



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish Third Sunday of Lent



March 7-8, 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 03/09	Tues 03/10	Wed 03/11	Thurs 03/12	Fri 03/13	Sat. 03/14	Sunday 03/15
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Joseph Sanca r/b Nicholas Piciw Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am - 2:00pm	7:30am Mass +Lucille La Pastina r/b Fr. Jim Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel  6:30pm LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE IN CHURCH	 4:00pm Stations of The Cross Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the day +James & Therese Zietkowski Ontoko r/b Dennis & Sallianne Prebensen Services held in the Church	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Amedeo Vietri and Edward Mancini r/b Nancy Vietri	7:30am Mass +Kevin Sewell r/b Nicholas Piciw 10:00am Mass +Ronald T. Pistey r/b Verna Pistey And Deceased of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

	4:00pm +John Iwasczyszyn And Deceased of the Parish 7:30am +Denise Martin 10:00am +Edward G. Kascak
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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.. All whose names are written in the Prayer book at Our Lady of Perpetual Shrine ...And for all who have died.



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of David G. Andriso

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Birthday Blessings for Barbara

Sacred Heart Candle

For peace and protection for our military, their families and the people of the Middle East

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Hmura

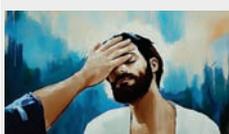
St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Msgr John Pitoniak, Anniversary

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



FRIDAYS IN LENT 4:00pm in Church *Pray the Stations* with us using various scriptural publications. 4:30pm Adoration and Reconciliation available 5:30pm Mass



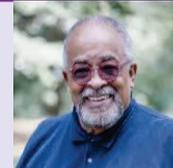
Tuesday, March 10 the Men's Reflection Group will welcome Fr. Michael Boccaccio, who will present the Gospel *Jesus Heals the Blind Man* John 9:1-41. All men of the parish are invited to attend the presentation in the parish Community Room at 7:00pm. Gather at 6:30pm for Soup & Salad.

Thursday, March 12 Penance Service 6:30-7:30pm in Church with Fr. Jim, Fr. Paul Sankar and Fr Peter Adamski. The evening includes; opening prayer, scripture readings, reflection time, "I confess to Almighty God.., the Our Father, individual confession and absolution with a priest, a prayer of thanksgiving, blessing and dismissal.

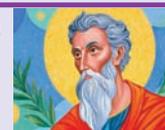


Saturday –Tuesday, March 14-17 Lenten Revival in the church 6-7:00pm with

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 begin to dive deeply into the Prophet Isaiah. Every other Saturday in the Parish Community Room from 10:00 to 11:00am.



Tuesday, March 24 Fr. Michael Boccaccio will present a reflection on *The Passion of Jesus*, John 18 and 19. All are welcome – bring a friend! We start with Soup & Salad at 6:30pm and the presentation at 7:00pm in Heritage Hall.



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



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

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:

stratford@setoncollaborative.org

A Prayer for those Searching

Father, I love You Whom I do not know,
and I embrace You Whom I do not see,
and I abandon myself to You Whom I have offended,
because You love in me Your only begotten Son.



You see Him in me,
You embrace Him in me,
because He has willed to identify Himself completely with me by that love which brought Him to death, for me, on the Cross. *from Thomas Merton*

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. 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

2026 Bishop's Appeal



STRENGTHENING PARISHES AND SCHOOLS THROUGH THE SETON COLLABORATIVE

The Seton Collaborative is a new diocesan nonprofit created to strengthen our parishes and schools by transforming how they operate so they can better serve their communities and support both academic excellence and spiritual growth. By identifying efficiencies, standardizing and automating processes, sharing best practices, developing staff, and leveraging economies of scale, the Seton Collaborative helps ministries focus more fully on their mission of forming disciples and educating future generations. The mission of the Seton



Collaborative is to promote growth and innovation in schools and parishes by contributing expertise, creativity, resources, and capital to drive renewal across the Diocese of Bridgeport. As Bishop Frank J. Caggiano reminds us, ***"For the Church to be renewed, we must unlock the talents that have been given to us. And for the Church to grow, we need to collaborate."*** Through the **Bishop's Appeal One in Christ**, your support makes this vital work possible. Learn more at 2026BishopsAppeal.org

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 2/27/26

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$37,500
Total Pledged:	\$6,595 (18%)
Donors to Date:	30 Donors



To make a gift or for more information visit 2026BishopsAppeal.org or scan the QR code

Connecticut

March for Life

Hartford, CT | March 18, 2026
10:30am - 12:30pm

2026 March for Life

Connecticut March for Life

March 18th at the State Capital, 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford 06106
Pre-Rally concert 10:30am Rally 11:30am/ March 12:30pm
 Go to CTMarchforlife.org for more information

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Feb 21-22		
Sunday	\$	1,994.00
Monthly	\$	85.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	610.00
Other	\$	55.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Feb 16-22		
Sunday	\$	700.00
Monthly	\$	75.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	91.00
Other	\$	46.00
ONLINE GIVING - Feb 16-22		
Sunday	\$	401.00
Monthly	\$	46.00
Other	\$	25.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	4,128.00

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. The Ronald McDonald House is located in New Haven and directly connected to Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital by serving as a specialized "home away from home" for families with children receiving critical care there. Containers are on the back tables in church. We thank you for supporting this wonderful cause and know that every tab donated will make a difference in the life of a family with a sick child. Thank you! Britany, James, Max, Mia and Paul

We acknowledge and thank Young-catholics.com for the use of their art in our bulletin

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



Mar 7,8 Parish Nurses
March 8, 22,29 Faith Formation sessions
March 7, 21 Bible Study with Fr. Jim –*The Prophet Isaiah*
March 10 Men's Reflection Group with Fr Boccaccio
March 12 Penance Service in church 6:30pm
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 21,22 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

LADIES GUILD EASTER BAKE SALE!

