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Welcome
to Holy
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Jesus
Parish

7th
Sunday
of Easter
May
16-17,
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

Prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love, which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. *Pope Francis*



Prayer allows us to see one another the way God our Father sees us, and to realize that we are brothers and sisters. *Pope Francis*

Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 05/18	Tues 05/19	Wednesday 05/20	Thursday 05/21	Friday 05/22	Saturday 05/23	Sunday 05/24 PENTECOST
Parish Office Closed	7:30am Mass +Helen Breznicky <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 +Eleanor Andriso <i>r/b George Andriso</i> <i>Services celebrated in Church</i>	*5:30pm Mass +Michael R. Pucci (Anniv) <i>r/b daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ellen and Steve Kother</i> <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 +Bill Sheehy <i>r/b Bob & Barbara Sheehy</i> And the Deceased of the parish	 7:30am Mass +Ron Kanuch <i>r/b Kanuch Family</i> 10:00am Mass +Helen & John Vassak <i>r/b Silhavey families</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Stephanie Petersen and +Chris Zalik
 7:30am +Holy Souls in Purgatory
 10:00am +Suchyak and Petrus families
 And the Deceased of the parish



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle
Health & Blessings for Ann Gerowe

Chapel Tabernacle Candle
Pope Leo's May Prayer Intention—that all might have sufficient food and water

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle
Peace in the World

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
In Loving Memory of Michael R. Pucci

St Joseph Shrine Candle
For the intentions of Bishop Frank and the clergy & religious of our Diocese

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



Prayer of St. Augustine

Watch O Lord, with those who cannot sleep, or weep tonight. Tend your sick ones. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. Amen.

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.



The Memorare

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this

confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen."

Take a moment to reflect on these words. Think about a need in your life or the life of someone you know. As you go forward this week, remember that Mary is always ready to pray with you. Turn to her in times of joy and in times of struggle. She will always bring your prayers to Jesus.



Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. For more information on serving as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) talk to Fr. Jim or visit



formationreimagined.org/liturgical-formation/ or call the office. Your participation brings life to our celebrations!



If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit to receive Communion or an anointing, please call the parish office.

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

Vacation Bible School: Summer 2026



Parents and guardians have two opportunities 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. Both weeks promise to be faith-filled for all involved!

MAY SAINT ~ Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i's Story ~ May 10th



When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy, Hansen's disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a

priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Saint Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. He is the patron saint of people with leprosy (Hansen's disease), outcasts, and HIV/AIDS patients

Dear Saint Damien of Molokai, you have shown great compassion to all those in need. Help us to have the same compassion for others. Help us to love without boundaries so we may see Jesus in all whom we meet just as you did with the people of Molokai Hawaii. In Jesus name I pray who is both human and Divine. Amen.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH May 9-10		
Sunday	\$	2,400.00
Monthly	\$	170.00
Other	\$	165.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF May 4-10		
Sunday	\$	2,350.00
Monthly	\$	225.00
Other	\$	87.00
ONLINE GIVING - May 4-10		
Sunday	\$	365.00
Monthly	\$	28.00
Other	\$.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	5,790.00

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



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

May 18 CT Foodshare Pantry –parking lot HNOJ 9:15am-10:15am

May 19 & 22 Neocatechumenal Way— Every Tues & Friday

May 23-24 * new date—Coffee And...

May 30 Men's Reflection

May 30-31 Monthly Food Collection



Mobile Food Pantry—CT Foodshare

distributes a variety of free & nutritious food to families every other Monday in our parish parking lot. **May 18 9:15 10:15am** Bring your own bags.



The Neocatechumenal Way invites you to begin a journey to experience that Christ is Risen! Tuesday and Fridays at 7:30pm in Heritage Hall.



MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP May 30th Join us! Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room –Reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we finish at 9:00am.



