



## Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

February 3-4  
2024

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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  
Wednesday: 5:30 pm in the Church

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: In the Chapel of Sts. Cyril & Methodius:  
4:00 - 5:15 pm Adoration  
4:30 - 5:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass  
Friday: private prayer 8:30 am in the Chapel

### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM

Families are asked to contact the office before the  
arrival of your new child for instructions and  
registration.

#### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:00 pm  
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](http://www.hnojchurch.org)

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: [parishoffice@hnojchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@hnojchurch.org)  
Bulletin deadline is Monday at 4:00pm





## LITURGICAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 02/05	Tues 02/06	Wed 02/07	Thur 02/08	Fri 02/09	Sat 02/10	Sun 02/11
Church and Office closed	7:30am Mass +Madeline and Joe Sico	4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration  5:30 pm Mass +Giovanni Muraca <i>r/b Caterina Caruso &amp; family</i>	7:30 am Mass +Helen Breznicky <i>r/b the Estate</i>	8:30 am Chapel open for private prayer	4:00 pm Mass +Amelia Weitzman <i>r/b sister, Lucille Bocchicchio</i>	7:30 am Mass + For the Deceased of our Parish  10:00 am Mass +Deceased of the Melnicsak family <i>r/b the Silhavey Family</i>
For the time being, all Weekday services will be held in the St. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former Convent building) Reconciliation will be Wednesdays in the St. Cyril & Methodius Chapel from 4:30-5:00pm or by appointment.					All weekend Masses are celebrated in Heritage Hall	

## Framing the Future on the Foundation of Faith

**We Give Thanks**  
for a century of Blessings received,  
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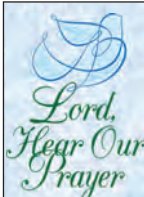
**We Pray for Grace**  
To live out our Baptismal Promises with Integrity as we labor to aid in building the Kingdom of God.

**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!

### MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 PM SATURDAY	+Daniel Andriso
7:30 AM SUNDAY	+DECEASED PARISHIONERS
10:00 AM SUNDAY	+EDWARD T. KASCAK

### 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

HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR FR. ED DEIMEKE

#### CHAPEL TABERNACLE CANDLE

HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR ALL HAVING SURGERY

#### SACRED HEART CANDLE

FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO FEED & CLOTHE THEIR FAMILIES

#### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CANDLE

FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

#### ST. JOSEPH SHRINE CANDLE

BLESSINGS FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### ST. MICHAEL CANDLE

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



## HERITAGE HALL



**We have begun celebrating weekend Mass 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 walk throughs will be conducted after each Mass to explain what is planned and show the progress being made. Now that we are in our temporary "OLD" home there are a few things I want you to be aware of...

**PLEASE ENTER AND LEAVE BY THE MAIN ENTRANCE ON COLLEGE STREET.** 100 year old Heritage Hall is a bear to heat and has very little insulation. The side entrances

opening and closing will make the building very uncomfortable! The side entrances will be for emergency exit only. **HANDICAP PARKING** will be marked in front on College Street and the spaces

closest to the parking lot side of Heritage Hall. **KNEELERS...THERE ARE ONLY A FEW!** 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.

I am certain there will be wrinkles along the way, but together with grace, patience, a sense of humor and a forward glance toward the finished product all will be well! *Fr. Bert*



### The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

On Sunday, Feb. 11 we will offer the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** at the **10:00am Mass**. This Sacrament, formerly referred to as Extreme Unction or Last Rites, is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness. When a priest confers this Sacrament, the individual receives from the Holy Spirit the Graces of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. Also, the Sacrament formally unites the suffering of the individual with that of Christ's Passion and confers a Grace that contributes to the sanctification of the whole Church.

[stpatrikcatholicparish.org](http://stpatrikcatholicparish.org)

**PALM BURNING 6:30pm** Mon. Feb. 12\*

*Bring in your palm from last year!*

**ASH WEDNESDAY\*** Feb. 14

**7:30am** - Morning Prayer with distribution of ashes till 9:30am

**11am- 1pm** -Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration and Walk-In of Ashes

**6:30pm** Mass and distribution of Ashes till 8:00pm

**Friday February 16 \*\***

**4:00pm** Stations of the Cross

**4:30pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration and Reconciliation

**5:30pm** Mass

\*All Services in Heritage Hall

\*\*Please note the evening weekday Mass during Lent will move to Friday.

