

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

4th Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

January 31-
February 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)

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

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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

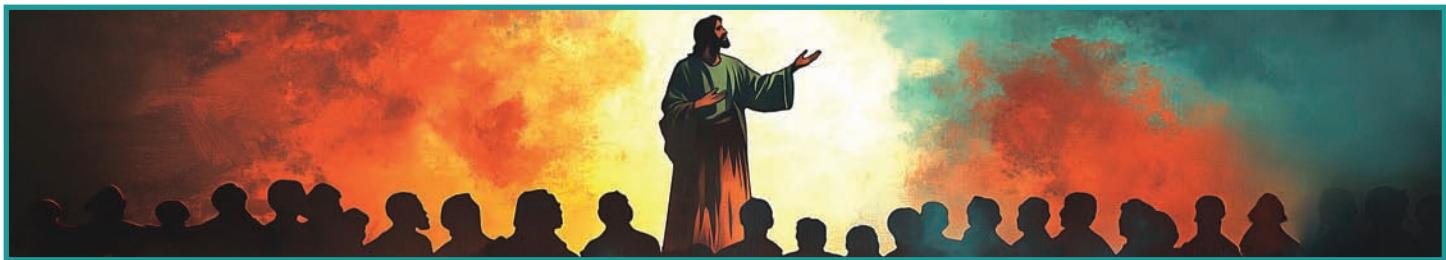
If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

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 02/02	Tues 02/03	Wed 02/04	Thurs 02/05	Fri 02/06	Sat. 02/07	Sunday 02/08
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Elizabeth T. Gerak r/b Arline R. Gerak 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 +Deborah Hood r/b sister, Arleen Drake Wednesday services held in the Church	7:30am Mass +Paul Sterbin Check r/b Fr. Jim 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 The Deceased of the Parish Anointing of the Sick	7:30am Mass For all the sick who suffer in body, mind or soul 10:00am Mass +George Suchyak r/b Mary Piciw

Parish Nurses



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

The Church celebrates the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** on February 2nd, commemorating the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, where an old man Simeon declared that Jesus would be "A light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Luke 2:32. It is in this

recognition of Jesus being the light of the world that candles are blessed on this day, and the feast is also known as Candlemas. **This weekend Candles will be blessed—you may bring one from home or there will be candles available.**



BLESSING OF THROATS This weekend at all the Masses we will offer the Blessing of Throats. St. Blaise was a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the

life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. Crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest.

www.dioceseofprovidence.org

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.



MASS INTENTIONS



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

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Edward T. Kascak

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth T. Gerak

Sacred Heart Candle

For those who are abused or neglected

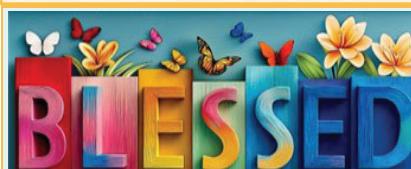
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For those suffering the effects of the cold weather

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For those who work for peace & justice

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



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

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Contact:
stratford@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.



Sacramental Preparation for Youth

Is your child over the age of 7 and seeking to be baptized and receive their sacraments? We have a place for you and your child to learn and grow in faith while preparing your child for the sacraments. Join us Thursday, February 12th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus (2 Mary Avenue, Stratford CT). If interested, please RSVP or reach out for more information colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org.



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

ANointing of the Sick

"The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing the pain of the other" is the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the World Day of the Sick. The theme centers on the Gospel figure of the Samaritan, who demonstrates love by caring for the suffering man who fell in with robbers. It highlights a key dimension of love for one's neighbor: love must be expressed through concrete acts of closeness, by taking on the suffering of others — especially those who are ill, and often also vulnerable due to poverty, isolation, or loneliness.



The Solemn Celebration will take place in Chiclayo Peru where Leo XIV was a missionary beginning in 1985 and in 2015, he was named bishop of Chiclayo. Holy Name of Jesus also has a connection to Chiclayo Peru. In 1963, Father John Tomis, Assistant Pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Church followed Father John Hogan, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church to serve Bridgeport's Peruvian mission in the coastal city. The impact of Father Tomis was such that when he died in June 1986, after establishing a Faith Community, churches, schools and clinics—the schools closed, flags lowered to half mast, and 20,000 people attended his funeral.



The Anointing of the Sick will be offered on February 7 at the 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

Who may be Anointed?

Baptized members of the Christian faithful who have reached the age of reason and who begin to be in danger due to sickness or old age may receive the sacrament of anointing. Participation in the rites is encouraged broadly. For example:

- The elderly who are weakened, even though no notable illness is present, may choose to participate in the ritual.
- Those who face surgery due to serious illness
- Those who suffer serious mental illness



Please call the parish office or email or sign up in church if you would like to be anointed.
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Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Jan 24-25		
Sunday	\$	1,322.00
Monthly	\$	20.00
Other	\$	439.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Jan 19-25		
Sunday	\$	1,457.00
Monthly	\$	10.00
Other	\$	30.00
ONLINE GIVING - Jan 19-25		
Sunday	\$	353.00
Monthly Outreach	\$.00
Other	\$.00
TOTAL INCOME: \$ 3,631.00		

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



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 \$ 12,825 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.

2025 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements were mailed to all parishioners who contributed during 2025. If you do not receive a statement in the next week please contact the parish office.

2026 Bishop's Appeal



The 2026 Bishop's Appeal provides the funds for the pastoral,



educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year's theme, **One In Christ**, seeks to unite the diocese in service, compassion and faith as we work together to bring our sisters and brothers together to encounter and embrace the power of the Lord Jesus in our lives. You will receive a letter from Bishop Caggiano on this year's Appeal, please take time to read the information thoroughly, give prayerful consideration on how you can help and make your sacrificial gift to the campaign.

