$5 admission fee you receive a "number" and we provide items for auction. The minimum value of any item is \$5.00 but most are worth MORE!! At your table there will be a bucket where you throw a quarter in when you wish to take a chance on winning an item. If your number is drawn—the item is yours! **BRING YOUR QUARTERS—BRING YOUR FAMILY—BRING YOUR FRIENDS —BRING YOUR SNACKS OR DINNER AND WINE, BEER OR SOFT DRINKS.**



WE WILL PROVIDE COFFEE, TEA AND A DESSERT TABLE!
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
AUCTION BEGINS AT 6:30PM



SEPTEMBER 8 ~ FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on September 8th. This day marks the birth of Mary, who is honored as the mother of Jesus Christ. It is an important day for Catholics around the world. Many people use this day to reflect on Mary's special role in the life of Jesus. Mary's birth is seen as a key moment in Christian history.

Catholics believe that she was born without original sin, which made her the perfect choice to become the mother of Jesus. Because of this belief, the Church celebrates her birth with great respect. The Feast is a chance to remember how important Mary is to the story of Jesus. Youngcatholics.com

Take The Word of God With You!

Theme—GIVE AS GOD GIVES—in humility and love.

In today's Gospel—Luke 14:1,7-14 we are presented with a scene with Jesus in the home of a Pharisee. Jesus addresses the guests with a parable that warns against self-exaltation. This lesson comes soon after the disciples were reprimanded by Jesus for vying for position. Jesus' words to the host point out that the kingdom is for everyone, and our hospitality is to embrace all, especially those who are overlooked.

Question for children: Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

Questions for youth: God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Question for Adults: Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

Activity of the Week

Invite someone to dinner who doesn't get out very much or who is alone. Remind the family that anyone who comes to your home is your guest and is to be welcomed as Jesus would be welcomed.

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Invited..lame..neighbors..Pharisee..poor..rich**

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**Draw some people from many different lands,
sitting at the feast in God's Kingdom.**



Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Do you think you might want to be a Lay Dominican? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Please join us for our Open House/Inquiry on Monday, September 22 at 7:00pm, St Theresa Church, 5301 Main St., Trumbull in the Lower Parish Center. For more information: Formation Director, Michelle Rowe, OP 203.218.6882 orapronbis20@gmail.com



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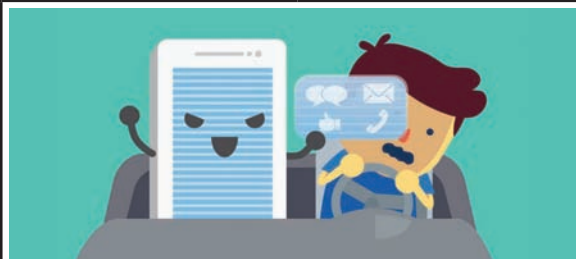
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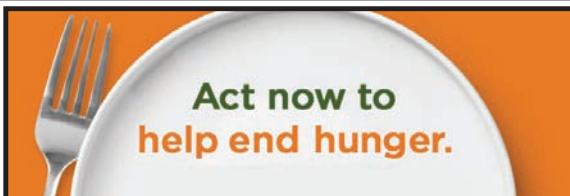
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