

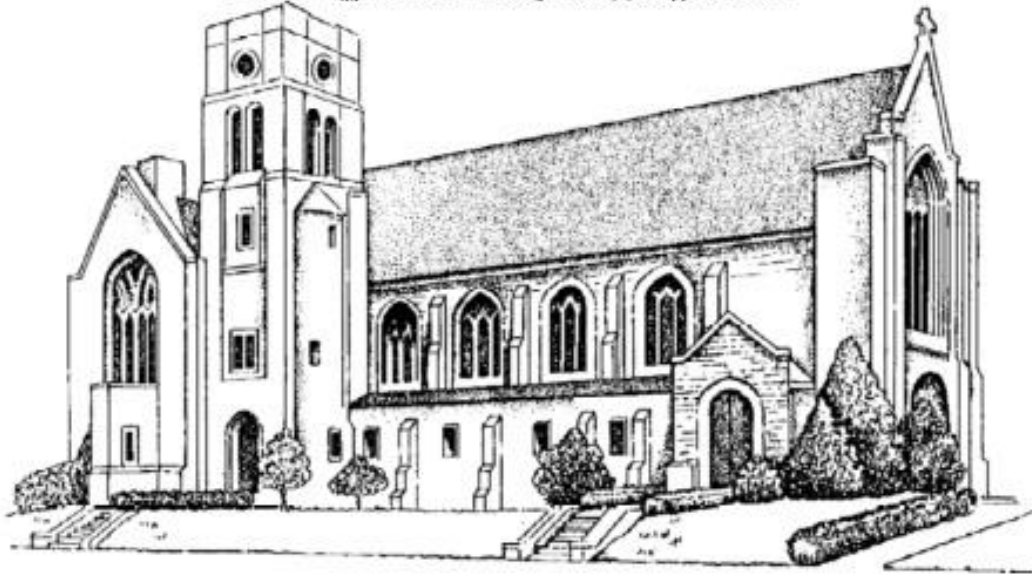
Holy Name of Jesus Church

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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 18, 2018 ✦ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Meditation: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

When we let the light of the Holy Spirit shine into the dark places of our lives, we can come to grips with our weaknesses and repent. It won't always be easy, but it will result in a deeper experience of God's love and his presence in our hearts. *Printed with the permission of The Word Among Us 2018*



CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Mar 17	4:30 PM	+CECELIA and +JOHN BAYUS ~ <i>Bill & Karen Augustine and Family</i>
Sun.	Mar 18	7:30 AM	+ANNA DURKAY, <i>Mrs. Mary Bob</i>
		9:00 AM	+RICHARD P. TOMAS, <i>Anniversary~ Wife, Children & Grandchildren</i>
		11:00 AM	+JOHN MINO, <i>Anniversary ~ Wife, Helen</i>
Mon.	Mar 19	7:30 AM	+MARGARET BILY, <i>Anniversary ~ Tim & Darlene Lance</i>
Tues.	Mar 20	7:30 AM	+JOSEPH GRESKO ~ <i>The Children</i>
Wed.	Mar 21	7:30 AM	IN HONOR of OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA ~ <i>Lucretia Contreras</i>
Thurs.	Mar 22	7:30 AM	+FAUSTA FERNANDEZ, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Daughters, Son & Grandchildren</i>
	<i>Convent Chapel</i>	12:00 PM	+MSGR. PETER P. DORA, PASTOR HNJ 1990-2003
Fri.	Mar 23	7:30 AM	BLESSINGS and GOOD HEALTH for PHAM LOC
Sat.	Mar 24	8:00 AM	+ROCCO FEDA ~ <i>Sister, Catherine Ciacci</i>
		4:30 PM	+MSGR. PETER DORA ~ <i>Bill & Karen Augustine and Family</i>
Sun.	Mar 25	7:30 AM	+DAVID PETREYCIK ~ <i>Veronica Sokolowski</i>
		9:00 AM	IN THANKSGIVING to GOD for all HIS BLESSINGS on the TRAN FAMILY
		11:00 AM	FOR the INTENTIONS of the HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY of SUCCESS PARK

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, Richard Miller, Louise Misur, Agnes Papin, TJ Recupido, Roger Silhavy**

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: The next rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be Wednesday, March 21, at 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

HNJ Faith Formation Program:

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.

