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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 19-20, 2026 ~ 25th 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
in the parish Chapel of Saints Cyril & Methodius

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

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Deacon Joseph Huong

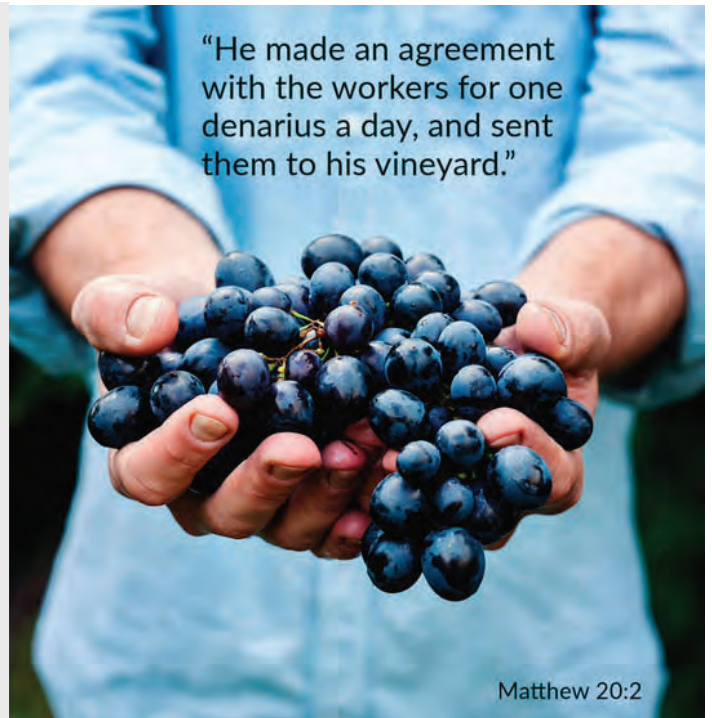
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"He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard."

Matthew 20:2

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

SEPTEMBER 19-27, 2026

Saturday, September 19

4:00pm

+Luige Cardillo

Sunday, September 20

7:30am

Living & Deceased of the Parish

10:00am

+Alexander Weiler

Tuesday, September 22

7:30am

**Living and Deceased Catechists
of our Parish**

Wednesday, September 23

4:00pm Adoration

4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day

+Peter An

Thursday, September 24

7:30am

+Helen Breznicky

Saturday, September 26

4:00pm

+Stephen and Dorothy Lawruszko

r/b Bob and Barbara Sheehy

Sunday, September 27

7:30am

+Lena and William DiVasto

10:00am

+Edward and Mary Jablonski

r/b Silhavey families

And the Deceased of the Parish



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.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

Psalm 145:8-9



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial

Psalm: Psalm 145

Second Reading:

Philippians

1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16a

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Theodore and Catherine McClean

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Peter An

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

Prayerful support of catechists

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Birthday Blessings for Pope Leo on his 71st Birthday

St Joseph Shrine Candle

Safe Travel for Deacon Joseph

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.

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

O Immaculate Heart of Mary cause of our joy, Pray for Us

September Saints - September 20



SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon was the first Korean-born Catholic priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang was one of many laypeople who bravely practiced their faith during intense persecution in Korea. Along with many companions, they were martyred in the 19th century for refusing to renounce Christianity. Their courage helped establish and strengthen the Catholic Church in Korea. They are honored for their faith,

sacrifice, and witness to Christ. Besides Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men. *Reflection:* We marvel at the fact that the Korean Church was strictly a lay Church for a dozen years after its birth. How did the people survive without the Eucharist? It is no belittling of this and other sacraments to realize that there must be a living faith before there can be a truly beneficial celebration of the Eucharist. The sacraments are signs of God's initiative and response to faith already present. The sacraments increase grace and faith, but only if there is something ready to be increased.

