



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 8-9, 2025



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MASSSES

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)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesdays – in Church
4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration and 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

His disciples recalled
the words of
scripture,
“Zeal for your house
will consume me.”

John 2:17



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 11/10	Tues 11/11	Wed 11/12	Thurs 11/13	Fri 11/14	Saturday 11/15	Sunday 11/16
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass +Marcelle Saint Jean r/b Fr. Jim And Living and Deceased Veterans <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i> Parish Office closed	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the Day +Robert J. Hudak r/b Peg and family <i>Wednesday Services held in Church</i>	7:30am Mass +Magdalene Goda r/b Martha Suchyak <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm +John Iwascyszyn r/b wife, Helen Coffee And...	7:30am Mass +Denise Martin r/b husband, Roger 10:00am Mass +Michael Perkowski r/b Parents And The Deceased of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Frank Rader and +Margaret Andriso
7:30am +Carmen Tringhese
10:00am +Susanne Rose Kascak



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Andrew Piccirillo

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Leona Leszczynski

Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory of the Rader Family

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Mary Madar

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Edward and Susan Kascak

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



VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11



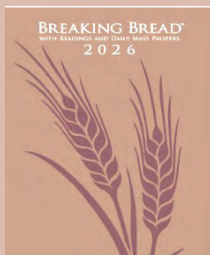
Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

MISSALETTES

2026 MASS BOOK

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Breaking Bread
Missalettes for 2026
will be available in the church the first weekend of Advent, Nov 30th. If you would like your own copy the requested donation is \$8



The 2026 Mass Book will open Nov. 18th. You may email or drop off your requested intentions & dates in the offertory basket or at the office prior to the 19th. Intentions may be for your deceased loved ones and also intentions for the living. Please note that we try to accommodate all requests but in the case of a Mass date already reserved we will notify you of alternate dates.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is celebrated on November 9. This basilica is the cathedral of Rome and is called the mother church of all churches. The feast reminds us of its importance as the Pope's church and a symbol of unity for Catholics everywhere. Special Masses and prayers are held on this day to honor the dedication of the basilica. This feast is a time to give thanks for the faith passed down through the Church. It helps us remember that we are united as one family in Christ. The Lateran Basilica stands as a sign of that unity and of the strength of the Catholic faith across the world.



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

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

Faith Sharing & Bible Study

How does the Bible speak to my heart, my joy and my challenges? Please consider joining us for an adult faith sharing and Bible study series at **Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall on November 11, November 25, and December 9 from 6:30pm-8:00pm each evening.** We will discuss how to read the Scriptures, and then share how the Scriptures relate to our everyday lives. If interested, RSVP to colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org



Remembering Who we Are

In today's second reading, St. Paul returns to a common theme and asks us, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" For St. Paul, the absolute basis and given of who we are as humans is that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. The language that St. Paul uses literally means that the Spirit "tabernacles" inside each of us. Yet there are all kinds of life circumstances that cover over our identity in Christ. In fact, much of our "sin" comes from our forgetting that simple fact: God is within us, we are not separate from God, and we do not need to strive for the wholeness Christ has already given us. May we look within...patiently, and with joyful hope, as we find who we are in Christ and who Christ is in us.



Sacramental Preparation

If your child is above 7 years old and has not been baptized, the Catholic Community Stratford is offering a special formation process for your child(ren). Our next meal and formation session will be on **Thursday, November 13th, 2025, at 6:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Offices (2 Mary Avenue, Stratford CT).** If you are interested, please reach out to Colin Petramale at colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org.



Our Procession of Saints included St. John Bosco and his dog Grigio, St. Rose, St. Mary, St. Joseph, St. Luke, St Stephen of Hungary, St. Zita, St. Francis, St. Nicholas, St. John Vianney, St. Cecelia & St. Therese the Little Flower Well done, Our Saints in the Making!



FAMILY BINGO! Friday, November 14th Heritage Hall *Doors open at 5:15pm *Games begin at 6:00pm *Kids Play Free!! *Adult admission \$10 includes *Bingo Cards for each game *Additional cards available for purchase *BYOB – Bring your own food and drinks **Silent Auction! 50/50 Raffle!** *Call or email the office to let us know how many in your party. Please bring an item for Sterling House and help provide Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors.* Items requested: Boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, Canned cranberry sauce, Canned beets, Gravy, Can fruit, Canned vegetables



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH Nov 1-2

Sunday	\$	2,164.00
Monthly	\$	1,151.00
Other	\$	574.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Oct 27-Nov 2

Sunday	\$	750.00
Monthly	\$	115.00
Other	\$	290.00

ONLINE GIVING - Oct 27-Nov 2

Sunday	\$	433.00
Monthly	\$	45.00
Other	\$	30.00

Total Income \$5,552.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesdays, in Church 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available 5:30pm Mass

Nov 8 Men's Reflection Group

Nov 11, 25 Faith Sharing and Bible Study OLOP

Nov 13 Sacramental Preparation for all seeking the sacraments of the church—parish community room

Nov 14 FAMILY BINGO

Nov 15-16 Coffee And...

Nov 16 Family FAITH Event- All parishioners are invited to join us for our All Saints presentation—And—Coats for Kids—distributed by the Knights of Columbus for all children of the parish who would like a warm jacket

Nov 22 MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Nov 23 Mass Reader Meeting

Nov 23 Faith Formation 11am-12:15pm

Nov 23 MONTHLY TEEN MASS 4PM AT HNOJ CHURCH

Nov 26 VIGIL MASS FOR THANKSGIVING 5:30PM

Nov 29-30 Monthly Food Collection



Parish Annual Collection Envelope

This month you will find in your Parish Collection Offertory Envelopes an envelope for the Annual Collection.

