



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14-15, 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)

Fridays in Lent – in Church
4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
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
Fridays 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

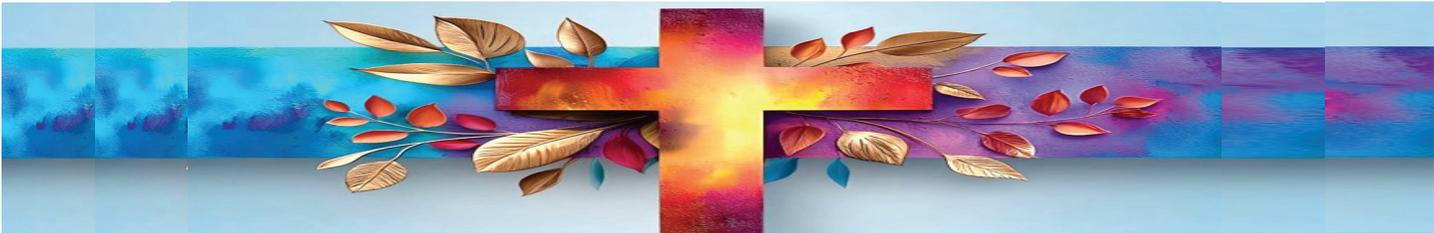
If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

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



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 03/16	Tues 03/17	Wed 03/18	Thurs 03/19	Fri 03/20	Sat. 03/21	Sunday 03/22
<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>7:30am Mass +Betty Pucci, <i>Anniv. r/b daughter & son-law, Mary Ellen and Steve Kother</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>7:30am Mass +Helen Breznicky</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p>4:00pm Stations of The Cross And Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation</p> <p>5:30pm Mass of the day +Barbara Pavlucik Anniv. <i>r/b Dolores Mihalik, cousin</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Services held in the Church</i></p> </div> </div>	<p>Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm</p> <p>4:00pm Mass +Albert Parravano <i>r/b Sandy Chatlos</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass +Jeff Bryant <i>r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">And Deceased of the Parish</p> <p>10:00am Mass +Augustin Petrus <i>r/b Maria Petrus</i></p>

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Amedeo Vietri and Edward Mancini
And Deceased of the Parish

7:30am +Kevin Sewell

10:00am +Ronald T. Pistey

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.. And for all who have died.

FRIDAYS IN LENT 4:00pm in Church
Pray the Stations March 20 Scripture Stations and **March 27 Mary's Way of the Cross with the Guild of the Mother of Jesus,**
4:30pm Adoration and Reconciliation available
5:30pm Mass

Saturday –Tuesday, March 14-17 Lenten Revival in the church 6-7:00pm 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!

Saturday, MAR 21 Bible Study Join Fr. Jim as we continue understanding the Prophet Isaiah. Every other Saturday in the Parish Community Room from 10:00 to 11:00am.

Tuesday, March 24 Fr. Michael Boccaccio presents The Passion of Jesus, John 18 and 19. All are welcome – bring a friend! Soup & Salad at 6:30pm and presentation at 7:00pm in Heritage Hall.

Catholic Churches of Stratford

Scan for Mass times, Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Schedules for Holy Name of Jesus, Our Lady of Grace, St. James, Our Lady of Peace, St. Mark **The Door is Open!**

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THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle
For all preparing for the Sacraments of the church

Chapel Tabernacle Candle
For all who are hospitalized, homebound and in nursing homes

Sacred Heart Candle
Peace in the world

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
In Loving Memory of Betty Pucci

St Joseph Shrine Candle
In Loving Memory of Anthony Piccirillo

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

March Saint—St. Patrick

(385-485 AD)Patron Saint of Ireland and also Nigeria. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, and in the Eastern Orthodox Church. In Patrick's autobiographical *Confessio*, he writes that when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland .He writes that he lived there for six years as an animal herder before escaping and returning to his family. In a dream vision, it seemed “all the children of Ireland from their mothers’ wombs were stretching out their hands” to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in Ireland. After becoming a cleric, he returned to spread Christianity in northern and western Ireland.

Prayer of St. Patrick

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

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.

Together, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS), we serve the needs of our community more effectively.



Contact:

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Vacation Bible School: Summer 2026

Parents will have two options for vacation Bible School in the town of Stratford this year: August 10-14 at St. Mark and August 17-21 at Our Lady of Peace. Please reach out to Dana Donia at ddonia@stmarkstfd.org for more information for the week at St. Mark, or Colin Petramale at colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org for more information for the week at OLP.



