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AUGUST 8-9, 2026 ~ 19TH 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

Parish Trustees: Carol Bogue and Paul Kravitz

Finance Board Chair: Chris Silhavey

Music Director and Organist: Bob Cloutier

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

Parish Secretary: Maryjean daSilva



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 8-16

Saturday, August 8

4:00pm +Lena and Michael Dlugokenski

Sunday, August 9

7:30am +Lena and William DiVasto
And the Deceased of the Parish

10:00am +Kathleen Surrette

Tuesday, August 11

7:30am All Religious Sisters
r/b Fr. Jim

Wednesday, August 12

4:00pm Adoration
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day
+Joan Fvab
r/b Sandy Chatlos

Thursday, August 13

7:30am Persecuted Christians
r/b Fr. Jim

Saturday, August 15

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

4:00pm +Robert J. Staffey
And +Fr. Stephen Barnufsky
r/b Jayne Staffew and family

Sunday, August 16

7:30am +Biagio and Maria Mucciacciaro
r/b Kathy Grindrod family
And the Deceased of the parish

10:00am +Stephanie Petersen
And +James Perry
r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 85

Second Reading:
Romans 9:1-5

Gospel:
Matthew 14:22-33



This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Susanne Rose Kascak

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For refugees and all seeking a safe home

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

Pope Leo's August Prayer Intention for evangelization in the city, so that the Lord may accompany the millions who seek meaning amid noise and haste.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Carmela Mudre and Mary Jo Rotunno

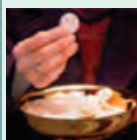
St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Lena and Michael Dlugokenski

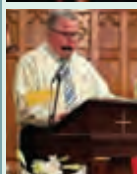
St Michael Candle

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

Liturgical Ministries



In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 14, he points out the needs of the people and distributing food to them, emphasizing the ministerial role of disciples. What are some of the ministries connected with the Eucharist? What are good reasons for making a commitment to one of these ministries? How do you feed people by being a Reader, An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Greeter and so forth? Liturgical ministry is an excellent way to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. For more information on serving as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) talk to Fr. Jim



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a special event for Catholics. It celebrates Mary being taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. This means she did not go through decay like others. Instead, God brought her directly to heaven. The Assumption of Mary gives hope to all Catholics. It reminds them that just as Mary was taken to heaven, they too can look forward to eternal life

with God. The Assumption shows Mary's special relationship with Jesus. As His mother, she had a unique role in His life and mission. By taking her to heaven, God honored her faithfulness and obedience. This event also highlights the respect and honor given to Mary within the Church. This feast encourages Catholics to live a life of faith, trusting in God's promise of salvation.

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Mass will be celebrated for the Assumption on Saturday at 12:15pm in Church



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.

*May the LORD bless you, and keep you; May the
LORD make his face shine to upon you, and be
gracious to you; May the LORD turn his countenance
to you and grant you peace.*

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Aug 1-2	
Sunday	\$ 1,796.00
Monthly	871.00
Other	347.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF July 27- Aug 2	
Sunday	\$ 1,267.00
Monthly	255.00
Other	148.00
ONLINE GIVING - July 27-Aug 2	
Sunday	\$ 447.00
Monthly	50.00
Other	10.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 5,191.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027 Parish Campus Safety \$5,841



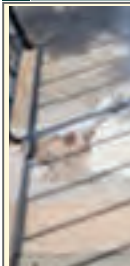
Online Giving is a great way to ensure seamless parish support when you are away from home this summer. Visit the church website hnojchurch.org and click on the Online Giving icon on the left hand side of the page to create your account. Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus.



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



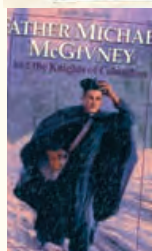
Our 2026/2027 HNoJ Parish Annual Collection envelope is included in the July envelope mailing. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church ground including the handicap ramp to the Church, sidewalks, staircases and railings at the church, hall and parish office. We want all our parishioners to feel safe and comfortable when entering and leaving the grounds. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all. **Current donations total \$5,841**

QUARTER NITE



Back by popular demand! 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. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or at a weekend Mass. Call the office with any questions—thank you for your support of this Fun and Profitable Parish FundRaiser!

Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day Celebration



Saturday, August 15th 12 to 3pm
*Activities * Food *
*Gallery tour at 1pm
* Author Talk at 2pm - Getting to Know the Real Michael McGivney, featuring Emily Tennant, Author, *Father Michael McGivney and the Knights of Columbus*

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center
1 State St., New Haven 203.865.0400
michaelmcgivneycenter.org

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar

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



Aug 10 Lord's Kitchen

Aug 15 Men's Reflection Group

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

Upcoming Date: Saturday August 15

Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am on the parish lawn - if the weather permits! Reflections on the Readings at 8:00-9:00am.



OUR PARISH TAG SALE WILL BE HELD ON:

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 SEPTEMBER 27th
St. Mary Church 566 Elm St, Stamford

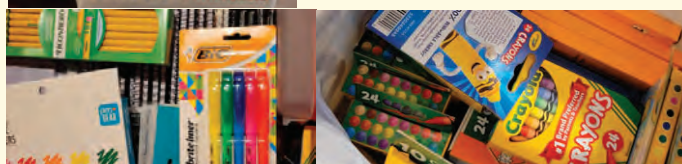


5:00pm Mass and Retreat, Candle Light Rosary, Procession, Lourdes Water, and Courageous Witness from members of the Diocesan Committee for Healing. Refreshments immediately following. Free Admission. All are welcome- Fr. Jim will be there.

Information and Registration: Erin Neil, Director of Safe Environment (203)416 1406
Valeria Jarrin, Safe Environment Training and Compliance Assistant (203)4161407



Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies to Sterling House in support of Stratford students!



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

This past week our Coordinator of Faith Formation, Nancy Milewski, with the help of Maryjean daSilva, Carol Bogue, and myself began preparing our coming 2026-2027 Faith Formation program. Classes for our children will begin on Sunday, September 13th right after the 10am Mass in the hall. With the help of our team of catechists Joanne Gallagher, Carol Bogue, and Carol Kascak, along with their assistants Brendan Gallagher, Angie Nevells, Linda Campanelli, and Judy Politano, our children will not only continue to get to know more about our Lord Jesus but get to know Jesus more their savior and friend.



Parents and Guardians, you will receive shortly a packet of registration information.

The packet will include a welcome letter from me, the Annual Consent and Release form, Sacraments Received form, the 2026-2027 Faith Formation calendar, the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Family Handbook, as well as a Parental Authorization form to complete should you permit your child to walk home after class. Nancy will be available after Sunday Masses in the church vestibule now through September 6th just to meet you or if you would like her assistance completing all the registration forms. Nancy will gladly answer any questions you might have. Fellow parishioners will be available too to help you and Nancy if you prefer to talk in Spanish or Vietnamese.

As always, this new Faith Formation year will include FAITH events for you, your children, and the whole parish family to take part. Games, skits, videos, and other fun family activities will surely make these FAITH events not only memorable, but beautiful faith changing events for everyone to continue to share together at home. I will be meeting separately with parents/guardians during faith formation classes from time to time so we can all share what concerns you about you and your children in our lives of faith. My first meeting will be at classes on Sunday, October 4th. Please mark your calendar now. Thank you.

Student fees for this 2026-2027 Faith Formation program remain the same as last year. Parishioner: \$75 for one child, \$125 for two, and \$150 for three children. Non-Parishioner: \$130 for one child, \$185 for two, and \$210 for three children. Do not hesitate to speak with me or Nancy should you need financial assistance. Regardless of ability to pay fees, no child will be turned away from our faith formation program.