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Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Sept 12-13	
Sunday	\$ 1,445.00
Monthly	60.00
Other	.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Sept 7-13	
Sunday	\$ 1,467.00
Monthly	226.00
Other	.00
ONLINE GIVING - Sept 7-13	
Sunday	\$ 490.00
Monthly	18.00
Other	.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 3,706.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$10,201

REGULAR SEPTEMBER 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 \$10,201**

The Chosen-Season 3 Join us Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall

Sept 23 *in Parish Community Room
Episodes 3 & 4 Physician, Heal Yourself
and Clean Part 1

Sept 30 Episodes 5 & 6 Clean, Part 2 and
Intensity in Tent City

Oct 7 Episodes 7 & 8

Ears to Hear and Sustenance



Bishop Caggiano will celebrate Mass on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 PM at Saint Aloysius Church in New Canaan to commemorate the anniversary of September 11th. All Law Enforcement, Fire, Military and Emergency Medical Service Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport are invited. **Deacon George F. Kain** Chaplain, Ridgefield Police Dept dnkain@diobpt.org 203.994.7807 or **Sharon Colihan**, Event Coordinator scolihan@diobpt.org 203.416.1454

Life Line Screening October 30



Life Line Screening will be at at Holy Name of Jesus in Heritage Hall on Friday, October 30. A discounted offer of \$129 will identify your risk level for the following diseases: 1. Carotid Artery Disease 2. Peripheral Arterial Disease 3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm 4. Atrial Fibrillation www.ilsa.social/habc or call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment! Use Code HABC001

SAVE THE DATE! BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 10 at 9:00am
on the Church Lawn



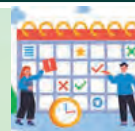
Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar

Wednesdays

4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass



Sept 20 Faith Formation Session - Parish Hall

Sept 26-27 Monthly Food Collection

Sept 26-27 Parish Tag Sale

Sept 26-27 Coffee And...

Sept 27 Faith Formation Session - Church

Sept 28 CT FoodShare Mobile Pantry - church parking lot 9:15-10:15am

Sept 28 Lord's Kitchen

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP



Upcoming Dates: Saturday October 13 & 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 will resume in the fall

Faith Formation

for children kindergarten through high

school has begun. Sessions are on Sundays from 11:00am to 12:15pm in Heritage Hall.

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



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Knights of Columbus Council #2370 presents CLASSIC CAR SHOW
October 31 11:00am - 2:00

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

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FUN FOR ALL!

Proceeds to benefit the Seminarian Scholarship (Rain Date Nov 7)



Welcome to Morning Star



Morning Star Grief Ministry at St. Pius X Parish is a faith based gathering offering a compassionate, prayerful space for those grieving the death or catastrophic illness of a loved one, or another significant loss. Come as you are. Share if you wish, or simply listen.

Monthly Gathering: Third Sunday of every month at 12 noon Parish Center, Munro Meeting Room, St. Pius X Parish 8345 Brookside Dr, Fairfield

For more information: Genevieve Ritch, Certified Grief Educator & facilitator genevieve@thesupportspaceco.com
Deacon Don Ross, Certified Spiritual Director & Facilitator dnross@diobpt.org



Parish Tag Sale

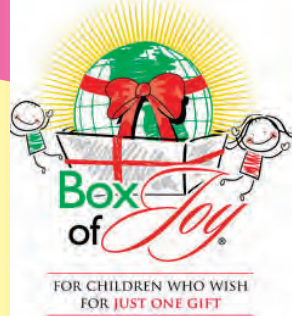
Saturday, Sept 26TH
9am to 2pm
Sunday, Sept 27TH
11am to 1pm

Sign up sheets for volunteers are in the back of Church.

Grocery bags and newspapers are needed and can be brought to the Parish Office during the week or to Church on the weekend.

Tag Sale donations will be accepted on Monday & Tuesday Sept. 21 and 22 from 11am to 2pm at the Parish Hall.

Reminder: NO electronics, TVs, computers, exercise equipment, cribs or encyclopedias can be accepted.



A Box of Joy is a donated Christmas shoebox that is packed with toys, clothing, supplies and other treasured items by Catholics across the U.S. Each child who receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and The Story of Jesus coloring book. A Box of Joy provides hope to children living in poverty in developing countries, and each gift represents Christ's love.

