



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

*2nd
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time*

January
17-18,
2026



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Rev. James DiVasto, Pastor

Rev. Churchill Penn, In Residence

Deacon Joseph Huong

Parish Trustees: Carol Bogue and Paul Kravitz

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)

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

Parish Secretary: Maryjean daSilva

Finance Board Chair: Chris Silhavy

Music Director and Organist: Bob Cloutier

Director of Discipleship, Catholic Community of
Stratford: Colin Petramale

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 01/19	Tues 01/20	Wed 01/21	Thurs 01/22	Fri 01/23	Sat. 01/24	Sunday 01/25
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Cecilia Bejan r/b Fr. Jim Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the day +Souls who have died by violence Wednesday services held in the Church	7:30am Mass Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Mary Forish r/b Nicholas Piciw	7:30am Mass The Deceased of the Parish 10:00am Mass +Lauren Kopko r/b friend, Nancy Vietri

MASS INTENTIONS

	4:00pm	+Paula Schmitt
	7:30am	+Deceased of the Parish
	10:00am	+Patricia Perry And +Gerturde Zalik

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.



JANUARY ~ POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first canonized U.S. citizen, was born in 1774 to an Episcopal family. She converted to Catholicism in 1805 after living in Italy with her husband. After her husband passed away, she was left a widow with five children at the age of 30, rejected by many family and friends because of her conversion. In 1809, Elizabeth began the first female religious order in the United

States, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. She opened St. Joseph's Academy, a tuition-free school, to educate children living in poverty. Her work laid the foundation for the American Catholic school system. To this day, her order continues her legacy of charity and education throughout the world. Her Feast Day is January 4th. Reflection: Women religious have played a significant role in the social ministry of the Catholic Church in the U.S. How can you follow the example of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in courageously following God's plan in your life and the call to care for God's children? Read more about how parishes and communities are working together to address poverty and injustice at Salt & Light Communities <https://www.usccb.org/communities-salt-light> www.povertyusa.org

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—Pray for us!

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Fr. Penn on his 30th Anniversary of Ordination

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For persecuted Christians throughout the world



Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory of Kevin Sewell

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For Pope Leo's January Prayer Intention that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities.

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Thomas Swenson –2nd Anniversary

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

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA



#ShareYourFaith
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The Bishops of the United States established the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. For more than 60 years, Catholics in the United States have

answered the invitation to "Share Your Faith" by supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help it pass on the Gospel to future generations. One of the most important ways that Catholics share our faith with future generations is by supporting the formation and seminary education of men who have answered God's call to the priesthood or diaconate. In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 149 priestly seminarians and 698 permanent deacons at the Sao Jose Archdiocesan Seminary received support through the Collection to help cover education tuition and spiritual retreat expenses, as well as the cost of food. Your support helps prepare these men for lives of serving others through their preaching and celebration of the sacraments.

Uscsb.org/latin-america



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.

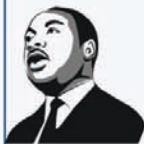
Together, we are vibrant.

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



MLK Celebration: Sunday, January 18th, 2026, at St. Mark Church

Please join the Stratford Clergy Association for a community celebration honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **today, January 18, 2026, at 3:00 PM, at St. Mark Church, 500 Wigwam Lane, Stratford.** The keynote speaker will be Fr. Reginald Norman, Pastor of St. Mark Church and Episcopal Vicar for Black Catholics for the Diocese of Bridgeport. Together, we will gather in prayer, reflection, and unity as we celebrate Dr. King's enduring call to justice, peace, and love.



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.



Young Adults: Theology on Tap

Join the young adults for **Theology on Tap** at Two Roads Brewing Company on **January 25th at 6:00 PM** for an evening of thoughtful conversation, faith, and community with Father Reggie Norman. Enjoy a drink while engaging with meaningful topics that connect theology to real life. This is a relaxed space to listen, share, and connect with other young adults. Come as you are—and bring a friend!



Attention High School Students: Steubenville Conference

St. Mark youth group will be attending the **Steubenville East on July 24-26, 2026.** For more information, please reach out to Jared at jared@stmarkyouthgroup.org



January 11 Baptism of the Lord—The Faith Formation children learn about the Sacrament of Baptism as Fr. Jim reenacts the Sacrament with “babies” Benjamin and Tina!

What are you asking for?

Sign of the Cross

White Garment

Oil of catechumens

Sacred Chrism Oil

Paschal Candle

Water

Who chose your name?



Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Jan 3-4		
Sunday	\$	1,677.00
Monthly	\$	863.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	498.00
Other	\$	195.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Dec 29– Jan 4		
Sunday	\$	480.00
Monthly	\$	85.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	191.00
Other	\$	125.00
ONLINE GIVING - Dec 29– Jan 4		
Sunday	\$	714.00
Monthly Outreach	\$	55.00
Other	\$	15.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	4,898.00
IN-CHURCH Jan 10-11		
Sunday	\$	2,242.00
Monthly	\$	295.00
Snow	\$	572.00
Other	\$	273.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Jan 5-11		
Sunday	\$	1,631.00
Monthly	\$	400.00
Snow	\$	110.00
Other	\$	363.00
ONLINE GIVING - Jan 5-11		
Sunday	\$	538.00
Monthly Outreach	\$	28.00
Other	\$	5.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	6,457.00

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"



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 \$12,505 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 18 no Faith Formation session - winter vacation

Jan 17-18 Coffee And...

Jan 19 Lord's Kitchen

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

Jan 25 Faith Formation session

Jan 24-25 Monthly Food Collection

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



Neo Catechumenal Way



You are invited to join Fr Jim and gather on Tuesdays and Fridays in January 20, 23, 27, 30th 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+
Free Childcare provided



Men's Reflection Group

Upcoming Men's Reflection Group dates: 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!



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. **Items most needed 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!



Life Line Screening February 25

Life Line Screening will be at our parish on Wednesday, February 25 for Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings. Special Pricing for \$129—Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Artery Disease.

Call 800.324.9458 with promo code HABC001 or Visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC or text the word "circle" to 216.279.1607



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!"

Second Sunday in OT – January 18, 2026

Dear Parish Family, as I shared with you last week, the Baptism of the Lord gives us a path to begin into 2026 with the treasures of God's love we each received this Christmas. We continue today in the beginning of Ordinary Time with John the Baptist proclaiming that it is Jesus who is the Messiah. That Jesus, not John, who will save us from our sins and call us into his very life of love and service through the power of the Holy Spirit - Jesus' very presence in us – that we receive especially in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.



Last week I shared insights with you from Gina Loehr, a Catholic mom and wife. Mrs. Loehr lives her vocation in communion not only with her husband and their children, but in communion with her parish family, friends, and many others to whom Jesus has entrusted her that she may learn and mature in loving all of them, the mission which Jesus has given her.

We too must accept and mature in our own individual life's mission that Jesus has entrusted to each one of us. Like John the Baptist, we need to build a deep loving relationship with Jesus. Otherwise, we cannot cry out in the words of Psalm 40, "*Hear am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*" And we will not be able to bring others to Jesus. Nor can we alone live out the mission Jesus has given each of us. Living in communion with others is necessary for us to learn and mature in knowing God's love and to be able to share Jesus' good news. This is part of the work of catechesis which the Neo Catechumenal Way is offering this January and February. Again, please consider coming to several of the catechesis offered Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Heritage Hall. Let us pray for one another. Peace+ Father Jim

Christmas Thank You from Sterling House



Dear friends at Holy Name of Jesus Church,
This past Saturday, something magical happened in Stratford. Thanks to you, 150 families picked out gifts for their children at our

Community Christmas shop. Because of your generosity, their children will wake up to a Christmas morning full of excitement, surprises, and plenty of presents under the tree. We cannot thank you enough for supporting this wonderful event by

hosting a Giving Tree. Last year, our toy drive brought holiday cheer to over 250 children and this year, thanks to a record number of donations, we reached over 300 kids—a record that speaks to the incredible kindness of our community. We are deeply grateful to friends like you who ensure that

our neighbors have everything they need to celebrate this special time with more joy and less stress. On behalf of everyone we serve, thank you for sharing the gift of hope this holiday season. Your generosity shines brightly in the joy you've brought to so many families.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,
Amanda Meeson Executive Director
December 23, 2025

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr Day, January

On Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day we pause and reflect on Rev. King's indelible legacy, and his rallying cry in the pursuit of justice and peace.

As Rev. King taught us, we must confront the evils of racism and prejudice with the love of Christ: 'Deeply etched in the fiber of our religious tradition is the conviction that men are made in the image of God.'

Each of us can and must work for justice and peace, remembering Rev. King's call to action:

'Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King, Jr., was a champion of civil rights. Dr. King used the Word of God to effect change of hearts and minds. Given the issues of migration, antisemitism and racial and religious discrimination touching our communities, we are reminded that the work of bringing people together in mutual recognition and cooperation is never really done.

There remain forces in the human condition that would tear asunder what has been accomplished. Let us remain vigilant to take advantage of positive signs existing in evangelization efforts and continued civic progress within human relations. These things help shape communities that manifest the affirmative outcomes arising from our varied races, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds.

The Catholic Church is committed to this endeavor and willingly clasps hands and hearts with all others of like mind, faith, and hope.

www.usccb.org



MLK DAY—Monday, January 19—9:00am-12:00pm The Baldwin Center, 1000 W Broad St, Stratford, features a series of cultural breakout workshops for MLK Day, honoring Rev. King's legacy. The day begins at 9:00am with coffee, connections & community mingling. Breakfast sandwiches from Frenchie's Coffee Bar available.

Free event—Registration required

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