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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 26-27, 2026 ~ 26th 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
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Rev. Churchill Penn, In Residence

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*The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard,
from The Story of Christ, Engraving
Artist: Georg Pencz (German, Wroclaw ca. 1500-1550 Leipzig)
Date: 1534-35*

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 26- OCTOBER 4, 2026

Saturday, September 26
4:00pm

+Stephen and Dorothy Lawruszko

Sunday, September 27
7:30am

+Lena and William DiVasto

10:00am

+Edward and Mary Jablonski
And the Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, September 29
7:30am

+Mary Walsh
r/b Fr. Jim

Wednesday, September 30
4:00pm Adoration

4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day
+Frank Ziza

r/b daughters, Nancy and Jan

Thursday, October 1
7:30am

Intentions of Missionaries

Saturday, October 3
4:00pm

+Irene Pilipajtis
r/b sisters Marge & Dianne

Sunday, October 4
7:30am

Living and Deceased of the
Kanuch Family
r/b the family

10:00am

+Stefan Scerba
r/b wife and children

And

Living & 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.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

Psalm 25



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 25

Second Reading:
Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel:
Matthew 21:28-32

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Frank Ziza

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For those who suffer from depression and mental health illness

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

For those in hospitals and nursing homes

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For victims of violence and war

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Michael Piccirillo

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 - Bishop & Martyrs



Saints Pope Cornelius and Bishop Cyprian

are celebrated together on 16th September because of their close friendship and shared dedication to the early Christian Church during a time of intense persecution by the emperor Decius. **Cornelius**, born in Rome, served as Pope from 251 to 253 AD. His papacy was characterised by his compassionate stance towards Christians who had lapsed under persecution and had apostatised. Apostasy refers to the act of renouncing one's Christian

faith, often under the threat of death or severe punishment, by publicly denying belief in Christ or participating in pagan rituals. Pope Cornelius was advocating that people who did this should be forgiven and welcomed back into the Church, rather than being given harsh punishments by fellow Christians.

Cyprian, the Bishop of Carthage (modern-day Tunisia), who had converted to Christianity aged 35, became a staunch supporter of Cornelius in this matter.

Pope Cornelius and Bishop Cyprian remain profoundly relevant today because they championed forgiveness as a cornerstone of our Christian faith. In a world that is becoming increasingly unforgiving and, as a result, harsher and more difficult to navigate, their message is more important than ever. While calls for justice are often appropriate and necessary, we must never lose sight of the imperative to forgive, a principle that lies at the heart of our faith.

Father Patrick van der Vorst ~ Christian Art

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Sept 19-20	
Sunday	\$ 2,121.31
Monthly	116.00
Other	25.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Sept 14-20	
Sunday	\$ 1,775.00
Monthly	190.00
Other	5.00
ONLINE GIVING - Sept 14-20	
Sunday	\$ 34500
Monthly	38.00
Other	.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 4,615.31

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$10,231

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 \$10,231**

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

Sept 30 Episodes 5 & 6
Clean, Part 2 and Intensity in Tent City
Oct 7 Episode 7 *Ears to Hear*
Oct 14 Episode 8 *Sustenance*



Seminarians & Vocations Collection

ABLESSING AND A CHALLENGE Your prayers for

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



vocations are working!
 This year, we have over 40 seminarians preparing for the priesthood, the most our diocese has had in almost 30 years. But this blessing comes with a fiscal challenge. Each

seminarian's education costs about \$70,000 per year, therefore the cost to educate all our seminarians this year is expected to exceed \$3 million. To ensure our seminarians can become well prepared and thriving priests, Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund their formation. **There will be a special collection next weekend to support this drive.** Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to support our future priests: www.bridgeportpriest.org/give

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

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar

Wednesdays

4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass



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
Oct 3-4 Parish Nurses
Oct 4, 11, 18, 25 Faith Formation Session
Oct 10 Annual Blessing of the Pets - church lawn

Parish Tag Sale -this weekend

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



Parish Nurses



Our Parish Nurses are available next weekend at the Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 10:00am Mass. Parish Nurses offer blood pressure readings, information and education to all parishioners. Guided by a respect for the dignity and value of life, they apply a holistic approach to healing. They focus on caring for the whole person - mind, body and spirit - while emphasizing wellness and disease prevention. We are grateful to Caren, Marion and Carol for their service to our parish and ask God to bless their good work.

