

Let us not be overwhelmed by the present: let us look up to Heaven, let us remember the goal, to think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. Let us renew today the choice to love Jesus, and to follow him.

Pope Francis



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Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

5th Sunday of Easter ~ May 2-3, 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.

ANONING 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 05/04	Tues 05/05	Wed 05/06	Thursday 05/07	Friday 05/08	Saturday 05/09	Sunday 05/10
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass +Magdalene Goda <i>r/b Mr & Mrs Vincent Mata</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i></p>	<p>4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation</p> <p>5:30pm Mass of the day Intentions of Joanne Cooper</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Services celebrated in Church</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass 60th Anniversary Blessings for Jack and Carol Bruno</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am-2:00pm</p>	<p>2:30—3:30pm Reconciliation</p> <p>4:00pm Mass +David G. Andriso <i>r/b Fr. Jim</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass Living and Deceased Mothers</p> <p>10:00am Mass Living and Deceased Mothers</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

MASS INTENTIONS


- 4:00pm +Kenny and John Iwasczyszyn
- 7:30am + Diane DiVasto
- And the Deceased of the parish**
- 10:00am + Marian Stevens




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.. And for all who have died.



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!



La Virgen Del Cisne ~ Our Lady of the Swan



May 9, 2026 Join us as we honor the Blessed Mother under the title of La Virgen Del Cisne, Our Lady of the Swan, with the Rosary at 12:30pm—Procession and Mass at 1:00pm

The story of Nuestra Señora del Cisne is one of hope and providence: in a time of great drought, the people of El Cisne, Ecuador, turned to Mary in humble prayer. In 1594, a drought and plague of rats destroyed crops in the region. Threatened with extinction the native population decided to emigrate in search of a better land. However, before that could happen, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a native woman and everything changed. The woman was herding sheep to pasture when she met a Lady crowned with fragrant roses, who stayed with her, conversing about God while the flock grazed. "Confide in me, because I am going to help and protect you so you will never be hungry again. Build a shrine in this place, where I will always be with you," the Lady said. Each year, thousands embark on pilgrimages and processions, expressing trust in the Blessed Mother's miraculous help and unfailing presence. Through Nuestra Señora del Cisne, we are reminded that Mary's love knows no boundaries, and she gathers the faithful beneath her mantle—offering hope, comfort, and inspiration on the journey to Christ.

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Health & Birthday Blessings for Dolores Mihalik

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For peace in the world

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Margaret Barnish

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For the homeless and the hungry

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



Please pray for our six young people; Brienne, Christopher, Dalton, Joseph, Kaylen and Samantha who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Eucharist on Mother's Day.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament. Amen

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

CCS Weekly

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!



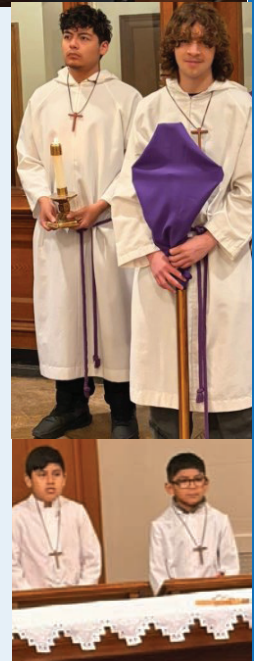
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BINGO! A great time was had by all - 93 players and a profit of \$985 Thank you to all who planned, set up and called the games—and to all who joined us!



We thank our

young parishioners; Paul, Penny, Beckett, Xavier, Michael, Dylan, Jacob, Daniel, Jonathan and James for joining the ministry of Altar Server—faithfully serving at Sunday 10:00am Masses and during Holy Week. The ministry of Altar Server is a liturgical service within the Catholic Church where servers assist the priest and deacon during Mass. Servers carry the cross and candles, hold liturgical books, prepare the altar, and assist with gifts, fostering reverence and participating in sacred mysteries. Thank you also to Joe McClean and Chris Silhavy for forming our young people in this ministry.



If your child is a 4th grader and has received the sacrament of First Eucharist and is interested in serving—please see Fr. Jim after Mass.

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH April 25-26

Sunday	\$	1,817.00
Monthly	\$	20.00
Other	\$.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF - April 20-26

Sunday	\$	688.00
Monthly	\$	60.00
Other	\$	5.00

ONLINE GIVING - April 20-26

Sunday	\$	328.00
Monthly	\$.00
Other	\$.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ **2,918.00**

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing

The Annual Collection helps the Parish to meet extraordinary expenses that arise each year. **This year our goal is \$45,000.**

To date \$ 14,665 has been received towards our goal.

Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.



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



NOTRE DAME PREP TUITIION RAFFLE—

Win \$15,000 towards any school—K-8, High School or College. Raffle drawing June 2nd 2026. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold. To purchase tickets & learn more scan or visit <https://tinyurl.com/TuitionRaffle2026>



Mobile Food Pantry—CT Foodshare

distributes a variety of free & nutritious food to families every other Monday in our parish parking lot. **May 4 & May 18 from 9:15-10:15am**



The Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville PA, who faithfully served our parish for 60 years as teachers and catechists, *invite you to send your Special Intentions to be included in their prayers. Write your prayer intentions—drop it in the box at the back table or in the offertory basket or mail it to the parish office and we will send them to the Sisters.*

Dear Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius, please include my special intentions in your prayers as you pray the Rosary in May.

