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Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18-19, 2025



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Rev. James DiVasto, Pastor
 Rev. Msgr. J. James Cuneo, J.C.D.,
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 Stratford: Colin Petramale

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



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 10/20	Tues 10/21	Wed 10/22	Thurs 10/23	Fri 10/24	Saturday 10/25	Sunday 10/26
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass Pope Leo's October Prayer Intention for collaboration between different religious traditions Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the Day +Genevive Chatlos r/b Sandy Chatlos Wednesday Services held in Church	7:30am Mass James and Theresa Zietkowski Ontko r/b Dennis & Sallianne Prebensen Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Frank Ziza r/b daughters, Jan and Nancy	7:30am Mass +Michael R. Pucci r/b daughter and son-in-law Mary Ellen and Steve 10:00am Mass +George R. Margonis r/b David Margonis And Deceased of the parish
					Monthly Food Drive	

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Angelo Aquilino
And Deceased of the Parish

7:30am +Frank and Anna Kanuch

10:00am +Theodore and Blanche McClean



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Reverend Francis Posluszny

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of John J. Schmotzer



Sacred Heart Candle

In Thanksgiving to God for 35 years of Marriage shared by Matthew and Dawn Kascak

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

In Loving Memory of Rose Bielen

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For the hospitalized and homebound and those who care for them

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Our parish Prayer Book is located near the Marian Shrine. Please add your intentions to the book as we pray for the needs of one another.

Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died..

PARISH ALL SAINTS PROJECT



We invite All parishioners to participate in creating a Saint Shield which will be displayed during the month of November. Templates and instructions are available on the back tables in church. Learn about a new Saint and share with all our families. Return your Saint Shield by the weekend of October 25-26.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary. Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said.

Pope Benedict XVI



Fear not, Mary, thou hast found grace with the Lord, behold, thou shalt conceive and bring forth a son, alleluia.

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

Faith Sharing & Bible Study



How does the Bible speak to my heart, my joy and my challenges? Please consider joining us for a 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 with peers about how the Scriptures relates to our lives our lives of faith. If interested, RSVP to colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org



Where are all the Young People? With Dr. Patrick Donovan

Where are all the young people in our churches? This is a question so many parishes are asking. It is also a source of pain for many of us who wish to pass on our faith to the next generation. Consider joining for an evening of reflection with Dr. Patrick Donovan, Executive Director of the Institute for Catholic Formation, wherein we will discuss how to create and nurture parish cultures that are welcoming to young people. **This will take place at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall on Thursday, November 6th from 6:00-7:30**. Please RSVP to Colin at Colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org.



Young Adult Ministry

The Stratford Young Adult Catholics are painting pumpkins on **October 19th, from 6pm-8pm in the St. Mark Upper Room**, which is directly to the left of the altar when facing it. Those between the ages of 18-35 are more than welcome to join, and even invite a friend! This event is free of charge. For more information and to claim your spot, please reach out to Donna Marino at donnamar@aol.com.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD



A Memorial Mass remembering all those who have died since November 1, 2024 will be held when we celebrate the Commemoration of All Souls

SATURDAY, NOV 1 AT THE 4:00PM VIGIL 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 it in the offertory basket, mail it in or bring it to the parish office by the weekend of October 25-26. These names will be read at Mass.

In Memoriam

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

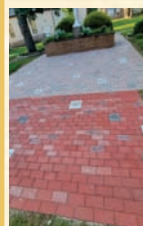
Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

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.



Legacy Brick Walk and Patio



Orders for additional bricks are due Oct. 26. Order forms are available in the Church Vestibule or the Parish Office. Have questions? Call the Parish Office at 203.375.5815. The time frame for installation of the new bricks will be determined at a later date.

SAVE THE DATES! LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 14-17, 2026

Deacon Arthur Miller, a prominent Catholic leader, activist, and author based in Connecticut, has made significant contributions to the church and society. Originally from Chicago, he shared a childhood friendship with Emmett Till, whose tragic lynching profoundly impacted his lifelong commitment to justice. As the former director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries in Hartford, Miller has dedicated himself to serving the church and the broader community through his dynamic preaching, social justice advocacy, and educational efforts. A Vietnam era veteran and retired businessman, Miller frequently engages in nationwide discussions on faith, love, and racial equality. He emphasizes the Christian call to transformative compassion and active engagement against injustice. 6:00pm—7:00pm each night—bring your Bibles!