# LENT

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**Faith Formation: Good News**  
children learn about the Fishers of Men—Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John and US!  
***Come follow me, love Jesus!!***



***Take the Word of God With You As You Go!***

**This Week's Theme: Let us preach the good news to all!**

**Breaking Open the Word: Step One: Listen to the Word -Gospel Mark 1:29-39**

**As you listen to the stories of Jesus healing the people, what strikes you about it?**



### Question for Adults:

If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

### Step Two: Look Into Your Life

#### Question for Youth:

Jesus knew that his mission was for everyone, not just one village or group of people. How can you reach out to others (outside of friends and family) and offer them hope and Good News?

### Question for Children:

What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?



## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### IN-CHURCH - Jan 27-28

Sat/Sunday	\$	1,657.00
Monthly	\$	30.00
Monthly Outreach	\$	20.00
First Offering	\$	243.00
Other	\$	

### MAIL/DROP OFF - Jan 22-28

Sunday	\$	838.00
Monthly	\$	145.00
Monthly Outreach	\$	1.00
First Offering	\$	7.00
Other	\$	97.00

### ONLINE GIVING - Jan 22-28

Sunday	\$	419.00
Monthly	\$	.00
Other	\$	5.00

**TOTAL INCOME:** \$ **3,462.00**

**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.** If you are taking advantage of our ON LINE GIVING platform, all of these envelopes are listed individually.



The 2024 Bishop's Appeal has begun here at our Parish and throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport. The Appeal will invest in initiatives that accomplish the following for all people in Fairfield County:

- Teaching and Preaching the Gospel - Serving Our Community - Together in Faith, (programs and ministries for everyone) The Appeal theme, "One In Christ" is our opportunity to look beyond our parish. It calls us as sharers in the life and mission of the Church, to proclaim with joy the Good News of the Gospel by example and witness in our parish and in surrounding cities, towns and neighborhoods. Most importantly to provide an encounter with Christ for everyone. Please see the Bishop's letter on the flier in the bulletin. Next week, you will receive a mailing from the Bishop's office with additional information.

**Do YOU know your numbers? FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH.** Give your heart a gift this month and come for a free health screening provided by the Stratford Health Dept. **FEB. 5 from 11:30 am-2pm at our Heritage Hall.** The Screening includes blood pressure, blood sugar, body mass index, and waist circumference. Questions? Email: [health@townofstratford.com](mailto:health@townofstratford.com) or Call: 203-385-4090

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. Vincent's Medical Center is looking for volunteers over the age of 16 years old. There is an urgent need for gift shop volunteers. For more information call 475.210.5111 [volunteer.svmc@hhchealth.org](mailto:volunteer.svmc@hhchealth.org)  
2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06606

## 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

**Jan. 9 to Feb. 11**—Personal Consecration to Jesus through Mary <https://formationreimagined.org/personal-consecration/>  
**Feb. 5**—Stratford Dept of Health Heart Health Screening at HNoJ Heritage Hall

**Wednesday Feb.7, 4:00** Adoration, followed by Mass(Chapel)

**Feb. 11** -World Day of the Sick

**Feb. 11** - Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - 10am Mass

**Feb. 12** -Palm Burning Service 6:30pm Heritage Hall

**Feb. 14** -Ash Wednesday— Sts. Cyril & Methodius Feast Day - St. Valentine's Feast Day

**Feb.16** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Mass

**Feb. 16** -Pierogi Pancake Dinner 6-8pm

**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

## PIEROGI & POTATO PANCAKE DINNER



The Men's Society is hosting a Parish Dinner on **Friday, February 16th, 6—8:00pm in Heritage Hall, College St.** 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

**Our next LORD'S KITCHEN MEAL to prepare & serve at Christ Episcopal Church in Stratford is Monday, February 21.** You can help out by baking cookies, or helping to serve the meal. **Can't help out in person, but wish to help? Monetary donations to defray the food costs are greatly appreciated!** Place an envelope marked "Lord's Kitchen" in the offertory basket or mail/drop off at the office. 203.375.5815



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF STRATFORD NEWS!

