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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 5-6, 2026 ~ 23rd 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

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Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:19-20

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

September 5-13, 2026

Saturday, September 5

4:00pm +David Zalik
And +Chris Zalik

Sunday, September 6

7:30am

+Parents, Joseph and Christina Grand

10:00am +George Margonis
And the Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, September 8

7:30am +Anna Leszczynski Jr.
r/b Anna Leszczynski family

Wednesday, September 9

4:00pm Adoration
4:30-5:00pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass of the Day
Blessings for Rosa Lopez
and Angel Singuencia

Thursday, September 10

7:30am

+Magdalene Goda
r/b Jass and McMullan families

Friday, September 11

12:15pm

Mass in church

+For the souls who
lost their lives on September 11, 2001

Saturday, September 12

4:00pm +Eusebio Rivera Jr
r/b Susan Cunningham

Sunday, September 13

7:30am +Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:00am +Edward T. Kascak

r/b Matt and Dawn Kascak



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.

*I raise my eyes toward the mountains
From whence shall come my help?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth
Psalm 121:1-2*



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 95

Second Reading:
Romans 13:8-10

Gospel:
Matthew 18:15-20

This Week's Candle Intentions



Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

For the intentions of our parish families

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Anna Leszczynski Jr

Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle

In Loving Memory of Christina and Joseph Grand

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For the souls who lost their lives on September 11, 2001

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For the dignity and rights of all workers

St Michael Candle

For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus

Sunday Morning Rosary



Join us on Sundays at 9:30am to pray the Rosary.

If you would like to help by leading one of the five decades, please call the parish office or email Fr. Jim at pastor@hnojchurch.org "May we all continue to experience Mary's help, protection, and intercession for us. **O Immaculate Heart of Mary cause of our joy, pray for us+"**

Labor Day September 7

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.



Our Sunday Visitor

25th Anniversary of September 11th



In remembrance of all who lost their lives on September 11TH

Mass will be celebrated Friday, September 11 at 12:15pm in church.

All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH Aug 29-30	
Sunday	\$ 2,126.00
Monthly	120.00
Other	66.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF Aug 24 -30	
Sunday	\$ 1,318.00
Monthly	150.00
Other	38.00
ONLINE GIVING - Aug 24-30	
Sunday	\$ 370.00
Monthly	.00
Other	.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 4,188.00

Parish Annual Collection 2026—2027
Parish Campus Safety \$8,277

REGULAR SEPTEMBER OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

also include Monthly Outreach, Monthly Repairs & Improvements, Catholic University, Holy Name Society and HNoJ Annual Collection Parish Campus Safety repairs



SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS



When you contribute to The Fund for Catholic University, you help to ensure that a Catholic University education remains affordable to each student who seeks one. It is the only national collection explicitly

supporting higher education in the U.S. Catholic Church. Donations underwrite scholarships to help financially deserving students complete their education across more than 50 disciplines.

HNoJ Parish Annual Collection

Our 2026/2027 HNoJ Parish Annual Collection envelope is included in the July envelope mailing. Our 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 \$8,277**



QUARTER NITE! Join us Friday September 18 - Doors open at 5:30pm and bidding begins at 6:15pm
\$5.00 Admission

Sign Up sheets are in the back of church or call the parish office. **Donations are now being accepted**— Gift Cards, Monetary donations, Lottery Tickets, New Items and Bottles of Cheer will be greatly appreciated.



THEMED BASKET SILENT AUCTION!