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH Oct 11-12

Sunday	\$	1,546.00
Monthly	\$	145.00
Other	\$	235.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF - Oct 6-12

Sunday	\$	1,353.00
Monthly	\$	130.00
Other	\$	127.00

ONLINE GIVING - Oct 6-12

Sunday	\$	531.00
Monthly	\$	18.00
Other	\$	5.00

Total Income \$ 4,090.00

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



October offertory envelopes include:

Regular Sunday Offertory, Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, All Souls and Mission Sunday

Annual Collection Envelope

Next month you will find in your parish collection envelopes one for our Annual Collection. Your generous support in this envelope is designated to help pay the cost of the very needed replacement of our church's heating boiler. The Steve Basso Plumbing Heating A/C company has been awarded the contract. Work is anticipated to begin before the end of October. The total cost of removing the old boiler, installing the new boiler along with the required chimney liner is \$89,340. Thanks to a generous \$50,000 grant from Foundations in Faith of the Diocese of Bridgeport, our parish obligation is only \$39,340. While investment funds have been withdrawn to pay the required 50% of cost before start of work, your support of our Annual Collection is needed more than ever. With your generous support we will not only be able to meet the cost of other building and grounds maintenance and equipment needs such as current lighting improvements for Heritage Hall, parking lot, and Parish Office, but replace at least some of the investment funds withdrawn. So again, please be as generous as you can for our Annual Collection in November.



I truly appreciate your financial support of our parish.

Fr. Jim

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

Oct 19 Family F.A.I.T.H. Event 11am-12:30pm

Oct 20 Lord's Kitchen

Oct 25 Men's Reflection Group

Oct 25-26 Monthly Food Collection

Oct 26 Town Hall with Fr Jim

Oct 26 Teen Mass St James 5:00pm

Oct 28 Advent & Christmas Planning Meeting



The Word of
GOD



BIBLE STUDY~THE WORD OF GOD

Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD** *Verbum Domini*

Upcoming dates to be announced.

The Word of God emphasizes God's communication with humanity encouraging individuals to cultivate a close relationship with Christ through prayer and scripture. **All are welcome!**

Men's Reflection Group Oct. 25

The Men's Reflection Group will meet next on **October 25th 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 9:00. Father Jim guides us. We also raise up the names of those who may need prayers. **Join us!**

MEN'S
AM PRAYER GROUP



PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING OCT.26

TOWN HALL MEETING



Let's Connect as a Parish!

Fr. Jim invites you to a Parish Town Hall in the Church after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, October 26. Stay for an opportunity to reconnect, hear important parish updates, and have your questions answered during a Q&A session.

HELP US PREPARE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!

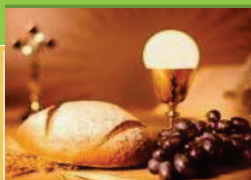


Would you like to lend a hand with: **Decorating the church, Church Cleaning Day and other seasonal preparations for Advent and Christmas?** We need many helping hands to make these seasons special!

Join us for a **Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00pm in the Parish Community Room** to learn how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome — your time and talents will make a big difference!



2026 Mass Book



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.

2025 St Augustine Medal of Service



Since 2005, the Diocese of Bridgeport has bestowed the annual "Saint Augustine Medals of Service," honoring the extraordinary contributions of lay women and men throughout Fairfield County, the "unsung heroes" in our midst. The Medal is presented to two members or a couple, in each of the 80 parishes in Fairfield County, as well as four areas of Catholic Charities.

This year, Holy Name of Jesus recognizes parishioners **Bill and Dorothy Durkin and Tom Saffo**. They are faith-filled stewards who are involved in the hospitable works of the Parish and are always ready and willing to lend a hand where needed.

Bill and Dorothy are long time parishioners serving at the 7:30am Mass and 4:00pm Vigil as offertory collectors, ushers and Dorothy is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and member of the Guild of the Mother of Jesus. For decades, Tom has faithfully served our parish as a member of the Holy Name Men's Society and as a Communion guide and offertory collector at the Sunday 10:00am Mass.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Stewards!

Keep praying and God will help

Care..chosen..concerned..crooked..
fear..help..hurry..judge..pray..
protect..story..widow

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BOX OF JOY!

Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the United States and facilitated by

Cross Catholic Outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. Please take a box with you as you leave church. **Fill out and attach the Boy/Girl label to box lid. Include \$9 for postage in provided envelope. Place on top of gifts. Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape please).** Instead of giving traditional Christmas gifts to family members, fill a box in their honor or memory. Place a note or Christmas card in the box of joy with your message.

BOXES NEED TO BE RETURNED TO CHURCH OR THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Thank you for Sharing Joy!

Annual Blessing of the Animals



Tag Sale Thank You!



Our Parish Tag Sale was a huge success! Many thanks to all who helped make the day a wonderful Parish Event—all those who helped set up Heritage Hall, the parishioners who donated their "Treasures", those

who spent 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 \$4,502

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

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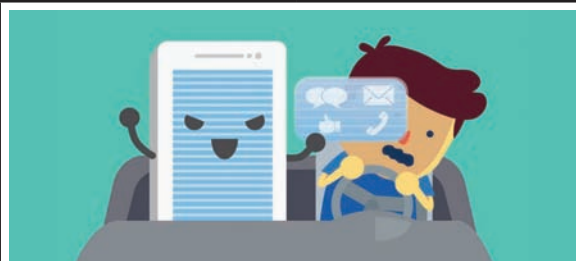
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