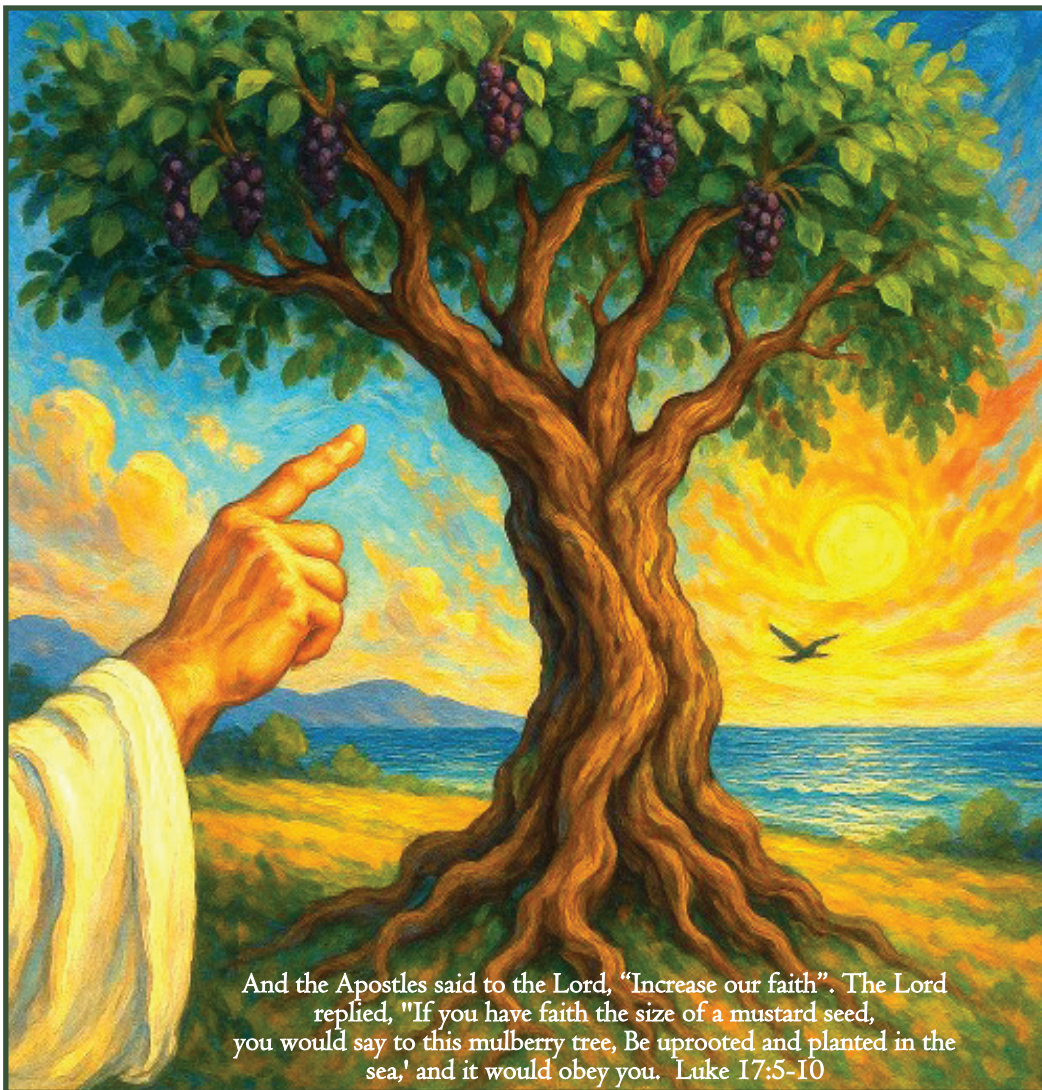




And the Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith". The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10

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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