March 25 ~ Students – Confirmation Class

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. Monday, March 19 is the Feast Day of St. Joseph, spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary.

Evangelization Corner: Hearts of stone, broken by the idols chosen in place of God, broken as the stone tablets of the law were broken at the foot of Mount Sinai, cannot hold the living waters of God's love. Through the Death and Resurrection of Christ, we will be given new hearts, washed clean in the tears of Christ.

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

John 12:26

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, (continued)

5. They Help Us Make a Decision For or Against Christ.

"The Cross reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us.

If I embrace His love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by Him, but my own self, because God never condemns, He only loves and saves."

6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World. "The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world.

Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if He is silent. And yet, God has spoken, **He has replied, and His answer is the Cross of Christ: a Word which is Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness.**"

7. They Give Us The Certainty Of God's Love For Us. "What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us? **You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us.**"

8. They Guide Us From The Cross To The Resurrection. "O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: 'Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him.

Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him'".

Holy Father's Address, Good Friday, 2013 focusoncampus.org

This Sunday, March 18, 2018, at all the Masses, we welcome lay missionary, Dr. Anna Krogulska. We thank her for visiting our parish to 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 and 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 info call: Paul 203-377-2397.

SAVE THE DATE! The Holy Name Men's Society will sponsor their 11th Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 16 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All Cars Welcome!

Once again we thank the Men's Society for their generous donation & replacement of the Altar track lights. *Special thanks to Larry Wells, Jr. from the Lectors who are now able to see and proclaim the Word!*

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. Or you may send a card to Fr. Andy at Four Seasons Nursing & Rehab Cntr. 1555 Rockaway Pkwy. Brooklyn, NY 11236 (Rev. Andrew Marus – 5th Floor)

Please remember to return your Rice Bowl Donations next weekend. You may leave them with the ushers in the vestibule or drop off in the sacristy. Thank you!

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

Any member of the parish who is a 4th Degree Knight and has Regalia and would like to help out on Holy Thursday please contact Stephen Mieczkowski 203-218-8526.



Following the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 31, please join your fellow parishioners in the parish hall for light refreshments and spend time together during this most holy season.



Holy Name of Jesus will be hosting the Lord's Kitchen at Christ Church in Stratford on Wednesday, April 4. Please contact either Armand Majewski 203-521-5915 or Toni 203-520-5117 if you can either help prepare or serve the hot meal we will provide. In addition the following non-perishable serving supplies are needed: paper plates (any size), paper napkins, plastic dinner ware, and paper towels. Our Ushers at all the Masses will be prepared to receive these items in the back of the church where we have closet space for this. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

"And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday." Isaiah 58:10

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of March 11, 2018

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

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,625
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 1,315
Total Weekly Income	\$ 5,940
Shortfall	\$ 5,060

Fiscal year to date overview

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 37	\$ 407,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 395,276
Shortfall.....	\$ 11,724

Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal - As of this past week, we have raised 44 gifts worth \$ 12,670 towards our goal of \$55,000. Thank you to these parishioners for their generosity!

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.

See the flier at the church entrances or view a sample schedule which will be followed during most themed weekend retreats – go to holyfamiliyretreat.org Don't let finances hold you back!

The motto is "pay more if you can, less if you can't."

Contact Paul Scioletti 203-377-2397

Now is the time to start looking around your homes for items you would like to donate to our HNJ Annual Tag Sale scheduled for a weekend in June. Date and details will be in upcoming bulletins. To make this event the success it always is – we need not only your donations, but your help in sorting and tagging the items in the weeks prior to the sale. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated and hours can be flexible. Please consider helping.

The 2019 Mass Book will open the week of Monday, July 9, 2018. You may visit or call the office to arrange Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

✘✘✘ **To show His love, Jesus died for us; ✘✘✘ to show our love, we live for Him.**