

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

13th Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

*Barna da Siena "Christ
Bearing the Cross,
with a Dominican Friar"
ca. 1330-1350*

Jesus said to his
apostles: Whoever
does not take up
his cross and
follow after me is
not worthy of me.
Matthew 10:38



June 27-28, 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: 2 Kings
4:8-11, 14-16A

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89

Second Reading: Romans
6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42



And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”
Matthew 37:42

Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 06/29	Tues 06/30	Wednesday 07/01	Thursday 07/02	Friday 07/03	Saturday 07/04	Sunday 07/05
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Madgelene Goda r/b Barbara Soltis <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 +Msgr. Peter Dora Anniversary of death r/b Sandy Chatlos and Marge Prihoda <i>Services celebrated in Church</i>	7:30am Mass +Mildred Drake r/b Arleen Drake <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 +Bob and Bobby Hudak r/b Peg and family And the Deceased of the parish	7:30am Mass +Betso Family r/b Kanuch family 10:00am Mass +Gertrude Zalik and +Patricia Perry r/b Steve & Sandra Zalik

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Msgr. John Tomis
7:30am +Joseph Kmec
10:00am + James Cavanaugh
And the Deceased of the parish



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.

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Msgr. John Tomis

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health & Birthday Blessings for Jayne Staffey

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

Health & Birthday Blessings for Marge Prihoda

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Prayerful support for Missionaries

St Joseph Shrine Candle

Blessings for our country “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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



JUNE DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS



We congratulate and ask God's blessings for Fr. Herley Mendez Torres and Juan Jose Colón, Jr. ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 2026 at St. Augustine Cathedral



PRAYER FOR JULY 4

Loving God,
We greet this Fourth of July with grateful hearts as we call to mind the vision of freedom and justice for all upon which our country was built. We give thanks for those who imagined this vision. We are grateful to those who continue advocating for and pursuing a land of peace, liberty and equity for all. We realize it is still being created, however, as we witness the divisions, prejudices and injustices that plague us. May we hold fast to the dream and vision of unity within our country. May we dedicate ourselves to living as brothers and sisters respectful of one another's dignity and need for equity. May we also realize the importance of reverencing our earth which provides for and sustains much of our lives. We give glory and praise to our God and pray that we may always live in harmony as one family. Amen.



Sr. Rita Ostry, ND

Holy Name of Jesus 17th Annual Car Show on June 20th showcased 70 cars! Thank you to Bob Sheehy, Men's Society President and Larry Wells, Treasurer, for organizing and running this popular parish event. A Big Shout Out to the Men's Society for all their help! And thank you to all who came by to see the cars and enjoy a hotdog or hamburger and to our sponsors who support this annual event. Total profit was \$1870!



Lord's Kitchen

Our Lord's Kitchen team fed 100 guests dining in and taking out on June 22 - Grilled Hot Dogs, Italian Pasta Salad, Cookies, Ice Tea, Soda and Coffee. Thank you to St James Parish for loaning us their grill and to Icing on the Cake for the bread and rolls our guests can take home for

later. We have a

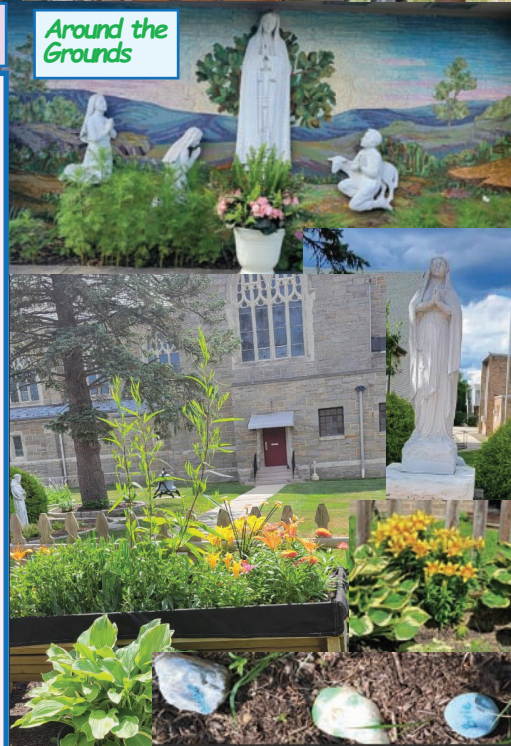
great team of dedicated parishioners in the kitchen and serving our guests—God bless you for your love of neighbor.

