

Holy Name of Jesus Church

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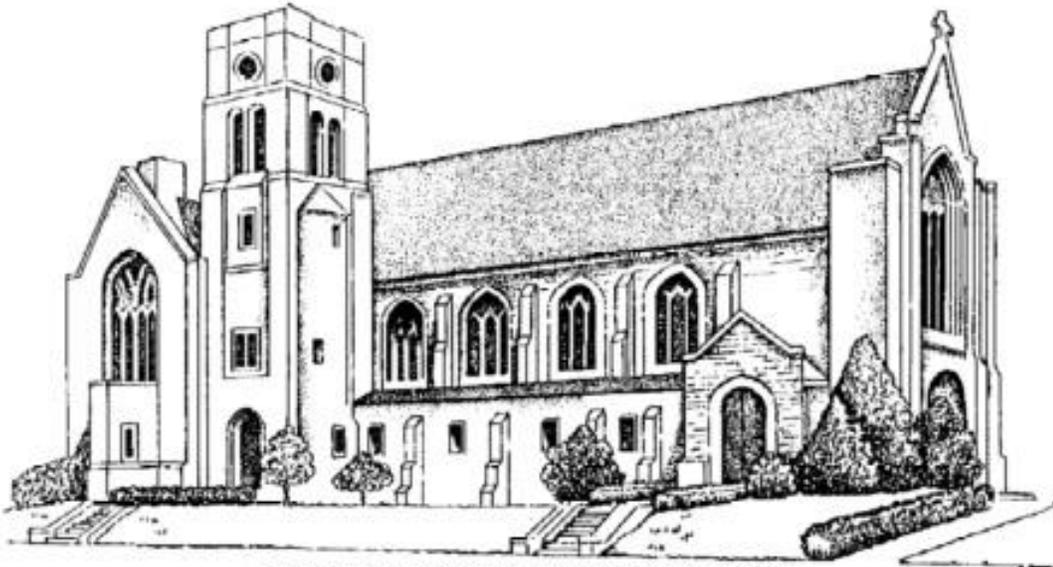
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Welcome to our Parish Family

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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 22, 2018



Scripture Meditation: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 1:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

He . . . broke down the dividing wall of enmity. Ephesians 2:14

In almost poetic language, St. Paul invites the Ephesians to marvel at the unity they are experiencing. Many of them were Gentiles, people who looked down on the Jews almost as much as the Jews looked down on them. And yet here they were worshipping Jesus—alongside of Jewish brothers and sisters! Through Christ, the centuries-old wall dividing them had been broken down, leaving only a bond of love. But this wasn't the only time when Jesus brought Jews and Gentiles together. Probably the most important one happened about thirty years earlier, on the first Good Friday. That's when "Herod and Pontius Pilate, together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel," overcame their differences . . . so that they could put Jesus to death (Acts 4:27). Of course, not everyone was in on the plot, but many were united in their hatred of Jesus. Isn't it amazing how Jesus can take something horrible and make it a source of blessing? The devil had created a false and feeble unity in order to eliminate Jesus, but his plan backfired. This mock unity brought about the true unity that the Ephesians—and Christians everywhere else—were now enjoying. Where once there was Gentile versus Jew, slave versus free, and woman versus man, now there were only brothers and sisters witnessing to the Spirit's power to heal ancient divisions. If Jesus can overcome centuries of division between Jews and Gentiles, surely he can heal the divisions in our lives. It may not happen overnight or in the way we expect, but it can happen—especially if we work toward it ourselves. So take one relationship today, whether you need to offer forgiveness, let go of resentment, or ask for forgiveness, and see what you can do to break down the walls. It won't happen overnight—just as it took time for the early Church. But if you persevere, it will happen. "Come, Lord, and heal every division and wounded relationship."

