



HOLY NAME OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 www.hnojchurch.org

October 10-11, 2026 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday | 7:30am, 10:00am

Rosary prayed at 9:30am prior to the 10:00am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday | 7:30am in the parish Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius, 2 Mary Ave

Wednesday | 4:00pm Adoration

4:30pm-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass. All services held in Church

Thursday | 7:30am in the parish Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius, 2 Mary Ave

Tuesday -Friday Private Prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm
 Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius, 2 Mary Ave

CONFESSION

Wednesday | 4:30 - 5:00pm

Saturday | 2:30-3:30pm

Other | By Appointment

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
Closed Mondays

OUR STAFF

Rev. James DiVasto, Pastor
 pastor@hnojchurch.org

Rev. Churchill Penn, In Residence

Deacon Joseph Huong

Parish Trustees: Carol Bogue and Paul Kravitz

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Music Director and Organist: Bob Cloutier

Coordinator of Faith Formation:
 Nancy Milewski cff@hnojchurch.org

Parish Secretary: Maryjean daSilva



The Great Banquet 1525, the Brunswick Monogrammist was an anonymous Netherlandish Renaissance painter

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office for registration and instructions.

Marriage

We celebrate Christian love and family with the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact the parish office one year in advance.

Hospitalization

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound, please notify us to receive care.

New Parishoners

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

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 10-18, 2026

Saturday, October 10

**4:00pm +Gertrude Zalik and
Patricia Perry**

Sunday, October 11

**7:30am +Helen Breznicky and
Deceased of the Parish**

10:00am

+Gertrude and Steve Duncan

Tuesday, October 13

**7:30am +John Dempsey, Sr
And, +Maria Plesz**

r/b Steve and Sandra Zalik

Wednesday, October 14

4:00pm Adoration

4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day

+Cyril and Margaret Mihalik

r/b Dolores, Robert and family

Thursday, October 15

7:30am Health & Blessings

Anne Marie Gerowe

Saturday, October 17

4:00pm +Joseph and Marion Gresko

r/b the Gresko family

Sunday, October 18

7:30am

+Denise Martin

r/b husband, Roger

**And the Living and Deceased
of the parish**

10:00am

+Theodore and Blanche McClean

r/b the McClean family

**A Mass of Christian Burial will be
celebrated for our parishioner and
friend, +David Margonis
Monday, October 19 at 10:30am.
All are invited.**



Please remember in prayer, All
who are ill.. All Healthcare
Workers.. All Military Personnel
and First Responders...All who
are near death.. All who suffer
from violence and Injustice...

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 Sunday's Readings

First Reading: **Isaiah 25:6-10a**
God prepares a feast for all

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 23**
The Lord cares for us

Second Reading: **Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**
Christ gives us strength

Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10**
Accept God's invitation

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Pope Leo's October prayer intention
for the mental health ministry, calling
on the Church to listen without judging
and accompany those who suffer
without excluding them.

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For children who live in countries at war

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

For all preparing for the Sacraments of the
Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Gertrude and Steve
Duncan

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For the intentions of our Parish families

St Michael Candle

For the intentions of the Members of Council
2370 Knights of Columbus

Sunday Morning Rosary at 9:30am

Join us at 9:30am on
Sundays to pray the
rosary together.

*"May we continue to
experience Mary's
help, protection, and
intercession for us"*



WHO WROTE PSALM 23?

Psalm 23 is traditionally
said to be written by King
David. He was a shepherd
before he became king, so
he understood what it
meant to care for sheep.
Psalm 23 is used often in
the Roman Catholic



Lectionary. It is a favorite for both weekday and Sunday Mass.
People know it well, and it speaks clearly about trust in God.
It is often chosen for funerals. The words bring comfort and
peace. They remind us that God walks with us, even through
death. But this psalm is not just for sad times. It also appears
during Easter, Ordinary Time, and other parts of the Church
year.

When we hear it at Mass, it helps us think about God as our
shepherd. He gives us what we need. He leads us to safety. He
prepares a table for us. These images connect with the Eucharist
and the promise of heaven.