SCAN TO GIVE: 

Pennsylvania Dutch Country Trip ~Joshua

St. James Parish invites you join them for their annual parish trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country—June 24-25. The trip includes a performance of "Joshua" at the award-winning Sight and Sound theatre, meals, hotels, transportation and more. Reservations and deposits are now being accepted. Contact Karen Smith 203 209-4223 or @stjct.org. Fliers are available in church.

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



Wednesdays, Feb 3 & 11 in Church
4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available 5:30pm Mass
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 2, 16 CT Foodshare—parking lot 9:15-10:15am
Feb 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 Neo Catechumenal gathering Heritage Hall 7:30pm

Feb 7 Anointing of the Sick 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Feb 7-8 Parish Nurses

Feb 7, 21 Men's Reflection Group

Feb 12 Sacramental preparation OCIA –Community room

Feb 16 Palm Burning Service 6:30pm Church

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday –see schedule on following page

Feb 20 Pierogi Dinner

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 Tuesday
and Friday in



Heritage Hall at 7:30pm for catechesis and
good conversation. Talks for adults & youth 13+
Free Childcare “Come to me, all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.” MT 11:28

Men's Reflection Group



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.



Men's Society Parish Pierogi & Pancake Dinner

Holy Name Men's Society Presents “Pierogi & Pancake Dinner” Friday February 20th
5:00PM – 7:00PM in Heritage Hall

Join us for an evening of fellowship and delicious food. This
family event will feature Pierogis, Potato Pancakes, Apple
Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Water. It's a wonderful chance
to gather with friends and meet new people.

Dine In or Take Out \$15.00 12 Frozen Pierogi \$8.00
Deadline for reservations February 16, 2026

Call Larry Wells 203-395-7073 Lawman1156@gmail.com



LIFE LINE SCREENING will be at our parish on
Wednesday, Feb. 25 for Stroke and Cardiovascular
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Call 800.324.9458 with promo code HABC001 or Visit
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Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!"

Dear Parish Family, there is lots for us to look forward to this week: the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, the memorial of Saint Blais bishop and martyr, a Faith Event next Sunday February 8th, and the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, February 11th which is also observed in the Church as the World Day of the Sick. Please see the rest of the bulletin for more details.



The readings for today's Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time teach us that those who will be welcomed into eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven will be those who lived their lives on earth with humility, justice, love, generosity, and peace. Jesus says the blessed ones are the humble and lowly, the faithful who pursue justice and who take refuge in the Lord (see Zephaniah 3:13). The humble only boast in the Lord Jesus and his salvation (see 1 Corinthians 1:31). And so it is fitting that since many of us will not be able to attend Mass on Monday, the Feast of the Presentation, or Tuesday, the memorial of Saint Blaise that I end all Masses this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time with the blessing of candles and blessing of throats.

The Feast of the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem is celebrated throughout the Church as Candlemas. Candlemas because we bless candles that will be used in our church and at home throughout this year. When lit, these candles make present that Jesus is the "light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." (Luke 2:32) Through Jesus' light, we help dispel the darkness in this world.

Saint Blaise was a bishop who was martyred. He was also a doctor who healed a boy choking on a fish bone. That is why Saint Blaise is invoked against illnesses of the throat, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and of every other illness."

Our next Faith Event in the Hall will be on Sunday, February 8th, just ten days before Ash Wednesday. On February 16th, President's Day, we will begin preparing for Lent with a Palm Burning Evening Prayer service in the church. The ash from the burnt palms will then be prepared to use on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Because many parents and faith formation children will not be here on President's Day, I will also celebrate a palm burning service at our February 8th Faith Event.

Finally, at the 4pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 7th, I will also celebrate Anointing of the Sick. Please see and read carefully here in the bulletin who among us should receive anointing at this Mass. Anointing will happen immediately following my homily. 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. The ashes we burn will be used on Ash Wednesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY –FEBRUARY 18

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

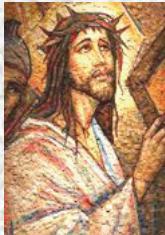


11am - 1pm - Adoration and distribution of Ashes

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

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning February 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*, *CRS Stations*, *The Women of the World*



FEBRUARY PRAYER HEARTS



During the month of February, we invite you to memorialize and honor your loved ones with our ***In Loving Memory*** and ***In Thanksgiving For...*** paper hearts, available at all Masses.



These hearts will be displayed in the church throughout the month. Please stop by the table in the vestibule before or after Mass to select your heart.

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

Saturday, March 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 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.

Lent is a journey of returning to the essential, during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer and fasting.



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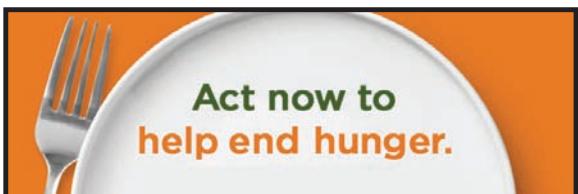


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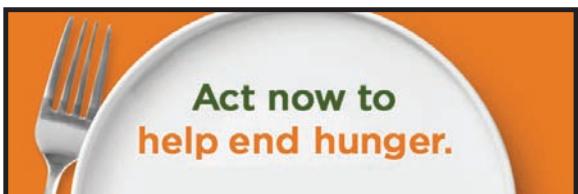


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