



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18-19 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)

Wednesdays – in Church

4:00 pm 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

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

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm:
86:5-6,9-10,15-16

Second Reading:
Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings

Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 07/20	Tues 07/21	Wednesday 07/22	Thursday 07/23	Friday 07/24	Saturday 07/25	Sunday 07/26
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Helen Breznicky r/b parish family 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 +Anna Marticek r/b Jass and McMullen families Services celebrated in Church	7:30am Mass +Mary Stifil And +Mike Stifil Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am-2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass +Alberto Parravano 1st Anniversary r/b Ann Roma	7:30am Mass +Atāyā Matthews r/b Candace Willie-Lawes 10:00am Mass +George R. Margonis r/b David Margonis

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Susan Marcinov
7:30am +Caterina Caruso
And the Deceased of the Parish
10:00am +Janet Maino



Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders...All who suffer from violence and Injustice...All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. All names and intentions listed in the prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Shrine.... And for all who have died.

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Thine ears be attentive to my voice in supplication: I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word. My soul waits for the Lord. Psalm 130

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Susan Marcinov

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Sister Gloria Marie Kascak SSCM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

For the intentions of our parish families

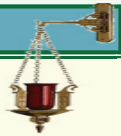
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Prayerful support of Bishop Caggiano and the priests of the diocese

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For immigrants and refugees and all seeking a safe home

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



The Virgin of Carmel is one of the most cherished and widely known Marian devotions in the Catholic Church. Each year on July 16, we celebrate her feast day. Here are five things you may not know about this beautiful devotion: **1) Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Origins Trace Back to Mount Carmel in Israel.** Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel began with hermits who lived on Mount Carmel (Isaiah 35:2), located in present-day Israel, starting in the 12th century. These hermits eventually formed a community that became the Carmelite Order. **2) The Brown Scapular Has a Profound Spiritual Meaning.** According to tradition, the Virgin Mary gave this scapular to Saint Simon Stock, a Carmelite prior, in 1251. Far from being a superstitious object or amulet, the scapular is a sign of Marian love and protection. One of its most well-known promises is that anyone who dies wearing it with devotion will not suffer eternal damnation. The scapular received official recognition from the Church in 1587 and has been endorsed by many popes since. **3) Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Feast Day Is Linked to a Marian Apparition.** The date of July 16 was chosen for her feast day because it marks the day the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock in 1251 and gave him the scapular. **4) Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the Patron Saint of Many Professions**—most commonly known as the patroness of the sea, sailors, and fishermen.

5) Her Devotion Is Especially Strong in Spain and Latin America. The Carmelites played a major role in spreading devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel throughout Spain and the Americas. Today, she is especially venerated in many Latin American countries, including Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Mexico.

Luisa Restrepo <https://ewtn.co.uk/>

"O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Pray For Us"

The Order of St. Augustine Vicariate of Tanzania



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One Heart,
on the way
to God

MISSION



Co-Op Mission Sunday ~ July 18-19

This weekend we welcome Fr. Deogratius Kyara of the Order of St. Augustine, Vicariate of Tanzania. The St Augustine mission is to impact communities for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. They are dedicated to serving the poor communities in Tanzania and sharing the Gospel. Home to Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Zanzibar, and Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania is one of the premier tourism destinations in East Africa. While these famous



tourist attractions are at the forefront of foreign attention, an incredible but overlooked aspect of Tanzania is that it peacefully hosts more than 120 different tribes, which has resulted in a unique blend of all aspects of life from food to language to tradition. Even time seems to converge with the ancient Maasai culture juxtaposed with modern day city life. Undergirding all of the cultural varieties found in Tanzania is an incredible religious dynamism and spiritual energy. The Catholic Church is a notable part of this diverse religious landscape. As in much of Africa, Catholicism in Tanzania has a sizeable if not dominant status. Approximately 30% of the Tanzanian population identifies as Catholic, making it the largest Christian church in the country. Catholics coexist and at times compete with their religious brethren from a variety of Christian traditions, including historic Lutheran and Anglican mission



churches as well as burgeoning Pentecostal churches. Catholics also practice their faith in the midst of a large number of other believers; Tanzania has some of the largest populations of Muslims and practitioners of traditional religion in East Africa. Thank you for your support!

