

First Sunday of Lent



February 17-18 2024

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Lent, 2024

Rooted~Refreshed~Renewed

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am

Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am in the Chapel of

Sts. Cyril & Methodius - 2 Mary Avenue

Friday: 5:30 pm in Heritage Hall

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays during Lent: Services in Heritage Hall 4:00 - Stations of the Cross 4:30 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration and 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

Friday 4:30 - 5:00 pm in Heritage Hall 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

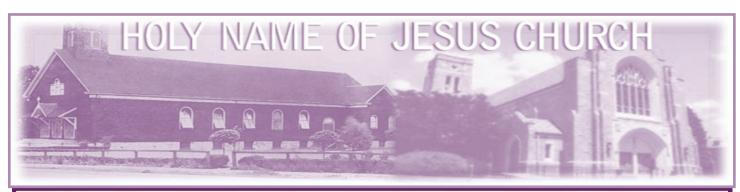
If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound, please notify us to receive care. We are not notified due to HIPAA law.

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 02/19	Tues 02/20	Wed 02/21	Thur 02/22	Fri 02/23	Sat 02/24	Sun 02/25		
Office closed	7:30am Mass +Reverend John Punnakunnel	8:30am Chapel open for Private Prayer	7:30 am Mass +John Iwasczyszn r/b wife and family	4:00pm Stations of the Cross 4:30pm Exposition with Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass +Frank Caruso r/b Caterina Caruso and family	4:00 pm Mass +Albert and Janet Hmura r/b son, Steven and MaryAnn Hmura	7:30 am Mass +For the Deceased of our Parish 10:00 am Mass +Stephen Lawruszko r/b Barbara & Bob Sheehy And +Debra Verrinder r/b the family		
Tuesday and Thursday Weekday Masses are celebrated in the St. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former Convent building)				Fellowship & Food Every Friday in Lent	All weekend Masses are celebrated in Heritage Hall			
Friday services are celebrated in Heritage Hall.				After 5:30 Mass	Monthly Food Collection			

Framing the Future on the Foundation of Faith

We Give Thanks

for a century of
Blessings
received,
Challenges met,
Love shared and
Service rendered.



We Pledge to

Honor our Past as we Embrace
a Future Filled with
Goodness, Truth and Beauty
Trusting in the Promise that All who
Call upon His Name
Will Be Saved!

We Pray for Grace

To live out our Baptismal Promises with Integrity as we labor to aid in building the Kingdom of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 PM SATURDAY +John Turner

7:30 AM SUNDAY +DECEASED PARISHIONERS

10:00 AM SUNDAY +BOB HUDAK JR.

AND

THE DECEASED OF THE NGUYEN FAMILY

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the intentions in the prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine and for, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel.. All who are near death.. All who have no one else to pray for them.. and for all who have died.



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

SANCTUARY TABERNACLE CANDLE

BLESSINGS ON THE 2ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MARYANN & STEVE HMURA

CHAPEL TABERNACLE CANDLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF REV. JOSEPH PISARCIK

SACRED HEART CANDLE

PEACE IN THE WORLD

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CANDLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CLIFFORD C. COSTELLO

ST. JOSEPH SHRINE CANDLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN TURNER

ST. MICHAEL CANDLE

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2370 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Masses Continue In Heritage Hall...



... as our main church is undergoing its beautiful transformation. Our goal is to return to the main church for Holy Week.

Small group progress walk throughs continue after each Mass.

THANK YOU TO ALL for helping to make the transition to Mass in Heritage Hall run so smoothly! It seems that most of the kinks have been worked out.

A SPECIAL THANKS to all who offer their time as greeters, ushers and collectors, as well as ALL our Liturgical Ministers. Liturgy is the WORK OF THE PEOPLE. Your service is greatly appreciated!

A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR 10:00 MASS-GOERS— While we have more than enough seating for all who attend, it would be very helpful and hospitable if you would consciously make room for those who arrive after you.

ANOTHER REMINDER: The proper posture during the Eucharistic Prayer is to stand. If standing for that period of time is not possible or advisable, please be seated.



Lenten Devotions

Rosary Prayers

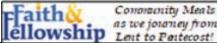
Tues. & Thurs. after AM Mass

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday after Stations till 5:15 pm



Community Meals as we journey from

All Are encouraged to gather for a simple meal *after Stations of* the Cross and Mass in Lent and *before the sessions* of our Lent to Pentecost Parish Mission.

The suggested donation is what you would have spent elsewhere! Help support our outreach efforts!



Monthly Food Collection

Feb. 24-25 & March 23-24

The Lord's Kitchen

February 19-Help prepare/ serve meals to local people

Loaves and Fishes

Throughout Lent-supports food pantries and soup kitchens

Rice Bowl

Throughout Lent-supports global need for food.





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Our Lent-Pentecost Mission

Mark your calendars NOW! A line-up of local and nationally known speakers will help lead us from Lent to Pentecost.

Dates and Speakers are Tue., Feb 27- Fr. Michael Boccaccio

Sun, April 7- Fr. Michael Joncas Wed., April 17- Barbara Glynn Wed., April 24-Dcn. John Ditaranto Wed., May 1- Fran Fraliegh Tue., May 7- Fr. Boccaccio Wed., May 15- Colin Petromale

Take the Word of God With You As You Go!

This Week's Theme: THE SPIRIT DRIVES JESUS INTO THE DESERT, THERE TO BE TESTED, BUT TO EMERGE TRIUMPHANT, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS.



