



*Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
Pentecost Sunday*



May 23-24, 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**

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online at [www.hnojchurch.org](http://www.hnojchurch.org)

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Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:1-4

## Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 05/25	Tues 05/26	Wednesday 05/27	Thursday 05/28	Friday 05/29	Saturday 05/30	Trinity Sunday 05/31
<p><i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i></p> <p><i>Memorial Day</i></p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p><b>7:30am Mass +Deborah Hood</b> r/b sister, Arleen Drake</p> <p>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius Chapel</p>	<p><b>4:00pm</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation</p> <p><b>5:30pm Mass of the Day +Joseph Kmec, Sr</b> r/b Barbara Soltis</p> <p>Services celebrated in Church</p>	<p><b>7:30am Mass +Peter Mandese</b> r/b Fr. Jim</p>	<p>Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am-2:00pm</p>	<p><b>2:30-3:30pm Reconciliation</b> <b>4:00pm Mass +Albert and Rafaella Posta</b> r/b Posta family</p> 	<p><b>7:30am Mass +Nguyen Thi Cham</b> r/b Diem Nguyen and family <b>And the Deceased of the parish</b></p> <p><b>10:00am Mass +Larry and Antoinette Wells</b> r/b Larry and Mary Ann Wells</p>

### MASS INTENTIONS

**4:00pm** +Bill Sheehy  
And the Deceased of the parish

**7:30am** +Ron Kanuch

**10:00am** +Helen and John Vassak



Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your wisdom and strength. Help us to listen to your guidance and follow the path of Jesus. Give us courage to share your love with others. Bring peace and unity to your Church. Teach us to trust in you always. 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.

### THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

**Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle**  
Health & Blessings for Peggy Hennessey

**Chapel Tabernacle Candle**  
Health & Blessings for Jayne Staffey

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle**  
For children and their families suffering from the ravages of war

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle**  
In Loving Memory of Joanna Fischer

**St Joseph Shrine Candle**  
For refugees and all seeking a safe home

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



Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have lost their lives in our nations' service. Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried at Arlington Cemetery.

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Holy Name of Jesus Parish joyfully celebrates Jade Davila on the occasion of her First Eucharist and Arai Nunez, as she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday.



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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.

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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](mailto:ddonia@stmarkstfd.org) for more information for the week at St. Mark, or Colin Petramale at [colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org) for more information for the week at OLP. Both weeks promise to be faith-filled for all involved!



### La Virgen del Cisne (Our Lady of the Swan)

was celebrated with a procession, music, the recitation of the Rosary, and Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim. We extend our sincere thanks to Digna Torres for sharing this beautiful Ecuadorian tradition with us and for arranging the musicians. We also thank Victor of the Neocatechumenal Way for providing music and guitar at Mass.



## Parish Financial Support

<b>IN-CHURCH May 16-17</b>			
Sunday	\$		1,909.00
Monthly	\$		30.00
Other	\$		651.00
<b>MAIL IN/DROP OFF May 11-17</b>			
Sunday	\$		442.00
Monthly	\$		
Other	\$		
<b>ONLINE GIVING - May 11-17</b>			
Sunday	\$		363.00
Monthly	\$		28.00
Other	\$		70.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>3,493.00</b>

*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 \$ 15,165 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



**Our Lady of Grace Church is hosting a June Fest Carnival June 12-14**  
**Rides-Games-Food** Fri 6-10pm, Sat 1-10pm, Sun 1-6:00pm ~497 Second Hill Lane

Hello friends,  
 I will be going on a Vietnam trip and will have a mission to help as many brothers and sisters in need as possible. Poor families, children, and elderly people need our help. If you are comfortable, please feel free to be part of this mission by making a contribution. 100% of contributions go directly to those in need. No administrative expenses. None of the funds pay for any CEO of a charity organization. 100% will be used to purchase food, basic necessities items, etc for the poor.  
How you can make a contribution in different ways by June 19th: Zelle to 203 540 9486 or cut check to Lap Nguyen. You can also make check payable to St. James with a note "Vietnam Mission." Drop off at St. James parish center or collection baskets. Last time we did a Vietnam mission, we were able to provide over 2 tons of rice, fish sauce, soya sauce, sugar, cooking oil, diapers, milk, personal hygiene products, etc for 350 poor families, countless children in orphanages, and in need elderly people. It's a gift to see joy in their eyes.