Theme Baskets by Ramona are displayed on the back tables. We thank Millie (Ramona) Maynard for her creations and donation of eight beautiful themed baskets. Stop & browse the selections & cast your bids. Winners will be determined the evening of Quarter Nite. Good Luck! *Winners do not have to be present*

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, September 9 for Diocesan training

Wednesdays

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



Sept 5-6 Parish Nurses
Sept 13 Faith Formation Opening Day
Sept 14, 28 CT FoodShare Mobile Pantry - church parking lot 9:15-10:15am
Sept 18 Quarter Nite
Sept 19 Men's Reflection Group
Sept 19-20 Coffee And...
Sept 20 Faith Formation Session - Parish Hall
Sept 26-27 Monthly Food Collection
Sept 26-27 Parish Tag Sale
Sept 27 Faith Formation Session - Church
Sept 28 Lord's Kitchen

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP

Upcoming Dates: Saturday September 5 and 19

Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am on the parish lawn, weather permitting
 Reflections on the Readings
 8:00- 9:00am.



BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jim will resume in the fall

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

Sept 9 Episodes 1 & 2
Homecoming and Two by Two
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*
 (No showing on Sept 16)



All are welcome - bring the family! Snacks available or you may bring your dinner. Study guides will be provided for you to take home. Sign up sheets in the back of church

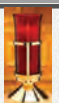
Faith Formation Is: Following Jesus, Learning our Faith, Growing in Knowledge, Sharing our Blessings



Registration for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation program has begun. Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings beginning on Sunday, September 13th 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



Intentions for the 2027 Mass Book may be requested by calling or visiting the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am - 2:00pm or by emailing parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Mass Stipend: \$15 ~ Candles for 1 Week (Saturday to Friday) \$10



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.

Miscarriage and Infant Loss...

The Pain that No One Talks About

If you have been silently carrying the heartbreak of losing a pregnancy or a precious infant, we invite you to join us for a very special spiritual retreat led by Fr. Colin Lomnitzer. This beautiful day of healing is offered for mothers and fathers who have lost a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss, no matter how long ago.

Saturday, October 3, 2026 9:00 - 6:00pm

St. Leo Parish, 24 Roxbury Road Stamford, CT

To register, please go to:

<https://ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/grieving-parent-ministry/>

or contact: Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023 or Carolyn.killian@ctcemeteries.org



This year will mark the inauguration of an annual diocesan novena in honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, known as Padre Pio, Wednesday, September 23 to October 1, 2026.

Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7:00PM followed by the Litany of St. Pio, and then the veneration of his relics. The following relics will be available for veneration: Saint Pio's brown glove, a lock of his hair, Saint Pio's handkerchief used during the Mass to wipe his tears, crusts of his wounds, and a piece of Saint Pio's mantle. The dates and locations of the Masses follow:

9/23/26 The Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, 279 Atlantic Street, Stamford

9/24/26 Church of the Holy Spirit, 403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford

9/25/26 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 1719 Post Road, Fairfield

9/26/26 St. Augustine Cathedral, 399 Washington Ave Bridgeport

9/27/26 St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Shelton Road, Trumbull

9/28/26 St. Jude Parish, 707 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe

9/29/26 St. Patrick Parish, 169 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding

9/30/26 St. Philip Church, 1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk

10/1/26 Church of St. Cecilia, 1184 Newfield Avenue, Stamford

Books and other materials will also be available for purchase.



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

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

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

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
September 23 - November 1



40 Days for Life
September 23rd - November 1st

www.40daysforlife.com
Our peaceful, prayerful witness exposes the tragedy of abortion and

makes it impossible for the community to simply look away. The local Fall campaign of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion will take place on the public sidewalk at 4697 Main Street in Bridgeport at the entrance to Commerce Park from 8am-4pm Monday-Saturday and from 1pm-3pm on Sunday starting Wednesday, September 23rd. Whether this is your first time at the vigil or you have generously given many seasons standing for life, we welcome you to join us as we pray for the beginning of the end to abortion. All prayer vigil participants are asked to sign a statement of peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times. To learn more and sign up for vigil hours visit **www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport**. Join us as we unite with many other cities for a peaceful, prayerful, simultaneous pro-life outreach. For questions, contact our local campaign leader at 40daysbridgeport@proton.me.