### ADULT CONFIRMATION SPRING 2024

Are you over 18 and looking to be Confirmed? We have a Program for you! Register with the QR Code or by contacting Colin Petramale [colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org)



**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](mailto:colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org)



## FEAST OF ST VALENTINE - FEB. 14TH

St Valentine was a priest or bishop who lived in the third century, comforted persecuted Christians, and gave his life in martyrdom.

He is the patron saint of engaged & married couples.

**O glorious advocate and protector, Saint Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our requests, attend to our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the Divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join thee in praising the Almighty for all eternity; through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who solemnize the festival of blessed Valentine, Thy Martyr, may, by his intercession, be delivered from all the evils that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Mention your intentions here)

**Saint Valentine, advocate and protector, pray for us.**



## MISSION OF RENEWAL ~ SAVE THE DATE!

As part of our year-long 100th Anniversary Celebration, we invite everyone to a parish commemoration Mission of Renewal. The Mission, titled **"The 3 R's: Remember, Root, Restore,"** will feature presentations throughout the Winter and Spring. On **Tuesday, February 27 at 6pm, Father Boccaccio will present: "In the Beginning: The Scriptural Meaning of HOLY, NAME, JESUS"**. In this inaugural 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." <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/holy-name-to-host-mission-of-renewal-with-father-michael-boccaccio/>



**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."**  
**Matthew 25:35**

This Lenten season help your most vulnerable neighbors struggling to feed their families due to the rising cost of food, gas and housing. Catholic Charities is the leading provider of food resources throughout the Diocese, serving over 1.5 million meals each year to individuals, children, families and the home-bound elderly! You may make a donation on the website <https://www.ccfairfield.org/event/loaves-and-fishes-2024/> Or mail to: Catholic Charities ATTN: Finance/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606 Or place an envelope in the offertory collection marked "Loaves & Fishes"

## GAME NIGHT AT ST. JAMES



St James Youth Ministry invites all teens to get together, play and make new friends. Feb. 7th from 6-8:30pm in the school gym. **Games, Food, Snacks, Music and More!**



To register use the QR code or the link below. Register by February 3 (203) 375-5887 [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSealTwtEkqX4xTWJ2xHxDJVd5Hvq\\_yNu\\_tccJE8nTm\\_ojOsY9A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSealTwtEkqX4xTWJ2xHxDJVd5Hvq_yNu_tccJE8nTm_ojOsY9A/viewform)



February 14th is also the Feast Day of **ST. CYRIL AND ST. METHODIUS**, the two brothers from Greece who first brought the Gospel to the Slavic nations. These brothers are Co-Patrons of Europe along with a few other saints, and they are revered by those of Czech origin. Cyril and Methodius believed in the importance of celebrating liturgy in our own language, a privilege we have enjoyed for only 59 years. Since

we are a Parish with deep roots in the history of the people Cyril and Methodius evangelized, we held them in great esteem and ask for their intercession for our Parish today. As we grow more and more diverse, may we welcome people of every nation, language, race and way of life.

**Remember, O Almighty Father, the moment when, in accordance with your will, the "fullness of time" arrived for the Slavic peoples and nations. When these holy Missionaries, Saints Cyril and Methodius, faithfully fulfilled the command that your Son, Jesus Christ, has entrusted to His Apostles; following in their footsteps, they brought into the lands inhabited by the Slavs the light of the Gospel, the Catholic Faith. O Lord, grant our personal requests,**  
(mention in silence your personal need)

**Through this Novena, may we at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, built upon the faith of many immigrant families over the last 100 years and nurtured now by an assembly of diverse ethnic members, receive your graces and favors. Through the intercession of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, may God grant that we of many ancestries, may continue the work of Christ through His Church, in our lives, our families and all peoples and may we have strength to overcome all hatred and to conquer all evil with good. Amen.**



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