

## Lent, 2024

Rooted~Refreshed~Renewed

Fifth Sunday of Lent



March 16-17 2024

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#### **MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am

Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am in the Chapel of Sts. Cyril & Methodius - 2 Mary Avenue

Friday: 5:30 pm in Heritage Hall

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays during Lent: Services in Heritage Hall 4:00 - Stations of the Cross 4:30 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration and 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

Friday 4:30 - 5:00 pm in Heritage Hall 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 Monday at 4:00pm



LITURGICAL SERVICES THIS WEEK								
Mon 03/18	Tues 03/19	Wed 03/20	Thur 03/21	Fri 03/22	Sat 03/23	Sun 03/24		
Office closed	7:30am Mass +Trent M. D'eramo Jr r/b Tom and Maureen Kasuba	8:30 am Chapel open for Private Prayer	7:30 am Mass +Phillip Caruso r/b Caterina Caruso & Family	4:00 pm Stations of the Cross ALL SERVICES IN CHURCH 4:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30 pm Mass +George and Elizabeth Plavcan r/b grandson, Joe Dlugos	Palm Weekend			
					5:00 pm Mass +Trent Gibson r/b Nancy Vietri	7:30 am Mass +Cham Nguyen r/b daughter Diem Nguyen And for the Deceased of our Parish 10:00 am Mass +Mary and Edward Jablonski r/b the Silhavey family		
Tuesday and Thursday Weekday Masses are celebrated in the St. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former Convent building) Friday services are celebrated in Heritage Hall.				Fellowship & Food Every Friday in Lent After 5:30 Mass	ALL Palm Sunday Services BEGIN in Heritage Hall  Monthly Food Collection			

## Framing the Future on the Foundation of Faith

We Give Thanks for a century of Blessings received,

Challenges met, Love shared and Service rendered.



We Pledge to

Honor our Past as we Embrace a Future Filled with Goodness, Truth and Beauty Trusting in the Promise that All who Call upon His Name Will Be Saved!

#### We Pray for Grace

To live out our **Baptismal Promises** with Integrity as we labor to aid in building the Kingdom of God.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

4:00 PM SATURDAY +FLORENCE RADER

7:30 AM SUNDAY +BETTY PUCCI

AND

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

10:00 AM SUNDAY + PAULA SCHMITT

#### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the intentions in the prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine and for, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel.. All who are near death.. All who have no one else to pray for them.. and for all who have died.



#### THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

#### SANCTUARY TABERNACLE CANDLE

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2370 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### **CHAPEL TABERNACLE CANDLE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MSGR. MICHAEL CARNICKE

#### SACRED HEART CANDLE

PEACE IN THE WORLD

#### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CANDLE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY PUCCI

#### ST. JOSEPH SHRINE CANDLE

HEALTH & BLESSINGS FOR FLOR, ANA AND LINA

#### ST. MICHAEL CANDLE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANTHONY PICCIRILLO





#### IT'S TIME TO MOVE BACK HOME!!!

BUT before we start moving back... WE NEED TO DO SOME CLEANING!

JOIN US Tuesday, March 19th Starting at 4:00 pm As we work to get our Church ready for our return. Cleaning Supplies, Movina apparatus & Dinner will be provided! Please bring a beverage or desert.

Call the office to let us know you're willing to help!



#### **Lenten Devotions**

#### Rosary Prayers

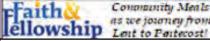
Tues. & Thurs. after AM Mass

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday at 4:00 pm

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday after Stations till 5:15 pm



Conmunity Meals as we journey from

All Are encouraged to gather for a simple meal after Stations of the Cross and Mass in Lent and *before the sessions* of our Lent to Pentecost Parish Mission.

The suggested donation is what you would have spent elsewhere! Help support our outreach efforts!



#### Monthly Food Collection

March 23-24

#### The Lord's Kitchen

Help prepare and serve meals to local people

#### Loaves and Fishes

Throughout Lent-supports food pantries and soup kitchens

#### Rice Bowl

Throughout Lent-supports global need for food.