Psalm 23 helps bring the readings together. It shows God's care
and love in a simple way. That is why it keeps showing up again
and again. It speaks to every season of life.

How can I pray with this psalm?

You can say it slowly, one line at a time. Think about what each
part means. Ask God to help you trust Him,
just like the sheep trust the shepherd.

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Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Oct 3-4	
Sunday	\$ 2,257.00
Monthly	28.00
Other	.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Sept 28-Oct 4	\$ 195.00
Monthly	15.00
Other	.00
ONLINE GIVING - Sept 28-Oct 4	
Sunday	\$ 577.00
Monthly	50.00
Other	.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 3,122.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$10,351

REGULAR OCTOBER OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

also include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Catholic University, Holy Name Society and HNOJ Annual Collection Parish Campus repairs

HNOJ Parish Annual Collection

Our 2026/2027 HNOJ Parish Annual Collection goal is to raise \$17,500 to help repair several areas of the church grounds. Your generosity will help ensure that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for all. **Current donations total \$10,351**

QUARTER NITE



On September 18, 118 people enjoyed Quarter Nite so much they dropped \$1,669 worth of quarters into the buckets. **Admission \$590, 50/50 \$266, Auction \$495 thanks to Millie Maynard's donation of 7 Beautiful Themed Baskets, Monetary donations \$150**

A grand total of \$3,170 profit. We had **16 Gift Cards, 20 Vendor Donated Cards** (thanks to Jane Hock seeking contributions) **47 items, 19 bottles of cheer** for a total of 102 prizes! Thanks to those who helped that evening and most of all for all those who donated the prizes, and those who attended the event.
 You made it a fun night!

PARISH TAG SALE



Our Parish Tag Sale was a huge success! Many thanks to all who helped make the day a wonderful Parish Event - all those who set up the signage and advertisements, those who helped set up Heritage Hall, the parishioners who donated their "Treasures", those who spent long hours sorting and organizing the items, all who worked the day of to sell at the tables, our visitors and shoppers who purchased items and all who stayed to help sort and repack items, and clean up in record time! We are blessed to have such dedicated and generous parishioners and friends. **Our final profit was \$4825**

with thanks & gratitude, Mary Ann Wells and Anne Wargo, Co-Chairs



Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar

Wednesdays

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



- Oct 11, 25** Faith Formation Session - Parish Hall
- Oct 12, 26** CT FoodShare Mobile Pantry - church parking lot 9:15-10:15am
- Oct 14** The Chosen - Parish Community Room (Parish Office 2 Mary Ave)
- Oct 17** Men's Reflection Group
- Oct 17** Parish Homemade Chili Dinner
- Oct 17-18** Coffee And...
- Oct 18** Faith Formation FAMILY FAITH EVENT
- Oct 24** Bible Study with Fr. Jim Parish Community Room
- Oct 24-25** Monthly Food Collection
- Oct 31** Knights of Columbus Classic Car Show

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP



Upcoming Date: Saturday October 17

The Men's Reflection Group provides an opportunity for all Catholic men to gather for fellowship, reflections on life and scripture and communal prayer. Reflections on the Sunday Readings are an invitation to take a closer look at the scriptures and incorporate them into your life. All men are welcome to our Saturday Morning Meeting in the Parish Center at 8:00am. For more information call the parish office or Paul Kravitz 203.818.8306 paul.kravitz@gmail.com or Paul Scioletti 203.377.2397



BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jim
Saturday, October 10 & 24
10:00am - 11:00am
Parish Community Room

Faith Formation

For more info call Nancy Milewski, Coordinator of Faith Formation, Tuesday - Friday, at 203.375.5815 or email cff@hnojchurch.org



What is Virtus and how can I help?

Our Mission: To educate and empower everyone (individually and collectively) to ensure optimal safe environments for children and the vulnerable. Our programs are designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to take action as safe adults and improve the lives of everyone with whom they interact within the Church and other organizations.