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JULY SAINTS INCLUDE ST. SHARBEL (Charbel) Makhhlūf. Joseph Makhhlūf was born in 1828 at Beqa-Kafra, Lebanon. His peasant family lived a strong faith, were attentive to the Divine Liturgy, and had a great devotion to the Mother of God. At the age of 23, Charbel (the name he chose when entering Novitiate) left his closely knit family to enter the Lebanese-Maronite Monastery called Notre-Dame de Mayfouk. Following studies and profession at St. Cyprian de Kfifane Monastery, he was ordained in 1859. For the next seven years, Charbel lived in the mountainous community of Anaya. After that he spent the next twenty-three years in complete solitude at Sts. Peter and Paul Hermitage near Anaya. He died there on Christmas Eve, 1898. Charbel had a reputation for his austerity, penances, obedience, and chastity. At times, Charbel was gifted with levitations during prayer, and he had great devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. In all things, Charbel maintained perfect serenity. He was beatified in 1965 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Paul VI in 1977. **St. Charbel ~ Pray For Us!**

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FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH
SUPPORTING PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Each year our parish applies for a grant to support our Faith Formation programs which include the Sunday children's sessions, ongoing OCIA, Sacramental preparation and adult and family programs and events. **WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED \$5000 FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON.** The grant is made possible by generous donors who contribute to the diocesan **Foundations in Faith**. We express our sincere gratitude for their charity shown to the parishes of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Our

theme for this season continues to be **ENCOUNTERING OUR LORD IN RITUAL, RELATIONSHIPS AND REAL LIFE SITUATIONS**. Our aim is to invite and accompany all individuals and families into a deeper relationship with Christ through participation in Liturgy, leadership, mentoring, and service. There are so many ways for each of us to grow in our faith and share our gifts and talents with our family and friends, at school, in the workplace and in our parish community. We ask you to reflect on what type of activities and events, liturgical and social would interest you and bring you and others to attend. Would it be a Mission series, a musical event, a parish group trip to a shrine, a service project, a themed dinner? Whatever it is, let us know! Fill out the bottom of this box and return it in the weekly offertory basket or email parishoffice@hnojchurch.org

I would be interested in attending a:

_____ I would like to help plan/ work this event.

I would like to be contacted:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH July 11-12

Sunday	\$	2,031.00
Monthly	\$	41.92
Air Conditioning	\$	142.00
Other	\$	.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF July 6-12

Sunday	\$	1,308.00
Monthly	\$	145.00
Air Conditioning	\$	170.00
Annual	\$	5.00

ONLINE GIVING - July 6-12

Sunday	\$	450.00
Monthly	\$	.00
Other	\$	88.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ **4,380.92**

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$2,610

Regular July offertory envelopes also include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Co-op Sunday, Air Conditioning and HNoJ Annual Collection Parish Campus Safety repairs

HNoJ Parish Annual Collection

Our 2026/2027 HNoJ Parish Annual Collection envelope is included in the July envelope mailing. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church ground including the handicap ramp

to the Church, sidewalks, staircases and railings at the church, hall and parish office. We want all our parishioners to feel safe and comfortable when entering and leaving the grounds. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all. Current donations total \$2,610

Thank you for your compassion & generosity to the special emergency collection for the Venezuelan Earthquake relief effort. We raised \$1003 which will contribute to the efforts of the on site Catholic Relief Service CRS and Caritas Venezuela staff to deliver essential aid and services to the communities hardest hit by the earthquakes.

How to Help



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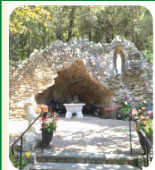
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St Marks church invites you to a journey of Faith, Prayer and Fellowship to the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield. Saturday, October 3, 9:00am-4:00pm. \$65 a person includes transport, donation to the Shrine and tip for the driver. Grounds are mainly wheelchair accessible and bus is handicap accessible. Pack a lunch or purchase from their onsite café. Questions, call Lucille Marottolo 203.640.6406 Highlights: * Holy Mass & prayer * Stations of the Cross * Time for reflection and spiritual renewal * Fellowship with church family * Montford Sculpture

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesdays 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass



July 18-19 Coffee And...

