

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

September 13-14, 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 Monday at 4:00pm



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 09/15	Tues 09/16	Wed 09/17	Thurs 09/18	Fri 09/19	Saturday 09/20	Sunday 09/21
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass In Thanksgiving for Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassatti 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 +George Suchyak r/b Larry and Mary Ann Wells And +Lottie Kravitz 30th Anniversary r/b Paul and Jennifer Kravitz Wednesday Services held in Church	7:30am Mass Health and Blessings for Frank D'ausilo r/b Fr Jim 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 +Mary Golias r/b Mr. and Mrs. John Ivak	7:30am Mass +Denise Martin r/b husband, Roger 10:00am Mass +Edward and Irene Demovick r/b Michael & Stephanie Dunn And The Deceased of the Parish
					Coffee And...	

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Manya Micalizzi And the Deceased of the Parish
7:30am +Stanislaw and Honorata Bozek
10:00am +Alexander Weiler

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..*



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Theodore and Catherine McClean

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Oksana

Sacred Heart Candle

For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Health & Blessings for Sidoniy

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Alberto Parravano

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



JOHN 3:16

FAITH FORMATION

HOMEBOUND? HOSPITALIZED?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”

Following Jesus, Learning our Faith, Growing in Knowledge, Sharing our Blessings

Faith Formation sessions have begun.

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

Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, at the parish office and on our website www.hnojchurch.org 203.375.5815

If you, a loved one or a friend are hospitalized or homebound and in need of a visit please call the parish Office and let us know. Also, please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive Communion, or if you will be having surgery and wish to be anointed.



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



Do you have children above the age of seven who have not yet been baptized? This year we are offering a family sacramental preparation process. This process will welcome you into a community of other families/children preparing for sacraments and help you and your children understand the beauty of Catholic faith. Our next family gathering is **September 18th at 6 pm** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Offices. If you are interested, please RSVP to Lorena at Imelgar@setoncollaborative.org.

New Series on Prayer



Have you ever wondered how to pray? This fall we will be holding a series on prayer at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall. The remaining sessions are September 16 from 10am-11am, and September 29th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Each session will include fellowship, conversation and a prayerful experience. No RSVP required!

The Gospel of Peace



We hear in our second reading today the classic--and most early written--Christological hymn. Because of Jesus' humility and obedience, St. Paul tells us, "God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend." It is easy to read that as saying "God will force every knee to bend, through coercion, whether the person likes it or not." On the contrary, the ancient Greek in which this passage is written has the connotation that every knee will *gladly, even happily* bend. Christ never forces us to bend the knee. If we believe in a forceful God, we have misunderstood the message of Christ's cross which we exalt today. In the face of violence, Christ chose peace. In the face of hatred, Christ chose forgiveness. May we grow ever closer to this peaceful God.

Thank You HNofJ Parish Family!

What a blessed and joyful Mass and reception we had together last Sunday as our Vicar General, Monsignor Robert Kinnally installed me as your 9th pastor. I am so very grateful for your presence, praise in word and song to Our Lord, and your generous loving words and gestures to me at Mass and the reception. Thank you, thank you! May God bless you for all you have done!

I was grateful too for the presence of my clergy friends Father Guy Dormevil and Deacons Joe Koletar and David Flynn. Our friendship is a great support to each other and our ministry. Also with us behind the scenes was our parishioner Roger Martin, one of our sacristans. He prepared all the sacred

vessels, wine, water and hosts for Mass. And also, Mrs. Thai-Van Huong, Deacon Joseph's wife, who sang our Communion Meditation hymn in Vietnamese, Ca Vang Tinh Yeu Chua 2. Again, I'm so touched and grateful for all these prayerful, loving acts of kindness you all showered upon me in thanksgiving to God for Bishop Caggiano sending me to all of you and now appointing me your pastor.

I'm just beginning to open your many cards and gifts. Your kind, hand-written words and gifts touch me deeply. I'm so glad I got to talk a little with many of you at the reception. Thank you for so warmly receiving me now as your pastor, servant Shepherd. Let us continue each day praying for one another, worshiping and serving Our Lord Jesus together. To love one another, "with a grateful prayer and a thankful heart." "And I'll hold you close in a thankful heart." (my favorite song from A Muppet Christmas Carole)

Pastor Father Jim



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Parish Financial Support will be updated next weekend.



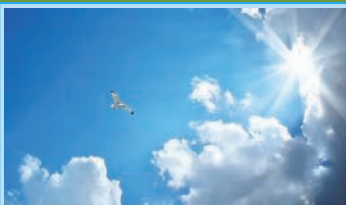
Regular September offertory envelopes include:

Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Catholic University, Holy Name Society



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BUTTON TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT.

Peace in the Storm: Ministry for those with Chronic Pain & Illness



Peace in the Storm is a Parish Ministry to Accompany the Suffering offered by the Diocese of Bridgeport. A Spiritual parish-based program to help those with physical and emotional

suffering, based on the book by Maureen Pratt, founder and creator of the Peace in the Storm Project.

This parish-Led Ministry:

- Provides group support and connection to those who suffer
- Requires no direct clergy involvement for sessions
- Has no cost to parish or participants
- Is simple to establish, develop, and grow.

The Diocese of Bridgeport, Peace in the Storm Team with author Maureen Pratt, will assist parishes in developing their ministry. For more information or if you are interested in being part of the "Storm" ministry contact: Steve Filizzola sfilizzola@diobpt.org or Deacon Tim Bolton dnbolton@diobpt.org

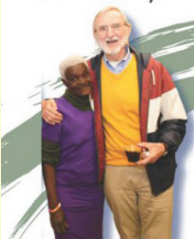
Annual Wedding Jubilee Mass

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Caggiano on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Augustine. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more ears of marriage are eligible to attend. Couples who attend will receive a special certificate and have the opportunity to take pictures with the Bishop. Contact: Sharon Colihan at (203) 416-1454 or email: Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org



Bethlehem House 25th Anniversary

A celebration honoring Paul Kurmay.