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



I hope you all have read my column in last week's bulletin and have taken some time to think and pray about the financial needs of our beloved Holy Name of Jesus Parish and how you can hopefully be more generous in your financial support. Please know that I truly appreciate whatever sacrificial financial gift you can give each week. Again, if you would like to speak with me, don't hesitate to see me after Mass, call me at the parish office 203-375-5815, or email me at pastor@hnojchurch.org.

In this Sunday's second reading from Saint Paul, you and me are reminded to, "*Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another*". Because "*Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.*" And while our steady financial gift each week is one way in which we love one another, Jesus calls each of us to love one another in other ways.

Ways to Love One Another

Last Sunday after the 10am Mass, Nancy Milewski and I met with our parish team of catechists and catechist aids: Joanne & Brendan Gallagher, Carol Bogue, Carol Kascak, Eva Estocin, Angela Nevells, Judy Politano, and Linda Campanelli. This faith formation year looks to be another great one! It will not only provide weekly opportunities for our children and teens to learn more about Jesus and how he is present in and through his Catholic church, but will provide parents, guardians, grandparents, other family members, and our entire parish family with fun filled Faith events in the hall. And it will all happen because of the love our catechists and catechist aids have chosen to give this year.

Perhaps many of you have thought about ways you would like to show your love for our parish family, maybe by becoming a greeter, an usher, a reader, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) at Mass. I especially need more EMHC's to serve many of our homebound parishioners who otherwise do not have an opportunity to receive holy communion.



There are other ways too. Our Guild of the Mother of God, Men's Society, Men's Reflection Group, Lord's Kitchen team, and Knights of Columbus Council 2370 are always open to new members. These groups provide many fundraising, community outreach, and social events that not only help sustain our parish family, but make real the love of Christ in our local community.

And to those of you who are quietly pouring out your love by caring for a family member, friend, or neighbor, Thank You! Know I am very grateful for you, your quiet witness of loving others in need. Be assured of my prayers and for those whom you are caring.

So while you're thinking and praying about how you can financially support our parish more generously, I hope you'll also think and pray about how Jesus may be calling you to more generously love through giving more of your time and talents too. Thank you & God bless+

New Art Triennial Celebrating Human Creativity and Empathy in the Age of A.I.



intelligence tools.

An international initiative, promoted by the Dicastery for Culture and Education of the Holy See brings together universities from around the world dedicated to exploring how art plays a role in addressing the most relevant issues in the world today while hosting artwork in the forms of exhibitions, commissions, publications, and public programs. More than 100 artists from seven universities in Brazil, Columbia, Italy, Portugal, Angola and Boston College in the USA will showcase their art as the Catholic Church continues to emphasize human creativity and relationships over artificial

Entitled "**Exercises in Empathy**" it will reflect on the role of higher education, human relationships, and the concept of empathy. "*If there were one word capable of expressing the identity of Catholic universities and their integral vision of education, that word would be empathy. Empathy lies at the origin of this university project,*" stated Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education of the Holy See.

Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnifica humanitas* points out that artificial intelligences "*may ... simulate empathy and understanding, but they do not understand what they produce, for they lack the affective, relational and spiritual perspective through which human beings grow in wisdom*" (MH, no. 99).

Pope Leo urges universities to address the complexities of today's world with creativity and to dedicate themselves to "*making the life of our societies more just and fraternal*" (MH, no. 47). "*A family that educates for empathy forms people who are able to face difference without fear. A university that cultivates empathy prepares professionals who do not reduce others to data or functions. A workplace shaped by empathy becomes a place of mutual recognition, not merely of productivity.*"

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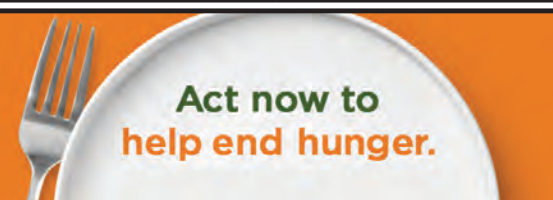
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