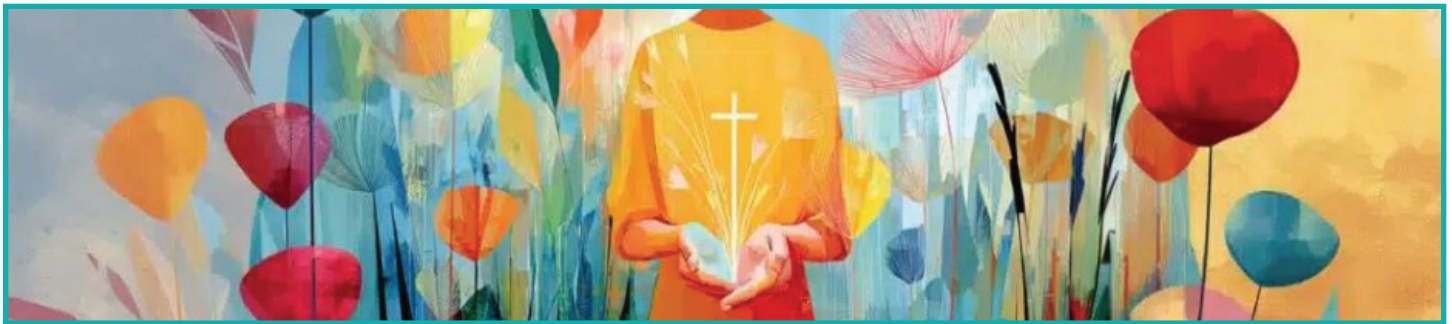
If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Monday at 4:00pm



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 10/06	Tues 10/07	Wed 10/08	Thurs 10/09	Fri 10/10	Saturday 10/11	Sunday 10/12
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass +Olympia Bocchicchio r/b Lucille Bocchicchio 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 +John Andriso, Josephine Mancini r/b George Andriso Wednesday Services held in Church	7:30am Mass +Magdalene Goda r/b Mike & Dorothy Sewell 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 +Anna Kovac r/b Joe Dlugos	7:30am Mass +Denise Martin r/b husband, Roger 10:00am Mass +Manya Micalizzi r/b Janet and Karen And Deceased of the parish

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Irene Pilipajtis
7:30am +Bishop Daniel P. Reilly
10:00am +Irene Demovick
And Deceased of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle
Blessings for our Confirmation Candidates

Chapel Tabernacle Candle
Health & Blessings for Peg Hudak

Sacred Heart Candle
In Loving Memory of Patricia Rood

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
In Loving Memory of Irene Pilipajtis

St Joseph Shrine Candle
Health & Blessings Megan Zboray

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..



FAITH FORMATION

WHAT IS FAITH FORMATION?
Following Jesus, Learning our Faith,
Growing in Knowledge,
Sharing our Blessings

Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings from 11:00am to 12:15pm in Heritage Hall. Call the parish office 203.375.5815

Are you an Adult or Child 7 years and up seeking Baptism/Eucharist/Confirmation? See the CCS newsletter on the following page for more details.

Sunday Faith Formation Venture children created beautiful crosses for The Feast of the Exultation of the Cross



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF STRATFORD'S NEWSLETTER

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



Sacramental Preparation

Are your kids above the age of seven and have not yet made their Baptism/Eucharist/Confirmation? We have a place for you! We invite families/children preparing for sacraments to build community and grow together in faith. Our next family gathering is **October 16th at 6pm** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Offices. If interested, RSVP to colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org



Next Teen Mass: October 26, 5:00pm at St. James Church

After our inaugural teen Mass at Our Lady of Peace, we are inviting teens and parents to join us for Mass on **Sunday, October 26th, at 5:00pm** at St. James. Mass will be followed by games for the teens and separately, a special conversation for parents with Fr. Jim DiVasto on the wisdom he got from raising his own teenage children. We will then share a meal together as a community. Please RSVP to Colin if you will be joining!