Easter Bake Sale Orders are due this weekend! Dolores 203.378.3426 or Helen 203.378.5925



Nut & Poppysseed \$15.00 Paska Raisin & Plain \$7.00

Beautiful Handmade Cemetery Easter Crosses



are now available in the church vestibule or call the parish office. Donation \$15

Pierogi & Potato Pancake Dinner—hosted by the Men's Society Friday March 27th



5:00PM –7:00PM 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

The February Pierogi & Potato Pancake Dinner saw a profit of \$686. Thank you for your continued support!

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!



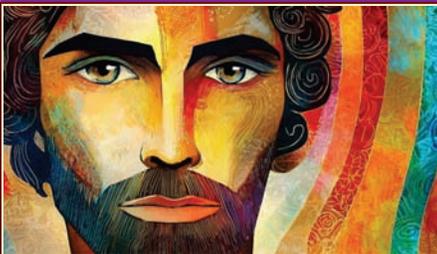
In just 4 days, we will all have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps it's been a while since you last came to confession to receive the forgiveness of your sins by our Lord Jesus. You might wonder, "If I haven't committed any really serious or mortal sin, do I really need to confess my sins to a priest?" This is a good question.

True, if each day you and I pray to Jesus and honestly examine our conscious, express thoughtful and heartfelt sorrow to him for our sins, ask for his forgiveness, ask for his grace to help us not to sin again, and truly commit to amend our lives by his grace, Jesus does forgive us. But, I know for myself, it's more often that I fall a lot short of doing all these necessary acts of penance, let alone amend my life and follow Jesus more every day.

No sin, whether venial, serious, or mortal, is just a private sin that only wounds the sinner and God. Every sin wounds not only you, me, and God, but Jesus' entire body, his Church. This is why Jesus instituted this sacrament of reconciliation through his twelve apostles (Mt 16:19) to be carried out in the life of his Church (Jn 20:19-23), sending the apostles out to all peoples to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name (Lk 24:47). Also, true conversion in our lives can only be completed by acts of penance (satisfaction) for our sins, by amendment of our conduct, and also – if possible – by reparation of any injury we have caused. Discernment and assignment of these appropriate acts of penance along with pronouncement of Jesus' forgiveness of our sins through the prayer of absolution are what Jesus has given us through the words and blessing of his ministers, a priest or bishop.

Our Penance Service this Thursday, March 12th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the church will include a greeting, an opening prayer, 3 scripture readings just as we hear at Mass, time to examine our consciences, general admission of sin ("I confess to Almighty God. . ."), Our Father, individual confession and absolution with a priest, a prayer of thanksgiving, blessing and dismissal. In addition to myself, Father Peter Adamski, pastor at Saint James, and Father Paul Sankar, Parochial Administrator at Our Lady of Grace, will be present to celebrate with me and hear individual confessions.

I hope many of you will come to our Penance Service and receive Jesus' forgiveness of your sins this Lent.
God Bless + Father Jim



ST JOSEPH
Can you imagine being told to give up your own hopes and dreams, live a life of perpetual chastity and sacrifice, and raise the Son of God? That was exactly the challenge

presented to St. Joseph, whom the Catholic Church celebrates in March. He fully accepted and embraced his calling from God, devoting himself entirely to Jesus and Mary with total selflessness. For someone with such an important role, we know relatively little about him. All we know about his life is from the Gospels. Even then, he never speaks in the Bible. St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus and chaste spouse of Mary. He was their protector and head of the Holy Family, yet in humility he esteemed himself the lowest in the family. Devotion to the Holy Family is not complete without an understanding and appreciation of the great St. Joseph, often called "The Second Greatest Saint." **So what's the connection between March and St. Joseph?** The feast of St. Joseph is March 19. It typically falls during Lent, giving us the opportunity to direct our devotion to Joseph's sacrifices and hardships as he followed God's will and mourned the impending loss of his Son that he wouldn't live to see. Also in March, on the 25th, is the Annunciation, when Mary accepted the Incarnation. Joseph received a message from an angel in a dream that his betrothed was pregnant through a virgin conception. He trusted the Father and embraced his role in the life of God made Man. **St Joseph, Pray for Us.**

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Samaritan..Sychar..town..two..well..woman

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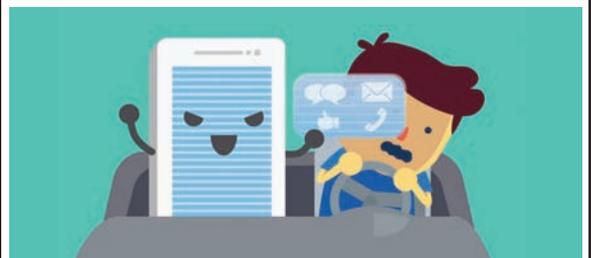
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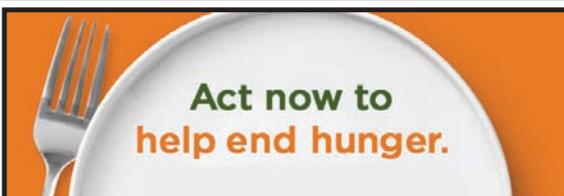


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