



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14-15, 2026

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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)

Fridays in Lent – in Church
4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration
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
Fridays 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 Friday at 4:00pm



Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them **but to fulfill them.**

Matthew 5:17

Liturgical Services This Week

| Mon 02/16 | Tues 02/17 | Wed 02/18 | Thurs 02/19 | Fri 02/20 | Sat. 02/21 | Sunday 02/22 |
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| Parish Office Closed Palm Burning Service 6:30pm Church  | 7:30am Mass +Helen Breznicky Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel | Ash Wednesday  Full schedule of services listed in the Lent Offerings Section 6:30pm Mass of the day +James and Mary Walsh | 7:30am Mass +Dorothy Uhelsky r/b best friends, Jan & Nancy Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel |  4:00pm Stations of the Cross Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the day +Terrence Graham r/b Nicholas Piciv Services held in the Church | Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Jack Turner r/b wife, Perpetua | 7:30am Mass +Daniel Andriso r/b sister, Marion and Charles Rader And Deceased of the Parish 10:00am Mass +Roger and Barbara Cadrin r/b Jayne Staffey & family |

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Denise Nicholas
 7:30am +Holy Souls in Purgatory
 10:00am +Milan and Gladys Jass



Stations of the Cross: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the Stations of the Cross? The Stations of the Cross are **14 moments from Jesus' Passion**, beginning with His condemnation by Pilate and ending with His burial in the tomb. Traditionally, these stations are displayed along church walls or outdoor paths, inviting you to move physically and spiritually with Christ on His journey to Calvary. This devotion dates back to the early Church, when pilgrims in Jerusalem walked the **Via Dolorosa ("Way of Sorrow")**, retracing Jesus' actual steps.

Q. Why do Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross? Catholics pray the Stations to **enter into the mystery of Christ's Passion** — not as spectators, but as companions. Each station invites you to walk with Jesus in His suffering and to recognize how deeply He loves you. When you pray the Stations, you're not just remembering history; you're standing beside Him now.

Q. What spiritual benefits come from praying the Stations? Praying the Stations helps you grow in holiness and compassion. It:

- Brings you face-to-face with **Christ's sacrificial love**.
- Deepens your **love for the Cross**, helping you see meaning in your own suffering.
- Unites you with the **universal Church**, joining your prayer to Christians worldwide.
- Shapes your heart for **mission**, teaching you to love and serve as Jesus did.

focus.org/posts/why-do-catholics-pray-the-stations-of-the-cross

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Fr. Bert on his birthday

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for the Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius

Sacred Heart Candle

Blessings for Susan Cooper

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Pat Rood

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For the intentions written on our February Prayer Hearts

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



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.. All whose names are written in the Prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Shrine ...And for all who have died.



Called by Name HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN



Next weekend is Called By Name Sunday! This diocesan initiative invites us to prayerfully identify young men who may be open to the priesthood.



Last year, many outstanding candidates were connected with the Vocation Office through this program. In light of the great fruit of this program, Bishop Caggiano is inviting us to participate again this year. His letter about this initiative is available in the bulletin. Please take time this week to prayerfully consider any young men you feel may be called.



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

Praying for Renewal in Ordinary Time and Lent



God, we come to you as a people in search of renewal, for our world is violent and our hearts are weary. We grow weary all the more when we struggle to find where your peace and love are working in this world. Tune our eyes and hearts to your presence, whether during Ordinary Time or during Lent, for every moment contains the possibility of union with you. Give us the courage to share your love with those whom others have rejected. And most of all, give us the grace to accept the renewal of heart that you offer us at every moment. Amen.

Lenten Revival with Deacon Art Miller



It is hard to believe that Lent begins this upcoming Wednesday! If you are seeking to grow in your faith this Lent, consider joining Deacon Art Miller for a Lenten Revival at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall from March 14-17, 2026, from 6:00pm-7:00pm each night. You may join for as many evenings as you would like. Free will offering to attend. Please also bring your Bibles to the event with you.

Attention High School Students: Steubenville Conference



St. Mark Youth Group will be attending the Steubenville East on July 24-26, 2026. This is a conference that brings together thousands of teens for a unique and exciting experience of faith and community. For more information, please reach out to Jared Forcier at jared@stmarchyouthgroup.org

THE FEBRUARY FAMILY FAITH EVENT explored *How Do We Find Holiness in Our Families?* Fr Jim began with a mini Palm Burning Ceremony and explained why we burn palms from last year and how we use them to make ashes for this Ash Wednesday. Parents and children participated in a fun skit "Has Anyone Seen Jesus" and adults gathered to reflect on living their faith in their family while the children created their family portraits with PlayDo. Thank you to Colin Petramale, Regional Director of Discipleship and Nancy Milewski, catechist, for hosting the Faith Event. Thanks also to our children who helped at Mass as Altar Servers, Reader, collecting, greeting and as gift bearers.