Prayer: the Articulation of the Human Heart

The prophet Habakkuk says today, "how long, o Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen." This passage is haunting in so many ways, yet it teaches us something crucial about prayer: that we can and ought to articulate all of our feelings, pretty and not-so-pretty, to God. In Christ, God knows the human heart intimately. He has heard it all before in prayer; praise, complaint, and everything in between. May we bring our full hearts to God, trusting that God can and will receive us as we are.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

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



In Memoriam

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

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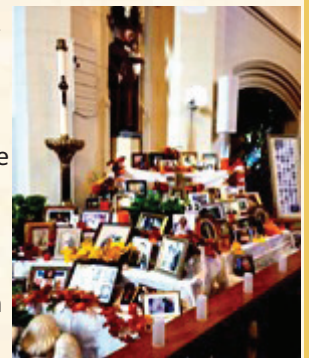
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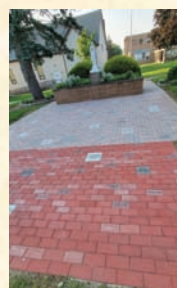
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REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

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.

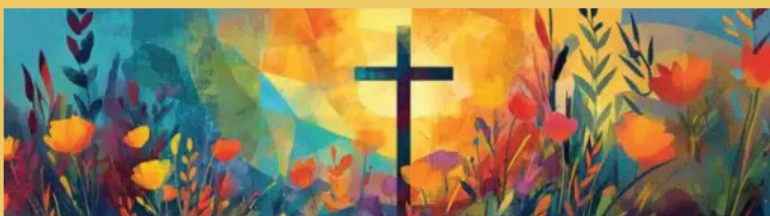


Legacy Brick Walk and Patio



We will once again take orders for our Brick Walk & Patio. Your brick can be a lasting memorial to a loved one. Are you new to Holy Name Parish? Has your family grown since our original campaign? Your purchase of a brick can also be an expression of thanksgiving for blessings received or can be used to leave your family members' names

as an expression of your support and love for Holy Name of Jesus Parish. **We will be accepting orders for additional bricks until Oct. 26. Order forms are available in the Church Vestibule or in 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.



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH Sept 28

Sunday	\$	1,745.00
Monthly	\$	50.00
Other	\$	30.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Sept 22-28

Sunday	\$	1,606.00
Monthly	\$	30.00
Other	\$	80.00

ONLINE GIVING - Sept 22-28

Sunday	\$	333.00
Monthly	\$	.00
Other	\$	.00

Total Income \$ 3,874.00

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



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Blessing of the Animals OCT. 11



Blessing of the Animals

Join us Next Saturday, October 11 at 10:00am for our Annual Blessing of the Animals on the Church Lawn. Donations of old towels, cleaning supplies, food, treats, kitty litter, etc will be

accepted for the animal shelters in our area.

PORKETTA DINNER SATURDAY OCT. 11

The Stratford Knights of Columbus Council #2370 will hold a Porketta dinner at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$15.00 at the door. Open to members, guests and All parishioners! The menu includes porketta, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, bread & butter, soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. **Reservation required— Larry Wells 203-395-7073 Lawman1156@gmail.com by Monday Oct 6.**

Life Line Screening Oct.15

Life Line Screening will be at Holy Name of Jesus on Wednesday, October 15. Screenings: Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Peripheral Artery Disease Screening and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening. To schedule an appointment 800.324.9458 and use code: HABC001

PASTA DINNER SATURDAY OCT. 18

Parish Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Men's Society—5:00-7:00pm - Eat in or takeout Pasta. Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Soda, Water, Coffee and Tea. \$15.00 Reservations required by Oct. 16 Call Larry Wells 203.395.7073 or email lawman1156@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

Oct 5 and Oct 26 Faith Formation 11am—12:15pm

Oct 11 Blessing of the Animals

Oct 11 Knights of Columbus Porketta Dinner

Oct 15 Life Line Screening

Oct 18 Men's Society Parish Pasta Dinner

Oct 18-19 Coffee And...