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP



Upcoming Dates: Saturday October 3 & 17

The Men's Reflection Group provides an opportunity for all Catholic men to gather for 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

classes have begun. Children, kindergarten through high school are invited! 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



The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society presents HOME MADE CHILI DINNER

Heritage Hall - Saturday, October 17 - 5:00-7:00pm

Meat Chili, Turkey Chili or Vegetarian Chili (choice of one)
 \$15.00 per person * Chili, Corn Bread, Fritos, Ice Cream, Soda, Coffee, Tea, Water
 No Take Outs -Reservations required *RSVP by October 11
 Larry Wells 203.395.7073 lawman1156@gmail.com

CLASSIC CAR SHOW The Knights of Columbus Council #2370 presents

October 31 *11:00am - 2:00pm CLASSIC CAR Show

Car Show is open to All Cars Car donation \$15
 Dash Plaques awarded to the first 50 cars
Food Music Trophies Fun For All!
 Proceeds to benefit the Seminarian Scholarship (Rain Date Nov 7)





Heavenly Host

September 29 Archangels
October 2 Guardian Angels

1: Do we all have a guardian angel?

- A) Yes, from birth until death.
- B) Only holy people get one.
- C) No, it is just a nice story.

2: How many archangels does the Catholic Church name and celebrate together?

- A) One B) Three C) Seven

3: What does the name "Michael" mean in Hebrew?

- A) God is my strength
- B) Who is like God?
- C) Healing of God

4: Which archangel appears in Luke's Gospel to announce the birth of Jesus to Mary?

- A) Raphael
- B) Gabriel
- C) Uriel

5: What is the official feast day for the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael?

- A) September 29
- B) October 2
- C) January 1

6: In Hebrew what does the name "Gabriel" mean?

- A) Light of God
- B) Who is like God?
- C) God is my strength

7: In Hebrew, what does the name "Raphael" mean?

- A) Face of God
- B) Glory of God
- C) God heals

Answers

7.C 6.C 5.A 4.B 3.B 2.B 1.A



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.

Beginning next weekend and 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.

Gift Ideas: balls (deflated) with pump, Balloons, Binoculars, Cars or Trucks, Craft kits, Dolls, Jump Ropes, Legos, Mini Puzzles, Small Plush Animals, Unopened Fast Food toys. Bandanas, Dresses, Flip Flops, Socks, Tee Shirts, Underwear, Barrettes, Bracelets, Hair Bands, Hair Ribbons, Combs, Brushes, Necklaces, Purses, Wallets, Sunglasses, Lip Balm, Nail Clippers, Toothbrushes, Bottles or Cups with lids, Drawstring Bags, Sewing kits, Utensils



PLEASE DO NOT PACK
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ANNUAL PARISH PET BLESSING Saturday, October 10 at 9:00am on the Church Lawn

Donations of old towels, cleaning supplies, food, treats, toys, kitty litter, etc will be gratefully accepted for Stratford Animal Rescue



STUFFED ANIMAL FRIENDS WELCOME!



I tell you, _____ will _____ the _____ of God before you!
For when _____ the _____ showed you how to do _____, you did not _____ him.

**right kingdom
Baptist believe
sinners John enter**

Find out what Jesus said to the pharisees using the words to fill in the blanks



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



Dear Parish Family, I am very happy to share with you that three of six buildings and grounds projects were finished this past week! We have a new gas fired, high efficiency heating boiler and electric hot water heater in the parish office. Masonry repairs to the steps on both sides of the hall and flagstone in front of the church are done. And, we now have three security cameras in the sacristy of the church.

Sacristy Security Cameras

About five months ago at the last meeting Bishop Caggiano had with all pastors and parish administrators, he mandated that security cameras must be installed in every church sacristy. The cameras are to be on whenever anyone is in the sacristy, especially minor children and vulnerable adults. The high-definition video taken by these cameras must be kept permanently - never to be deleted and always available for retrieval - either in an on-site digital vault or with a cloud storage vendor. I have decided with the review of our Finance Council to have all videos stored with a cloud storage vendor. This is all necessary to ensure best practice compliance with all the norms of our diocese Office of Safe Environments that have been and will continue to be in place, enforced, and updated from time to time. And most importantly, this will ensure the safety and protection of not only our young minor and vulnerable adult altar servers, but our clergy and adult sacristans, altar servers, readers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are present in the church sacristy. Therefore, please know that anyone who is present at any time in the sacristy areas of the church will be videotaped. Signs will be posted outside and inside the sacristy in English and Spanish to remind all of videotaping.