Lenten Revival with Deacon Art Miller

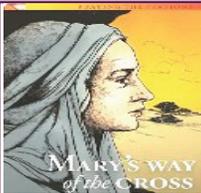
If you are seeking to grow in your faith this Lent, consider joining Deacon Art Miller for a Lenten Revival at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall from March 14-17, 2026, from 6:00pm-7:00pm each night. You may join for as many evenings as you would like. Free will offering to attend. Please also bring your Bibles to the event with you.



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is for any person who desires to deepen their life of prayer—from learning how to pray or how to become more attuned to God's movements in his or her life. Your spiritual director will accompany, guide, and help you listen to the Lord in the stirrings of your heart and prayer. This is a great place to ask the questions of your faith and have a trusted guide help you discover the Holy Spirit's work in your life. Spiritual Directors are available through Franciscan University, School of Spiritual Direction. To learn more about spiritual direction and this wonderful opportunity, contact Laurie Collins at lauriec22@gmail.com

LENT & HOLY WEEK



Mary's Way of the Cross with the Guild of the Mother of Jesus
Friday, March 27 at 4:00pm



Palm Sunday, March 28-29
4:00pm Saturday and 7:30am & 10:00am Sunday
10:00am Mass with the Procession of Palms



Reconciliation Monday March 30th, 3:00 to 9:00pm
St. James - Stratford, St Lawrence- Shelton, St. Catherine of Siena -Trumbull, St Mary, St. Margaret, St Augustine—Bpt,



Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31, 7:30am Mass
in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Chapel



Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1
4:00pm Stations of the Cross
4:30pm Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm Mass of the Day



Holy Thursday, April 2
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10:00pm



Good Friday, April 3
3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord



Holy Saturday, April 4
12:00pm Blessing of Easter Food
7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter



Easter Sunday, April 5
Mass at 7:30am and 10:00am



We hope you will join us for Season Two of...**The CHOSEN** Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall
April 22 Episodes 1 & 2 "Thunder" "I Saw you"
April 29 Episodes 3 & 4 "Matthew 4:24" "The Perfect Opportunity"
May 6 Episodes 5 & 6 "Spirit" "Unlawful"
May 13 Episodes 7 & 8 "Reckoning" "Beyond Mountains"
All are welcome—Bring the family! Snacks will be available or you may bring your dinner!

Study guides will be provided for you to take home. Sign-up sheets in the back of church or call the parish office.

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Feb 28-Mar 1		
Sunday	\$	2,016.00
Monthly	\$	965.00
Other	\$	467.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Feb 23-Mar 1		
Sunday	\$	788.00
Monthly	\$	245.00
Other	\$.00
ONLINE GIVING - Feb 23-Mar 1		
Sunday	\$	468.00
Monthly	\$	10.00
Other	\$.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	4,959.00
IN-CHURCH Mar 7-8		
Sunday	\$	2,442.00
Monthly	\$	251.00
Snow	\$	860.01
Other	\$	150.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Mar 2-8		
Sunday	\$	3,926.00
Monthly	\$	120.00
Snow	\$	30.00
Other	\$	132.00
ONLINE GIVING - Mar 2-8		
Sunday	\$	791.00
Monthly	\$	58.00
Other	\$	117.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	8,877.01

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

ONLINE GIVING "Share the Warmth! Make an Impact! Support our Ministries!" We offer ONLINE GIVING as an additional option to help strengthen our community and support our ongoing mission and ministries. **SIGN UP TODAY ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE WWW.HNOJCHURCH.ORG AND CLICK ON "GIVE"**



Regular March offertory envelopes include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Snow Removal, Catholic Relief Service/East Europe, Easter Flowers, Palm Sunday



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 \$ 14,570 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

The Faith Formation class led by our teens will be collecting the pop tabs (pull tabs) from aluminum cans to help support the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs—from soda, soup, or pet food—are collected, recycled, and the proceeds help provide free or low-cost lodging for families with hospitalized children. We thank you for your participation.

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!

Fridays, in Lent in Church

4:00pm Stations of the Cross
4:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available
5:30pm Mass



March 14,15,16,17 Deacon Art Miller Lenten Revival

March 15 Bake Sale Pick Up Day

March 15 FAITH EVENT SHADOW STATIONS in church –All are welcome!

March 21 Bible Study with Fr. Jim –*The Prophet Isaiah*

March 22,29 Faith Formation sessions

March 21,22 Coffee And...

