

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:

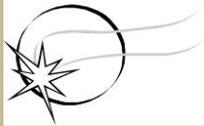
We celebrate Christian love and family with the Marriage Sacrament. Couples should contact the rectory eight months in advance. Pre-Cana instructions are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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.



Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

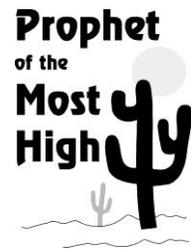
June 24, 2018

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66,80

Today let us honor John the Baptist for all that he did for Jesus and us. He truly is one of the greatest saints of the church. The relationship between John and Jesus is something each one of us can experience. We can all leap for joy as we prepare this world for the coming of Christ the King! Printed with the permission of The Word Among Us

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. June 23	4:30 PM	+IRENE PILIPAJTIS ~ Sisters, Marge & Dianne
Sun. June 24	7:30 AM	+HELEN SABOL, Anniversary ~ Sr. Gloria Marie Kascak
	9:00 AM	+CASPER A. SCALZI ~ The Family
	11:00 AM	+TED BIELEN ~ Joe & Mary Ann Walsh
Mon. June 25	7:30 AM	FOR HEALTH & GOD'S COMFORT for ANA and GEORGE CEDENO ~ Flor Soto
Tues. June 26	7:30 AM	+HARRIET GODDU ~ Flor Soto and Son, Andrew
Wed. June 27	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS and GOOD HEALTH for the PHAM LOC FAMILY
Thurs. June 28	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS of the SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOLS, ASSEMBLY 9
Fri. June 29	7:30 AM	+MSGR. JOHN E. TOMIS ~ Gert Balamaci
Sat. June 30	8:00 AM	+RAY PISTEY, JR, ~ Mr.&Mrs. Thomas Marticek
	4:30 PM	+DINO PALUMBO ~ Wife, Assunta
Sun. July 1	7:30 AM	+PHYLLIS B. COPERTINO ~ Rick & Linda Dominick
	9:00 AM	+JOHN and ELISABETH SIMKO
	11:00 AM	+TED BIELEN ~ Patricia Secchiaroli & Son, Lawrence



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

The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The prayers to Sacred Heart of Jesus will be said 10 minutes before weekday Masses. Please join us. 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
"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." Mother (Saint) Teresa of Calcutta

Two More Weeks to Register! Holy Name of Jesus Vacation Bible Camp July 16-20 from 9:00 am- to Noon. Registration is for children entering K through fifth grade. Flier and registration forms can be found at the church entrances or on our website hnojchurch.org

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



What is a Catechist?

"The catechist, then is a Christian who is mindful of God, who is guided by the memory of God in his or her entire life and who is able to awaken that memory in the hearts of others."
Pope Francis

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 dreholynname@gmail.com or 203-375-5815 x210

From The Safe Environments Office: A reminder to our parish volunteers and vendors who are over 18 years of age: Since 2003, the Bishop's Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport has mandated that all Clergy, Religious, employees, volunteers or vendors who are active in parish ministry must be VIRTUS compliant. The Virtus Program has 3 steps: 1) Attend a one-time training session, 2) authorize a background check and 3) sign an acknowledgement. **If you haven't previously attended a class, I will be offering a class here at Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday, June 24th from 1-4pm. You must pre-register at: www.virtusonline.org.** If you need any assistance, please let me know. Diane Scott



During the month of July, our Parish Nurses will be available the Second weekend - July 7 and 8

HNJ Parish Tag Sale

A Big Thank You to Mary Ann Wells for chairing this important annual parish fund raiser and to the great team of volunteers who spent many hours carrying, sorting, tagging and selling the donations. We also thank all our parishioners who donated their treasures, and of course, all those who made purchases. The total profit from the sale was \$4,612

Next weekend begins our 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*

We are seeking donations for our upcoming HNJ Quarter Night Fundraiser in the parish hall. We thank all those generous parishioners who have already donated.

Help to make this event a great success by donating an item. You may drop your donations off at the Parish Office during the week or the ushers will accept your donations on the weekends. If you have any questions please call Carol Bogue at 203-377-2235.

Our parishioner and State Representative, Joseph Gresko along with State Rep. Phil Young and 5th District Councilman, Greg Cann, **invites you to their Fifth District Block Party this Sunday, June 24 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the church Hall parking lot.** Enjoy food and games – bring the whole family!

The Holy Name Men's Society will hold their Annual Picnic Outing Thursday, June 28 at 6:30 pm on the church grounds.

The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport will meet on Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm in the School Meeting Room. Any one of Slovak/Slavic decent or is married to a Slovak/Slavik is invited to attend and become a member. For more info please call : Marta Suychak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214.

Evangelization Corner: John is the prophet of hope. He was born, lived and died to prepare the way for the Good News whose fulfillment he himself would not see.

Be the Finger of John the Baptist

Karl Barth, the great 20th century Calvinist theologian, would wake up early in the morning, read the newspaper, and stare at a painting by Grunewald called *Crucifixion*. Jesus is hanging from the cross, apparently dead, while Mary and others mourn. John the Baptist, holding the Scriptures and leaning away from Christ, is pointing to Jesus on the Cross. Before he would teach theology or write in his famous work *Church Dogmatics*, Karl Barth would meditate on this painting, particularly on John the Baptist. He said that, as a Christian (whether a theologian, pastor, teacher, mother, doctor, storekeeper, etc.), our job is to be the finger (and only the finger), of John the Baptist. The only thing we should do – indeed, the only thing we can do – is simply point to Jesus on the cross. This scene painted by Grunewald is the sum of all history, from Creation in the past to eternity. And we are that finger, and within that finger rests the weight of salvation.
God Bless you, Fr. Mariusz

Next weekend's Second Collection will be for Peter's

Pence. *The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering because of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Now more than ever, Pope Francis encourages Catholics to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" Your generosity allows you to become a witness to the love of Christ and support the charitable works of Pope Francis all around the world.*
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Frank J. Cagiano, Bishop of Bridgeport

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of June 17, 2018

<u>Operating Costs</u> – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$ 5,539
<u>Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day</u>	\$ 422
<u>Total Weekly Income</u>	\$ 5,961
<u>Shortfall</u>	\$ 5,039
<u>Fiscal year to date overview</u>	
<u>Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 51</u>	\$ 561,000
<u>Actual Weekly Income Year to date:</u>	\$ 527,740
<u>Shortfall</u>	\$ 33,260

Hear me, O coastlands, listen, O distant peoples.

The Lord called me from birth; from my mother's womb he gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm. He made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me. You are my servant, he said to me, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength, yet my reward is with the Lord, my recompense is with my God. For now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, That Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength!
Isaiah 49:1-6