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25th
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Time

September 20-21, 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

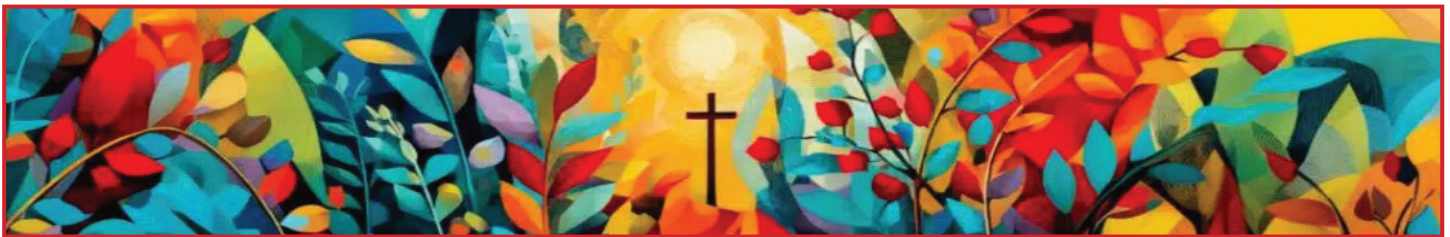
If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

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 09/22	Tues 09/23	Wed 09/24	Thurs 09/25	Fri 09/26	Saturday 09/27	Sunday 09/28
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass For the intentions of our Parish Families <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass of the Day +George Margonis r/b David Margonis <i>Wednesday Services held in Church</i>	7:30am Mass +James and Lena DiVasto r/b Fr Jim <i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i>	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am to 2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Rudolph and Mary Antonucci r/b the DeMarco Family	7:30am Mass +Stephen and Dorothy Even r/b Nicholas Piciw, Jr. And Deceased of the parish 10:00am Mass +Edward and Mary Jablonski r/b the Silhavey Families
					Coffee And...	

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Mary Golias
7:30am +Denise Martin
10:00am +Edward and Irene Demovick And the Deceased of the Parish

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 George Margonis

Chapel Tabernacle Candle
Health & Blessings for Pope Leo

Sacred Heart Candle
Peace and Reconciliation within our nation

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
In Loving Memory of Prihoda & Skovira Families

St Joseph Shrine Candle
In Loving Memory of James M. Barr

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



You Lift Us Up

Lord, we praise You from morning to night. Your name is holy and good. You are greater than all things, yet You see us here. We thank You for watching over us. You care for the ones who feel small. You notice those who are ignored. You give honor to the poor and joy to those who feel alone. Help us to trust You when life feels hard. You bless families and bring hope to those who wait. You bring new life where there was sadness. Teach us to be patient and believe that You are near. Help us to love others as You love us. Show us how to help those in need. Let our words and actions praise You each day.



*Prayer based on psalm 113
 youngcatholics.com*



The Face of Prayer

"The Face of Prayer" is an online prayer movement, established by Bishop Caggiano in 2017, that uses text alerts to invite subscribers to pray for a specific intention daily around 3 PM. **To join, text "PRAY" to 55778**, and you will receive daily prayer prompts, with each ending with a reminder to say one Hail Mary.

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



Opening the Scriptures

Please be on the lookout for a new Bible Study series this fall entitled "How to Read the Bible." More details to come soon!



Series on Prayer

Have you ever wondered how to pray? We are holding a series on prayer at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall. The last session is on September 29th 12:30pm-1:30pm.

The God who "wills everyone to be saved"

St. Paul tells us today that God "will everyone to be saved." We often take the word "saved" to mean "will be in heaven eternally with God." Let's use that definition. Wow. God actually wants all of us to be in heaven? The unfathomable mercy and love of God is enough to confound the heart in adoration. Our enemies, our friends, those we have loved, those we have hated: *Christ wants all of them to be saved?* We can only pray with these words of St. Paul, allowing them to challenge and comfort us. But salvation begins with each one of us: *do you believe that Christ came to save you?* That he died out of love for you, so that death itself may be destroyed? May we reach back out to the Lord who offers his hand to us, despite our reluctance, self-doubt, and self-hatred. May we accept Christ's salvation on offer.