The VIRTUS programs were created in 1998 by The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc. (National Catholic). Since its inception, the VIRTUS programs continue to evolve to go above and beyond the needs of organizations to safeguard ministries and people.

Over 6 million adults have been trained through our Protecting God's Children Program, and millions of youth have been trained in the Empowering God's Children Program. Everyone who volunteers in the parish is required to be Virtus trained. And the training is highly recommended to all adults. To register for an on-line Zoom training go to virtus.org

VIRTUS Online

Would you be interested in becoming a VIRTUS Facilitator? The Diocese will be offering a Facilitator Training next week on Monday, October 19, and Tuesday, October 20. For more information about the training and requirements, please feel free to reach out to Valeria Jarrin, Safe Environment Training and Compliance Assistant | Office of Safe Environment - Office of Safe Environment Diocese of Bridgeport (203) 416-1407

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society presents HOME MADE CHILI DINNER

Heritage Hall

Saturday, October 17 - 5:00-7:00pm

Meat Chili, Turkey Chili or Vegetarian Chili (choice of one) \$15.00 per person * Chili, Corn Bread, Fritos, Ice Cream, Soda, Coffee, Tea, Water * No Take Outs
~Reservations required *RSVP by October 11
Larry Wells 203.395.7073 lawman1156@gmail.com

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Knights of Columbus Council #2370 presents CLASSIC CAR SHOW

October 31 11:00am - 2:00pm

Car Show is open to All Cars - Car donation \$15
Dash Plaques awarded to the first 50 cars

Food  **Music**  **Trophies**  **Fun For All!** 
Proceeds to benefit the Seminarian Scholarship
(Rain Date Nov 7)

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

You are invited to bring in a 3x5 or 7x5 framed picture of a loved one or friend who has died. It doesn't matter when they passed away. These will be displayed in the church during the month of November. **Please bring in your picture now - at any weekend Mass.** Please be sure your name is written on the back of the photo.



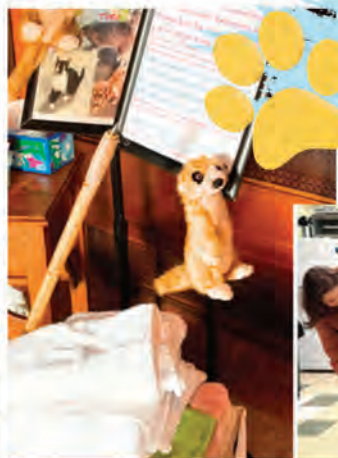
CHRISTMAS BOX OF JOY



Christmas Box of Joy drive has begun-bringing hope and joy to children in need. For many of these children, the gift received through Box of Joy is the only Christmas present they will receive. Thank you for sharing Christ's love and making a difference in a child's life this Christmas. Boxes are located on the back tables of the church. We ask that you take one and return it with your gifts the weekend of November 7-8 so they can be shipped in time for Christmas.



Gift Ideas: balls (deflated) with pump
Balloons, Binoculars, Cars or Trucks, Craft kits, Dolls, Jump
Ropes, Legos, Mini Puzzles, Small Plush Animals,
Unopened Fast Food toys. Bandanas, Dresses, Flip Flops,
Socks, Tee Shirts, Underwear, Barrettes, Bracelets, Hair
Bands, Hair Ribbons, Combs, Brushes, Necklaces, Purses,
Wallets, Sunglasses, Lip Balm, Nail Clippers,
Toothbrushes, Bottles or Cups with lids, Drawstring Bags,
Sewing kits, Utensils



We are collecting old, used, clean towels for the Stratford Animal Rescue Society. You may bring your donation to church on the weekend or the office Tues-Fri



Annual Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass commemorating all those who have died since November 1, 2025 will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7 at the 4:00pm Mass. If you have had a family member or friend pass away in THE PAST YEAR, NO MATTER WHERE, please fill out the form below and return via the Offertory basket, mailed or brought to the Parish Office by October 25-26. These names will be read at Mass

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Deceased _____

Date of death _____

Name of Deceased _____

Date of death _____

Name of Deceased _____

Date of death _____

FR. JIM'S COLUMN—"JUST ONE MORE THING!"



