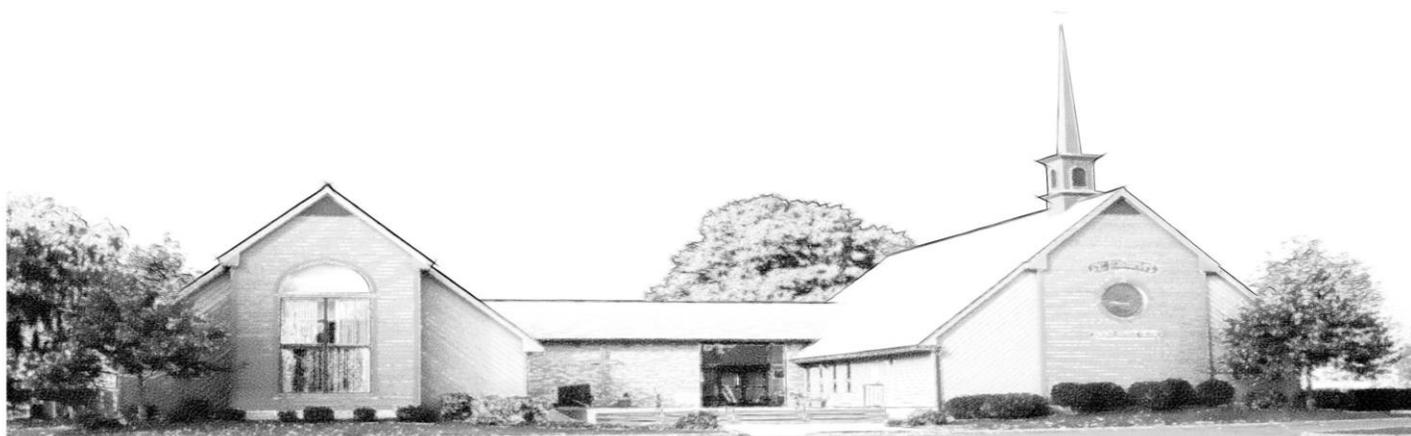


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Dear Parishioners,

In a previous passage to today's Gospel reading we find Jesus performing a healing miracle, curing Peter's mother-in-law of a fever. That healing miracle helps to frame today's message. In today's reading we find Peter washing his nets, exhausted from a night of fishing. Then Jesus comes along, gets into Peter's boat and asks him to put out a distance from the shore so he can teach the crowds. Being acquainted with Jesus, Peter complies. Then, after speaking to the crowds, Jesus instructs Peter to put out into deep water and lower his nets. Peter reluctantly complies. He just worked through the night and caught nothing. Why would this time be any different? But it was. They caught more fish than they could hold almost sinking the boat. This frightens Peter. The miraculous healing of his mother-in-law was one thing but catching a boat load of fish where there had been none earlier was something else.

Because Peter was a fisherman Jesus spoke to him in a way that he could understand, catching fish. Which leads to a consideration. How might Jesus be speaking to us? Given our frame of reference would we be likely to recognize Jesus operating in our lives?

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Announcing a New Web Site for the Church



You can view the new website at www.saintjosephsofstratford.org. Please note the name change from the previous domain name www.stjosephsofstratford.org. The new name allows for data encryption, which provides for a safe and secure web site. Some useful features are the contact information for the staff and Parish Committee. An archive of past bulletins. A listing and description of adult study programs. A calendar listing Church events, and several other features that I hope you will find useful. Please check out the site and let me know what you think. It is a work in progress, so I appreciate your feedback.

Fr. Tom

PARISH CALENDAR

February

Sunday the 10th Parish meeting after Mass to vote on the upgrade to the Church fire alarm system.

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.

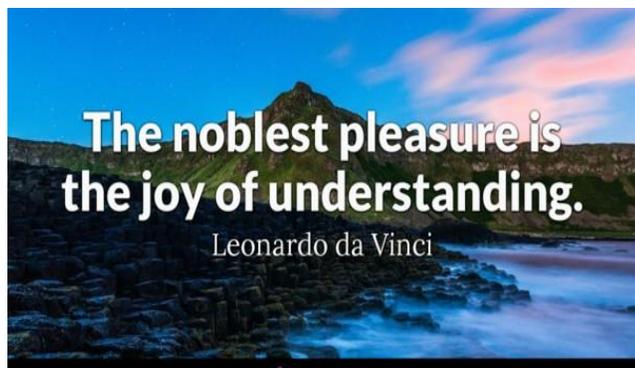
BY THE WEEK

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>February 3</u>	<u>February 10</u>	<u>February 17</u>
Ray Morrison	Nancy Anzalone	Nancy Sirois



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)

Nineteenth Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop

The theme for this workshop is Identity: Who We Are in Christ. It is being held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT on Friday, March 29th through Sunday, March 31st. The Registration Fee is \$75.00 per person if paid before March 15. For registrations post-marked after March 15 the registration fee is \$95.00. Please see Fr. Tom for details if you are interested in attending.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

The Connecticut Hospice and the Baldwin Center are seeking volunteers. Details concerning these opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Contact information for both organizations is listed on the posted material.

Election of Delegates for Spojnia Credit Union

St. Joseph's was asked to elect two delegates to attend the 33rd Convention of the Spojnia Credit Union to be held on a cruise. The delegates must be members of the credit union. Details to follow. If interested, please speak to Fr. Tom.

Bulletins courtesy of John Misurale, January - February 2019. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11**

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters, I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one abnormally born, he appeared to me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