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



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH Sept 6-7

Sunday	\$	2,813.77
Monthly	\$	1,138.00
Other	\$	20.00
Total Income		\$ 3,971.77

IN-CHURCH Sept 13-14

Sunday	\$	1,806.15
Monthly	\$	76.00
Other	\$.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Sept 1-14

Sunday	\$	1,181.00
Monthly	\$	320.00
Other	\$	53.00

ONLINE GIVING - Sept 1-14

Sunday	\$	1,121.00
Monthly	\$	78.00
Other	\$	10.00
Total Income		\$ 4,645.15

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesdays, in Church

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

September 20-21 Parish Tag Sale

September 27 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

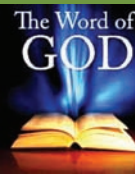
September 27 Men's Reflection Group

September 28 Faith Formation Heritage

Hall 11am-12:15pm

September 27-28 Coffee And...

September 27-28 Monthly Food Collection



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 GROUP



Saturday, September 27th -Guys are invited to gather in the Parish Community Room at 7:45am 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!



PORKETTA DINNER

The Stratford Knights of Columbus Council #2370 will hold a Porketta dinner Saturday October 11, 2025, 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—please by call or email Larry Wells 203-395-7073 Lawman1156@gmail.com by Monday October 6, 2025. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item for K of C Food for Families

SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, October 18 Parish Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Men's Society

Eat in or takeout And



The Knights of Columbus Council 2370 Classic Car Show

Saturday, November 1st -11:00am—2:00pm



Bethlehem House 25th Anniversary

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.

Jubilee of Consolation



On the Feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows around 9,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Basilica to take part in a prayer vigil for the Jubilee of Consolation. The special event of the Holy Year

was dedicated to everyone who has endured moments of particular difficulty, bereavement, suffering, or hardship. Pope Leo XVI led pilgrims in the Liturgy of the Word, which included two testimonies from women who have suffered an especially traumatic loss of a loved one.

Diane Foley, mother of the late American journalist James Foley, told her story of faith and her reconciliation with a member of the so-called Islamic State who killed her son in 2014. Lucia Di Mauro Montanino shared the pain she and her daughter endured after her husband, a security guard, was murdered by a group of young men in the Italian city of Naples. In his address, Pope Leo reflected on humanity's need for comfort and consolation amid the many wars and personal losses people endure every day.

"In times of darkness, even when all outward appearances suggest otherwise, God does not abandon us," he said.

"Rather, it is precisely in these moments that we are invited more than ever to place our hope in the closeness of the Savior who never forsakes us."

The Pope noted that the testimonies of Ms. Foley and Ms. Di Mauro Montanino reveal the truth that "pain must not give rise to violence," since love can conquer hatred.

Forgiveness, he said, offers us a foretaste of the Kingdom of God on earth, breaking the cycle of evil and establishing justice grounded in God's mercy. In conclusion, the Pope appealed for an end to the crushing weight of violence, hunger, and war that are causing immense suffering to entire populations. "Even in the midst of so much arrogance," said Pope Leo, "we are certain that God will inspire hearts and hands to provide help and consolation: peacemakers who can comfort those who are in pain and sadness."

vaticannews.va

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



CT Catholic Men's Conference 2025

Saturday, September 27- Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT. 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: 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
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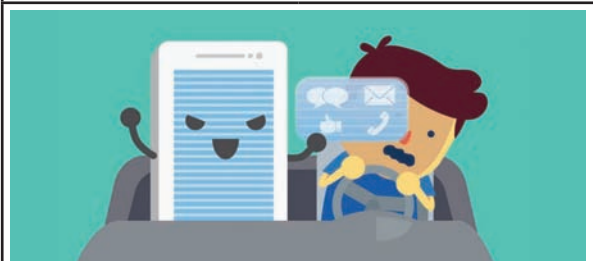
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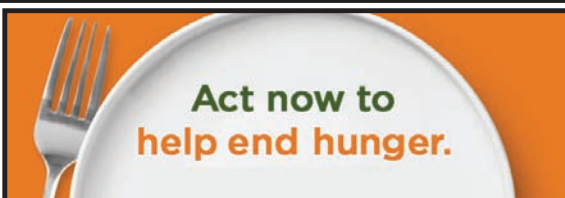


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