And to our many parishioners who generously support the Monthly Outreach collection.

"If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then your light shall rise in the darkness" Isaiah 58:10

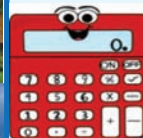


Around the Grounds



JULY BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE TO BENEFIT STERLING HOUSE

During the month of July we will 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, Erasers



Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH June 20-21

Sunday	\$	1,951.00
Monthly	\$	40.00
Other	\$	100.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF June 15-21

Sunday	\$	1,025.00
Monthly	\$	40.00
Other	\$	.00

ONLINE GIVING - June 15-21

Sunday	\$	615.00
Monthly	\$	10.00
Other	\$	.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ **3,781.00**



Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing.
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Regular June offertory envelopes include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Holy Father (Peter's Pence)



Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

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



June 27-28 Monthly Food Collection

June 29 CT FoodShare -HNOJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am

July 4-5 Parish Nurses

July 13, 27 CT FoodShare—HNOJ parking lot 9:15-10:15am

July 18-19 Coffee And...

July 25-26 Monthly Food Collection



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JIM

Saturday, July 11 at 10:00am
Lesson 5, pages 87-103



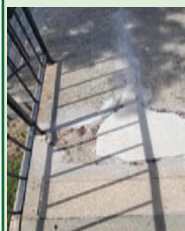
MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP - Upcoming Date:

Saturday July 18. Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room – Reflections on the Readings at 8:00- 9:00am.



St. Mary Recycle Mission will be in our area mid July. They accept items of Religious nature such as:- Holy Cards, Framed Religious Pictures, Used Musical Instruments, Prayer book, Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Statues, Rosaries (damaged ok **Please hold any donations you may have until the second week of July.**

Martha's Ministry Invitation Would you be willing to give an hour or two each month to help keep our church looking beautiful? If so, please consider joining our Martha's Ministry team of dedicated volunteers who serve once a month, helping to dust and sweep the main body of the church, as well as the sanctuary, sacristy, and vestibule areas. Your time and care would be a wonderful gift to our parish community! If you are interested in helping, please contact



Our 2026/2027 HNOJ Parish Annual Collection

envelope will be included in the July envelope mailing. Our goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church grounds 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.

We have received early gifts that total \$250



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are

eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop. Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at Sharoncolihan@diobpt.org or 203.416.1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.



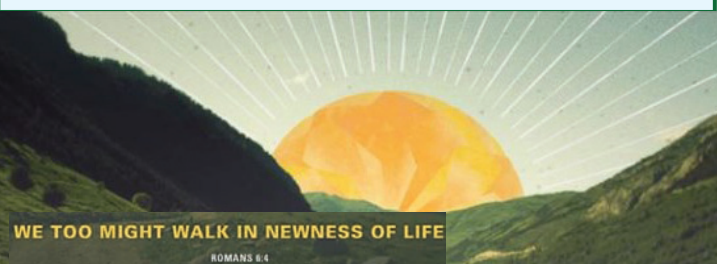
PARISH FALL TAG SALE—We are now accepting donations of jewelry. You may bring your donations to Church or drop them off at the parish office—Tuesday-Friday. Thank you!

We acknowledge and thank young-catholics.com for the use of their artwork

2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal - We have raised 104 gifts worth \$34,715.03 from 89 donors bringing our parish to 92.6% of our \$37,500.00 goal.



Thank you to all who have made their pledge or donation to the Annual Bishop's Appeal 2026. In-Pew gift total will be updated next weekend



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!



Dear Parish Family, this past Saturday our Men's Society had a great car show. Over 60 vintage cars were here, some even 60 years old and some just maybe 20 years. But all great cars that reminded me of great times I've had on my way to a special place with family and friends. Many thanks to Larry Wells, Bob Sheehy and many other Men's Society members who did so much to advertise, set up, work the grill, handle the 50/50 raffle, and clean up that made this year's car show such a wonderful success. Thank you all!

Ah summer is here! I'll be taking a quick trip to visit friends in Canada July 5th through July 7th and then a vacation out with my daughters, their husbands, and two of my grandchildren to see my brother Bob out in San Diego, July 20th through July 23rd. Hope many of you will be able to do some traveling and maybe catch up with family too this summer. But even if you don't get away, there's one thing I hope you'll try to do this summer along with me. Take more time to spend with God.