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. July 21	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
Mon. July 23	7:30 AM	+FRANK MASSO, Anniversary ~ Wife, Sarah Masso
Tues. July 24	7:30 AM	+JOSE SOTO ~ Barbara Sanchez
Wed. July 25	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL and +BETTY PUCCI ~ Daughter, Mary Ellen & Husband, Steven Kother
Thurs. July 26	7:30 AM	+EMIL KRUSINSKY, SR. ~ Sister, Agnes
Fri. July 27	7:30 AM	+REV, ANDREW MARUS ~ John Tkacik
Sat. July 28	8:00 AM	+REV. ANDREW MARUS ~ Joseph & Mary Ann Walsh
	4:30 PM	+JOHN and +ANNA ZAHURSKY ~ Dorothy & Bill Uhelsky
Sun. July 29	7:30 AM	+PHYLLIS B. COPERTINO ~ Rita McManus & Family
	9:00 AM	+GEORGE R., +GEORGE, and +ANTOINETTE MARGONIS ~ David Margonis
	11:00 AM	+ANNA and +JOSEPH ADESKI ~ The Family



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, John Velky

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

Holy Hour: please join us every Thursday, from 11:00am to 12:00 noon in the Convent Chapel pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of our parish.

God bless you, Fr. Mariusz

"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love."

Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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.

Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Anne & Joachim on July 26th. An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Anne & Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbors because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief drove Saint Joachim and Saint Anne to fast and pray. Angels appeared, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.

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Christians must be people of prayer and action. The Christian life is a continuous passage from the presence of God to the presence of people and back again. Prayer is essentially listening to God and talking to Him. One of our main problems is that we do not truly allow God the opportunity to speak to us. We also do not know how to "be still and to listen." Hence, we are often in danger of refusing to allow God to recharge us with spiritual energy and strength. In addition, we do not set aside enough time for Him to speak to us and for us to speak to God. How can we shoulder life's burdens if we have no contact with the Lord of Life? How can we do God's work unless we rely on God's strength? And how can we receive that strength unless we pray to him individually, in the family and as a parish community in the Church and receive His grace by participating in the Holy Mass and through the reception of the Sacraments? However, we must never seek God's fellowship in order to avoid the fellowship of men but always in order to prepare for it. The Christian life consists of meeting with God in the secret place so that we may serve people more effectively in the market place.

The Church has the double responsibility of teaching and feeding. People today find it difficult to balance those two aspects of the Christian life. Some apparently believe that the social ministry of the Church is all that is needed to make Christ present in the world. Others seem to believe that the Church's major concern should be preaching the Gospel, rather than feeding the hungry and healing the sick. The Church's duty, so the argument goes, is to spread the Gospel and provide for public worship. Both views are one-sided. There can be no true Christianity without the proclamation of the Gospel. Teaching the Word of God is essential to a Christian community. But that is only half of the story. Christians must also display the same compassion for the suffering that Jesus exhibited by meeting the social and material needs of others - even those who are not members of our Church.

The Church needs ideal pastors. The pastor must be a person of compassion. He must be able to feel deeply the suffering of others, to understand why they fear and tremble. The pastors are also called to lead and "govern wisely" (Jer 23:5), living the teaching they communicate. They are to guide people in right paths and are to be concerned about what is right and just. Their pastoral care should be involved in a peaceful care and guidance. There are very many people searching for truth today, people hungering for instruction, good people who are looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity by unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people who feel the diminishing surge of life in their bodies; people who are angry and confused because they have lost confidence in their leaders, whether political or religious. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd. They all need ideal pastors filled with the spirit of Christ of the "Good Shepherd." *God Bless you, Fr. Mariusz*

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.

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

We welcome your feedback! This weekend there was a short questionnaire available during the Masses for you to share your questions and concerns about our parish and its future. If you did not have an opportunity to return a questionnaire, you may find them at the church entrances. Please complete it and place it in the offertory basket next weekend. 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*

Holy Name of Jesus Annual Appeal. Our appeal is off to a good start and we thank all the parishioners who have donated towards our goal. For many years at Holy Name of Jesus the parish annual appeal was called Rocne – a Slovak word for "annual" or "yearly". It was a once a year sacrificial donation to the parish above and beyond the regular weekly offertory donation. As crucial in the early years as this appeal was in building our parish, it remains perhaps even more so today as our beautiful church buildings age and require maintenance. Buildings as large as ours often require skilled, commercial vendors, unlike our individual homes and involve higher costs. **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.**

Please pray for our success and thank you for your loyalty and support to HNJ. *God Bless you, Fr. Mariusz*

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of July 15, 2018

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

Sunday Collection	\$	4,508
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$	2,831
School Lease Income.....	\$	16,162
Total Weekly Income	\$	23,501
Surplus.....	\$	12,501

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 3	\$	33,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$	40,197
Surplus.....	\$	7,197

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will hold their summer picnic on Sunday, August 26 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For more info contact: Marta Suychak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214