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 May offertory envelopes include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Catholic Communication Campaign, Ascension of the Lord



HOLY NAME OF JESUS 17TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

June 20, 2026
11am - 2pm

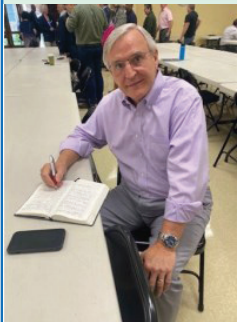
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2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 5/1/26

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$37,500
Total Pledged:	\$26,951 (72%)
Donors to Date:	67 Donors



Formed to Serve: Supporting Our Deacons For years, Deacon David Flynn quietly sensed a call to the diaconate, until a simple question from his sister gave him the confirmation he had long prayed for. Through five and a half years of formation, his wife, Anita, and trusted spiritual guides walked with him, teaching that "to preach well, you have to pray." Deacon Flynn's ministry has

deepened his relationship with Christ and strengthened his family's faith. He accompanies parishioners, OCIA candidates, and all who seek a closer encounter with God. Formation programs, retreats, spiritual direction, and diocesan resources continue to nourish his vocation, preparing him to serve as a witness of truth, healing, and unity. The Bishop's Appeal supports the formation and ongoing training of deacons like Deacon Flynn, helping them serve the Church's mission and bringing us together as One in Christ. Support our deacons today!

2026BishopsAppeal.org 203.416.1470

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Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, on this 7th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel of John speaks to us of Jesus' last words to his apostles at the Last Supper. That though he is going to the Father his disciples will remain to proclaim his love, truth, and peace to the world.

Here's a reflection given April 29th by Pope Leo XIV how peace is essential to allow the Lord Jesus to proclaim his love, truth, and peace in and through us.

"It is not every page in your life that deserves to be reread. See, it is not every wound that deserves to be reopened from time to time, and most importantly, it is not every past that deserves a future. Your past is past, leave it where it belongs, in the past. There comes a moment in life when you must make the decision to either remain a prisoner of what was, or become a custodian of what can be. Many people are faithful to their pain, but unfaithful to their peace. They rehearse old betrayals, revisit expired relationships, and relive moments that God Himself has already permitted to pass. Many have forgotten that their history might have hurt them badly, but it shouldn't also imprison them. Your peace is more important than your history. There are chapters in your life that were never meant to be permanent. They came as lessons, not as lifelines. Some people entered your story not to stay, but to shape you. Some experiences came not to bless you, but to build you. Wisdom is knowing when a chapter has ended and having the courage to close the book, without bitterness, without resentment, but with clarity and grace. Because when you refuse to close a chapter, you deny yourself the beauty of a new beginning. Sometimes, holding on is an act of fear; letting go is an act of faith.

Do not let nostalgia become a prison. The past can be seductive; it whispers familiar lies and offers counterfeit comfort. But what you call "familiar" may be the very thing suffocating your destiny. Growth does not happen in spaces where your soul is constantly wounded. Peace is not found where your spirit is perpetually at war. You cannot heal in the same place that broke you. Choose the path that leads you back to you. There is a version of you that existed before the pain, before the betrayal, before the disappointment, a version full of light, clarity, and purpose. That version is not lost; it is waiting. Waiting for you to stop negotiating with what drained you. Waiting for you to stop entertaining what diminished you. Waiting for you to walk away from what no longer aligns with your soul. Anything that costs you your peace is too expensive. Moving on is not weakness. It is not denial. It is not running away. Moving on is a declaration that you deserve better, you choose better, and you will become better. It is the quiet strength of a soul that refuses to bleed endlessly just to prove loyalty to pain. It is the wisdom of knowing that closure is not always given by others; sometimes, it is a gift you give yourself. Let go of the need for explanations. Let go of the obsession with "why." Some doors closed not because you failed, but because they were never meant for your future. Not every goodbye is a loss; some goodbyes are divine protection in disguise. God will not pour new wine into old wineskins. If you keep clinging to what was, you will miss what is coming. If your hands are full of yesterday, how will you receive tomorrow? Peace requires space. Healing requires release. And destiny moving



So move on, not with anger, but with understanding. Not with regret, but with gratitude.

Not with fear, but with faith. . . And step boldly into the unknown, knowing that sometimes the most powerful thing you can do is to choose yourself again. At the end of it all, your peace is not negotiable. Your healing is not optional.

And your future is too precious to be buried in your past. Move on."

Catholic Community of Stratford

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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AUGUST 17-21 9 AM - 3:00 PM

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Half day (family): \$125
Half day (one child): \$75

Optional Child Care from 3-5 for an additional fee. Please reach out to colin.petramatepat@ancollaborative.org if interested.

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