



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

17th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

July 25-26,
2026

*Parable of
the hidden treasure*
Rembrandt
1630



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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)

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:
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 119

Second Reading:
Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



*The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Matthew 13:44*

Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 07/27	Tues 07/28	Wednesday 07/29	Thursday 07/30	Friday 07/31	Saturday 08/01	Sunday 08/02
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass Living & Deceased Grandparents <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 +Jessica Pellegrino RN <i>r/b Silhavey family</i> <i>Services celebrated in Church</i>	7:30am Mass +Cecelia Martinedes <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am- 2:00pm	2:30-3:30pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass +Joseph and Marion Gresko <i>r/b Gresko family</i>	7:30am Mass +Joseph Kmec <i>r/b wife, Anna & Children</i> And the Deceased of the Parish 10:00am Mass +Stephanie Petersen And James Perry <i>r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik</i>

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Alberto Parravano
7:30am + Atāyā Matthews
And the Deceased of the Parish
10:00am +George R. Margonis

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.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Christopher

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Magdalene Goda

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

In Loving Memory of David Margonis

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Camille Burns

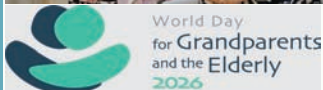
St Joseph Shrine Candle

Health & Blessings for Joseph Goda

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



6th WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY



Pope Leo XIV Encourages Compassion and Care for older persons. The Vatican announced that the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 26 under the theme: "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). Pope Leo reminds us that the elderly are a blessing to the Church and society, urging Catholics to show them love, dignity and companionship through prayer, visits and acts of charity. Instituted by Pope Francis in 2021, this celebration is held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father, who watches over every person, watch over me too when I am elderly. You have revealed your name to me in Christ, and You were not discouraged by my frailties. You hold me tenderly in your hands, And You caress my lines. You will never forget me! Grant that I may not fear my weakness; Help me learn to love it Just as You love it. Help me learn to listen to it Just as You listen to it. Help me embrace it Just as You have chosen it -You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility. May growing old strip away all our pride and all division So that we may live these years united in You. You will never forget us! Amen.

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>

Full copy of the Message of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV can be found on the back tables.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Our thanks to Edith Ramirez who tends the beautiful gardens on our parish grounds. Edith enjoys working outdoors and says her reward was the day she was watering the flowers and a hummingbird stopped by for a visit!

*How varied are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24*



St Mary Recycle Mission Group

FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE: buy..field..find..happy..
heaven..hidden..kingdom..one..pearl..sell..shop..treasure



Thank you to all who donated religious items for the St. Mary Recycle Mission Group. Kimberly and Michael Walters traveled from Lancaster PA up the coast to MA stopping at churches along the way, collecting religious items for parishes in need. They express their heartfelt gratitude.

If you didn't have a chance to drop off items, they will be back in the fall—date to follow.



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Saints Joachim and Anne Patron Saints of Grandparents Feast Day, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of parenting and grandparents. Having been childless for the majority of their married life, the two continued to pray for God's favor and have hope. While Joachim retreated for prayer far from home, Anne grievously prayed for her husband's safety in exchange for dedicating any future child's life in service to God's plan. The two then shared a dream and vision where an angel told them that their fervent prayer had resulted in God choosing them to conceive a "wondrous" child. When Mary was born and became of age to be presented in the Temple, they brought her and followed the plan of God. Grandparents are special. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne were faithful examples of the hardship that parents and grandparents can face. They suffered in ways we as parents similarly suffer, but they remained resolute in their fervent prayer and unshakeable love for God and for each other. Their daughter became the Virgin Mary, and their grandson became Christ himself. Although I recognize this is a little bold, we as Catholic parents cannot deny that our little rascals could one day become the saints of future generations who love and also remain faithful to Christ. Parents, pray for courage to love. Grandparents, pray for your children and grandchildren's hope. Stay faithful and the Lord will see your

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH July 13-19		
Sunday	\$	1,703.00
Monthly	\$	35.00
Other	\$	45.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF July 13-19		
Sunday	\$	296.00
Monthly	\$	150.00
Other	\$	20.00
ONLINE GIVING - July 13-19		
Sunday	\$	348.00
Monthly	\$	38.00
Other	\$	.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	2,635.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$2,635

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 \$2,635

Pilgrimage—Shrine of Lourdes, Litchfield



St Mark 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 Exhibition

Celebrate Stratford

CELEBRATE STRATFORD SUMMER CONCERTS

July 28 Kathy Thompson Band rain date 7/30
August 4 T and T (Tom Taliencio) rain date 8/6
August 11 Afinke rain date 8/13

August 18 Leigh Henry & Jazzmattaz rain date 8/20
August 25 Backbeat Music rain date 8/27

Concerts held Tuesdays at Paradise Green Gazebo 7:00pm

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

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



July 25-26 Monthly Food Collection

Aug 1-2 Parish Nurses

Aug 3 CT Foodshare Mobile Foodbank-HNoJ parking lot

Aug 10 Lord's Kitchen

Aug 15 Men's Reflection Group

Aug 15-16 Coffee And...

