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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 17-18, 2026 ~ 29th 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

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I AM THE LORD
THERE IS NO OTHER

Isaiah 45:6

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 17-25, 2026

Saturday, October 17

4:00pm +Joseph and Marion Gresko

Sunday, October 18

7:30am

+Denise Martin

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

10:00am

+Theodore and Blanche McClean

Tuesday, October 20

7:30am +Sr. Marlene Burke F.D.C

r/b Fr. Jim

Wednesday, October 21

4:00pm Adoration

4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day

+Genevieve Chatlos

r/b Sandra Chatlos

Thursday, October 22

**7:30am Health & Blessings
for Steve and Sandra Zalik**

Saturday, October 24

4:00pm +Frank Ziza (Anniv)

r/b daughters Jan and Nancy

And the Deceased of the Parish

Sunday, October 25

7:30am +Michael R. Pucci

*r/b daughter and son-in-law
Mary Ellen and Steve Kother*

10:00am

+George R. Margonis

r/b David Margonis

And +Tracey McGovern

r/b Mary Ann and Larry wells

**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 45:1,4-6**
God works through Cyrus

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 96**
Give the Lord glory

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**
Faith, love and hope

Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21**
Give God what is God's

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of George R
Margonis and David Margonis

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health and Blessings for Pope Leo

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

Peace in the world, especially in Gaza,
Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and Haiti

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For all who are preparing for or recovering
from surgery

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Robert Hulton

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"*



OCTOBER SAINTS - SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE OCTOBER 22

Pope John Paul II (born Karol Józef Wojtyła May 18, 1920 in Wadowice, Poland) served as Pope from 1978 until his death in 2005. He was the first non-Italian pope since the 16th century, as well as the third longest-serving pope in history. The conclave was called after the death of John Paul I, who served only 33 days as pope. Thousands of people's attention was riveted on St. Peter's when the new pope's name was announced, then people turned to one another in confusion: *Who? A non-Italian? For the first time in 455 years?* The new Pope adopted the name of his predecessor in tribute to him. The new Pope "from a far country" had been prepared for his task through his own suffering and the suffering of his people. He knew what it was to face fear. So, on October 22, 1978, at the inaugural Mass of his pontificate, Pope John Paul II cried out to the whole world, *"Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!"* On May 13, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Pope would find a different way to show the world what it means to face fear, armed only with the love of God, the power of forgiveness, and the protection of the Mother of God. During that day's papal audience, an assassin aimed and fired. St. Peter's Square erupted into panic as the Pope fell. He came close to death, saying later that the Mother of God, to whom he had entrusted his pontificate, had protected him on her feast day; he made a pilgrimage to Fatima to place the bullet in her crown. He made another pilgrimage, too: to prison, to forgive the "brother who shot me" face-to-face. *St. John Paul II Pray For Us!* vaticannews.va



Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Oct 10-11	
Sunday	\$ 1,856.00
Monthly	1,356.00
Other	.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Oct 5-11	
Sunday	\$1,145.00
Monthly	330.00
Other	.00
ONLINE GIVING - Oct 5-11	
Sunday	\$ 570.00
Monthly	33.00
Other	.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 5,290.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$10,696

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 \$10,696**

Priests For The Future



We thank seminarian Pierre Doumbouya who visited our parish and shared his journey of discernment and his response to God's call to the priesthood. For the first time in more than 30 years, the Diocese of Bridgeport has more than 40 men preparing for the priesthood. Much of that growth traces back

to the diocese's *Called by Name* campaign through which more than 340 young men have been personally invited to consider the priesthood. As Bishop Caggiano shares, "Amazingly, we have good reason to expect this number to continue rising. The Holy Spirit is at work." The Bishop is grateful for your prayers and support. For the past two years, your gifts to the Vocation Drive have funded about 80% of seminarian formation. But with the numbers increasing additional funding is needed. Please consider a gift or pledge. Brochures on the back tables or visit bridgeportpriest.org

JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION ON UNDERSTANDING VA BENEFITS

**DO YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS ABOUT
YOUR VA HEALTH
CARE BENEFITS?**

Tuesday, October 20,
4:00-5:00pm
Mosaic Adult Day Program 720
Barnum Ave Cutoff
Stratford

info or RSVP Mary 203 365 6474 Bring your questions! All Veterans, family members, caregivers are welcome

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar



Wednesdays

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

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 For Thanksgiving

Oct 25 Faith Formation Session - Parish Hall

Oct 31 Knights of Columbus Classic Car Show

CLASSIC CAR SHOW 11:00am - 2:00pm

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP



Saturday October 17

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 24
10:00am - 11:00am

Parish Community Room

BINGO! SAVE THE DATE!



Join us for Family Bingo on Friday, November 13. Doors open at 5:15pm and Games begin at 6:00pm More details to follow!

