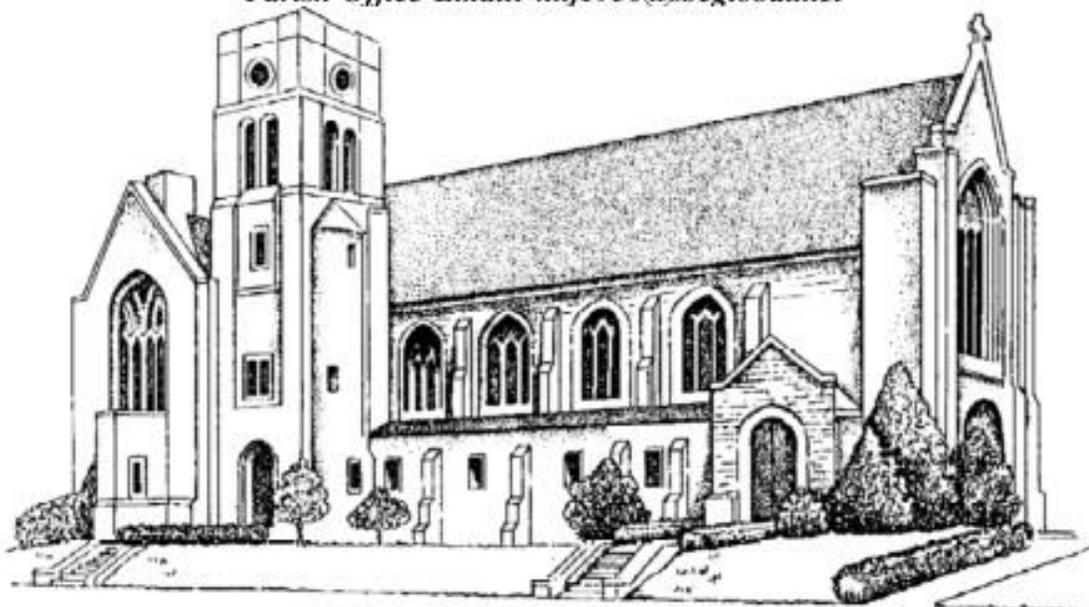


Holy Name of Jesus Church

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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 4, 2018 ✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Meditation: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

The good news is that God wants to rescue us from spiritual slavery. We may never stop sinning but Sanctification comes as we pray, confess our sins, and seek God's strength. It makes sin lose its power over us and makes us stronger to resist. *Printed with the permission of The Word Among Us 2018*



CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Mar 3	4:30 PM	+JOHN IWASCZYSZYN ~ <i>Wife, Helen & Children</i>
Sun.	Mar 4	7:30 AM	+MARY P. GERAK , <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Brother, Joe & Sister, Arline Gerak</i>
		9:00 AM	+MARLENE DUDA ~ <i>Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wells</i>
		11:00 AM	+FRANK and +ELIZABETH KRAJCIK ~ <i>Daughter, Mary Ann</i>
Mon.	Mar 5	7:30 AM	+ANNA ZIZA ~ <i>The Guild of the Mother of Jesus</i>
Tues.	Mar 6	7:30 AM	+CECELIA FABIAN ~ <i>Sister, Anne Havelick</i>
Wed.	Mar 7	7:30 AM	+BIAGIO MUCCIACCIARO ~ <i>Wife and Family</i>
Thurs.	Mar 8	7:30 AM	+WILLIAM COSGROVE ~ <i>Dorothy Millo</i>
	<i>Convent Chapel</i>	12:00 PM	+FR. JOSEPH A. PISARCIK, PASTOR HNJ 1936-1956
Fri.	Mar 9	7:30 AM	+JOSEPH FEDA ~ <i>Sister, Catherine Ciacci</i>
Sat.	Mar 10	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+SUSAN MARCINOV ~ <i>Daughters, Marge & Dianne</i>
Sun.	Mar 11	7:30 AM	+FLORENCE RADER, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Son, Charles & Daughter in Law, Marion Rader</i>
		9:00 AM	+DANIEL and SHIRLEY RYAN ~ <i>Louise Misur & Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+MARY DVORSKY, <i>Granddaughter, Eleanor Buda Burke</i>



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, Agnes Papin, TJ Recupido, Roger Silhvey**

Each Thursday of Lent at 12:00 PM, an additional Mass is celebrated in the Convent Chapel.

Friday nights in Lent – Stations of the Cross are held at 7:00PM in the church. We invite you to join together to pray as a parish family the Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction.

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: The next rehearsal for the Youth Choir will be Wednesday, March 14, at 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

We welcome into our Parish Family, Jacqueline Giselle Tabacco who was Baptized in our church last weekend.

Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10, at 8:00 AM. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 by Thursday morning.

Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal reminds us that while HNJ is our parish and our spiritual home, we are all part of a much larger Church. If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can do great things. As of this past week, we have raised 28 gifts worth \$7,730 towards our goal of \$55,000. Thank you to these parishioners for their generosity! Next weekend is Commitment Weekend and we ask all our parish families to prayerfully consider their gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

HNJ Faith Formation Program:

March 4~ Students – No Confirmation class
 March 10 ~ First Reconciliation, 10:30 AM at Church
 March 11 ~ Students – No Confirmation class

Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend, March 4 & 5, 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.

*****THE ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE*****
REMINDER: ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP THIS COMING 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 Executive Board will meet on Thursday, March 8 in the parish hall. Plans will be finalized for the weekend Easter bake sale. Set up for the bake sale will take place prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM.

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!

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.

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. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace. 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 is a retreat?** **Retreat is a gift to yourself** - a way to step aside from everyday concerns to relax and care for your soul. We provide time for rest, reflection, prayer, and discussion. Your retreat can be as structured or as unstructured as you like. You can catch up on some rest, reconnect with a friend, get a massage, stroll the labyrinth, spend time in meditation, or be inspired by a dynamic speaker. *Don't let finances hold you back! The motto is "pay more if you can, less if you can't."*

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 MONDAY, MAR 12.** *For more info please call the parish office 203-375-5815*

On 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 Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage will take place Saturday, March 24 at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 391 Ogdan St. Bpt. and will include an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, A chance to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a concert with Steve Angrisano and prayer with Bishop Caggiano. All young people in grades 6 thru 12 are invited to enter the journey of Holy Week by spending some time in prayer with your friends and family. To register visit www.thechurchneedsyou.org. For more info: DOB Office of Faith Formation 203-416-1670.

Evangelization Corner: In driving the merchants from the temple, Jesus announces by a sign the arrival of the Messiah who brings to fulfillment the covenant promises of deliverance and peace. It will take Calvary to teach at what price that peace is bought.

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. St. Joseph plays a prominent part in popular devotion: in numerous popular traditions; the custom of reserving Wednesdays for devotion to St. Joseph — popular at least since the end of the seventeenth century — has generated several pious exercises including that of the *Seven Wednesdays*; in the pious aspirations made by the faithful; in prayers such as that of Pope Leo XIII, *To the, O Blessed Joseph*, which is daily recited by the faithful; in the *Litany to St. Joseph*, approved by St. Pope Pius X; and in the recitation of the, *Chaplet of St. Joseph*, recollecting the *Seven agonies and seven joys of 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.**

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

Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Feb. 25, 2018

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000	
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,256
Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 155
Total Weekly Income	\$ 5,411
Shortfall.....	\$ 5,589
Fiscal year to date overview	
Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 35	\$ 385,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 366,601
Shortfall.....	\$ 18,399

Next week's Second Collection is for the Catholic Relief Services and Aid to Church in Central and Eastern Europe