March 24 Fr. Boccaccio The Passion of Jesus

March 25 Annunciation –Mass 12:15pm

March 27 Pierogi Dinner

March 28,29 Monthly Food Collection

Neo Catechumenal Way

You are invited to join Fr Jim and gather on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm for catechesis and good conversation. Talks for adults & youth 13+ Free Childcare

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Pierogi and Pancake Dinner

Hosted by the Men's Society

Friday March 27th 5:00PM –7:00PM

in Heritage Hall Join us for an evening of fellowship and delicious food. This family event will feature Pierogi's, 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 March 24

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

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/6/26

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$37,500
Total Pledged:	\$8,155 (22%)
Donors to Date:	34 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, like me I know that many of you are concerned and praying for an end to all wars throughout the world, especially now with the war with Iran in the middle east. And that all countries at war may stop the use of weapons and death and return to the process of diplomacy and dialogue through which God may grant all the gift of just and lasting peace.



Pope Leo XIV has spoken several times since the beginning about the war with Iran. You can read these his statements and pray with Pope Leo by going to the pope's world-wide prayer network website www.popesprayer.va Here are statements he made on March 1st and 8th.

"I am following with deep concern what is happening in the Middle East and in Iran during this tumultuous time. Stability and peace are not achieved through mutual threats, nor through the use of weapons, which sow destruction, suffering, and death, but only through reasonable, sincere, and responsible dialogue. Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of immense proportions, I make a heartfelt appeal to all the parties involved to assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an unbridgeable chasm. May diplomacy regain its proper role, and may the well-being of peoples, who yearn for peaceful existence founded on justice, be upheld. And let us continue to pray for peace." March 1, 2026

"Reports from Iran and across the entire Middle East continue to cause deep dismay and raise the fear that the conflict will expand, and that other countries in the region, including dear Lebanon, may once again sink into instability. Let us pray together for the roar of bombs to cease, weapons to fall silent, and space to open for dialogue, in which people's voices may be heard." March 8, 2026

The pope added that he was entrusting this intention to the Virgin Mary, "that she may intercede for those who suffer because of war and lead hearts along the paths of reconciliation and hope."

In these heartfelt messages, Pope Leo is also reminding us of the dignity of every human person. That you, me, and all throughout the world are made in the image and likeness of God. This is at the heart of Catholic Social Doctrine which also teaches us of our need to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, not only suffering near in our own neighborhoods, but far in the middle east, Ukraine, Russia, and elsewhere. Solidarity first and foremost by our prayers, especially to our Lady, Queen of Peace. Secondly, by acts of charity. Catholic Relief Services, the Catholic Medical Mission Board, and Aid to the Church in Need are just some of the relief agencies well established throughout the world that you may donate to help those suffering.

So let us pray with Pope Leo that all wars end soon and that justice and lasting peace may come to all peoples who so desperately long for it. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.



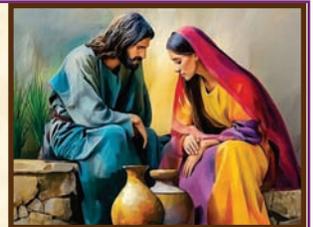
Similarities and Differences

On the 4th Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus healing a man born blind. This follows the story of the woman at the well from the previous Sunday. Hearing these stories together helps us see both the similarities and differences in these encounters.

Both the woman and the blind man are outcasts in their society. Jesus meets them where they are, breaking social barriers. In both cases, his actions lead to a life-changing transformation. The

woman becomes a believer and a witness to her community, while the blind man gains both physical sight and spiritual insight. Both stories reveal Jesus' identity. To the woman, he speaks of living water, showing himself as the source of eternal life. To the blind man, he reveals himself as the Son of Man. In both encounters, Jesus shows that he is more than a healer—he is the Savior. However, the community's response is very different. The woman's community is open and curious. They come to believe in Jesus because of her testimony. In contrast, the religious leaders reject the blind man's story and refuse to believe in Jesus, showing their spiritual blindness. These stories challenge us to respond to Jesus with open hearts. They invite us to reflect on our own willingness to see and believe. It asks us if we are open to Jesus' message or if we allow prejudice or fear to cloud our vision.

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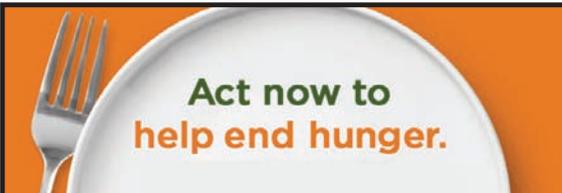


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