

Holy Name of Jesus Church

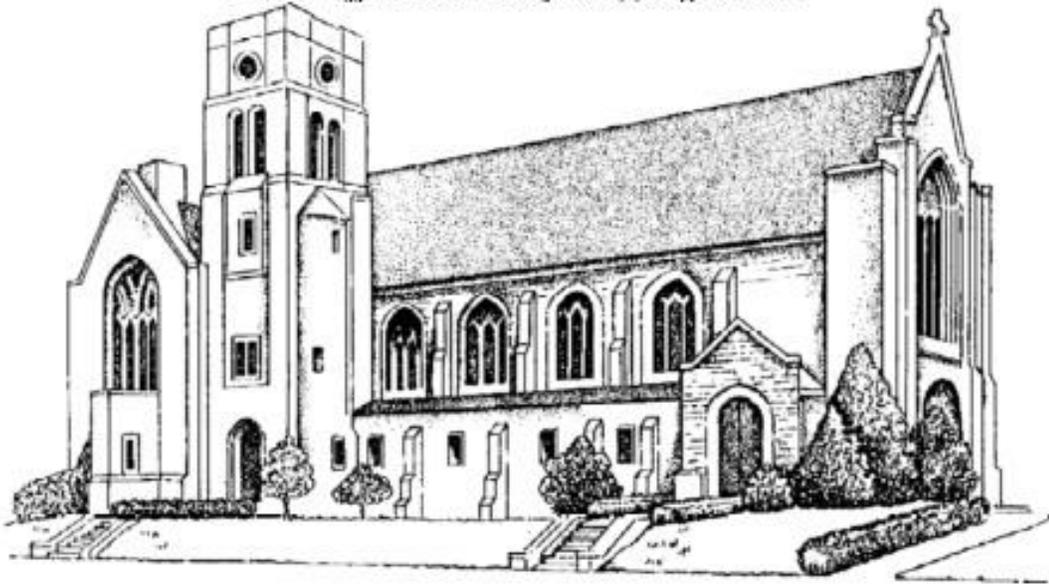
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Welcome to our Parish Family

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:

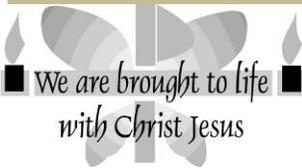
We celebrate Christian love and family with the Marriage Sacrament. Couples should contact the rectory eight months in advance. Pre-Cana instructions are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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.



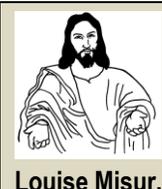
MARCH 11, 2018 ✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Meditation: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

God has put a desire for charitable works on everyone's heart. Lent is the perfect time to visit the sick or the elderly, to give to the poor, and to reach out to the wounded. Resolve today to give to the Lord through these charitable works of service. Printed with the permission of The Word Among Us 201 8

CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Mass Details. Includes entries for Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sun with specific names and times.



PRAYER CORNER: If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office. Please pray for the good health of: Fr. Andy, Albert Amedy, Robert Hudak, Louise Misur, Agnes Papin, TJ Recupido, Roger Silhavey

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: We thank our Youth Choir for their beautiful singing at last week's 9:00 AM Mass. Your voices give praise to God and enhance our liturgy. The Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass next week, March 18. The next rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be Wednesday, March 14, at 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

HNJ Faith Formation Program: March 11 ~ Students - No Confirmation class March 18 ~ Students - Confirmation Class - Confirmation Retreat at Our Lady of Grace 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM beginning with Mass at 10:00 AM.



From Fr. Mariusz - The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. I would like to invite everyone to come and join us ten minutes before every weekday Mass to recite the prayers to St. Joseph. Copies of the prayers can be found on the communion rails.

Evangelization Corner: Habits of the heart can become blinders to the spirit. Lent challenges us to look and see the light of God's saving love shining upon the world from the face

of Christ lifted up on the cross for our salvation. Let us live by the light of that love.

On Friday nights during Lent at 7:00 PM we invite you to join together as a parish family to pray the Stations of The Cross followed by Benediction. Why Pray the Stations of the Cross?