Each year, our parishioners generously support this outreach, 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. Throughout the month of October there will be Boxes of Joy on the back tables in 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.

Around the Grounds



Alliance school work has begun

Church Bell rung 25 times preceding Mass in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001



The First Will Be Last

first..generous..hour..jealous..last..market..money..pay..sun..three..vineyard..workers

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Abatement work-parish center boiler room



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



I'm sure you've noticed how much good is going on in our parish along with many other good things to keep in mind this week as you read this week's bulletin. Here on this 25th Sunday in ordinary time, Matthew's gospel turns our attention from forgiveness to serving the Lord. We are told, *"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who went out . . . to hire laborers for his vineyard."*



At dawn, nine o'clock, noon, three o'clock, and finally even at five o'clock, the landowner goes out and hires laborers for his vineyard. All get the same pay at the end of the day. Seems very unfair, but this is the divine justice of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord not only asks those laborers who take offense at his divine justice, but also us, *"Are you envious because I am generous?"*

The Lord is generous to all whether we respond to his call very early or even very later in life. And the Lord is lavish in his mercy too, forgiving all our sins whether we come often or maybe only at the end of our lives with the necessary true contrition for our sins. Don't get me wrong. None of us should presume to hold off to the end of our lives to repent, especially when we already have experienced Jesus calling us out of the darkness of our sins and into the light of his love and life.

This Sunday, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Please be sure to read here below how we are all called to respond to the need in our parish and Stratford community to proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, *"especially to the poor, the brokenhearted, and the forgotten."* The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reminds us too that, *"Catechetical Sunday challenges us to consider how we respond to migrants who live among us, particularly those who were forced to leave their homes under threat of unjust punishments, torture, or even death."*

May you and me not stand around like the laborers in today's gospel waiting for the Lord to call us to work in his vineyard. Let us consider *"how the Church has responded to the migration situation in recent years and consider what might come next."* To see our brother and sister migrants *"not simply as a problem to be managed, but as a living image of the People of God on the move."* Let us welcome, encourage, help, and affirm their God given human dignity with respect and love so that our brother and sister migrants may truly feel free, safe, and at home with us.

God Bless+

**"The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me... to bring good
news to the poor" Lk 4:18**



Catechetical Sunday September 20

This Sunday we celebrate Catechetical Sunday as we acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. We ask God to bless our catechists, Carol Bogue, Joanne Gallagher, Carol Kascak, Judy Politano, and our Catechist assistants, Brendan Gallagher, Angela Nevells, Linda Campanelli and Nancy Milewski, our Coordinator of Faith Formation.

The theme for Catechetical Sunday 2026, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18; cf. Is 61:1) is also pertinent as it reveals Jesus' mission to bring hope, healing, and freedom—especially to the poor, the brokenhearted, and the forgotten. In our current situation, migrants and their families are particularly vulnerable. The Catholic Church in the United States has been nurtured and strengthened by the wide variety of immigrant communities that have arrived on our shores during the past 250 years. The various waves of predominantly Catholic

immigrants from Europe, Latin America, and elsewhere over the last two centuries have substantially influenced the religious and cultural dimensions of our nation. Today, the United States is the country with the fourth largest population of Catholics, many of whom are immigrants or the children of immigrants.

Catechetical Sunday challenges us to consider how we respond to migrants who live among us, particularly those who were forced to leave their homes under threat of unjust punishments, torture, or even death. It is also an opportunity to reflect on how the Church has responded to the migration situation in recent years and consider what might come next. Pope Francis urged us to see migrants not simply as a problem to be managed, *but as a living image of the People of God on the move. They are people with dignity, resources and dreams, who have the right to be treated with respect and to ask to become active members of the societies that welcome them."*

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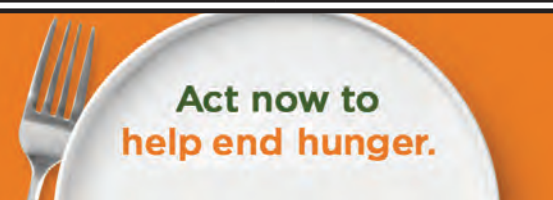
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