The sacristy security cameras will be turned on beginning this coming Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Former Holy Name of Jesus School

I am sure you've noticed that fencing has been installed around our former school building. The owner, Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc., has told me that work will begin shortly on a complete remodeling of the interior as well as needed exterior changes. The entire remodel of the building is anticipated to be completed by June 2027. I will keep you updated as work progresses. Until June 2027, there will be no access to our church parking lot from Mary Avenue. All traffic in and out of our parking lot will be only along College Street.

That's it for this week. I will have more to share next week especially about our offertory increase campaign.

Thank you! God Bless+

Cámaras de seguridad en la sacristía

Hace unos cinco meses, en la última reunión que el obispo Caggiano sostuvo con todos los párrocos y administradores parroquiales, se dispuso que debían instalarse cámaras de seguridad en la sacristía de cada iglesia. Las cámaras deben estar encendidas siempre que haya alguien en la sacristía, especialmente menores de edad y adultos vulnerables. Las grabaciones de video de alta definición captadas por estas cámaras deben conservarse de forma permanente —sin borrarse nunca y siempre disponibles para su recuperación—, ya sea en un sistema de almacenamiento digital local o mediante un proveedor de almacenamiento en la nube. Tras consultarlo con nuestro Consejo de Finanzas, he decidido que todos los videos se almacenen a través de un proveedor de servicios en la nube. Todo esto es necesario para garantizar el cumplimiento de las mejores prácticas y de todas las normas establecidas por la Oficina de Entornos Seguros de nuestra diócesis, las cuales se han aplicado y seguirán aplicándose y actualizándose periódicamente. Y lo que es más importante: esto garantizará la seguridad y protección no solo de nuestros monaguillos menores de edad y adultos vulnerables, sino también de nuestro clero y de los adultos que desempeñan funciones en la sacristía —sacristanes, monaguillos, lectores y ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión—. Por lo tanto, les informamos que cualquier persona que se encuentre en las áreas de la sacristía de la iglesia será grabada en video. Se colocarán avisos tanto en el exterior como en el interior de la sacristía, en inglés y en español, para recordar a todos que se están realizando grabaciones.

Las cámaras de seguridad de la sacristía comenzarán a funcionar a partir de este próximo jueves, 1 de octubre de 2026.

Gracias por su comprensión y apoyo.

WHO ACCOMPANIES THE POPE DURING HIS TRIPS?

When Pope Leo travels internationally, a special airplane is chartered for the trip. And with good reason: a large entourage accompanies the pontiff. Here's an overview of the people who generally accompany the pontiff during trips, such as his upcoming apostolic journey to France.

- **Journalists** customarily occupy the rear cabin of the airplane. Between 70 and 80 photographers, cameramen, reporters, and radio and television correspondents from various countries and language groups are on board. Ordinarily, the pope greets them individually during the outbound flight and holds a press conference on the return journey.
- The front of the plane is reserved for the **papal entourage**. This group includes the pope's "government," including his cardinal Secretary of State and heads and officials of Vatican departments. Numerous Vatican employees participate in these journeys to handle the pontiff's daily needs including private secretaries and personal aids to manage his luggage and personal belongings. The master of liturgical celebrations—the pope's right-hand man during Masses and prayers—is also on board.
- High-ranking officials from the **Vatican Gendarmerie and the Swiss Guard** make the trip watching over the pontiff during all public appearances. Dressed in black suits and ties (not their ceremonial uniforms), they surround the popemobile as it moves through crowds.
- The Vatican also deploys a **medical team**: the pope usually travels with his personal doctor and two nurses.
- In addition to these designated officials, the pope can invite **guests of his choice**. Pope Francis had a habit of bringing aboard a Vatican employee who was about to retire, as a gesture of recognition for their years of service.

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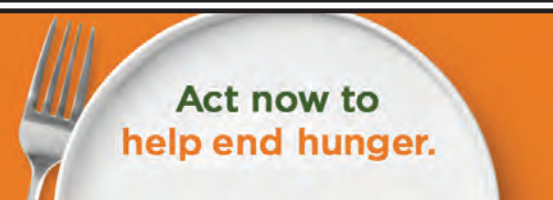
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