

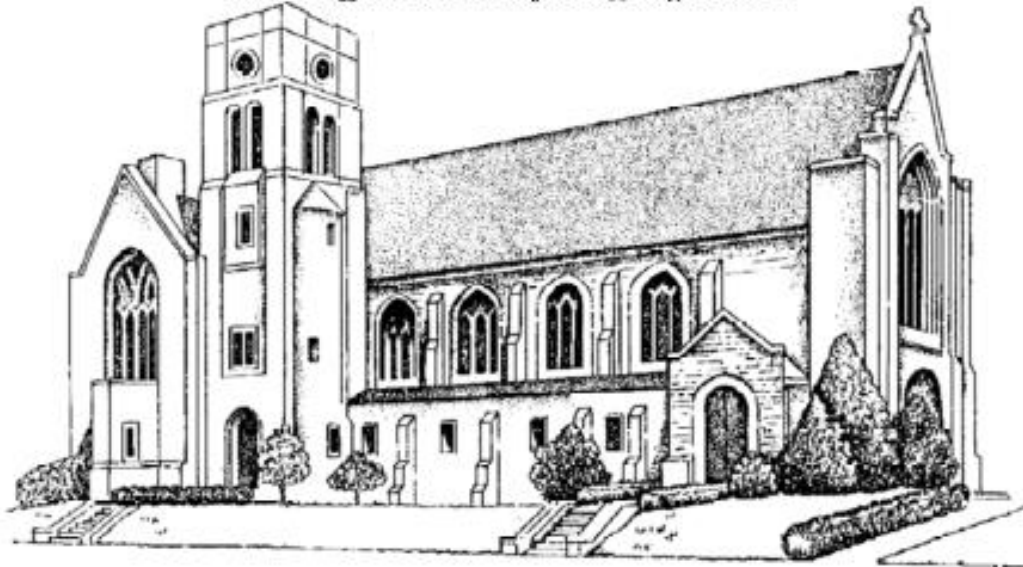
# *Holy Name of Jesus Church*

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## *Welcome to our Parish Family*

### **MASSES:**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM**

**Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:30 a.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.**

Marian Devotions follow Monday morning Mass.

### **SACRAMENTAL EVENTS:**

#### **BAPTISM:**

We celebrate new Christian life with Holy Baptism. Families are requested to contact the office and/or rectory before the arrival of your new child for instructions and registration.

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays from 3:15-4:15pm and weekdays by request.

#### **MARRIAGE:**

We celebrate Christian love and family with the Marriage Sacrament. Couples should contact the rectory eight months in advance. Pre-Cana instructions are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport.

#### **ANOINTING FOR THE SICK:**

We strengthen and comfort our sick with the Body of Christ and Sacrament of anointing regularly.

**Hospitalization** - If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound, please notify us to receive care.

**NEW PARISHONERS** are invited to register - please call or visit the office.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Scripture Meditation: Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18; 1 Peter 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

**Scripture Meditation:** We all have times when God seems to be asking the impossible of us: to accept a terminal illness or permanent disability; to resolve a bitter conflict; to give up on a treasured dream. Abraham's response, "Here I am," may feel like the hardest thing to say. But this tells us that God still loves us and is still offering us his grace. *Printed with the permission of The Word Among Us 2018*

### CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Feb 24	4:30 PM	+MARGARET GRUCE ~ <i>Niece, Barbara Bayus</i>
Sun.	Feb 25	7:30 AM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>Wife &amp; Children</i>
		9:00 AM	+MARGARET NEMEC, <i>Anniversary ~ The LaMotta Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+ROBERT DEAN ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
Mon.	Feb 26	7:30 AM	FOR VOCATIONS to the PRIESTHOOD and RELIGIOUS LIFE
Tues.	Feb 27	7:30 AM	+JAMES and +THERESA Z. ONTKO ~ <i>Dennis &amp; Sallianne Prebensen</i>
Wed.	Feb 28	7:30 AM	FOR GOD'S HEALING GRACE for WOMEN and MEN who have EXPERIENCED EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL PAIN AFTER ABORTION
Thurs.	Mar 1	7:30 AM	FOR HEALTH and GOD'S BLESSINGS for TERESA OLBRYNS
		12:00 PM	+FR. STEPHEN A. GROHOL, PASTOR HNJ 1932-1936 <i>Convent Chapel</i>
Fri.	Mar 2	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
Sat.	Mar 3	8:00 AM	+MSGR. PETER P. DORA ~ <i>John &amp; Ann Velky</i>
		4:30 PM	+JOHN IWASCZYSZYN ~ <i>Wife, Helen &amp; Children</i>
Sun.	Mar 4	7:30 AM	+MARY P. GERAK, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Brother, Joe &amp; Sister, Arline Gerak</i>
		9:00 AM	+MARLENE DUDA ~ <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Larry Wells</i>
		11:00 AM	+FRANK and +ELIZABETH KRAJCIK ~ <i>Daughter, Mary Ann</i>



**PRAYER CORNER:** If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office. **Please pray for the good health of: Fr. Andy, Agnes Papin, TJ Recupido, Roger Silhavey**

**YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:** Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 4. Please join us! The next rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be Wednesday, February 28 at 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

**We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those parishioners who have left bequests to Holy Name of Jesus Church.** These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. **This week we received a gift in memory of Sheila Estrada and a bequest from the estate of Anna Durkay.** Please consider remembering HNJ in your will.