Aug 29-30 Monthly Food Collection



BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jim
Upcoming dates to follow



MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP Upcoming
Date: Sat. Aug 15 Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am (on the parish lawn if the weather permits!) Reflections on the Readings 8:00am-9:00am All men are invited!

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

July 20	October 12
August 3	October 26
August 17	November 9
August 31	November 23
September 14	December 7
September 28	December 21

Pantry CT Foodshare distributes a variety of free & nutritious food to families every other Monday in our parish parking lot. **Next date Mon. Aug 3, 9:15 - 10:15am** Please bring your own bags.

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"

Dear Parish Family, last weekend was a long, inspiring, gift of Masses with our visiting cooperative mission priest, Father Deogratius Kyara from Tanzania. He is truly a humble, generous priest. Through our discussions, I was reminded and humbled of what sacrifices men like Father Deogratius make to serve in countries so far away from their home country, leaving family and dear friends behind to go wherever the Lord calls them. Thank you all for warmly welcoming father and your generous support of the Augustinian missions in Tanzania. Because of you, Father Deogratius and his brother priests and religious sisters will be able to support their seminarians, build their boarding school, and drill wells to ensure safe drinking water. Please pray for him as he continues his psychology studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.



I also had the very beautiful and happy experience of celebrating the wedding Mass of Oscar Ortiz and Carol Verdugo last Sunday afternoon. Summer is the nicest time of the year for weddings and God very much graced Oscar & Carol with a perfect, sunny summer Sunday at our church for their wedding day. Oscar, Carol and I got to know each other during the four times we met to prepare them. Part of their marriage preparation was through our diocese Institute for Catholic Formation. Over several months, Oscar & Carol took *Unveiled* online courses, a marriage prep program of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia. *Unveiled* blends Catholic theology of marriage with tools for healthy communication and intimacy including conflict resolution as well as offering ways to help couples mature and grow in their relationship with God their parish community. Be on the look out for Oscar & Carol at Mass when they return from their honeymoon. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and invite them to participate in many of our parish events.

Well, that's all for now . . . hope you're enjoying these summer days. As I'm writing this *One More Thing*, I'm having a wonderful time with my family in sunny San Diego. God bless +



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Hello everyone, hope you are staying cool during this summer heat!. On July 1, 2026 I had the honor of taking office as the new Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council #2370. As Grand Knight, my responsibilities include upholding the vision of Father McGivney, presiding over council meetings, appointing committees and maintaining strong working relationships with our council Chaplin, district deputy, insurance agent, parish and other local service organizations such as food pantries and soup kitchens.

I am truly excited about this opportunity to serve our council. I have many new ideas, and look forward to working together with all our members to continue making a positive impact in our parish and community.

I would also like to recognize and thank our outgoing officers, as well as all those who have served before me. Because of their dedication and hard work, Council #2370 has built a strong foundation on which we can continue to grow. Last month Council #2370 was honored to receive the Star Council Award. This prestigious recognition is earned by councils that achieve the McGivney Award, Founders Award and Columbian Award while satisfying all administrative requirements. I would like to extend a personal invitation to all Catholic men to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Many of our activities are family- oriented and there are numerous ways to get involved while strengthening your faith.

Save The Date Saturday October 31, 2026 Classic Car Show

Fraternally,
Larry Wells
Grand Knight

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The Knights of Columbus Council #2370 presents a check to Krystal Lacey from the Kennedy Collective. The Knights raised \$810.06 from their Tootsie Roll Drive. Pictured is Larry Wells, Grand Knight, Krystal Lacey from the Kennedy Collective Center and Father Jim, Pastor

The Kennedy Collective, formally known as the Kennedy Center is a nonprofit empowering people with disabilities and other barriers through advocacy, employment, and services. Our mission is to build a more inclusive community where everyone can thrive.



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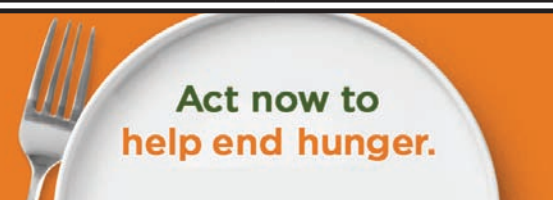
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