

Holy Name of Jesus Church

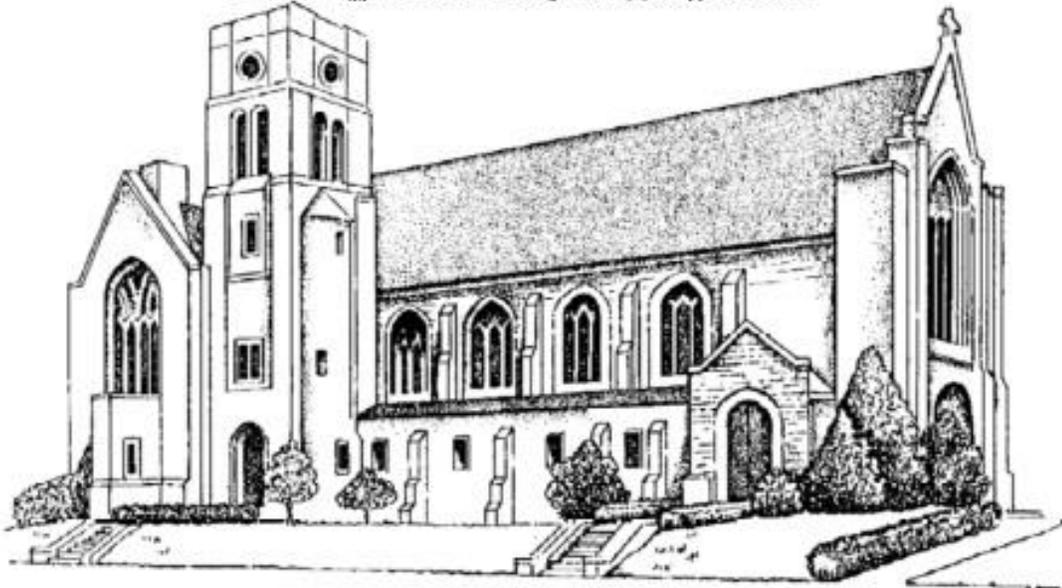
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Welcome to our Parish Family

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 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Scripture Meditation: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:20-33

Every single act of self-giving is a reflection of the cross. And because of that, every act of self-giving warms our Father's heart and moves him to raise us up a little bit more - just as he did for Jesus. Fix your eyes on Jesus today and let his love move you to be more like him.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Mar 24	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
Mon.	Mar 26	7:30 AM	+LUZ MARIA ROJAS ~ <i>Flor Soto & Family</i>
Tues.	Mar 27	7:30 AM	GOD'S Blessings & Good Health for JANUSZ POPIELARCZYK
Wed.	Mar 28	7:30 AM	+GEORGE MARUS
Thurs.	Mar 29	Holy Thursday	7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Fri.	Mar 30	Good Friday	3:00 PM LITURGY of the PASSION and DEATH of the LORD
Sat.	Mar 31	Holy Saturday	7:00 PM For the Intentions of our Parishioners
Sun.	April 1	Easter Sunday	7:30 AM For the Intentions of our Parishioners 9:00 AM For the Intentions of our Parishioners 11:00 AM For the Intentions of our Parishioners

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the good health of: Fr. Andy, Albert Amedy, Robert Hudak, Richard Miller, 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. *The Youth Choir will be singing on Easter Sunday, April 1, at the 9:00 AM Mass – please join us. Rehearsal:* there will not be a rehearsal on March 28. The next rehearsal will be Wed., April 4, at 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the church choir loft.

HNJ Faith Formation Program: March 25 ~ Students – Confirmation Class April 1 ~ No classes ~ Easter Sunday

We welcome Skylar Rose Cervero into our parish family.
Skylar was baptized in our church last weekend.

