

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.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 8, 2018

Scripture Meditation: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6



A thorn in the flesh . . . (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Many theologians have guessed as to what Paul was referring to. Some say it was something physical like a chronic eye problem, migraines, or a speech impediment. Some say Paul was talking about temptations from the devil. Still others say Paul was referring to those “false apostles” who do a “great deal of harm” (2 Corinthians 11:13; 2 Timothy 4:14). Whatever it was, this “thorn” caused Paul a great deal of distress. God knows all of the thorns in our lives—spiritual, emotional, and physical—and he knows the plans he has for our lives. In many cases, we won’t find the answers to these mysteries until we are united with the Lord in heaven. But that doesn’t mean we should lose our faith. If anything, these mysteries should deepen it! Sometimes, the only answer is to pray for courage, resiliency, and steadfastness. Sometimes, the only answer we have is to trust God and have faith in “what we do not see” This is exactly what Paul did. He trusted that God’s grace would be sufficient for him. And it was sufficient—just as it can be for all of us.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. July 7	4:30 PM	+SUSAN MARCINOV Anniversary ~ Daughters, Marge & Dianne
Sun. July 8	7:30 AM	+HELEN & +FRANK NOVOBILSKI ~ The Family
	9:00 AM	+MILDRED DRAKE ~ Daughters, Deborah Hood & Arleen Drake
	11:00 AM	+TED BIELEN ~ Bob & Jayne Staffey
Mon. July 9	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS and GOOD HEALTH for the PHAM LOC FAMILY
Tues. July 10	7:30 AM	+WILLIAM LASHINSKY, Anniversary ~ Sister, Mary Ann Salvaggio
Wed. July 11	7:30 AM	+PELLEGRINO MILLO and +JAMES DEERING ~ Lori & William Deering
Thurs. July 12	7:30 AM	+BETTY PUCCI ~ McInerney Family
Fri. July 13	7:30 AM	FOR ALL THE SOULS IN PURGATORY ~ Catherine Ciacci
Sat. July 14	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
	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



PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the intentions of the following people and may God bless them: Mary Banakoski, Irene Bielen, Eleanor Burke, Fr. Michael Dogali, Robert Hudak, Mary Ann Krajcik, Ricky McCarthy, Pat Petrovich, Bruce Pond, Christina Rottkamp, TJ Recupido, Deacon Michael Saranich, Mary Frances Tierney

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! God Bless you, Fr. Mariusz

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
"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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

The Sanctuary Candle in the Convent Chapel for the month of July is given for God's Blessings and Health for the Kmec Children.

Faith Formation Catechists & Teacher Assistants are needed – please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent to help our children grow in faith. No prior experience is necessary. Catechist Formation sessions will begin in August and continue throughout the year. Our religion texts are user friendly and the teacher guide has lesson plans that are easy to follow. If interested, please call or email Diane Scott dreholyname@gmail.com or 203-375-5815 x210

Our next Community Mass will be Saturday, July 14 at 8:00 AM. If you would like to include your deceased loved ones in the intentions for this Mass, please contact the parish office by Thursday morning.

Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend, July 7 and 8, 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.

Financial Support of our Parish for the Week of July 1, 2018 will be in next week's bulletin.

"Three times I begged the Lord about this. That it might leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you. For power is made perfect in weakness.' I would rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses..."
2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Holy Name of Jesus Annual Appeal. Our goal will remain the same as last year, \$35,000. I ask you to prayerfully consider your contribution to this most important Parish Appeal. 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.** As you are already aware, there are many costs associated with keeping our five parish buildings in good shape. As we plan for known expenses, we are also often confronted with unexpected repairs and expenses. This Appeal will help with both the planned and the unplanned. Please pray for our success and thank you for your loyalty and support to HNJ.
God Bless you, Fr. Mariusz

Visit our Parish Website hnojchurch.org for Daily Readings, Family Living articles and Reflections from Pope Francis, This month - excerpts from: **Take Out: Family Faith on the Go by Lorene Hanley Duquin.** Faith is an integral part of our lives; it is interwoven into everything we do. Summer is a great time to refocus your family on faith, fellowship and fun! The time you spend this summer strengthening your family's faith will reap rewards in the fall when life begins to rev up again. **Make Mass a Priority:** Resist the temptation to skip Mass during the summer months or when you are on vacation. You can make Mass something the whole family can look forward to by planning a fun family activity afterward. *We believe that Jesus Christ is fully present in the Mass and the assembly gathered as the Body of Christ.* **Do Some Spiritual Reading:** Set aside some special time to introduce your children to the lives of the saints. The stories of these real-life people will serve as heroes and role models for your kids. *We believe All of the faithful — both living and dead — are connected for all time through Jesus Christ.* **Visit a Holy Place:** Take a day trip to a monastery, a shrine, or a famous church so your children can experience some of the different types of spirituality that are part of the Catholic Faith. *We believe in the divine presence of God among us.* **Simplify Your Lives:** Summer is a great time to sort through clothing, toys, sports equipment, with the intention of sharing what you have with people who are in need. Or have a garage sale and donate the proceeds to charity. *We believe in sharing material possessions and justice among all people.* **Do Something for Someone Else:** Make it a point to teach your children that an important part of faith in action is reaching out to others. Deliver a bag of groceries to the neighborhood or parish food pantry. Offer to help an elderly neighbor with a home-improvement project. *We believe in the dignity of human life.* **Do Something Good for the Earth:** It could be something as simple as planting a tree, using less water, walking or biking instead of hopping into the car, or expanding your efforts to recycle and reuse. *We believe the Earth is God's creation, and we are called to protect the environment.* **Have God Talks:** Build a campfire in your yard and instead of telling ghost stories, encourage your kids to tell "God stories." You may be surprised at how your children have experienced the presence of God in their lives. *We believe that God wants to be with us.*

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Next Weekend's Second Collection is the Mission Co-Op collection. Fr. Lemuel Galias will visit our parish to speak on behalf of the Orphanage of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Thank you for your generosity to the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States – *"One Family in Mission"*

Project Rachel – Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope. Project Rachel is offering an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, July 14, for women who are suffering from a past abortion. Please contact 203-895-3554 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for more information and confidential registration.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Have faith that God can increase the blessings in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Jul 14-15, 2018 in Bayside, NY. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at our parish hall on Tuesday, October 2. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup- a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online today www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment.

The Kennedy Center Auxiliary, New & Nearly New Thrift Shop, located at 2323 Barnum Ave., Stratford, at the corner of Bruce St. and Barnum has Men's & Women's Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry & Accessories plus small Household items, Furniture, Linens, Glassware & Decorative pieces. Weekly Specials! **Retail Sales directly Benefit the The Kennedy Center and the Individuals they serve.** **Store Hours are Monday – Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.** 203-377-5669 **"Thrift Shopping at its Best"**

Going on Vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to hnojchurch.org and click on the Online Giving link – it's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