Keep Christ in Christmas Knights of Columbus Poster Contest. Ten Faith Formation children created beautiful, *Happy Birthday, Jesus!* posters, showing artistry and creativity. The three winners from our parish were Sahriah, Paul and Dalton and their posters were also entered in the Knights of Columbus State Council for statewide judging. Participants also included James, Joseph, Ellie, Brienne, Meghan and Penny. All received a Certificate and Gift Card. Congratulations to all! And Thank you to our Knights- Bob Sheehy, Steve Miezowski and Larry Wells.

Parish Financial Support

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| IN-CHURCH Feb 7-8 | | |
| Sunday | \$ | 1,575.00 |
| Monthly | \$ | 105.00 |
| Snow | \$ | 522.00 |
| Other | \$ | 30.00 |
| MAIL IN/DROP OF Feb 2-8 | | |
| Sunday | \$ | 1,398.00 |
| Monthly | \$ | 240.00 |
| Snow | \$ | 125.00 |
| Other | \$ | 82.00 |
| ONLINE GIVING Feb 2-8 | | |
| Sunday | \$ | 798.00 |
| Monthly Outreach | \$ | 58.00 |
| Snow | \$ | .00 |
| Other | \$ | 68.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$ | 5,001.00 |



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Regular February offertory envelopes include:
Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Snow Removal, Ash Wednesday

Parish Annual Collection Envelope

The Annual Collection helps the Parish to meet extraordinary expenses that arise each year. This Annual Collection will help our parish to meet unbudgeted expenses. **This year our goal is \$45,000. To date \$ 13,840 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.



**SUPPORTING THE BISHOP'S
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The Bishop's Appeal invites us to live out "The One," our diocesan vision of spiritual and pastoral renewal. United as One in Christ, we support ministries that accompany others in faith, reflect truth, beauty and goodness and serve those in need throughout Fairfield County.

Your generosity helps the Diocese to:

- **Form priests, deacons, and laity** to preach, lead, and evangelize more effectively
- **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundations in Education for families seeking a Catholic education
- **Provide faith formation** for all our diocesan communities
- **Offer pastoral care** to the isolated, grieving, and ill
- **Assist individuals and families** in crisis through Catholic Charities and other outreach programs
- **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundations in Education for families seeking a Catholic education.

Your contribution is a living sign of our unity and strengthens the mission of the Church. Gifts may be made using your parish's pledge materials or online.

As we continue our journey in life, may we walk One in Christ, accompanying one another and those most in need. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

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Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



Fridays, in Lent in Church beginning Feb 20th
4:00pm Stations of the Cross
4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available
5:30pm Mass

Feb 16 CT Foodshare—parking lot 9:15-10:15am
Feb 16 Palm Burning Service 6:30pm Church
Feb 17, 20, 24, 27 Neo Catechumenal gathering 7:30pm
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday—see schedule on following page
Feb 20 Pierogi Dinner
Feb 21 Men's Reflection Group
Feb 21 Bible Study with Fr. Jim
Feb 21-22 Coffee And...
Feb 25 LifeLine screenings—Heritage Hall
Feb 28-Mar 1 Monthly Food Collection

Neo Catechumenal Way

You are invited to join Fr Jim and gather on Tues. and Friday at 7:30pm for catechesis and good conversation. Talks for adults & youth 13+ Free Childcare

Men's Reflection Group February 21

Join us! Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am with reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we'll finish at 9:00am. Copies of the Reflection can be found on the back tables in church.

Men's Society Parish Pierogi & Pancake Dinner

Holy Name Men's Society Presents "Pierogi & Pancake Dinner" Fri. Feb. 20th 5:00PM – 7:00PM in Heritage Hall. Pierogis, Potato Pancakes, Apple Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Soda & Water. **Dine In or Take Out \$15.00 12 Frozen Pierogi \$8.00**
Deadline for reservations THIS MONDAY Feb 16, 2026
Call Larry Wells 203-395-7073 Lawman1156@gmail.com

LADIES GUILD EASTER BAKE SALE!



Easter Bake Sale Orders are being taken. Call by March 8th
Dolores 203.378.3426
or Helen 203.378.5925

Nut & Poppysed \$15.00
Paska Raisin & Plain \$7.00



Blessed Michael McGivney Center –Blood Drive

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center will host a Red Cross blood drive, Tuesday, March 31, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, which has been active in scheduling blood donations since 1938 and annually collects more than 400,000 units of blood for people in need. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule a donation appointment. The McGivney Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven. Parking is free in the lot under the building.