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

Guild of the Mother of Jesus Notes: THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!! To one and all! The Easter Bake Sale was a success due to the devoted volunteers who worked throughout the day – mixing, rolling, baking, wrapping, etc. and the support from our faithful customers. **We realized a profit of \$3901.00!** The money will be used to do continued maintenance to our buildings. *Rita McManus, Chairperson*

An invitation from Fr. Mariusz

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to invite all of you to attend the Holy Week liturgies which start today with Palm Sunday in which we commemorate the glorious entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem before his trial, suffering, death and resurrection. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Lord's Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the most Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament in which he is present to us in his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, adoring the Holy Cross on which our salvation has been bought. On Holy Saturday, we remember the time when Jesus was in the tomb for three days after his death. The Easter Triduum will end at the evening vigil Mass beginning the Easter season of Christ's resurrection. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate and rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and his conquering sin and death on our behalf by rising again to life. Let us gather together as a parish family during this most holy time.

Reconciliation - Monday, March 26 ~ 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

As Catholics, we've been given a special gift to help us release God's mercy (forgiveness and healing) within us. This gift is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *It is not about judgment and condemnation but about God's mercy (forgiveness and healing). He wants to love and care for you as His beloved son or daughter. Let Him love you. This year, 3 churches in our Deanery, Mystical Rose, will have priests available to hear confessions:*

St. James, 2110 Main Street Stratford (priests of St. James, Our Lady of Peace and Holy Name)

Our Lady of Grace, 497 Second Hill Lane Stratford (priests from Our Lady of Grace and St. Mark)

St. Lawrence, 505 Shelton Ave Huntington (priests from St. Lawrence, St. Joseph, and St. Margaret Mary)



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 Sat., March 31,

please join your fellow parishioners in the parish hall for light refreshments and spend time together during this most holy season.



On Sunday, April 8, we celebrate DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

Please join us at 3:00 PM for Eucharistic Adoration, the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a brief meditation, and blessing of the image of the Divine Mercy, followed by the sacrament of reconciliation.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, preserve the sacred shrines and provide humanitarian aid to refugees suffering from wars in the region which has been especially hard on Christians. Please be generous!

Next weekend the first collection will be for both the Sunday and Monthly offerings.

The second collection will be for your Easter Offering.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:6-11

Evangelization Corner: At Easter we will reclaim the truth of Jesus' triumph, darkened by the days of Suffering and Death that followed his entry into Jerusalem. Through the mystery of the cross, we are made wiser than those who thought his kingdom a mere political phenomenon.

The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Executive Board will meet on Wed., April 4 at 7:00 PM in the school meeting room.

Plans will be finalized for the membership's April 11 meeting, a "Fun Night of Bingo", as well as the April 21 "Covered Dish Supper" and the "Annual May Crowning" on May 9.

The Guild of the Mother of Jesus membership will meet on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM for a "Fun Night of Bingo".

Plans will be finalized for the April 21 "Covered Dish Supper", and May 9 Annual "May Crowning." Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table. New members always welcome!

Calling all men of the parish - the Knights of Columbus, Council 2370 of Holy Name of Jesus Church - invite you to consider joining. A membership drive will be held the weekend of April 7 & 8. On Sat. the 7th, the Knights will be in the Church Vestibule and on Sunday, the 8th, please visit the Knights in the parish Hall for info and coffee.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time.

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of March 18, 2018

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

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$	4,961
<u>Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day</u>	\$	175
<u>Total Weekly Income</u>	\$	<u>5,136</u>
<u>Shortfall</u>	\$	<u>5,864</u>

Fiscal year to date overview

<u>Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 38</u>	\$	418,000
<u>Actual Weekly Income Year to date:</u>	\$	400,412
<u>Shortfall</u>	\$	17,588

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 JUNE 9 & 10.

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. Please call the parish office to volunteer at 203-375-5815.

*******We are presently collecting JEWELRY*******

The collection box for jewelry can be found on the table in the sacristy hallway – thank you!

Visit the New & Nearly New Thrift Shop at 2323 Barnum Ave in Stratford at the corner of Bruce Ave and Barnum.

Mon – Sat. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Men's & women's clothing, shoes, jewelry & accessories, small household items, furniture, linens and glassware. Weekly specials! For over 60 years The Kennedy Center has created a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families by providing individually designed person-centered planning, family support and community involvement.