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

Oct 20 Lord's Kitchen

Oct 25 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

Oct 25 Men's Reflection Group

Oct 25-26 Monthly Food Collection

Oct 26 Town Hall with Fr Jim

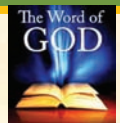
Oct 26 Teen Mass St James 5:00pm

Oct 28 Advent & Christmas Planning Meeting



BIBLE STUDY~THE WORD OF GOD OCT .25

Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD Verbum Domini** at 10:00am in the Parish Community Room - Next meeting is Saturday, Oct 25th *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!**

PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING OCT.26

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!



ROSARY FOR PEACE IN OCTOBER

Pope Leo XIV asks Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace.

The pope made his request at the end of his weekly general audience and the day after he said he had spoken again with the pastor of Holy Family Church in Gaza City, the only Latin-rite Catholic parish in Gaza. "Thanks be to God everyone in the parish is fine," but the Israeli strikes "are a little closer," the pope told reporters. The parish is offering refuge and assistance to hundreds of Gaza residents. Lamenting the "ruins wrought by murderous hatred" in many areas of the world, he invited Christians to share with others "the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts up humanity." At the end of his audience Pope Leo noted that October was approaching and that with the Oct. 7 feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the rosary. "I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month -- for peace -- personally, with your families and in your communities," he said. The Rosary for Peace will be held during the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, which takes place on October 11-12.

vaticannews.va

Among the many daily online Rosary offerings:

<https://miraculousmedal.org/pray/pray-rosary/>

<https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>



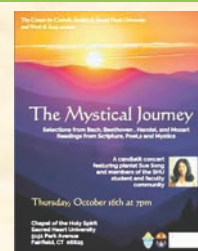
Let's ALL Get Ready for All Saint's Day!



We invite All our 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.

October Area Opportunities & Events

THE MYSTICAL JOURNEY—a candlelit concert featuring pianist Sue Song and members of the SHU student and faculty community. **Thursday, Oct 16 at 7pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart Univ.** 5151 Park Ave, Ffld



Internationally known

Father Rob Galea, who ministers with music worldwide to approximately 200,000 youth annually, will present a very upbeat and inspiring concert on **October 17th at 7pm at St. Mark Church**. Performances also take

place at St. Ann Church in Devon on Naugatuck Ave. on Sunday, October 19th at 4pm and again on Monday, October 20th at 7pm. A huge Youth Rally will also be held at a time and location to be announced.



GOSPEL MASS AT SAINT JAMES

CHURCH Main St. Stratford Saturday, **October 18 at 4:30pm**. Uplifting music and powerful scripture with the Gospel Choir of Saint Joseph of the Holy Family Church in Harlem. Reservations

required—free will offering. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/saint-james-gospel-mass-tickets-1647269640839?aff=oddtcreator>

Seminarian & Vocations Drive A Blessing and a Challenge



Your prayers for vocations are working! Over the past two years, we have accepted 19 new men to begin seminary, bringing our total to 37 seminarians. This blessing, however, comes with a challenge. Each seminarian education costs more than \$70,000 per year, and

we anticipate total formation costs will rise to \$3 million per year withing five years. Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund these rising costs.

Will you give to support our future priest?

www.bridgeportpriest.org/give

St Mary Recycle Mission Group

St. Mary Mission will be in our area the week of October 27th. Items

needed: Crucifixes, Statues, Rosaries (damaged ok), Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Religious Pictures, Used Musical instruments, Prayer books, Breviaries, Catholic encyclopedias *Please no Religious books/Reading Books/Story Books or wax candles*



Items can be brought to the Parish Office Tues-Fri or at any of the weekend Masses in Church

ADULT THEOLOGY CLASS -STS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH 79 Church St., Bpt. Talks are given by pastor, Rev. Canon Francis Altieri. **Tuesdays at 7pm in the church hall. October 28th and Nov. 11th & 25th** Topics covered: Grace,

The Sacraments in General, Baptism, Confirmation, The Holy Eucharist & Mass, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, Indulgences No charge—light refreshments served.

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