We all have some routine of prayer. With hopefully not as much going on this summer as throughout the rest of the year, you and I can spend less time working or scrolling through our phones and instead give God more of our time and attention. Actually, it's not as challenging as you may think. Start as you get up with a daily morning prayer, if you don't already have one. The prayer card you received at Mass two weeks ago for consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a good prayer to begin your day.

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give myself wholly to You.
Take my heart, my thoughts, my words, and my deeds
that I may love what You desire.
Be my strength in weakness, my refuge in temptation,
and my guide in every trial.
Reign in my mind, my heart, my will, and my life
that I may belong totally to You.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, burn within me with Your holy love,
And make me faithful to You always. Amen.*

There are some great short books to help you pray too like *Plan of Life: Habits to help you grow closer to God* by Monsignor Roger Landry. It's just under \$10 in paperback on Amazon. I was introduced to this book when I was in seminary. The book is great for anybody whether you're a teen or a grandparent, or somewhere in between. It will help you understand how reading the Bible, prayer, attending Sunday Mass, and your everyday life come together to help you grow in your relationship with God. I hope many of you will check it out. God bless+



Msgr. John Tomis

BRIDGEPORT'S PERU—MSGR. JOHN TOMIS

In 1962 the Second Vatican Council opened their session calling all men and women of good will to work for the defense of the dignity of the human person, for social justice and for peace among nations in response to the call and work of Christ and His Church. In this spirit the bishops were called upon to consider supporting missionary work in Latin America. Bishop Curtis immediately promised to send three priests to Peru. Rev. John Horgan, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Stratford, Father Robert Luther who taught at Central Catholic High School in Norwalk and Father John Tomis, Assistant Pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Stratford arrived in Peru in 1963. Fr. Tomis wrote to the bishop "I look forward to my new assignment with great hope and expectation. I go with confidence knowing that you and the diocese will be our spiritual support. Whatever hardships and difficulties I shall encounter, I shall offer them up for the intention of an increase of vocations to the religious life."

During the next 25 years the mission built a faith community in Santa Cruz and the city of Chiclayo — with a parish church, convent, a dental clinic, schools and improved roads. Fr. Tomis literally walked with the people in their poverty and faith, to meet them, invite them, celebrate Mass under the trees, conferring sacraments and forming seminarians. As pastor in Chiclayo, Fr. Tomis strove to create not just a parish institution, but a family, united by baptism, faith and mutual concern for one another, not an easy task as the people did not have a sense of belonging to any parish or individual church. His mission was religious in nature but it was to extend the charity of Christ into all areas of his people's lives. Along with the Bridgeport Diocese, the Religious Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Catholic nurses, the Council of Catholic Women, and our Guild of the Mother of Jesus, aid and support was provided to the mission. One of our Holy Name of Jesus parishioners, Mary Karwin traveled to Peru to assist Fr. Tomis and became known to the people as "Tia Maria".

The long years of constant, hard work, the difficult climate and terrain of Chiclayo had taken their toll on Msgr (Fr) Tomis. When he died on June 29, 1986, the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, the schools closed, flags lowered to half mast and 20,000 people attended his funeral. He was buried in front of the parish church statue of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.

Amigo Juan (Friend John) Everlasting Friend of love, you departed in swift flight to be with the Lord above and with His angels in light. For you great joy, for me deepest woe, You, teacher, and great guide of character and purpose. Your words still resound as musical notes, as water of truth from crystalline springs; you have written for all ages.

A page of glory for God and for history from Chiclayo, your home, your haven.

(Composed and sung by the parish youth choir at Msgr Tomis' funeral) *Bridgeport's Peru by Rev. Stephen M. DiGiovanni*

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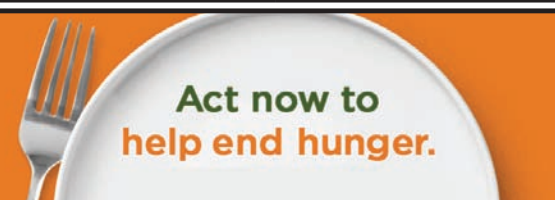
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