



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish Second Sunday of Lent

February 28-March 1, 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



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 03/02	Tues 03/03	Wed 03/04	Thurs 03/05	Fri 03/06	Sat. 03/07	Sunday 03/08
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Mary P. Gerak r/b Arline R. Gerak Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am - 2:00pm	7:30am Mass +Rev. Lawrence Carew r/b Fr. Jim 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 +Helen House Services held in the Church	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +John Iwasczyn r/b wife, Helen and family	7:30am Mass +Denise Martin 1st Anniversary r/b husband, Roger 10:00am Mass +Edward G. Kascak r/b Matt & Dawn Kascak

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Jozef and Maria Jass
7:30am +Deceased of the Parish
10:00am +Milan and Gladys Jass

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.



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Mary P. Gerak

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For all suffering from violence and war

Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory of Freddie Costello

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Health & Blessings for Christine Scioletti

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



Lent—A Time of
Penance and
Promise

Bless the Lent we Actually Have

40 DAYS TO REFLECT,
PRAY, AND BLESS
OUR IMPERFECT
LIVES

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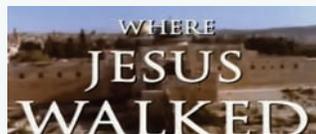
During this month we continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality "Remember man thou art dust" and the shortness of life "and to dust thou shall return". We will heed the call, "Now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation" 2 Corinthians 6:2. During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. Let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

Catholicculture.org

Lenten Resources are many—you can find the one that speaks to you by going to formationreimagined.org/lenten-resources to find numerous links for individual, group and family articles, devotions, videos, games and much more—freely watched and downloaded.



4 Reasons
for Fasting



Lent Activities

For Youth and
Young Adults



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF STRATFORD'S NEWSLETTER

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

A Prayer for Lent

*Dear God, I come before You with a humble heart, seeking renewal.
Help me to shed the burdens of sin and embrace Your grace.
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit
and guide me to live a life that glorifies You.
May this Lenten season be a time
of deep spiritual growth and renewal.
Amen.*



Lenten Revival with Deacon Art Miller

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.



Experience SHE

Do you desire to impact the women at your parish? Consider joining other women on **March 3rd from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall** to experience what a women's group can be and how you can bring it to your parish. Please contact Laurie Collins (Laurie22c@gmail.com) for more information.



Jesus fasts and is tempted by the devil

Bread..city..desert..devil..feet..food..
forty..mountain..Satan..stones..temple..test

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The Respect Life Ministry supports the diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching

on the dignity of human life in all its stages. The ministry works to support parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. It also supports parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include supporting the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year. The Ministry provides pastoral care through the Project Rachel Ministry to address the wounds of abortion. These care efforts consist of Days of Prayer and Healing throughout the year and continued support with monthly gatherings for individuals suffering from past abortion experiences. The Ministry will expand its pastoral reach to mothers in need by providing resources to pregnant and parenting mothers. The Respect Life Ministry would welcome your gift to the Bishop's Appeal to help support the work of this vital ministry. **To learn more about the Bishop's Appeal please visit:**

www.2026BishopsAppeal.org.
Thank you for your support.

Connecticut

March for Life

Hartford, CT | March 18, 2026
11:30 a.m. Rally | 12:30 p.m. March



CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE—March 18th at the State Capital. Pre-Rally concert10:30am
Rally 11:30am/March 12:30pm
210 Capitol Ave, Hartford 06106
Go to CTMarchforlife.org for more information

'Be off, Satan!'

Matthew 4:10



Parish Financial Support

Our Parish Financial Support will be updated next weekend.

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

ONLINE GIVING "Share the Warmth! Make an Impact! Support our Ministries!" We offer ONLINE GIVING as an additional option to help strengthen our community and support our ongoing mission and ministries.

SIGN UP TODAY ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE WWW.HNOJCHURCH.ORG AND CLICK ON "GIVE"



Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Fridays, in Lent in Church

4:00pm Stations of the Cross

4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available

5:30pm Mass



March 1,8, 22,29 Faith Formation sessions

Mar 7,8 Parish Nurses

March 7, 21 Bible Study with Fr. Jim –*The Prophet Isaiah*

March 10 Men's Reflection Group with Fr Boccaccio

March 12 Penance Service in church 6:30pm

March 14,15,16,17 Deacon Art Miller Lenten Revival

March 15 Bake Sale Pick Up Day

March 15 FAITH EVENT SHADOW STATIONS in church -all are welcome

March 21,22 Coffee And...

March 24 Fr. Boccaccio The Passion of Jesus

March 25 Annunciation –Mass 12:15pm

March 27 Pierogi Dinner

March 28,29 Monthly Food Collection

Regular March offertory envelopes

include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Snow Removal, Catholic Relief Service/East Europe, Easter Flowers, Palm



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 \$ 14,470 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House



The Faith Formation class led by our teens will be collecting the pop tabs (pull tabs) from aluminum cans to help support the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs—from soda, soup, or pet food—are collected,

recycled, and the proceeds help provide free or low-cost lodging for families with hospitalized children. The Ronald McDonald House is located in New Haven and directly connected to Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital by serving as a specialized "home away from home" for families with children receiving critical care there. Ronald McDonald House is an 18-room facility that provides, in part, housing for families, with many referrals and support services integrated with the nearby medical center. This will be an

ongoing Faith Formation service project. Cans will be placed in the vestibule for you to drop the tabs off when you come to church. We thank you for supporting this wonderful cause and know that every tab



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut & Western Massachusetts

donated will make a difference in the life of a family with a sick child. Thank you! Britany, James, Max, Mia and Paul



Neo Catechumenal Way

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

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 & Poppyseed \$15.00
Paska Raisin & Plain \$7.00



CRS RICE BOWL



It has been four years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the need for help remains critical. Your generosity to the CRS Rice Bowl continues to be a sign of compassion and solidarity.

