

Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 6-7, 2025

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Luke 14:26

*"If any one comes to me without hating
his father and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple..."*

Rev. James DiVasto, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. J. James Cuneo, J.C.D.,
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Director of Discipleship, Catholic Community of
Stratford: Colin Petramale

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 09/08	Tues 09/09	Wed 09/10	Thurs 09/11	Fri 09/12	Saturday 09/13	Sunday 09/14
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass Health and Blessings for Fr. Jim as the 9th Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church <i>r/b Frank D'ausilo</i> 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 +Fr. Bill Holt <i>r/b Lucille Bocchicchio</i> Wednesday Services held in Church	7:30am Mass +Magdalene Goda <i>r/b Mr & Mrs Vincent Mata & family</i> 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 +Manya Micalizzi <i>r/b Janet & Karen</i> And the Deceased of the Parish Parish Nurses	7:30am Mass +Stanislaw and Honorata Bozek <i>r/b Nicholas Piciw Jr.</i> 10:00am Mass +Alexander Weiler <i>r/b McClean family</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Stefan Scerba
7:30am +Alberto Parravano
And Deceased of the parish
10:00am +Edward T. Kascak

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

Blessings for Fr. Jim and the grace to continue to lead with love and compassion

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For victims of violence and war

Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory of Freddie Costello

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For all suffering from famine and disease

St Joseph Shrine Candle

In Loving Memory of Pauline Imbro

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



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..*



FAITH FORMATION IS:

CALLING ALL TEENS!

HOMEBOUND? HOSPITALIZED?

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



Registration for the 2025 -2026 Faith Formation program has begun.

Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings. Gatherings for the children begins Sunday September 14 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

MARK SEPT. 14 ON YOUR CALENDARS!



FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD.

For more information, see the notice on the next page!

Questions? call the parish office 203.375.5815

PLAN TO BE PART OF THE NEW AND EXCITING **REGIONAL YOUTH GROUP**

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.

Carry the cross and follow me
LUKE 14:27



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



New Youth Ministry

We are initiating a new youth ministry in the Catholic Community of Stratford in September of 2025. Our inaugural Mass will be **September 14th at 4:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace**. Feel free to invite a young person you know! If you are interested in volunteering with our young people on their journey of faith, please reach out to Colin Petramale for more information.



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 Freedom to Love

Jesus tells us today, "if anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." We miss the heart of Jesus if we take these words literally, yet they are essential to discipleship. It is a temptation for us to focus on loving those close to us *at the exclusion* of loving all that God loves: our neighbors, our earth, even our enemies. In the Old Testament, Israel is blessed so that it may be a blessing *to all nations*. Our close familial relationships are blessed in just this way: they are privileged places where we experience a taste of divine love. Yet as members of the Body of Christ, we also have obligations to others outside of our preferred circles. May we heed Christ's invitation to love widely, eternally growing closer to loving as Christ loves.

Congratulations Fr. Jim ~ 9th Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus



Dear Holy Name of Jesus family,

This Sunday during the Rite of Installation, I will renew the solemn promises that I made at my ordination to the priesthood: Obedience to Bishop Caggiano and his successors, to Preach the Gospel and Teach the Catholic faith, to Celebrate the Sacraments with reverence especially the Eucharist, to live a Celibate life for the sake of the Kingdom of God, and to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

Now, there are two other solemn acts I will make during the Rite of Installation. Together with you, I will profess the Creed, the Church's authentic expression of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith which also serves to unify every community of Catholic believers (CCC 185-197). Then I will pledge the Oath of Fidelity. Now we all know the Creed, "I believe in One God, the Father Almighty..." but you probably only vaguely remember the Oath of Fidelity that Father Bert pledged at his installation.

Well, the Oath of Fidelity is a solemn declaration made by those who are called and accept a mandate from their bishop to teach or govern in the Catholic Church. It is an affirmation of their commitment to uphold the teachings of the Church and the authority of the Magisterium (the Pope and all bishops in communion with him). This oath is particularly relevant for bishops, priests, deacons, and other church leaders who are responsible for authentically passing on the Catholic faith to ensure that their teachings align with the doctrines of the Church (CCC 888-892).

And because the Oath of Fidelity is a solemn act, not just done publicly in the presence of the parish community by the one who pledges it and of the one who receives it for the bishop, that after my pledge Monsignor Kinnally and I will go to the altar. There each of us will sign the Oath. This is one of only few other solemn actions that take place on an altar in the Catholic Church apart from the Eucharist. For truly my pledge will be humbly made to and graciously received by not only Bishop Caggiano through Monsignor Kinnally before all of you, but by Jesus Christ Our Lord, the Church's Head and all of us His Body. Wow! So yeah, please continue to keep me in your prayers. I need them along with God's grace to do all this and more that Jesus has entrusted me to do to lovingly shepherd you.

May God bless and keep you+
Father Jim



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH Aug 30-31

Sunday	\$	2,046.00
Monthly	\$	50.00
Other	\$	160.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF—Aug 25-31

Sunday	\$	735.00
Monthly	\$	45.00
Other	\$	22.00

ONLINE GIVING - Aug 25-31

Sunday	\$	320.00
Monthly	\$.00
Other	\$.00

Total Income \$ 3,378.00



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Regular September offertory envelopes include:

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



September 12 Quarter Night at HNoJ



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YOUR SNACKS OR DINNER AND WINE,
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DESSERT TABLE!**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM AUCTION BEGINS AT 6:30PM

3~Minute Retreats from Loyola Press

These retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen, a Continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience. www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/



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RETREAT**

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary



**God Needs Priests -
Is He Calling You?**

If you are a man aged 30-60
you may be surprised.

First Friday Visits: October 3,

November 7 and December 5 at 5:00pm. This is a Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit. (Zoom link provided at registration)

**Register: Msgr. William Fay 781.899.5500 x134
firstfriday@psjs.edu** For more info: www.psjs.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesdays, in Church

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

September 7 10:00am Fr. Jim's Installation Mass

September 12 Quarter Night

September 13-14 Parish Nurses

September 13, 27 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

September 13, 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 Men's Society Meeting, Heritage Hall

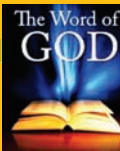
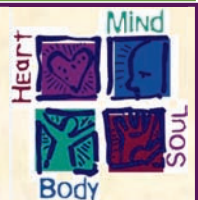
September 20-21 Parish Tag Sale

September 20-21 Coffee And...

September 27-28 Monthly Food Collection



Our Parish Nurses will be available to take
**Blood Pressure Readings Next Weekend,
September 13 & 14 following the
Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday
10:00am Mass. They will be located near
the Sacred Heart Shrine.**



BIBLE STUDY-THE WORD OF GOD

Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD
Verbum Domini** at 10:00am, - Parish Communi-
ty Room - Saturday, Sept 13 & 27 *The Word of
God* emphasizes God's communication with humanity en-
couraging individuals to cultivate a close relationship with
Christ through prayer and scripture. **All are welcome!**

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP



September dates: Sat 13th and 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!**



Save the Date!

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

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 Newspaper and drop it off at Church
at a weekend Mass. Tag sale item donations will be
accepted on 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, comput-
ers, tv and encyclopedias can be accepted.**

September Feasts and Saints



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

commemorates three major events relating to Jesus' Cross.

The first event is the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. Tradition holds that St. Helena found three crosses, but could not determine which of the three crosses was the True Cross. A dying woman touched one of the crosses and was healed and thus this cross was determined to be the Cross

of our Lord. The second event celebrated today is the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335, built on the site of both Jesus' crucifixion and His empty tomb. The third event celebrated today is when the True Cross was returned to Jerusalem in 629 after it was stolen by the Persians in 614.

Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions Feast Day, September 20

Christianity came to Korea in the late 16th century. By 1790, there were an estimated 4,000 Catholics in Korea who had never received the Eucharist or seen a priest. St. Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean-born priest. He attended a seminary in China and when he returned, he secretly helped Christian missionaries into the country. He was arrested and killed by the anti-Christian government for doing so. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle, as well as several other Korean Catholics were killed for their faith in the latter half of the 19th century. In 1984, Pope St. John Paul II canonized over 100 Koreans and missionaries, including St. Andrew Kim Taegon, who were martyred between 1838 and 1867. www.catholicapostolatecenterfeastdays.org



Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon,
Paul Chong Hasang and Companions
Feast Day, September 20
Pray for Us



The Saint Luke Guild for Healthcare Workers is an association and community of healthcare workers within the Diocese of Bridgeport, striving to live our Catholic faith, who desire to grow in Christian discipleship through a process of encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and mutual accompaniment. We host periodic "Prayerful Encounters" which are open to anyone connected to the healthcare field as well as spiritual, social and formation gatherings for its inducted members.

bridgeportdiocese.org/guilds/st-luke-guild/

Holy Name of Jesus Church Knights of Columbus Council 2370 Classic Car Show



October 25th 11:00am—2:00pm
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Brother..cannot..children..cross..crowd..disciple
..father..large..life..more..mother..sister

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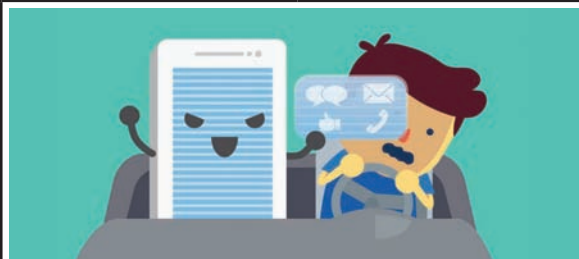
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