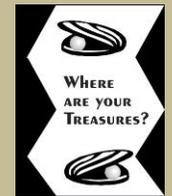




17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ July 30, 2017

Scripture Meditation: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52
Jesus describes the kingdom as something extraordinary that is "hidden in plain sight." The kingdom can be found anywhere because it is God Himself. It's His love and His presence made manifest among us. So wherever love is, that's where the kingdom is.



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C E L E B R A T I O N O F M A S S E S T H I S W E E K

Sat.	July 29	4:30 PM	+JOHN AND +ANNA ZAHURSKY ~ <i>Mr. and Mrs. Bill Uhelsky</i>
Sun.	July 30	7:30 AM	+SR. OKSANA ~ <i>Edward and Diniela Stasko</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE R., +GEORGE and +ANTOINETTE MARGONIS ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		11:00 AM	+JODY MICKLUS ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
Mon.	July 31	7:30 AM	+MARION GRESKO ~ <i>John and Dottie Buynak</i>
Tues.	Aug 1	7:30 AM	+MARION GRESKO ~ <i>Lynnette Baroni</i>
Wed.	Aug 2	7:30 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>The Lapinski sisters</i>
Thurs.	Aug 3	7:30 AM	+JOHN RODKO, JR. <i>Anniversary ~ Parents</i>
Fri.	Aug 4	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
Sat.	Aug 5	8:00 AM	+FRANK AND +ANNA KANUCH ~ <i>The Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+EDWARD DEMOVICK ~ <i>Michael and Stephanie Dunn</i>
Sun.	Aug 6	7:30 AM	+GEORGE M. FUCHS ~ <i>Wife, Dorothy and Daughter, Gail</i>
		9:00 AM	+GEORGE R., MARGONIS ~ <i>The Wells Family</i>
		11:00 AM	INTENTIONS OF TED AND MARY BEDNARCZYK ~ <i>Anna Marticek</i>



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:

Arline Barber, Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Enrique Borromeo, Rosemarie Brown, Caterina Caruso, Anna Cedeño, Junior Cedeño, Mark Charney, Catherine M. Ellison, Mary Ann Krajcik, Fr. Robert Maty, Fr. Leonel Medeiros, Richard Miller, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Assunta Palumbo, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Joseph Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Mary Ann Salvaggio, Rosa Maria Santos, Roger Silhavey, Jose Soto, Robert Sulik, Jennie Tesla, Nancy Vietri

Financial Support of our Parish – week of July 23, 2017

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

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,727
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 3,115
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 7,842
Shortfall	\$ <u>3,158</u>

Fiscal year to date overview

<u>Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 4</u>	\$ 44,000
<u>Actual Weekly Income Year to date:</u>	\$ 48,436
Shortfall:	\$ 4,436



Our Parish Nurses will be available next weekend August 5 & 6, to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the Church Vestibule - Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.

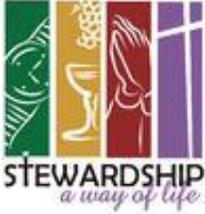
Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 12 at 8:00 AM. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please put your intention in the offertory basket or call the parish office at 203-375-5815.

Evangelization Corner: In comparing the reign of God to the merchant, Jesus shows us God's priorities. In comparing it to the buried treasure, He asks us what our priorities are. Solomon, choosing wisdom over wealth, models a truly biblical scale of values.



I thank God for parents who strive to live in love and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.
Pope Francis @Pontifex

Elementary Faith Formation Program: The Diocese has asked that we change the name of our parish religious education programs to Faith Formation. This is to foster, guide and support the endeavor of life-long formation in the teachings of Christ and all aspects of the Catholic Faith on both the parish and diocesan levels. It includes Family Formation, Elementary Formation, Youth Formation, Young Adult Formation, Marriage Preparation and Respect Life.
Registration for 2017-2018: All parish children are expected to attend religion classes every year from Grades 1 through 8. Kindergarteners are welcome. Registration forms were given or sent to all families who have children currently in our program. New students are always welcome and information and forms may be obtained by calling (203-378-7407) or emailing Sister Joseph Therese at DREHolyName@gmail.com If you know of anyone who may have children entering kindergarten or first grade please pass on this information and ask them to call or email Sister Joseph Therese. She will then send them the forms.