Lap Nguyen, Parishioner

and  
 Director  
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## Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



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

**May 23-24 Coffee And...**

**May 26 & 29** Neocatechumenal Way— Every Tues & Friday

**May 30** Men's Reflection

**May 30-31** Monthly Food Collection

**June 6** Bible Study



**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 - Upcoming Dates: May 30, June 13 and June 27** 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.



**ISAIAH**

**BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JIM**

**Saturday, June 6th 10:00– 11:45am**  
**Parish Community Room**

Isaiah Lesson 4 (Is 20-24 pages 67-75)



**HOLY NAME OF JESUS 17TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW June 20**  
**11am - 2pm**

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## Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, on May 20, 2023, I received the greatest gift of my life: ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. For most of just 3 years of priestly ministry, Holy Name of Jesus Parish has been my home. I am truly grateful to Bishop Caggiano for all his support and discernment that enabled him to choose to ordain me. But most of all for Bishop's discernment to appoint me your pastor, spiritual shepherd, to know my home is here with all of you until at least August 31, 2031, and, God willing, for an additional 6 year term after that!



Thank you for celebrating with me my 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this past Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. I am truly grateful for so many of you who joined with me at Mass to give thanks to God for his gift to me. Now I want to share with you some thoughts on the priesthood itself, rooted in the threefold munera, or offices, of Jesus - priest, prophet, and king.

The priestly office – the *munus sanctificandi*, the sanctifying office in theological terms – is a reminder to me and all priests that I must sanctify the world. To do this I must become holy. That's a tall order that I have been and will continue to work on till death. One of the promises at priestly ordination is to pray. Every day I experience this in many ways: the default leader of grace before meals, to pray for others, family members, dear friends, etc. But the most touching and at times challenging kind is when I am called on to pray with people through sickness, death, grief, a crossroad in life, and joy. It's in these moments that I especially experience my priestly mission to sanctify and to be sanctified. It's here when I understand how little I can really do, and that I must fully rely on God's grace and strength. Thanks be to God, he has helped me realize already that being his priest in these experiences, God is able to bring holiness to others, and in the process, purify and challenge me to greater virtue.

The prophetic, or teaching office – the *munus docendi* – encompasses the priest's responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and to hand on the Catholic faith. Teaching the way Jesus teaches is not always easy. Jesus faced opposition, so do his priests. Sometimes myself and my brother priests must proclaim a section of the Gospel or the Catholic faith that is unpopular or difficult to understand. I pray that I have been faithful in this way and where I have hesitated, or lacked the courage of my convictions, please know that my only desire is to hand on the fullness of the Catholic faith so that anyone who hears me may respond to the Holy Spirit's urging them to turn their lives more and more to Jesus Christ each day.

Last, but not least, the kingly or governing office – the *munus regendi* – as you might guess, is each priest's responsibility to lead and govern. In the less than 2 years I have served you, I have come to deeply appreciate how the good stewardship of all your generous financial support and the maintenance of our parish campus buildings and grounds is only possible with the necessary help of so many of you who generously share your many varied skills and counsel with me. I hope you know that my only desire to lead you is through the grace of spiritual fatherhood, to serve and lead you all into eternal life. This is both thrilling and terrifying. Thrilling because you understand and love me as a father. You respect my authority because of how I love. And terrifying because though God gives me the graces I need to be your father, I do not always respond to his graces.

No man is called to the priesthood because he deserves it, far from it. *"It was not you who chose me. It was I who chose you."* (John 15:16) So please continue to pray for me and all priests in our diocese. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. And if you or anyone you know have ever considered a vocation to the priesthood, please say yes. Jesus needs you. The Church and the world needs you. God bless and thank you+

**First Eucharist Mass - May 10th**  
**God bless the children and their families**  
**Brienne, Cristopher, Dalton, Joseph, Kaylen, and Samantha**



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