The past few months have been especially difficult. Attacks on towns, homes and essential services have intensified, leaving families without electricity, heat or water during the coldest part of winter. Civilian casualties have risen sharply. At the same time, shifts in US government priorities have forced some relief efforts to scale back—even as needs continue to grow. And yet, because of you, hope endures. Thanks to your support, Catholic Relief Services continues to work alongside trusted Catholic and local partners in Ukraine—reaching families with lifesaving assistance while helping them restore stability, dignity and healing. Even as support for humanitarian funding declines worldwide, your generosity remains essential to this work. Our Parish Rice Bowl is on the back table in the church or you may put an offering in an envelope in the collection basket at Mass. God bless you for your sacrifice and generosity. www.crsricebowl.org

Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, in this Sunday's Gospel we are called to accompany Peter, James, and John up onto a high mountain. For just a moment, the curtain is pulled back and the disciples see Jesus as he really is, in his true glory as Son of God, shining like the sun. As he is transfigured, he is accompanied by Moses and Elijah. In other words, Jesus stands in the company of the law given to Moses by God the Father and the prophets who continually called the Israelites back to God and his commandments.

How do you feel when you are totally surprised by something? Sometimes we enjoy the excitement of the moment. Other times we may feel unsettled or startled by what we were not expecting.

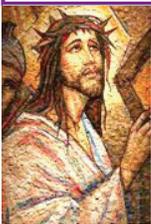
The Lord calls each one of us to a vocation, that is, a particular mission in this life that God has entrusted to each one of us and no one else. Like me, maybe you found yourself surprised by the vocation God has called you to. Beginning this weekend, there will be *Called by Name* cards available to fill out with the name of a man, young or not so young, that you believe would make a good priest here in our diocese.

Please prayerfully consider during this Lent who you might write down on a *Called by Name* card. Bishop Caggiano, Director of Vocations Father Ferry Galbert, and myself would be very grateful for your nomination of a man who may one day, freely lay down his life to serve us in the priesthood.

I hope too that there is a man or two, young or not so young, here in our parish who already is finding himself surprised by a prompting of the Holy Spirit that perhaps God is calling him to the priesthood. If so, our parish Lenten Offerings are opportunities for him to let Jesus speak to his heart, to experience Jesus' love for him, to listen to him, to daily throughout this Lent and beyond let Jesus help him to also understand and embrace death. The daily experience of death is where you and I dare to let Jesus into those areas of our lives where we are vulnerable, that we know need tending, but we're afraid, embarrassed, or even ashamed to even begin.

But don't worry and don't be anxious. Just give one or a couple of our Lenten Offerings a try, especially *Crux: Daily Surrender* Reflections with Father Columba Jordan, C.F.R., available on the Ascension Press App which you can download or visit the Ascension website www.ascensionpress.com. Each day of Lent, Father Jordan shares 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 during these 40 days of Lent.
I pray that you will. Please pray that I will too. Father Jim+

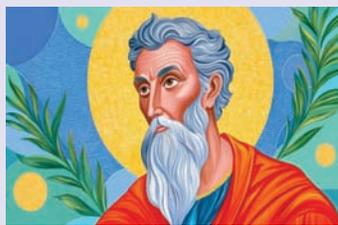


Lenten Offerings

FRIDAYS IN LENT 4:00pm in Church Pray the Stations with us using various scriptural publications.
4:30pm Adoration and Reconciliation available **5:30pm** Mass

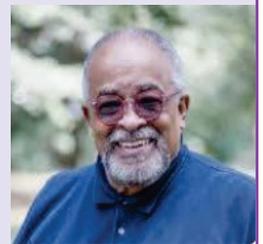
Saturday, MAR 7
Bible Study

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.



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 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.



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.



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

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

Deepen your preparation for Easter and attend as many as you can. Each Stational Church in the Pilgrimage will host a Mass in the morning and at 7pm. Brochures on the back tables.

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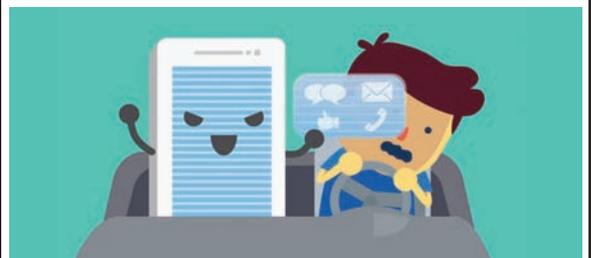
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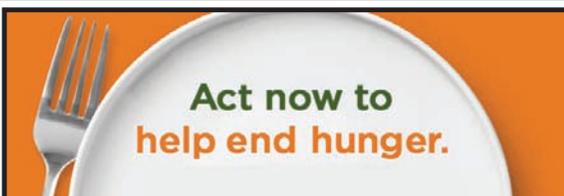


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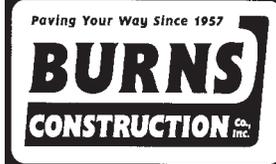


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