Breaking Open the Word:

Step One: Listen to the Word -Gospel Mark 1:12-15..... Discussing this Gospel, Pope Francis once said that "Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow! He wanted to remind Christians that Lent is a season of "a Joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of our selfishness...and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism."

Question for Adults:

How do you prepare yourself for something that you know will be challenging?

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Step Two: Look Into Your Life

Question for Youth:

What times of your life would you describe as desert times?

Question for Children:

In today's Gospel where did Jesus go for 40 days to pray? Who tried to tempt/test Jesus?

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN-CHURCH - Feb 3-4 Sat/Sunday 2,086.00 Monthly 1,070.86 Monthly Outreach 97.00 Other 125.00 ONLINE GIVING - Jan 29-Feb 5 594.50 Sunday \$ Monthly 45.00 Other 10.00 TOTAL INCOME: \$ 4,028.36

IN-CHURCH - Feb 10-11						
Sat/Sunday	\$	1,987.00				
Monthly	\$	180.00				
Monthly Outreach	\$	37.00				
Other	\$	21.00				
MAIL/DROP OFF - Jan 29-Feb 11						
Sunday	\$	1,441.00				
Monthly	\$ \$ \$	230.00				
Monthly Outreach	\$	80.00				
Other	\$	248.00				
ONLINE GIVING - Feb 5-11						
Sunday	\$	594.50				
Monthly	\$					
<u>Other</u>	\$	35.50				
<u>180.00</u>						
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	4,854.00				

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

An easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. Visit our church website www.hnojchurch.org and click the Online Giving icon to register.



FEBRUARY ENVELOPES

In addition to the Regular Sunday Envelopes February has envelopes for our Monthly Outreach, Repairs/ Improvements, and special collection envelopes for Snow Removal and Ash Wednesday. All of these envelopes can be found on our website on the Online Giving icon.

EASTER CROSSES



We are looking for donations of Artificial Flowers and/or Ribbon to help create Easter Crosses. You may drop your donations off at Mass or the parish office.

WINTER WEATHER ALERT: If school is delayed or canceled due to inclement weather Mass WILL **ALSO be canceled**. Check the radio/tv and school. Intentions for Masses canceled by the weather conditions will be rescheduled.



UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDER

Fridays in Lent—Heritage Hall

4:00pm Stations of the Cross followed with Adoration and Reconciliation till 5:15pm then Mass at 5:30pm. A simple Lenten Meal to follow



Feb. 17 & 18 - Coffee And....

Feb. 19 -private Community Mass—call the office with the names of loved ones you would like remembered. Requested stipend \$5

Feb. 19- The Lord's Kitchen

Feb. 24 & 25 - Monthly Food Collection Feb. 27 - Lenten Mission with Fr. Boccaccio Mar. 2 & 3 - Parish Nurses

HNOJ PARISH NJRSES



On the first weekend of each month our Parish Nurses are available after the Saturday, 4:00pm Mass and the Sunday 10:00am Mass to take Blood Pressure Readings and answer questions you may have. We are grateful to Marion Rader and Caren Silhavey for their years of

dedication to our parish family. Parish Nurses make a difference in the lives of a parish. They help people stay healthy, provide support and connect people with resources. The nurses will be located near the gathering area in Heritage Hall the weekend of March 2 and 3.

PIEROGI & POTATO PANCAKE DINNERS



The Men's Society is hosting an upcoming Friday Fellowship and Food Dinner on



March 22, 6:00-8:00pm in Heritage Hall. Dine In or Take Out. The menu includes

Pierogi, Potato pancakes, Apple Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Water for \$14 per person. Frozen Pierogi is \$8 for a dozen. Additional Potato Pancakes \$1 each Reservations required: Call Larry Wells 203-395-7073

YOUTH MINISTRY **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF STRATFORD**

Your help is needed. We are forming a committee that will help revitalize and grow youth ministry in the Catholic Community of Stratford. Our five-parish collaborative has been accepted into the Accompaniment Project with the



National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. As part of the Accompaniment Steering Committee for this new initiative, an NFCYM-appointed coach will train us to lead the work of the project for a period of three years. In that time, we will help educate the adults in our communities regarding what it means to accompany young people in faith as well as provide them with the practical skills they need to do so. If you are interested, please reach out to Colin Petramale at

colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org

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MISSION OF RENEWAL ~ SAVE THE DATE!



As part of our year-long 100th Anniversary Celebration, we invite everyone to a parish Mission of Renewal, titled

"Our Lenten Journey to Easter and Pentecost
"Rooted~Refreshed~Renewed"
The Mission will feature presentations

throughout the Winter and Spring, beginning On Tuesday, February 27 at with a light meal

at 6pm. At 7pm Father Boccaccio will present: "In the Beginning: The Scriptural Meaning of HOLY, NAME, JESUS". In this presentation, Father Boccaccio will offer the Biblical roots, background and meaning of these three words. "Those words come together in empowering and inspiring ways in Scripture," Father Boccaccio said. "We will explore how Holy, Name, Jesus can open our hearts to healing, both for ourselves and for others." See-

https:www.bridgeportdiocese.org/holy-name-to-host-mission-of-renewal-with-father-michael-boccaccio/ for more information. See page 3 of this bulletin for the remaining dates and speakers of our Parish Mission.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL 2024 ONE IN CHRIST

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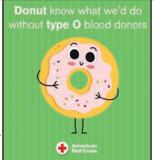


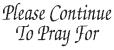
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