



January 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Meditation: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42
Learning to hear God's voice isn't always easy. God doesn't usually speak to us with an audible voice. Rather, he often chooses natural means, including our consciences and imaginations, and our thoughts and feelings. As we keep leaning into him, let us trust that he will give us ears to hear his voice. Printed with the permission of The Word Among Us 2018

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Mass Details. Includes entries for Sat. Jan 13, Sun. Jan 14, Mon. Jan 15, Tues. Jan 16, Wed. Jan 17, Thurs. Jan 18, Fri. Jan 19, Sat. Jan 20, and Sun. Jan 21.



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of: Fr. Andy, Msgr. Cuneo, Joe DeMasi, Mike Dunn, Ceil Elias, Millie Elias, Janet Onze

Fr. Andy thanks you for your prayers and well wishes as he continues to recover at CareOne in NJ. If you would like to send him a card, please send to: LTACH - CareOne at Trinitas Regional Medical Center 225 Williamson ST., Elizabeth, NJ 07202 Rev. Andrew Marus

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: The Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass, next Sunday, January 21. Please join us! The next rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

The 2019 Mass Book will be opened at a future date. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

Evangelization Corner: God called Samuel from sleep to become the servant of his word. Christ calls his disciples to wake from whatever dulls our capacity to hear the Word and follow faithfully.

HNJ Faith Formation Program
Jan. 14 ~ No Class PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ in Parish Hall following 9:00 AM Mass.
Jan. 21 ~ Students ~ Confirmation Class in Convent

Blessing of Homes: Blessed chalk and prayer leaflets are available at the communion rails, for you to take home, in conjunction with the Epiphanytide Blessing of Homes.

Next weekend's second collection is for Snow Removal. Thank you for your generosity! (Includes snowman icon)

2017 Church donation tax statements will be sent out in January. If you do not receive one by the end of January and would like a copy, please call the parish office.

He (the owner of the vineyard) asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. 'He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' Matthew 20:1-16
'Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place on the street, in a city square, during work, or on a journey.' Pope Francis

The Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society's next meeting will be held **Thurs., Jan., 18**, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society presents a PASTA DINNER – Saturday, Jan. 20, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Menu includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Soda. Free Will offerings gratefully accepted. For more info contact Larry Wells 203-375-2836 or lawman56@optonline.net

Stratford Knights of Columbus Council #2370 will hold our annual St. Valentine's Dinner Dance Saturday, February 10, 7:00pm at the Parish Hall at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Complete Steak Dinner-Dancing to DJ Bob-BYOB-Door prizes-\$25 per person \$50.00 per couple at the door. All reservations must be received by Thursday February 8. Call Chip Krafnick at 375-8930. Please do not call after 7PM. Pre-pay discount \$45 per couple if payment received by Feb. 8. Please make checks payable to K of C #2370 & mail to attention of Bob Bradley II, 535 Cutspring Rd., Stratford, CT 06614. Proceeds for Vocation Scholarships. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item for K of C Food for Families Drive.

Christmas Thanks: *"Thank you for the gifts for the DCF Kids. Everything given was appreciated and the youth send their thanks to the church."* Kim Soto, DCF



The Connecticut Food Bank in partnership with the Stratford Health Dept. brought their mobile food truck to the HNJ parking lot six times in 2017. *"In a state where one in eight people struggles with hunger, the full force of your commitment cannot be overstated. Looking forward to the future and a bright, new year, we can imagine a Connecticut where no one goes without enough to eat."* With gratitude, Bernie Beaudreau CEO

St. Mark School in Stratford, located at 500 Wigwam Lane, is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM for grades Kindergarten through 8. All families are invited to tour St. Mark School, meet with faculty and students, and enjoy some refreshments while learning more about the St. Mark difference. For more info please call 203-375-4291 or www.stmarkschool.org.

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Jan. 7, 2018

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection	\$	4,242
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$	4,322
Total Weekly Income.....	\$	8,564
Shortfall.....	\$	2,436

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 28	\$	308,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$	297,877
Shortfall	\$	10,123

Current reading found on our parish website, hnojchurch.org, includes articles such as:

My family holy? Your Family May be Holier than You Think! by Lorene Hanley Duquin in *Family Faith on the Go* "If you're thinking that your family could never compare with the holiness of the Holy Family, maybe it's time to take a closer look at what holiness really means! When we look beneath the serenity of the Nativity scene, we see tensions, discomfort and fear. They are the same kinds of struggles that modern-day families face. Holiness is not just about persevering through troubling times, however. We know our families are holy when we recognize in the ordinary experiences of our lives, the same compassion, commitment, courage, sacrifice and joy that Mary and Joseph experienced. When we pray together as a family, when we forgive or seek forgiveness, when we treat others with compassion, and when we help people in need, we are holy because we are living lives of love."

The Church and the #metoo movement by Michelle Martin, OSV Newsweekly "For a few days in October, it was almost impossible to log into social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook and not see posts about #metoo. One way the Church can help the wider culture is by sharing the lessons it has learned in the last 15 years."

Learning to walk: A man came to his teacher and said: "Teacher, when I was a child I felt very close to God. Now that I am older, it seems as if God has left me, or perhaps it is I who have left. In either case, I feel far from God. I am not sure what to do." The teacher answered: "When you teach a child to walk, at first you stand very close. The child can only take one step, and then you must catch him. But as he grows, you move farther and farther away so that he can walk to you. God has not abandoned you. Like a good parent, God has moved farther away, but is still close by, waiting for you. Now you must learn to walk to God."

All articles courtesy of *Our Sunday Visitor OSV.com*

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall on February 13.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event**

and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441 or lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word *circle* to 797979