#### ~Rooted~Refreshed ~Renewed~

#### Our Lent-Pentecost Mission

Mark your calendars NOW! A line-up of local and nationally known speakers will help lead us from Lent to Pentecost.

Dates and Speakers are Tue., Feb 27- Fr. Michael Boccaccio Sun, April 7- Fr. Michael Joncas Wed., April 17- Barbara Glynn Wed., April 24-Dcn. John Ditaranto Wed., May 1- Fran Fraliegh Tue., May 7- Fr. Boccaccio

Wed., May 15- Colin Petromale

## Take the Word of God With You As You Go!

#### This Week's Theme: **DEATH CAN BRING LIFE** Breaking Open the Word: Step One: Listen to the Word Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus declares that, "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our "reputation," for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community.

Step Two: Look Into Your Life

#### Question for Adults:

What experiences in your own life prove the truth of the image of the grain of wheat that must die?

#### Question for Youth:

What do you need to "let go of' in your life to really flourish and produce a harvest"?

#### Question for Children:

Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.



#### **PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

IN-CHURCH - March 9/10					
Sat/Sunday	\$	2,666.00			
Monthly	\$	212.00			
Snow Removal	\$	534.00			
Other	\$	171.00			
MAIL/DROP OFF - March 3-10					
Sunday	\$	645.00			
Monthly	\$	100.00			
Other	\$	261.00			
ONLINE GIVING - March 3-10					
Sunday	\$	479.50			
Monthly	\$	30.50			
<u>Other</u>	\$	15.00			
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	5,114.00			

Online Giving is an easy way to manage your contributions.

Visit our church website www.hnojchurch.org and click the Online Giving icon to register. Thank you for your generosity and responsible stewardship!

MARCH ENVELOPES In addition to the Regular Sunday Envelopes March has envelopes for our Monthly Repairs & Improvements, and special collection envelopes for Monthly Outreach, Snow Removal, Catholic Relief Service/ Central & East Europe, Easter Flowers, Palm Sunday, Holy Land/Good Friday, and Easter. All of these envelopes can be found on our website on the Online Giving icon.

#### HOLY LAND/GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. Many Christians (for example 90% in Bethlehem) depend on the pilgrimage industry to live. They could not work during the pandemic, and the war stopped again

GIVING



of the HOLY LAND IN AMERICA

pilgrims from coming. Supporting the Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians. https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/

#### **EASTER CROSSES**

Crosses are available for \$15 each. Our talented cross makers are looking for donations of silk flowers. Please bring your donations to Mass on the weekend or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you to all who have brought us donations!



#### Parish Pierogi Dinner



The Men's Society is hosting an upcoming Friday Fellowship and Food Dinner on March 22, 6:00-8:00pm in Heritage Hall. Dine In or Take Out. The menu includes Pierogi, Potato pancakes, Apple Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Water for \$14 per

person. Frozen Pierogi, \$8 for a dozen. Additional Potato Pancakes \$1 each Reservations required: please call Larry Wells 203-395-7073

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDER**

**FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS** 

Each week in Lent-

4:00pm Stations of the Cross followed with Adoration and Reconciliation till 5:15pm then Mass at 5:30pm followed by A simple **Lenten Meal** 



March 16 & 17 - Coffee And....Bake Sale after all Masses

March 17 - Feast Day of St. Patrick

March 18 - Ct Food Bank mobile food pantry

Please RSVP to Office

March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph & First Day of Spring

March 22 - FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

PIEROGI & PANCAKE DINNER—Please RSVP

March 23 & 24 - Monthly Food Collection

March 25—Reconciliation Monday-3pm-9pm at St. James

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE



All Services begin in Heritage Hall, after which we will process to our 90% 'Refreshed'' Church for the remaining Holy Week and Easter Celebrations.

#### Reconciliation Monday: March 25 3pm to 9pm at St. James Church

Priests from the Parishes of the Catholic Community of Stratford will be available.