Last, but not least, Nancy needs more catechists this year to serve you and your children. Do not be shy. Please see me or Nancy. We will be glad to discuss details with you. Thank you for the gift of your children. Thank you for the gift of you. Please take a moment to congratulate Nancy when you see her. She will appreciate it and I do too. God Bless+

LORD'S KITCHEN AUGUST 10th

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful team: Sharon, Kent, Nancy, Jan, Steve H., Steve M., Angie, Diana, Dorothy, Paul, Antoinette, Dolores, Pablo, Chris, Linda, Marcy, Susan and Jacquie for preparing and serving dinners and extending such warm hospitality to others. We are also grateful to our parishioners whose generous donations to the Outreach Fund help make this ministry possible.

Food is one of God's simplest and greatest gifts. Most of us rarely stop to think about it. We can walk into a supermarket, a café or a restaurant, choose what we would like to eat, and enjoy a meal with family or friends. Yet we know that this is not everyone's reality. Many people struggle to put food on the table and depend on the generosity of charities, food banks and volunteers. Wherever a meal is lovingly served, something much greater than physical hunger is being satisfied. Alongside the food comes dignity, welcome, friendship and hope. A shared meal says to someone, "You matter. You are not forgotten." Hospitality is one of the Bible's recurring themes.

Again and again, God reveals himself through the sharing of food: Abraham welcoming the three visitors beneath the oak of Mamre, the Passover meal, the wedding feast at Cana, the meals Jesus shared with tax collectors and sinners, and ultimately the Last Supper. Every meal has the potential to become a small sacrament of love!

One of the most beautiful films ever made about such hospitality is *Babette's Feast*. Set in a small, austere religious community in nineteenth-century Denmark, it tells the story of Babette, a French refugee who finds shelter with two elderly sisters. For years she quietly serves them, preparing the plain meals to which they have grown accustomed. Then, unexpectedly, she wins a large sum of money in a lottery. Rather than returning to France or spending it on herself, she uses every penny to prepare an unforgettable banquet for the entire village. Unknown to her guests, Babette had once been one of Paris' finest chefs. Her extraordinary feast becomes much more than a display of culinary brilliance. Old resentments melt away, friendships are restored, and joy slowly returns to a community that had forgotten how to celebrate. The meal becomes a work of art, revealing that generous hospitality has the power to heal hearts.

Matthew's Gospel 14:13-21 brings that same truth before us. Seeing the vast crowd gathered in a lonely place, the disciples' first instinct is practical: "Send them away so they can buy themselves something to eat." Jesus responds very differently. Rather than dismissing the hungry, he draws them closer. Before he feeds them with his teaching, he feeds them with bread. The miracle of the loaves is not simply about multiplying food; it is about revealing the boundless generosity of God's Kingdom, where no one is turned away hungry.

Father Patrick van der Vorst info@christian.art

Monthly Food Collection August 29-30- Items most needed: Rice, Beans (all kinds), canned pasta, Spam, Tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon. Cooking oil (vegetable or olive), flour, sugar, salt, pepper, and basic spices (garlic powder, chili flakes, taco seasoning). Peanut butter, applesauce, granola bars, and canned soups or stews. Toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, deodorant, and dish soap. Gift Cards to Grocery Stores welcomed! Thank you for your continued generosity!

Jesus will save us

afraid..boat..faith..ghost..helped..Peter..
pray..sink..tossed..water..waves..wind

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This week I want to invite you to think about a fear you are facing right now. It could be something at school, at home, or even in your friendships. Each day, take a few quiet minutes to picture yourself in that moment of fear.

Then imagine Jesus standing right beside you. Hear His words, "Do not be afraid. Take courage. I am with you." Let those words sink into your heart.

Trust that He is holding you up, just like He held Peter when he began to sink.

As you do this, notice how your fear feels when you bring Jesus into the picture. Does it feel lighter? Do you feel calmer? Fear does not go away overnight, but when you invite Jesus into it, you will find the courage to take the next step. This week, let His voice guide you.

Remember that you are not facing anything alone. Jesus is always with you, ready to reach out His hand and lift you up.

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.
Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!



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