October Monthly Food Collection

We invite our parishioners to donate Thanksgiving food items during our October Food Collection on the weekend of October 24-25. Donations will benefit Sterling House and families in the Stratford community. Because Sterling House distributes Thanksgiving food to families during the week prior to the holiday, donations received this month will help ensure that local families have the food they need to celebrate Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity and support of our neighbors in need. **Items requested include; Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Beets, Gravy, Can Fruit, Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots) Canned Beans**



All Souls Day Mass - Monday, November 2 at 11:00am

Mass will be offered at six Diocesan Cemeteries including St. Michael Cemetery, 2205 Stratford Ave and Gate of Heaven 1056 Daniels Farm Rd. Trumbull on All Souls Day, Monday, Nov. 2 at 11:00am -rain or shine. Holy Water from Lourdes, France will be distributed. Tents and portable facilities will be provided. Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. Catholics are encouraged that day to pray that all those who have died may rest in the peace of Christ.
203.742.1450 info@ctcemeteries.org

Annual Blessing of the Animals



CHRISTMAS BOX OF JOY



Christmas Box of Joy drive has begun - bringing hope and joy to children in need. Please take box and return it with your gifts by the weekend of November 7-8



Gift Ideas: balls (deflated) with pump Balloons, Binoculars, Cars or Trucks, Craft kits, Dolls, Jump Ropes, Legos, Mini Puzzles, Small Plush Animals, 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



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.



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 _____

Praying together supports grieving families, strengthens faith, and reminds us of God's Mercy



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



Dear Parish Family, as we are all deeply aware, both Pope Leo XIV and Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio continue to be very much reported in both secular and religious news outlets. Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo that he makes a full recovery from his lung surgery and diagnosis of lung cancer. I invite you to pray for Pope Leo through the intercession particularly of Saint Peregrine Laziosi, the primary patron saint of cancer patients. Saint Peregrine, a Servite priest of the 13th century, was miraculously healed of a severe cancerous tumor on his leg after praying before a crucifix.

I also invite you to pray for Pope Leo through the intercession of Pope Frances (2025+) who suffered throughout his adult life from the effects of a partial removal of one lung. I'm sure Pope Leo will pray for his intercession as now he too just had part of one lung removed.

This past Wednesday during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and today, the rosary we prayed together was offered especially for Pope Leo. Please continue to offer one decade for Pope Leo when you pray the rosary asking Our Lady for his fully recovery.

Archbishop Broglio, who is the head of the Archdiocese for US Military Services, was in the news because of his public statements about Catholic teaching on the use of the death penalty (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270) and conscience (CCC 1776-1778, 1783-1785, 1790, 2242) about our government's proposed livestream of the coming firing squad execution on December 3, 2026 of Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist convicted of killing 13 people at Fort Hood in 2009. In my next two bulletin columns, I will help us understand these Catholic teachings and remind you and me of our need to make informed decisions in the light of our Catholic faith about the candidates for whom we will vote on November 3rd.



Take today's Gospel. Jesus tells the Pharisees to pay their taxes to Caesar. He makes a point about performing a civic duty while pointing out the value of the coin that bears the emperor's image in favor of the more serious duties that believers have toward God, duties that both help us understand as well as practice our faith. We need often to ask ourselves; In what ways can our duty towards God inspire efforts for the common good that are first and foremost rooted in faith? That is, efforts rooted in the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching, namely, the inviolable sacred dignity of every human person made in the image and likeness of God (CCC 1700).

I hope many of you will Google these paragraphs of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They will be a bit challenging, but don't worry. I welcome questions and comments. Let's help each other grow more in understanding and living our Catholic faith, drawing closer to Jesus. God bless +

GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

belong..coins..Emperor..honest..Pharisees...
respect..silver..taxes..teacher..test..trick..truth

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OCTOBER SAINTS QUIZ!

1. Catholics celebrate St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a nun and a Doctor of the Church, on October 1. Beloved for her simple, straightforward approach to the divine, she is widely known by a fond nickname. What is it?

- A. The Little Flower B. The Ticklish Sister
C. The Flying Nun D. The Rose without a Thorn

2. When St. Francis of Assisi -- whose feast is October 4 -- was born, his parents placed him in a manger so that he might follow Christ's example. It worked a little too well, though: they were distraught when he renounced his wealth and devoted his life to God. Toward the end of his life, the likeness went still further when he received wounds in his feet, hands, and side after a vision. What is this phenomenon called?

- A. Stigmata B. Maundification C. Fruit of passion 4. Shriving

3. October 6 is the day of St. Bruno, the eleventh-century priest who founded the Carthusian order. Which of these oxymorons best describes a Carthusian convent or monastery?

- A. community of hermits B. place of melodious silence
C. luxurious place of hard labor D. spiritual hell

4. St. Denis, an early Italian missionary, is celebrated on Oct 9. He is the patron saint of headache sufferers (which makes sense, since he was martyred by being beheaded), and kings of the country where he preached the Gospel are buried in the abbey that bears his name. Of what nation is St. Denis the patron saint? A. France B. England C. Italy D. Spain

5. St. Teresa of Ávila, celebrated on October 15, was a busy woman: a mystic, a nun, a theologian, and a reformer of her Carmelite Order. With St. John of the Cross, she founded the Discalced Carmelites; what does "discalced" mean?

- A. Pure B. Nursing C. Angelic D. Barefoot

Quiz Answers

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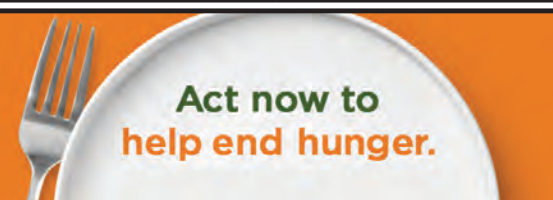
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