Saturday, September 27, celebrate Bethlehem House's 25th Anniversary at 6:00pm in the St. Mark Parish Center. The evening will feature dinner, music and entertainment from Broadway star Frank Mastrone and will honor Deacon Paul Kurmay. BYOB—visit www.ccfairfield.org/ classics for more information or to order tickets. Proceeds benefit Bethlehem House.

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesdays, in Church

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

September 13-14 Parish Nurses

September 27 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

September 27 Men's Reflection Group

September 14 Faith Formation Heritage Hall
11am-12:15pm

September 14 Youth Ministry KickOff Mass
OLOP 4:30pm

September 15 Lord's Kitchen

September 18 Family Sacramental Preparation HNOJ parish community room

September 18 Men's Society Meeting, Heritage Hall

September 20-21 Parish Tag Sale

September 20-21 Coffee And...

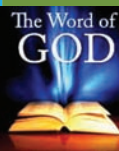
September 27-28 Monthly Food Collection



SAVE THE DATES!
Knights of Columbus
Council #2370 will hold a
Porketta dinner,
Saturday, October 11



Saturday, October 18 Parish Pasta Dinner
sponsored by the Men's Society—Eat in or takeout



BIBLE STUDY~THE WORD OF GOD

Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD**
Verbum Domini at 10:00am, - Parish Community Room - Saturday, Sept 27 *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

Saturday, September 27th

Listening for God in the outdoors is a special experience. **Guys are invited to gather on the lawn at 7:45 to start our reflections on the Readings at 8:00am and we'll finish at 9:00am.** Father Jim guides us. We also raise up the names of those who may need prayers. **Join us!**



SEPTEMBER TAG SALE

Our Parish Tag Sale will be held on:
Saturday, Sept 20 - 9am to 2pm And
Sunday, Sept 21 11am to 2pm

Please save your Grocery Bags (plastic & paper) And News-paper and drop it off at Church at a weekend Mass.

Tag sale item donations will be accepted this Sunday, Sept 14th after the 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm on the Parish Hall RAMP OR on Monday the 15th from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Reminder: NO electronics, exercise equipment, cribs, computers, tv and encyclopedias can be accepted.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by St. Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326. According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world. Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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BISHOP'S LECTURE SERIES -SEPTEMBER 24

features leading national Catholic writers and speakers who will offer their insights into renewal through truth, beauty and goodness as we seek to accompany all in their journey of faith.

Fr. Jeff Kirby

September 24, 2025
at 7 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
35 Norfield Road
Weston, Connecticut

**Topic: The Legacy
and On-Going Mission
of the Second Vatican Council**



and goodness as we seek to accompany all in their journey of faith. Fr. Jeff Kirby, STD is the Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Indian Land, SC. He is a moral theologian,

Papal Missionary of Mercy, and an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Belmont Abbey College. He is the author of *Sanctify Them in the Truth: How the Church's Social Doctrine Addresses the Issues of our Time* [www. Bridgeport diocese.org/our-bishop/bishops-lecture-series/](http://www.Bridgeportdiocese.org/our-bishop/bishops-lecture-series/)



**Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2025—
Holy Cross High School,
Waterbury, CT—
Saturday, September 27.**
Doors open at 7:30am.
Vigil Mass at 4:00pm.

Join for a transformative day of faith with speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi, Fr. Anthony Federico, Michael O'Neill, and Fr. Jason Brooks. The day includes a Eucharistic procession, Adoration, first-class relics, Confession, Exhibitors, Vendors and includes lunch. The day will culminate in Vigil Mass with the Archbishop with a homily from Bishop Richard Reidy. For tickets, visit www.ctcatholicmen.org

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut is always seeking volunteers to help adults from a variety of countries learn



English. Anyone who has at least a high school diploma and is 18 or older can be a tutor with us. Prior teaching/ tutoring experience or knowledge of another language are *not* necessary. We provide initial training to our tutors (a 5-week course that meets once a week), as well as textbooks, other materials/resources—all free to the tutors. Upon completing tutor training, tutors work one-on-one (or in pairs) with an adult English language learner at a time and location that's convenient for the tutor and the student(s). Tutoring can even be done if that works best for the tutor and student(s).

Information on the next Tutor Training:

****UPCOMING 5-Week Tutor Training from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the LVSCT office (16 Dixon Street, Milford, CT 06460) on the following Mondays:**

**Sept. 15, 2025, Sept. 22, 2025, Sept. 29, 2025,
Oct. 6, 2025, Oct. 13, 2025**

The City of Milford and the Town of Stratford are very diverse. Currently there are 53 different languages spoken in the homes of Milford and Stratford and more than 15,000 adults without a high school diploma. We strive to reach out and help many of them. A Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut tutor requires:

- The ability to read, write and speak English
- A high school diploma or equivalent (minimal)
- A willingness to attend tutor-training workshops, and an openness to accepting new teaching concepts
- The ability to fulfill a commitment to tutor training, and commit to tutoring for one year
- Maintaining confidentiality

Email kate.alessi@lvsct.org or call 203-878-4800 for more information <https://lvsct.org/>

**The Son of Man must be lifted up
Die..eternal..everyone..heaven..lifted..Man..
Moses..Nicodemus..only..save..Son..world**

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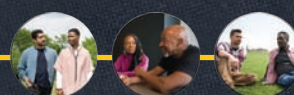
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