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Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

January
10-11,
2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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MASSSES

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)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays – in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration and 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
Wednesdays 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

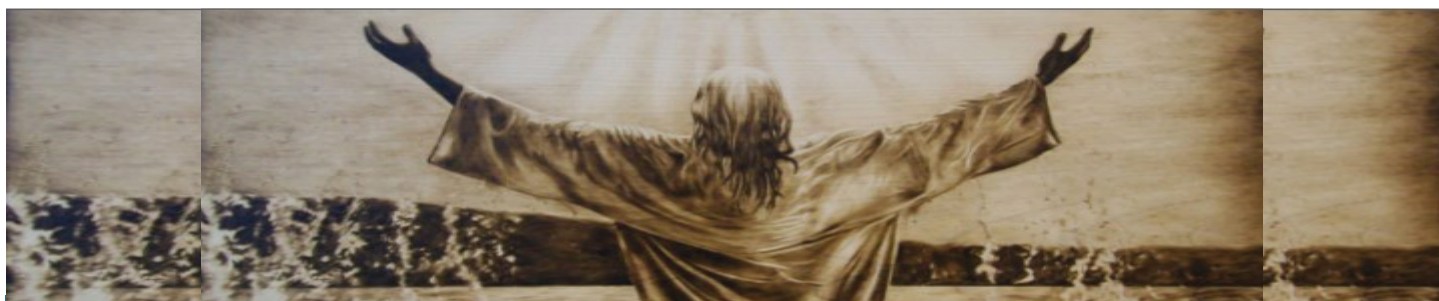
If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

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 01/12	Tues 01/13	Wed 01/14	Thurs 01/15	Fri 01/16	Sat. 01/17	Sunday 01/18
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Reverend Msgr. Jerald A Doyle <i>r/b Fr. Jim</i> <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the day +Dorothy and Fred Dzewit <i>Wednesday services held in the Church</i>	7:30am Mass +Reverend Msgr. Thomas Green <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Paula Schmitt <i>r/b husband, Tom</i>	7:30am Mass The Deceased of the Parish 10:00am Mass +Patricia Perry And +Gerturde Zalik <i>r/b Steven and Sandra Zalik</i>
					Coffee And...	

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm **+Helen Breznicky**
And the Deceased of the Parish
7:30am **+For our Parish Families**
10:00am **+George Margonis**

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.. And for all who have died.

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of George Margonis

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Joanne Wingard

Sacred Heart Candle

For all who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Blessings for the Clergy & Religious of our Diocese

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Michael A. Piccirillo & Nicky Rotunno

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



JANUARY ~ THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name" this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan. Bernardine used devotion to the most holy name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. St. Bernardine had inscribed the Christogram "IHS" - a combination of letters that represent the Holy Name of Jesus - and placed it on the background of a sun because there had been a resurgence in 15th Century Italy of sun worship, and to remind people that Christ was the Light of the World, the True Sun that never sets, and the Son of God.

Reflection

Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God (see Colossians 1:15-20). The most holy name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to him we are, therefore, all related to one another. www.franciscanmedia.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY AT HNOJ PARISH

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity 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 or visit <https://formationreimagined.org/liturgical-formation/> or call the office. Your participation brings life to our celebrations!



If you, a loved one or a friend are hospitalized and in need of a visit please call the parish office. if you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive communion, or if you will be having surgery and wish to be anointed please call the office.



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:
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Sacramental Preparation



Is your child 7 years old or older and not yet received Baptism? The Stratford Catholic Parishes offer a unique opportunity which prepares families and kids to receive their sacraments. Our next session will be on Thursday, January 15th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Offices (2 Mary Avenue, Stratford CT.) Please reach out to Colin Petramale if you are interested in attending: colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org.

Lenten Revival with Deacon Art Miller



It may seem early to start thinking of Lent, but our Lenten journey will be upon us very soon! 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.

The Baptism of the Lord



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. This not only initiates Jesus' public ministry, but it also initiates our lives as disciples in Him. Though most of us do not remember our baptisms, God's words in today's Gospel speak deeply to our hearts. God has adopted each of us in baptism with those words; "this is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well-pleased." The task and invitation of our spiritual lives from then on is to first remember that God has called us beloved. This is indeed a task to remember, as humanity's favorite pastime seems to be self-rejection. It is then our invitation to remind others and all creation that God has also called them beloved.

Lord's Kitchen

Thank you to our Lord's Kitchen team for preparing and serving a delicious Pasta & Meatball Dinner with salad, bread, cookies and beverages in December. And thank you to all who support this outreach for those in need with your donations to the Monthly Outreach collection. Our next meal is Monday, January 19. If you are interested in helping at Lord's Kitchen please call or email the parish office for more information.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35



Epiphany Baby Items Collection

Throughout the month of January, we will be collecting items to be distributed to local agencies including Malta House and Mercy Learning Center. **The Wisemen brought Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh** Items most needed today include disposable diapers, wipes, baby lotion, onesies, baby blankets, Purell hand wash, Lysol, disinfectant spray, paper towels, un-scented laundry detergent and gift cards.

Thank you for your generosity!



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



"Chalking the doors," is an ancient Catholic Epiphany practice. The inscription applied is a prayer that Christ will bless homes and that he will stay with those who dwell there throughout the year and with any guest who may cross their threshold.