The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal continues. As of July 23, we have received 1 gift of \$2000, 3 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 2 gifts of \$500, 25 gifts of \$100-\$500 and 82 gifts of \$1 - \$75 for a total of **\$13,839**. This vital **PARISH appeal**

enables us to care for the interior and exterior upkeep and repairs of the church, rectory, school, hall and convent buildings. There are many costly projects we would like to see accomplished, such as painting the interior church, masonry work, and repairing the hall roof and bell tower. Over the years the convent basement has repeatedly flooded causing mold and mildew to form and tiles to come loose resulting in an asbestos removal and waterproofing project. The costs for this project exceed \$25,000. **Only with your generous, sacrificial gift can we accomplish this immediate and necessary work and look to future Parish projects.** Please use the **green HNJ parish annual appeal envelope** found in your recent mailing or if you do not have church envelopes, use a plain envelope and place your gift in the offertory basket. Thank you for your continued support of our beautiful HNJ parish buildings and grounds.

We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pope Francis
Estamos llamados a vivir de misericordia, porque a nosotros en primer lugar se nos has aplicado misericordia. Papa Francisco



Reason for hope: We have all sinned against each other. But God expresses his love for each of us through his limitless mercy, revealed in Jesus' death on the Cross. His mercy does not mean indifferently overlooking our sins, leaving us in our sinful ways and the misery they bear. Rather, he offers mercy that we must actively choose to receive by repenting and resolving to amend our lives. Though unworthy, we are shown forgiveness and love by God himself. This love moves our hearts with gratitude and joy. **Agents of Mercy:** Receiving God's mercy helps us draw closer to him and become more like him. Christ asks us to be his hands and feet in a world filled with pain and suffering, tragedy and injustice. We will face challenges, but the Lord equips those whom he calls. The Lord has also given us a roadmap – the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy – noting, "whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do for me" (Matthew 25:40)

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Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✂ Feed the hungry ✂ Give drink to the thirsty ✂
- ✂ Shelter the homeless ✂ Visit the sick ✂ Visit the prisoners ✂
- ✂ Bury the dead ✂ Give alms to the poor ✂

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ✂ Counseling the doubtful ✂ Instructing the ignorant ✂
- ✂ Admonishing the sinner ✂ Comforting the sorrowful ✂
- ✂ Forgiving injuries ✂ Bearing wrongs patiently ✂
- ✂ Praying for the living and the dead ✂

The **Stratford Health Department** has partnered with **Connecticut Food Bank** to host a site for the food bank's mobile food pantry program on **Tuesday, August 8 at Holy Name of Jesus Church from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM** to distribute a variety of free fresh and nutritious food to both individuals and families. The mobile pantry will include items such as dairy, vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and other perishable items. The Connecticut Food Bank Mobile Pantry program addresses the need to decrease food insecurity by minimizing major barriers, such as transportation and cost associated with purchasing fresh food. **There are No requirements (paperwork or ID's) necessary to receive help.**



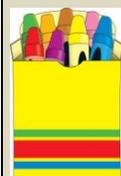
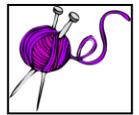
Understanding Islam – Imam Sami Abdul Aziz, Wesleyan University's Muslim chaplain and leader at Bloomfield Muslim Community Center, and his wife, Vjosa Qerimi, will speak on the similarities between Christian and Muslim values and beliefs, misconceptions and fears on **Wednesday, August 9, at 1:00 PM at the Baldwin Center.** Imam Aziz feels that it's important "especially in these times", for people of other religions and Muslims to understand one another. He will talk about the basic principles of the religion and in addition, the couple will discuss the misconceptions about women, and the subject of the hijab (head covering). This program is co-hosted by the Stratford Library and Stratford Community Services, and sponsored by the Stratford Rotary Club. Open to all ages. Refreshments will be served. Please register by calling the Baldwin Center 203-385-4050.

Slovak Alliance Picnic ~ Slovensky Piknik ~ Sunday, August 27 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Germania Schwaben Club Beer Garden at 416 Horace St, Bridgeport. **Free Admission! Polka Band! Food and refreshments available for purchase. Fun for Everyone!**



Directions: East Main St to York St - left onto Horace St.

Our Holy Name Quilters are on summer break – but if you would like to make a donation of new acrylic yarn, you may drop it off in the church vestibule after Mass or bring it to the parish office during the week. *Thank you to the parishioner who recently donated material for quilting.*



Thoughts from a ten year old – "We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and they all are different colors; but they still all have to live in the same box."

Spiritual Renewal Services, Diocese of Norwich

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Psalms 118:24