Each Thursday of Lent at 12:00 PM, Mass is celebrated in the Convent Chapel.



Each Friday of Lent, Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:00 PM in Church.



**Evangelization Corner:** Lent is a time of transformation. As we gaze in the dark faith of prayer upon the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we are transformed into his likeness. As we leave the work of prayer for the work of charity in our world, we live in his likeness.



#### HNJ Faith Formation Program:

Feb. 25 Students ~  
Confirmation Students  
Mar. 4 Students ~  
No Confirmation Class

**The Sanctuary Candle for the month of March is in Loving Memory of Richard Sokolowski** given by The Family



**The Candle on St. Joseph's Altar for the month of March is in Loving Memory of Joseph and Marion Gresko** given by the Family

**The Candle on Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar for the month of March is in Honor of Our Lady of Altagracia** given by Lucretia Contreras



\*\*\* **THE ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE** \*\*\*  
Sponsored by the Ladies Guild will take place Sunday, **March 11.** The **CUT-OFF** date for orders is **THIS weekend, Feb. 24/25.** Nut and Poppy Rolls are \$12.00 each and Paska (plain or with raisins) are \$6.00 each. To place an order, please call Gert Balamaci at 203-377- 3597 or Dolores Mihalik at 203-378-3426. **Orders must be picked up Sunday, March 11** between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon in the parish hall. **Thank you for your support!** \*\*\*



**Holy Name of Jesus Parish Celebrates St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, at 6:00 PM in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30 PM.** Come join us for a fun evening and enjoy a traditional Irish meal of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Dessert, Soda & Coffee. **Paid Reservations of \$15.00 per person are required in advance – No Tickets will be sold at the door. \*\*RESERVATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES\*\***

**The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Executive Board will meet on Thursday, March 8 in the parish hall.** Plans will be finalized for the weekend Easter bake sale. Set up for the bake sale will take place prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Membership will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 PM in Church for "Mary's Way of the Cross."**

A business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table.

***New members are always welcome!***



**Saint Mark parish has organized a Lenten Parish Mission scheduled for March 10-14.** The preacher is Fr. Dan Cambra, from the order of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA. Fr. Dan will speak at all the weekend Masses on the topic of "Divine Mercy" and also Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in Church.

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**St. Joseph Church in Shelton is hosting a Lenten Speaker Series on March 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

Mar. 12: Rev. Charles Allen, "The Relics of the Crucifixion & Resurrection: Where are they now?" Mar. 13: Dr. Joan Kelly "From Ashes to Alleluia" and Mar. 14: Rev. Carleton Jones, "What ever happened to Sin?" The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each night from 7:30 PM–8:00 PM.

**Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal** makes it possible to continue promoting vocations to the priesthood that are so vital to the future of our local Church. The indispensable role that our 29 seminarians will perform in the life of the Church necessitates that they receive an unparalleled formation in the spiritual, pastoral, and academic disciplines. The formation and preparation our seminarians receive at St. John Fisher Redemptoris Mater, and in major seminary spans five to eight years. This year Bishop Caggiano will ordain one seminarian to the priesthood and three to the transitional diaconate. At an annual cost of more than \$21,000, your ACA gift will help underwrite this worthwhile investment and help promote and foster vocations to the priesthood throughout our diocese. *"The value of the ACA is felt in my formation.. It is because of the Catholic Appeal that I am here and that my brothers are here. We're able to really dedicate ourselves to the Diocese of Bridgeport – to the church- and that is the greatest gift we can give to the Church at this point,"* says Juan Colon, Jr., seminarian.

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Feb. 18, 2018**

<b>Operating Costs</b> – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,052
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 163
Total Weekly Income .....	\$ 4,215
Shortfall.....	\$ 6,785
<b>Fiscal year to date overview</b>	
Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 34	\$ 374,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 361,190
Shortfall.....	\$ 12,810

**Loaves & Fishes – a Lenten offering to feed our Fairfield County Neighbors. Your gift helps the following Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries serve over 1.3 million meals every year in Ffld. County -**

*The Thomas Merton Center, Bridgeport Morning Glory Breakfast Program, Danbury Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Danbury New Covenant Center, Stamford Senior Nutrition Programs, Southern Fairfield.* **100% of the proceeds of Loaves and Fishes goes directly to provide food for the neediest in our community. Any amount you can give will make a difference! If you wish to help, envelopes are located at the Church entrances.**

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35*

**The Diocese of Bridgeport will celebrate the Annual White Mass on Sunday, March 18 at 8:30 AM at Saint Aloysius Parish in New Canaan.**

Mass, celebrated by Bishop Caggiano, will be followed by brunch at the Woodway Country Club in Darien. All healthcare professionals, volunteers and all who serve the sick are invited. Individuals \$35. For info please call Elizabeth Auda 203-416-1636 or email [2018whitemass@diobpt.org](mailto:2018whitemass@diobpt.org)

**Fr. Marcel Saint Jean from Christ the King Parish is leading two upcoming trips. March 20-21 to the Pennsylvania Amish Lands.**

The package includes the musical performance of "Jesus" at the Millennium Theatre. **Fr. Marcel also invites you to join him for a journey of a lifetime to Jordan, the Holy Land and Dubai from Sept. 23-Oct. 6.** For more info please call Fr. Marcel at 203-434-7208 or email [marcelsaintjean@gmail.com](mailto:marcelsaintjean@gmail.com) Fliers are also available at the church entrances.

*Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" Suddenly; looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. Mark 9:2-8*