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, we hear in this Sunday's Gospel that Jesus makes clear to us that his mission was not to do away with God's law but to fulfill it. And he teaches us what he means.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, you shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgement. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement;" (Mt 5:21-22)

In these two verses, Jesus reminds us not only of our need to obey the sixth commandment as well as all the other nine commandments, but he challenges and commands us to recognize the attitudes and feelings which, if not kept under control, or better yet, rooted out of us will lead us to sins against God's commandments. Consider the attitude of complacency.

Complacency is a common attitude among us all at times. A student might think, "What is the lowest score I can get on my final exam and still earn an A for the semester?" Or an athlete might wonder, "How many practices can I miss before I lose my starting position on the team?" While this kind of minimal way of achieving a goal is not necessarily evil in itself, Jesus calls us to remember that we are to use the gifts he has given each of us to the best of our ability. In today's Gospel, Jesus says that it not enough just to know God's commandments and strive not to sin against them. That's just meeting the minimum requirements. Jesus adds that to really know God's commandments and to obey them means that you and I must allow the Holy Spirit to help us genuinely and freely come to know and obey God's commandments out of not only the love God has for us, but also through the love we have for God and each other.

The Lenten Offerings listed in the bulletin are opportunities for us to let Jesus help us in this way, to experience Jesus' love for you and me, to listen to him, to daily throughout this Lent let Jesus help us to also understand and embrace death. Death is not just the end of life here, but a daily experience where you and I dare to let Jesus into those areas of our lives that rub against us the wrong way, that we know we need to tend, but we're afraid, embarrassed, or even ashamed to take care of.

And here's another help to consider. Father Columba Jorday, C.F.R., has teamed up with Ascension Press to offer *Crux: Daily Surrender Reflections*. It's available on the Ascension Press App which you can download or visit the Ascension website www.ascensionpress.com Each day of Lent, Father Jordan will share a reflection on the day's Gospel and offer ways to let our weaknesses help us reach out for God's help and surrender to his incredible love.

I hope you will experience the life changing, healing presence of Jesus in the 40 days of Lent ahead. I pray that you will. Please pray that I will too. Father Jim+



Lenten Offerings

PALM BURNING SERVICE Monday February 16, 6:30pm in Church We begin with an Evening Prayer Service with the Burning of Palms.



ASH WEDNESDAY –FEBRUARY 18

7:30am - 9:00am Prayer Service and distribution of Ashes

11am - 1pm - Adoration and distribution of Ashes

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



FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS Beginning Feb. 20

4:00pm in Church Pray the Stations with us using various publications—*The Way of the Cross* with Scripture, *Walk with Me the Way of the Cross*, *Mary's Way of the Cross*,



4:30pm Adoration and Reconciliation available

5:30pm Mass

Diocese of Bridgeport 2026 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE February 18th -April 1st. 68 Masses in 30 Churches for 38 Days!

Deepen your preparation for Easter and attend as many as you can. The pilgrimage begins Feb 18 with Mass & Ashes at St. Augustine Cathedral and concludes on Apr 2, Holy Thursday morning. Each Stational Church in the Pilgrimage will host a Mass in the morning and at 7pm. Brochures with the schedule are on the back tables.

Memorialize and honor your loved ones with our **In Loving Memory** and **In Thanksgiving For...** paper hearts, available at all Masses.



Saturday, FEB 21 Bible Study Join Fr. Jim as we begin to dive deeply into the Prophet Isaiah. Every other Saturday in the Parish Community Room from 10:00 to 11:00am.

Tuesday, March 10 the Men's Reflection Group will welcome Fr. Michael Boccaccio, who will present the Gospel Jesus Heals the Blind Man John 9:1-41. All men of the parish are invited to attend the presentation in the parish Community Room at 7:00pm. Gather at 6:30pm for Soup & Salad

Thursday, March 12 Penance Service 6:30-7:30pm in Church

Saturday –Tuesday, March 14-17 Lenten Revival in the church with Deacon Arthur Miller. Deacon Art is a prominent Catholic leader, activist, and author frequently engaging in nationwide discussions on faith, love, and racial equality. Join us for as many nights as you wish - bring your Bibles! **from 6:00pm to 7:00pm each night**

Tuesday, March 24 Fr. Michael Boccaccio will present a reflection on The Passion of Jesus, John 18 and 19. All are welcome – bring a friend! We start with Soup & Salad at 6:30pm and the presentation at 7:00pm in Heritage Hall.

This week, copies of the **Magnificat Lenten Companion** will be available on the back tables of church. This little booklet provides a series of original reflections guiding you through every day of Lent into the heart of the mystery—that all daily struggles and answers to life's troubles are found in Jesus.

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