8 Reasons from Pope Francis 1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him "The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God. Let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!" 2. They Put Us into the Story "And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all your strength, how will you respond to him?" 3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us "The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: 'Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life' (cf. Jn 3:16)." 4. They Compel Us to Action "But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action."

World Youth Day 2013 focusoncampus.org More to follow.

We are grateful to all the visiting priests who celebrated Mass with us over the last few months and became part of

our parish family. **If you would like to thank them, please stop by the table in the vestibule to sign the cards.**
There is also a get well card for Fr. Andy.

Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal This is Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal in the parishes throughout our Diocese. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a family of faith to support the diocesan-sponsored ministries and services that no single parish could provide. Please remember that the pledge you offer will touch the lives of so many of God's people, whether it be training new priests, educating our young people, serving the needs of the homeless and poor, comforting the infirm or counseling families in crisis.
As of this past week, we have raised 37 gifts worth \$9,775 towards our goal of \$55,000. Thank you to these parishioners for their generosity!

*****THE ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE*****
REMINDER: ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 11 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon in the PARISH HALL. Thank you for your support!



The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Membership will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 PM in Church for "Mary's Way of the Cross." A business meeting will follow in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table. **New members are always welcome!**

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Celebrates St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, at 6:00 PM in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Come join us for a fun evening and enjoy a traditional Irish meal. Paid Reservations of \$15.00 per person are required in advance – No Tickets will be sold at the door.
**Reservation forms can be found at the church entrances.
*****RESERVATIONS ARE DUE THIS MONDAY, MAR 12.** For more info please call the parish office 203-375-5815

Next Sunday, March 18, 2018, at all the Masses, we will welcome a lay missionary, Dr. Anna Krogulska.

Dr. Krogulska spent 5 years in Camerun among the Pigmy people and later she founded an Association of Lay Missionaries "Inkulturacja (Enculturation)" We will have a chance to hear her speak about the Shroud of Turin.

Everyone will receive a holy card with an image of the face of Jesus that came from the Shroud. You will be able to purchase some calendars. Please come to join us.

The next Men's Society Meeting will be on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

The HNJ Men's Society presents a Potato Pancake & Pierogi Dinner, Friday, March 23 from 4:30PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Free Will Donations accepted. Take-out Dinners are \$6. A Dozen frozen pierogis are \$4. Take-out Potato Pancakes are .50 each.
For more info call Paul 203-377-2397

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:14-15

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of March 4, 2018

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,092
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 2,181
School Lease Income.....	\$ 15,462
Total Weekly Income	\$ 22,735
Surplus.....	\$ 11,735
Fiscal year to date overview	
Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 36	\$ 396,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 389,336
Shortfall.....	\$ 6,664

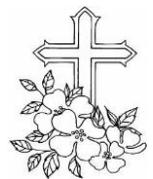
Calling all men of the parish! Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives, Friday, April 6 to Sunday, April 8 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. In an age of division, tension and change, *Grace Enough* will explore the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 10:45 a.m., followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday mass and brunch at no extra charge. **What do you do on retreat?** Retreats at Holy Family are comprised of conferences, workshops, prayer services, and free time. While the schedule is open for everyone, all the programming is voluntary. We encourage you to attend the activities that interest you and plan your time accordingly. View a sample schedule which will be followed during most themed weekend retreats – go to **holyfamilyretreat.org** Don't let finances hold you back! The motto is "pay more if you can, less if you can't."

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday

- ✘ No 7:30 AM morning Mass
- ✘ **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Confessions**
- ✘ **7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with all Eucharistic Ministers



Good Friday (a day of strict fast and abstinence.

Catholics over the age of 14 must abstain from meat. Those 18-59 must also fast, that is, eat only one full meal and two lighter meals, with no snacks between meals.)

- ✘ No morning service
- ✘ **3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord**
- ✘ Confessions follow

Holy Saturday

- ✘ No 8:00 AM morning Mass or 4:30 PM Mass

- ✘ **12:30 PM Blessing of Easter Food in Church**
- ✘ **2:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food in Church**
- ✘ **Confessions** – following 2:00 PM Blessing of Food
- ✘ **7:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy**

Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM