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Dear Parishioners,

Mary and Jesus were at a wedding feast. They were surrounded by family and friends. And Mary decides that now is the time for her son to step forward, to declare his identity, to begin his public ministry. Imagine the subtext of their conversation. Mary saying to Jesus, "they have no wine," elicits the response from Jesus, "my hour has not come." Mary knew that Jesus' hour had come and so tells the servers to listen to her son and do whatever he tells you. The same holds true for us. Has the hour come when we will listen to Jesus and do whatever he tells us?

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

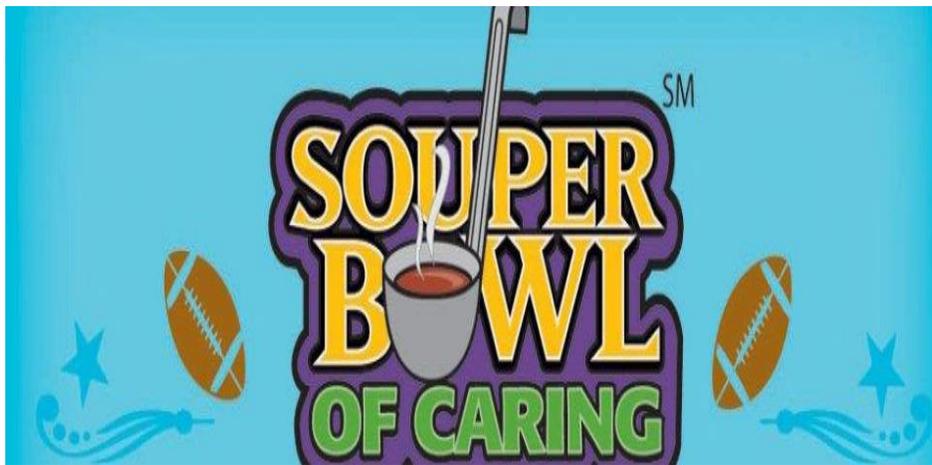
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

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"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

On February 2 and 3, the weekend of Super Bowl LIII, St. Joseph's will once again participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring". Parishioners are asked to remember our hungry neighbors by donating cans of soup and other non-perishable food items to the food pantry. Monetary donations added to the "soup pot" will be used to purchase gift cards to help those in need buy meat, dairy items, baby food, etc.

Did you know? Americans will consume 1.25 *billion* chicken wings and one in seven (or 48 million) will order takeout or have food delivered to them on game day. Sixty percent of takeout orders will be pizza. While wings and pizza are the two most popular Super Bowl snacks, chips are close behind with an expected 11 million pounds of chips to be consumed, as well as an estimated 4 million pounds of pretzels and 2.5 million pounds of nuts.

Did you know? Nearly half a million Connecticut residents struggle with hunger. These are people from all walks of life – children, working parents, seniors or people living with disabilities. They are our neighbours, and they need our help. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

January

Sunday the 20th Martin Luther King Celebration held at the First Baptist Church in Stratford at 4pm.

Sunday the 27th The Annual Parish Meeting will be held after Mass.

Blessing of Homes Please see Fr. Tom to schedule a time for your home to be blessed. Typically, this blessing is done during the first few weeks of January around the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th.

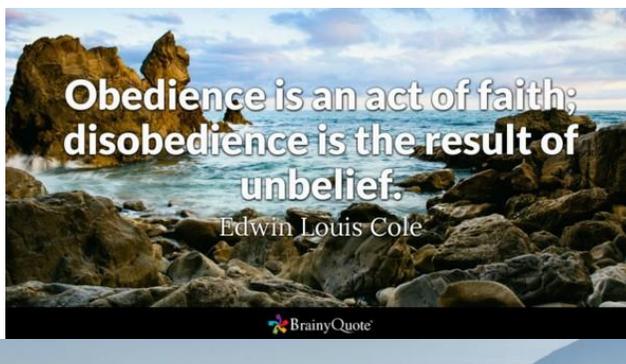
BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: frtpwalsh@gmail.com

READERS ROSTER

<u>January 13</u>	<u>January 20</u>	<u>January 27</u>
Joe Pelland	Jean Macionus	Charles Vasas



PRAYER INTENTIONS

The faith community of St. Joseph's of Stratford offers healing prayers for **Ed Slonina and Ray Morrison**.

For those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Food Pantry and "Clothes Closet" Items

Please remember that items for the food pantry and clean, usable clothing can be brought in at any time during the month for delivery to Blessed Sacrament and the South End Community Center.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. . . Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

Action item for implementation from Holy Synod for Increased Spirituality

A 10 to 15 minute "business free zone" prior to the celebration of Holy Mass for priest and faithful. Use at least page 8 of the Mass booklets for spiritual preparation as well as other introductory pages. Let us prepare properly for the wonderful gifts of Christ in the Eucharist and hearing of God's Word during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

St. Mark School Open House

St. Mark School in Stratford is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 10:00am to 1:00pm for grades Prek3 through 8th. They are located at 500 Wigwam Lane. All families are invited to tour St. Mark school, meet with faculty and students, and enjoy some refreshments while learning more about the St. Mark difference. For more information please call 203-375-4291 or visit their website at www.stmarkschool.org.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

**This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm.

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

**This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

John 2:1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

