

Holy Name of Jesus Church

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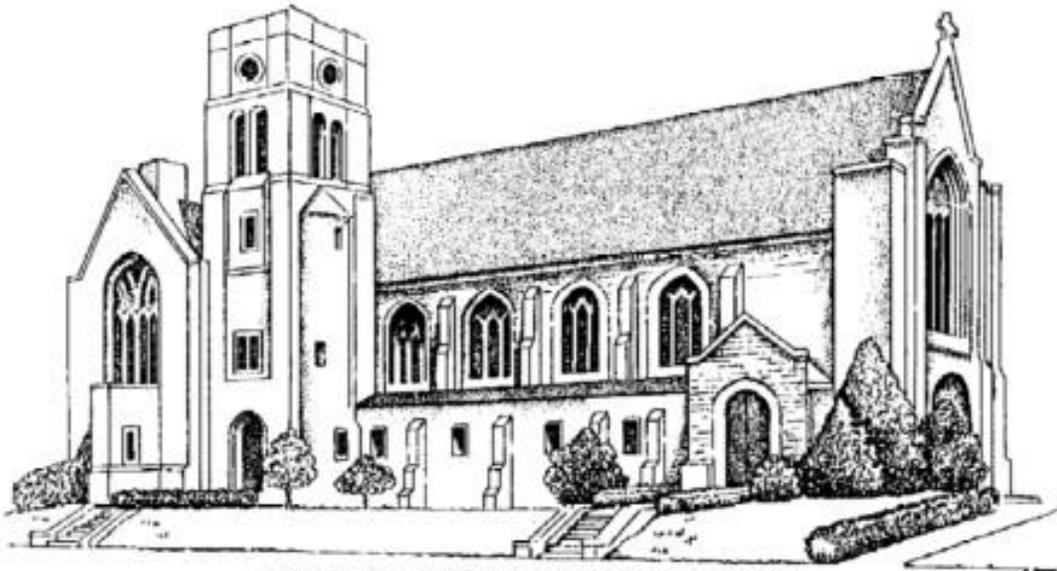
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Welcome to our Parish Family

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 15, 2018

Scripture Meditation: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-14; Mark 6:7-13

He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)

In June of last year, the United Nations estimated that there were 7.6 billion people living on Earth. In an even more jaw-dropping statistic, the Population Reference Bureau has estimated that approximately 108 billion people have lived on Earth since the beginning. So can you imagine that before God created the world, in the midst of these 108 billion people who would live in it, he knew you perfectly and chose you to be with him? When we hear that God chose us before the foundation of the world, it can sound so theoretical. We think of “us” as a universal group: God’s people. And while we are all part of this large group, we are not just anonymous members of the crowd. God’s love for us is not generalized. It is personal and specific. He loves you for who you are. He loves you in the best way you can be loved. As overwhelming as this may sound, let this truth sink in today. Even if there were 100 trillion people, it doesn’t matter. You—with all your quirks and idiosyncrasies—were in God’s mind and in his heart from the beginning. He created you with a specific purpose, and he longs for you to be with him forever! *“Father, I am so amazed to know that I am in your heart. Help me to trust and rely on your personal love today and every day.”*

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. July 14	4:30 PM	+CARLOTA DELISO ~ The Silhavey Family
Sun. July 15	7:30 AM	+HELEN CASELLI ~ The Sandor Family
	9:00 AM	+STELLA and +MORTON TWISS ~ The Family
	11:00 AM	+IRENE SINANIS ~ Veronica Sokolowski
Mon. July 16	7:30 AM	FOR GOD’S HEALING of ANA and GEORGE CEDENO ~ Barbara Sanchez
Tues. July 17	7:30 AM	+JOHN SIBISKI ~ Mr. & Mrs. J. Marczak
Wed. July 18	7:30 AM	GOD’S BLESSINGS and GOOD HEALTH for PHAM LOC
Thurs. July 19	7:30 AM	+JOHN and +MARY MIKULKA, SR. ~ The Family
Fri. July 20	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL KMEC ~ Friends of Michael
Sat. July 21	8:00 AM	+ANNA GALLA ~ Mary Ann & Larry Wells
	4:30 PM	+MSGR. PETER DORA ~ Bill & Michelle Augustine & Children
Sun. July 22	7:30 AM	+JOHN KWOCKKA ~ Mary Seay
	9:00 AM	+JANET & +MICHAEL PUGLISI ~ The Family
	11:00 AM	+JOSE CONTRERAS and +RAMON VALERIO ~ Lucretia Contreras



PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the intentions of the following people and may God bless them:

Mary Banakoski, Irene Bielen, Eleanor Burke, Barb Demsky, Fr. Michael Dogali, Robert Hudak, Mary Ann Krajcik, Ricky McCarthy, Pat Petrovich, Bruce Pond, Christina Rottkamp, TJ Recupido, Deacon Michael Saranich

Our weekday 7:30 am Mass (Monday – Friday and Saturday 8:00am Mass) will be celebrated in the Convent Chapel.

I invite you to come to the Convent Chapel each Thursday, from 11:00am to 12:00 noon to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of our parish.

God bless you, Fr. Mariusz

“Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!”