## Holy Tuesday: March 26

**7:30am Mass**In the Convent Chapel of Sts. Cyril and Methodius,
After which the Chapel will be open for
Private Prayer until 5pm.

#### Wednesday of Holy Week: March 27

4:00pm The Way of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 5:15 5:30pm the Mass of the Day In the Church

#### Holy Thursday: March 28

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church) followed by a Eucharistic Procession and Adoration until 11:00 pm in Heritage Hall

### Good Friday: March 29 3:00pm: Stations of the Cross 5:30pm: The Passion of Our Lord Followed by Prayers Around the Cross

### Holy Saturday: March 30 12:00pm: Blessing of Easter Food

7:30pm: The Great Vigil of Easter

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Mass at 7:30am and 10:00am















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#### \$150

for a household garden for nutrition.

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vulnerable in our communities. Food insecurity continues to be the number one issue impacting people in our community and your family's Lenten sacrifice can make a significant impact. Donations can be made online at www.ccfairfield.org/loaves or checks made out to Catholic

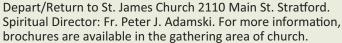
Charities may be mailed to Catholic Charities ATT: Finance dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Ave. Bpt CT 06606

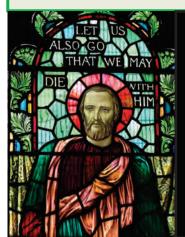
#### Shrines of Canada: July 12-14, 2024

85th Anna Fusco Memorial Pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupre, Notre Dame du Cap & St. Joseph Oratory. 4 days 3

Nights \$650 per person/Double Occupancy-motor coach, hotel, 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner, visits to all shrines.

Taxes and gratuities included. (passports required)





Holy Week is a Journey to Jerusalem with our Lord

to suffer...

to die...

AND

to RISE With Him!

"So let us walk in the light of the path set before us for we know His love will show us the way!"

#### **SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH ~ MARCH 19**



Morning Prayer to St. Joseph Dear St. Joseph, through your labor and simple honest care, your love for God is great beyond compare. Oh holy spouse of Mary, protector of our Lord, help us in every way today to share your great reward. Amen

#### FEAST OF ST. PATRICK - MARCH 17

Here's a fun fact about the patron Saint of Ireland: St. Patrick wasn't Irish! Most likely from Great Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates when he was a teenager. In Ireland, which was a pagan country at the time, Patrick was enslaved as a shepherd for six years. While he endured cold and hunger, he turned to God and prayed unceasingly. Eventually, Patrick escaped from Ireland. Upon returning home, he studied to become a priest, and he was ordained a bishop when he was 43. Patrick had an unshakable desire



to bring the Gospel to his brothers and sisters in Christ in Ireland. He didn't move on and forget all about Ireland after hisliberation. Instead, he acted on God's call to return and evangelize. As Patrick responded to this call to holiness and action, he converted countless people, ordained priests, and established dioceses in Ireland.

Christ be within me. Christ behind me. Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. madeline mckissick radiantwithjoy.blog

#### 2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL— **SERVING THE COMMUNITY**



"After years of living independently, facing food insecurity in my later years was humbling. But with Catholic Charities of Fairfield County's Senior Nutrition Program, not only did I receive nourishing meals, I was reminded of the unwaverina community spirit that values each one of us, no matter our age. Their support is about so much

more than food; it's about dignity, care, and belonging" Elena Rodriguez, Norwalk,CT

Our parish goal is \$37,500. As of March 8th we have received \$11,405 in Pledges from 31 Donors. This represents 30% of our parishioners. We encourage everyone to make a donation—if 100% of our parishioners participate we will reach our goal with ease.

You are invited to make your gift:

via the Offertory basket at Mass or online at 2024BishopsAppeal.org or by mail: D.O.B. PO Box 110410 Trumbull CT 06611

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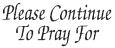
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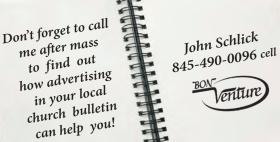
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