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Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



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

May 1 every Tues & Friday - Neocatechumenal Way

May 2-3 Parish Nurses

May 4, 18 CT Foodshare Pantry –parking lot HNOJ 9:15am-10:15am

May 6, May 13 The Chosen

May 10 First Eucharist 10:00am Mass

May 15 Ladies Guild Dinner

May 16 Knights of Columbus, Porketta Dinner

May 16-17 Coffee And...

May 16 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

May 16, May 30 Men's Reflection

May 17 May Crowning

May 30-31 Monthly Food Collection



We hope you will join us for Season Two of... **The CHOSEN** Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall **May 6 & 13**

If you are suffering.. If you are surrounded by fear...If you cannot forgive... If there are things you do not understand...



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



BIBLE STUDY Join Fr. Jim as we continue to understand the Prophet Isaiah. **Saturday, May 16, 10:00–11:15am**



MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP Upcoming Saturday Reflection dates: **May 16 and 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS: PORKETTA DINNER Saturday, May 16, 5:00-7:00pm.

Dinner is open to Members, Parishioners and Guests. Menu includes: Porketta, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & butter, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. Reservations are required. \$15.00 per person. Larry Wells 203.395.7073 lawman1156@gmail.com

RSVP by May 4th Please bring a non-perishable food item

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous



donations of groceries to our Monthly Food Collection. And to the Faith Formation children for sorting and boxing the groceries. The parish men of the Knights of Columbus will deliver the donations to Fr. Skip at Blessed Sacrament.

The generous will be blessed for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9



Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, a week from today at the 10am Mass on Mother's Day, I will have the privilege and joy of giving our young parishioners Brienne, Cristopher, Dalton, Joseph, Kaylen and Samantha their First Eucharist. Just like you and me, they will begin to be changed into the very likeness of Jesus each time they receive him in the Eucharist. Please continue to pray for them in this final week of preparation and please do join us next Sunday!

Last week I shared with you a few words from Chris Pagett's book, *I'm not Ok, You're not Ok. But It's Ok!* And I hope you realize that while Chris wants to share with his readers some important - and at times uncomfortable stuff about himself and all of us - he doesn't want you and me left without hope.

"What I love about Christianity is that Jesus takes us as we are, but then he enables us to be even more human in our willingness to follow him. . . He loves us even if we don't love ourselves. He loves us when we have not demonstrated love towards others. . . from our broken promises and shattered lives, we are given a second chance." [page 136]

Jesus sees us and calls us, but we have to want this new life; we have to see our need for a savior, or we won't seek him. 'Ask and it will be given' is a promise we find in the Sacred Scripture (Luke 11:9). But we do have to ask, because love does not force. Seek and you will find! Certainly, but that would mean we want to find answers. Knock and the door will be opened! Of course, but again, love will not manipulate you into this type of relationship. Jesus invites us to be forgiven, to be healed and whole, to an abundant life. What do you want? [pages 136-137]"

In today's Gospel of John, Philip seems to know what he wants. In fact, Philip assures Jesus that if he will just show him and his brother apostles the Father, that will be enough. Jesus answers, "Have I been with you so long a time and you still do not know me Philip? You and me sometimes think, feel, and act like Philip. We're really trying to follow Jesus and to understand and know more about him, about his Father. And right here in our parish there are ways you and I have opportunities to do this. There's Adoration along with confession available followed by Mass on Wednesdays. There's the Men's Reflection Group who take up the Sunday readings. There's Bible Study. And there is another opportunity available through a Neocatechumenal Way group forming here in our parish.

The Neocatechumenal Way is a Catholic formation program focused on adult evangelization and faith renewal. Initiated in Spain in 1964 by Kiko Argüello and Carmen Hernández, it helps baptized Catholics rediscover our faith through small-community setting within parishes. Approved by the Catholic Church in 2008, the Way is present in 139 countries across five continents within 6,197 parishes and 122 *Redemptoris Mater* Diocesan missionary seminaries forming men for the priesthood dedicated to the New Evangelization.

To learn more, please check out this link to an episode EWTN's *The Church Universal*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFn1bOppBYE&t=252s&pp=ygUXdGhllG5lb2NhdGVjaHVtZW5hbCB3YXk%3D>



MAY CROWNING Sunday, May 17

Join us after the 10:00am Mass on May 17th for a May Crowning in Church as we honor our Blessed Mother and pray for peace.

*Different Titles
Different Faces
One Blessed
Virgin Mary*



Guild of the Mother of Jesus ~ May 15th Dinner

All Guild of the Mother of Jesus members and All women of the parish are invited to our May Gathering on Friday, May 15th at 5:30pm in the parish Community Room (convent building). We will begin with dinner and are pleased to welcome Sister Catherine Brodersen, Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be with us and present a reflection on our Blessed Mother—A Woman of Faith - and how her faith and example can guide us in our daily lives. Let us know you are joining us—call the parish office or send an email by May 8th. There is no cost for dinner. Menu will include a hot chicken entree, pasta, salad, bread, dessert and refreshments.

As Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we joyfully offer our lives in service to the Church and to all of God's people. Through our consecration, we are sent out in mission—called to carry Christ's love wherever He leads us. Here in the United States, we share the love of Christ across five states: CT, NY, PA, MO and FL Our primary areas of ministry include education, social services and health care, pastoral and diocesan, and spiritual ministries.



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