Take (blessed) chalk (of any color) and mark on the lintel of your front door
20 + C + M + B + 26

Saying: *The three Wise Men, C Caspar, M Melchior, B Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty six years ago ++ May Christ bless our home ++ and remain with us throughout the new year.*

Amen.

Blessed chalk and prayer are available on the back tables of church

Advent Thanks



I'm very thankful for Fr Mike Schmitz and the Ascension app, **Waiting Well** this Advent season. It helped me with prayer, and understanding. Kept me grounded and less stressed this holiday



season. Reminding me everyday that Jesus is the reason for the season! I look forward to continue using the Catholic Bible App for The Bible in a Year.

God Bless, Dawn Kascak

The Bible in a Year

Go to <https://app.ascensionpress.com/download-app> to download the app and <https://ascensionpress.com> to sign up for Reading plans for each episode.



Parish Financial Support

Christmas Dec 24-25		
TOTAL INCOME	\$	3,805.00
IN-CHURCH Dec 27-28		
Sunday	\$	1,467.00
Monthly	\$	25.00
Other	\$	45.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Dec 22-28		
Sunday	\$	535.00
Monthly	\$	65.00
Other	\$	360.00
ONLINE GIVING - Dec 22-28		
Sunday	\$	349.00
Monthly Outreach	\$	46.00
Other	\$	45.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	2,937.00

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"



Share the Faith

Support the Church in Latin America
uscbb.org/latin-america

Regular January offertory envelopes include: Monthly Outreach,



Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Initial Offering, Snow Removal, Latin America



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 \$ 12,255 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.

2025 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements will be mailed to all parishioners who contributed during 2025. Statements will be mailed by January 31, 2026. If you do not receive a statement after the end of January, please contact the parish office.

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesdays, in Church **4:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available **5:30pm** Mass



Month of January Baby Item collection for Malta House

Jan 11, Jan 25 Faith Formation (no class on Jan 18)

Jan 13, 16 Neo Catechumenal gathering Heritage Hall 7:30pm

Jan 17 Men's Reflection Group

Jan 17 Stuffed Cabbage Dinner

Jan 17-18 Coffee And...

Jan 19 Lord's Kitchen

Jan 20, 23 Neo Catechumenal gathering Heritage Hall 7:30pm

Jan 24-25 Monthly Food Collection

Jan 27, 30 Neo Catechumenal gathering Heritage Hall 7:30pm



Neo Catechumenal Way



This weekend we welcome members of the Neo Catechumenal Way who will speak at the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses. You are invited to join Fr. Jim and gather on **Tuesday, January 13** in Heritage Hall at 7:30pm for catechesis and good conversation. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give your rest." **MT 11:28 Talks for adults & youth 13+ are on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. Free Childcare provided**

Men's Reflection Group



Upcoming Men's Reflection Group dates: January 17, February 7 and February 21. Our gatherings build community and spiritual friendships as we learn about each other,

pray for each other and encourage one another. Join us! Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am to start our reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we'll finish at 9:00am. Print outs of the Reflection are on the back tables in church on the weekends when the men meet—take a copy!

STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society presents a **Stuffed Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, January 17** from 5:00-7:00pm. Dinner includes: One Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Soda, Water, Tea and Coffee. Sit down or Take out \$15. **Reservations required by January 13th.** Call Larry 203.395.7073 or lawman1156@gmail.com



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, I hope like me, you are feeling a little relived but also sad that the Christmas season has come to an end today. Whether it was good times with family and friends, especially those we haven't been able to be with in a long time, or wrapping and unwrapping gifts, decorating the Christmas tree, or singing our favorite Christmas carols, doesn't it seem like this Christmas season came and went by so fast? Looking at the calendar, Ash Wednesday is just a little over a month away on February 18th. Yikes!



The Baptism of the Lord today gives us a path to begin with the treasures of God's love we each received this Christmas into this new year, this new liturgical year. We begin today with Jesus on the road from his childhood in Nazareth to the beginning of his adult public ministry. Gina Loehr, a Catholic mom and wife, who lives with her husband and children on a century old dairy farm in America's heartland, offers these important insights into today's feast.

"I love that the Church here encourages us to contemplate how the joys of Christmas mature and progress into public action and service.
Will I move out of spiritual infancy and join Jesus in his ministry?
I can carry Christmas with me . . . I can see the mission of my life as being, in a real way, the fruit of Christmas. My vocation as wife and mother is a gift I give to others as I am energized and inspired by what I received at Christmas – the gift of Christ himself."

Mrs. Loehr lives her vocation in communion with those Jesus has entrusted her to, her husband and their children. But she also lives her vocation in communion with her parish family, friends, and many others to whom Jesus has entrusted her that she not only may share with all of them how Jesus has revealed to her how her life's mission is the fruit of Christmas, but that all may share with Mrs. Loehr and one another how each of them have come to know their life's mission too is the fruit of Christmas.

So let us join Mrs. Loehr in our own individual life's mission that Jesus has entrusted to each one of us. We can't understand or do this alone. Living in communion with others too is part of the work of catechesis which the Neo Catechumenal Way will offer this January and February. Please consider coming to at least the first catechesis on Tuesday, January 13th 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Heritage Hall to learn more. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Father Jim

Our January FAITH Event celebrated the arrival of the 3 Kings. Thank you to Carol Kascak and all who planned and presented the program and activities, prepared & served the pancakes, all who attended the breakfast - And our 3 Kings, Max, Paul and Daniel!



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