July 20 CT FoodShare—HNoJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am

July 25-26 Monthly Food Collection



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JIM
Saturday, July 25
Lesson 6, pages 105-1119



MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP - Upcoming
Date: Saturday August 15 Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room—Reflections on the Readings at 8:00- 9:00am.

2026 Food Pantry Dates **NEW DATES!** Mobile Food Pantry CT Foodshare

July 20	October 12	distributes a variety of free & nutritious food to families every other Monday in our parish parking lot. Next date Monday July 20 -9:15 - 10:15am Bring your own bags.
August 3	October 26	
August 17	November 9	
August 31	November 23	
September 14	December 7	
September 28	December 21	



Paradise Green Farmers Market every Monday 2:00pm to 6:00pm until Oct 26. 121 Huntington Rd. SNAP/EBT matching & Senior/WIC FMNP bonus vouchers. cash, debit or credit cards. bridgeportfarmersmarket.org



JULY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE TO BENEFIT STERLING HOUSE During the month of July we have boxes at the back of church for donations. Items most needed include: Pencils, Pens, Rulers, Folders, Loose Leaf Paper, Bookbags, Glue sticks, Binders, Notebooks, Pencil Boxes, Highlighters, Markers, Scissors, Calculators, Crayons, Dry Erase Markers Thank you for your generosity!

QUARTER NIGHT ~ September 18



Back by popular demand! To make our fall Quarter Night a big success we are asking for your help! Donations are now being accepted—Gift Cards, Monetary donations, Lottery Tickets, New Items and Bottles of Cheer will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or at a weekend Mass. Call the office with any questions—thank you for your support of this Fun and Profitable Parish FundRaiser!



PARISH FALL TAG SALE

We are now accepting donations of jewelry. You may bring your donations to Church or drop them off at the parish office—Tuesday-Friday. Thank you!

Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

This week, Monday, July 20th through Thursday, July 23rd, I will be in San Diego, California visiting my brother Bob and his wife, along with both of my daughters, son-in-laws, and my grandchildren Rebekah and Ian. I'm looking forward to spending relaxing time especially with my brother. We haven't been together since he came to my priesthood ordination three years ago. Some of the site seeing we'll do together is to visit two historic Catholic mission churches: Mission San Diego de Alcalá (Mission Saint Didacus of Alcalá) and Mission San Luis Rey.



Mission San Diego de Alcalá was the first in a chain of 21 missions that stretch northward along the coast of California. It was founded on July 16, 1769 by Saint Junípero Serra, a Franciscan priest. The Mission was relocated in 1774 in order to be closer to the American Indian (Kumeyaay) villages.

Founded in 1798 and known as the "King of the Missions," Mission San Luis Rey is one of the largest and most beautifully preserved mission complexes in California. The 1815 church features native-painted wall decorations and is one of the only cross-shaped sanctuary layouts built by the Spanish.

While vacations are a time for fun and relaxation with family and friends, they are also opportunities for deepening our appreciation and understanding of our Catholic faith. That's what my family hopes to experience visiting these two historic mission churches. I hope that wherever your summer vacation takes you, you'll experience opportunities to deepen and appreciate your understanding of our Catholic faith too.

Arrivederci!

Clap your hands and shout to God

Barn..burn..enemy..farmer..field
Good..plants..pull up..ripe.. sleeping..weed..wheat

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The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.

Help the farmer scatter the seed by finding the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!



Listen. Trust. Seek.
God is always at work.
What lasts forever matters most.



Every kind of material or spiritual poverty, every form of discrimination against our brothers and sisters, comes from turning our backs on God and His love.

Pope Francis

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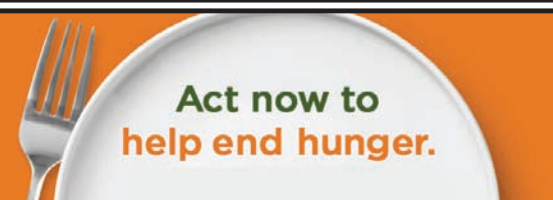
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