Pope Francis

Saints Anne & Joachim ~ the patron saints of Grandparents. Prayers will be said at the weekday 7:30am Mass on Tuesday, July 24, Wednesday, July 25 and the Feast day, Thursday, July 26. Please join us.

Dear Parishioners, since I have been at Holy Name of Jesus, I have had the privilege of meeting many of you and am grateful for your warm welcome. I would like to get to know more of my parish family by visiting you at your home to say hello, bless your home and spend a few minutes with your family. Please call me and we can arrange a convenient time during the day or evening. I look forward to hearing from you.

Over the last few weeks you have received a lot of information regarding our parish finances.

We welcome your feedback! Next weekend there will be a short questionnaire available at the Masses for you to share your questions and concerns about our parish and its future. **We need to hear from everyone!** This can be an anonymous response or you may ask to speak with me personally.
God bless you, Fr. Mariusz

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:8

FAITH FORMATION OPEN HOUSE –
For parent & child)Sunday, August 26
from 10:00 am to noon (following the
9:00 am Mass).Bring a Friend!

Breakfast, games, and coffee for
 Mom & Dad too.



RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation? “Come and See” Inquiry Sessions will be held on August 19 and September 23 in the Parish Center after the 11:00 am Mass.

For registration in our Sunday Morning Children’s Faith Formation program: Registration forms can be found at the church entrances, on our Facebook page, or the parish website hnojchurch.org

Faith Formation Catechists & Teacher Assistants are needed – please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent to help our children grow in faith. If interested, please call or email Diane Scott dreholyname@gmail.com or 203-375-5815 x21

Convey the Good News of God’s love and mercy

Jesus’ disciples were to preach the Good News that God is not a punishing judge, but rather a loving Father who wants to save men from their bondage to sin through Jesus His Son. The disciples were to preach the message of *metanoia* or repentance--which has disturbing implications. To "repent" means to change one's mind and then fit one's actions to this change. *Metanoia* literally means change your mind. It can also mean taking a new direction. Thus, repentance means a change of heart and a change of action--a change from a self-centered life to a God-centered life. Such a change may hurt a bit at times.

We too, have a witnessing mission.

Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. As disciples, we are to follow Jesus and imitate Jesus. As apostles, we are to evangelize the world. We are called to share with others not just words, or ideas, or doctrines but an experience, our experience of God and His Son, Jesus. Like the apostles, like St. Francis of Assisi, like St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), we are all chosen and sent to proclaim the Gospel through our living. It is through our transparent Christian lives that we must show in our own actions the love, mercy and concern of Jesus for the people around us. Since we are baptized, Jesus is calling us in our working and living environment to evangelize, to invite people to know Jesus, to love him, to serve him and to follow him. An important part of evangelism is the simple act of inviting a friend or family member to join us in worship. This is where reconciliation between persons and God is most likely to take place. We do not have to commit verbal assault on someone with our convictions. A simple invitation offered out of a loving and joyful heart is the most powerful evangelistic message of all.

God bless you, Fr. Mariusz

Holy Name of Jesus Annual Appeal. Our goal will remain the same as last year, \$35,000. **I ask you to prayerfully consider your sacrificial contribution to this most important Parish Appeal. If you do not receive offertory envelopes in the mail, you may use the green, specially marked envelopes found at the church entrances.**

Your generosity will allow much needed repairs to our Church gutters. Once that is accomplished we can begin to consider interior repairs and painting. **Our goal is to complete these Church projects in preparation for our 100th Anniversary in 2023.** Please pray for our success and thank you for your loyalty and support to HNJ.

God Bless you, Fr. Mariusz

Our HNJ Quarter Night Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 22 in the parish hall beginning at 6:00pm. Plan on attending this fun event – bring the whole family. We thank all those who have already donated a new item and we have reached half way to the total amount of donations needed. **Help to make this event a great success by donating an item. Wondering what to donate?** Brand new items such as tools/auto store items, gift cards, seasonal decorations, frames, candles, bottles of wine, themed gift baskets, children’s games & toys, decorative household items, are all welcome. **What is a Quarter Night Fundraiser?** It's part auction, part raffle, part fundraiser and works a bit like bingo. The door fee is \$3 which includes entrance to the event, Coffee& Dessert. (BYOB & snacks). Attendees view the prizes when they arrive and then bid on the items. You are advised how much you need to bid – this can be a quarter or two – with no obligation to bid on any items. A random number is then drawn in a raffle, with the person who has that number winning the item, but only if they'd actually bid on the item. If they hadn't bid, another number is drawn until there is a winner who'd actually bid on the item. Attendees get a fun night out, and support our parish at the same time. If you have any questions please call Carol Bogue at 203-377-2235.

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of July 1, 2018

<u>Operating Costs</u> – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,403
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 5,099
Total Weekly Income	\$ 9,502
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,498
<u>Fiscal year to date overview</u>	
Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 1	\$ 11,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 9,502
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,498

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of July 8, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,301
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 2,893
Total Weekly Income	\$ 7,194
Shortfall.....	\$ 3,806
<u>Fiscal year to date overview</u>	
Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 2	\$ 22,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 16,696
Shortfall.....	\$ 5,304