This year our goal is \$45,000.

The Annual Collection helps the Parish to meet extraordinary expenses that arise each year. This year our major building upgrade is to replace the Church boiler with the work being completed next week. With four buildings to maintain there is always another maintenance issue that arises. This Annual Collection will help our parish to meet these unbudgeted expenses. **To date 7,029.00 has been received towards our goal.** Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.



MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY



Mass for Deceased Clergy

Bishop Caggiano invites all the faithful to join in prayerful remembrance of the priests and deacons of our diocese who have completed their earthly

ministry in the Lord this past year. Together, we will give thanks for their lives of faithful service and commend them to the loving mercy of God. All are welcome to attend this special Mass of remembrance.

11:00am Saturday, November 15 at the Cathedral Church of St. Augustine 399 Washington Ave, Bpt. Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, Celebrant

MASS READERS MEETING



Dear Mass Readers—don't forget to attend a brief meeting (30 minutes) immediately following the Sunday 10:00am Mass on Nov 23 in the Church. Father Jim will handout and review the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word 2026

COATS FOR KIDS!



The Knights of Columbus Council 2370 will distribute warm jackets for girls and boys following the Sunday, November 16th FAITH Event. Join us for our FAITH Event at 11am-12:30pm - if your family would like a jacket at no charge please see the Knights at the conclusion of the event.



Christmas Bake Sale



Place your orders for Nut & Poppy Seed Rolls & Bolbalki starting on Monday! Call Dolores 203.378.3426 or Helen 203.378.5925. Nut & Poppy Seed Rolls \$15 each and Bolbalki \$5

Men's Reflection Group

The Men's Reflection Group will meet next on December 6 and 20th in the Parish Community Room. Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am to start our reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we'll finish at 9:00am. **Join us!**

Bible Study with Fr. Jim

Will resume in January. Until then the *Waiting Well* Advent series will be available for Everyone!

We acknowledge and thank Youngcatholics.com for the use of their art in our bulletin

MEN'S NIGHT OUT! NOV. 22



The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society is hosting the Annual Men's Night Out

Saturday, November 22, Heritage Hall 6:30-10:30pm Bring a friend for Good Food—Cards and More! Hot Appetizers, Snacks, Chicken, Kielbasa, Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Beer \$20.00 per person. Call Larry Wells 203.395.7073 or lawman1156@gmail.com

TURKEY SHOOT!



All parishioners are invited to take a chance to win a \$25 gift card on the November Turkey Shoot. Chances can be purchased for \$5 before and after Mass. We have Turkey Fr. Jim, Turkey Deacon Joseph, Turkey Drumstick and Turkey Wishbone! Our Faith Formation students will "Pin the Feather" on the Turkeys to determine the winners following the 10am Mass on Sunday November 23.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FR JIM'S TOWNHALL MEETING OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Just two weeks ago I held a town hall meeting in the church. First I gave an update on Faith Formation, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers at Mass, the Seton Collaborative, Confirmation with Bishop Caggiano, and the beginnings of a Regional Youth Ministry among 4 of our Stratford Catholic parishes. I also mentioned replacement of the church boiler beginning Monday, November 3rd, as well as improvements recently completed, including outdoor lighting at the Parish Office and Hall, the Hall ladies' restroom, and a very minor repair to the Church sound system. Then I presented the current financial status of our parish and the need to double current monthly offertory giving so that our parish, all on its own, can become truly financially sustainable. Here's what I covered.



Immediate Prior Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Total Offertory \$229,958 (52%) + Other Income \$212,182 (48%)

Total Income \$442,141

Total Expense \$485,472

2025 Shortfall \$85,959 (-17.7%)

2026 New Staff Positions \$46,704

2025 Shortfall \$85,959

Total Increase Needed \$132,664 = \$11,055/month or \$2551/week

Current Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Regular Monthly, Annual, and Diocesan Obligations and Unexpected Expenses.

Investments & Earnings from the School Sale doing well over 4%

Currently a monthly shortfall of \$8,000 to \$10,000

Our Path to Financial Sustainability

Where we stand today:

623 Registered Households,

1,183 people, but **on Average only 210 attend Mass weekly**

190 Chose Envelopes, but only about 55% actually use them each week.

Many others give regular financial support in Cash, about 20%

We need on average a Weekly Offertory of \$5,102

How can we reach this goal?

I will thank all who financially support our parish regularly, including our homebound.

I will encourage parishioners who do not regularly give financial support to do so.

We all need to invite fellow parishioners to attend Mass regularly.

We all need to invite others we know to join us for Mass at our parish.

More information on our Parish Offertory campaign will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you!

Parish Bookkeeper Position to be Filled

This position is Part-Time, 24 hours/week, Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 3pm. The qualified candidate must have knowledge of accounting principles, proficiency in QuickBooks, PayCor, and MicroSoft Office Software as well as proficiency in handling Accounts Payable, Payroll, Bank Reconciliations, Preparing and Maintaining Annual Budgets.

For more information, please call or email Father Jim at 203-375-5815, FrDivasto@diobpt.org

Parish Administrative Assistant Position to be Filled

This position is Part-Time, 15 hours/week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am to 2pm. The qualified candidate must have proficiency in Microsoft Office & Publisher Software, to create Flyers, Worship Aids, Funeral Mass Programs and the Parish Bulletin. For more information, please call or email Father Jim at 203-375-5815, FrDivasto@diobpt.org

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