Dear Parish Family, I hope last Sunday after the 10am Mass, I gathered with several of the parents and guardians of children in our faith formation program. It was the first of several conversations I will have with them from now through May 2027. First, I thanked them for registering and having their children participate in faith formation. I then invited them to share with me any concerns or challenges they're experiencing to ensure the faith formation of their children.

As you can guess, many of the children's sport, music, dance or other activities compete for their time and energy even on a Sunday morning. Yet, these parent/guardians are committed to having their children participate regularly in faith formation. They recognize how necessary this is to help them fulfill their responsibility to raise their children in the Catholic faith, a promise they made at their child's baptism.

We spoke too about how kids will only value and participate in things they see their parent/guardian do, like attending Sunday Mass regularly and doing things to continue their own journey of faith formation. Two things that Nancy Milewski and I gave them to help especially at home to spend time together with their kids were *A Parent's Guide to the Gospel Weeklies* and Jerry Windley-Daoust's book, *77 Ways to Pray with your Kids*. The parent's guide is a companion book to the Gospel Weeklies series our catechists use with their kids. Jerry's book helps parent/guardians to do just what its title says, to pray with their kids.

First, start out small with a prayer said together at meals like, *"Bless us O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ, our Lord. Amen."* or *"Come Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."* Then gradually add other prayers throughout the day. Jerry's book has references too to great resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and many common prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary, the Prayer of Saint Francis, and more!



One prayer offered is that of Pope Francis, his Five-Finger prayer: *"The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those closest to you. . . The next finger is the index finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal you. . . [The middle finger] is the tallest . . . our government leaders and others who have authority. . . The fourth finger is the ring finger, which is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest among us, the sick, the poor. . . And finally we have the smallest finger. . . your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself."*

So there are lots of ways to pray. And we always need to pray, to just talk with Jesus. Like I mentioned last week, please pray daily for our seminarians. If you can, come and pray for them especially with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays in the church from 4pm to 5pm.

Thank you for all your prayers for me. I pray for you too. God bless +

OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ~ Come and See!



Girl Scout Troop 37004 spent the summer filling little free libraries in front of town elementary schools with children's books. The girls realized that while some parishes have libraries too, others don't. Some of you may remember that at one time we had a parish library in the school building. Now that we no longer have that space, the girls designed, built, and stained a shelf that is now in the vestibule. Please consider bringing in items to share and to follow little free library lending of *take a book, leave a book*, as you are able.

A Big Thank You to Theodora, Auri, Meghan, Brie, Ada and Maggie
A beautiful job Well done!

Also pictured, Fr. Jim and Troop Leader Joanne Gallagher and Treasurer, Sarah



Our Memorial Brick Walk has new additions. Fr. Jim will be blessing the walk in the coming weeks.



THE LORD'S KITCHEN

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team for preparing and serving a delicious dinner of Chicken Parmesan, mashed potatoes, corn bread, soda, coffee and cookies to 100 guests in September. Your generosity, hard work, and hospitality help make these dinners a great success enjoyed by our guests. *Would you like to join our team?* We could use extra hands in the dining room - setting up, serving, clean up, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Lord's Kitchen is located at Christ Episcopal Church 2000 Main Street Stratford. We are scheduled along with 13 other churches, businesses & organizations about 8 times a year. Call the office or send us an email to learn more about this gratifying outreach ministry with rewards out of this world!



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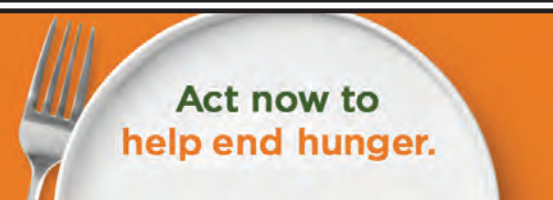
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