

**St Joseph's of Stratford Parish**  
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Weekly Bulletin



**Easter Sunday, Year C**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**PARISH  
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Dear Parishioners,

One of the challenges to understanding the readings at Mass is that they are taken out of context. Each passage is an extraction, and without the surrounding text cannot convey the fullness of the story of salvation. This is true for today's Gospel reading. Nothing in this passage reveals that Jesus was raised from the dead. From this text alone all we know is that Jesus' body is not in the tomb. So then, what did the other disciple, the one who Jesus loved who is John, see that caused him to believe?

In the passage there is a great deal of emphasis placed on the burial cloths and the cloth that had covered Jesus' head. It is thought that the way the cloths were laying there caused John to realize that the grave had not been robbed. But that alone is not sufficient to make the leap to a resurrection. That leap could only occur with the episode of Jesus' cleansing the Temple in mind. In that passage Jesus states, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The passage goes on to say that his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed. (John 2:19-22)

The same is true of our faith. To come to a mature belief, we must live our lives in the context of our faith. Cultivating faith is a journey that takes a lifetime, not a day, or a season. We invite you to continue your journey with us, the faith community at St. Joseph's of Stratford.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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*He is not here, but has risen.*  
*Luke 26:6*



## PARISH CALENDAR

### April 28<sup>th</sup>

- The Ladies Society invite you to join them for an Easter Brunch to be held after Mass.
- Colossal Kielbasa Food Stand, 12pm – 5:30pm

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** National Day of Prayer gathering at Paradise Green Gazebo, 7:00am, to Pray for America.

**May 3-5** The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention of the United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. To be held at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Meeting of the Ladies Society after Mass.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. To be held at Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI. Mass begins at 10:00am.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Mass celebrated in honor of all past members of the Ladies Society now deceased. Mass begins at 9:30am.

### 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 at [trpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:trpwalsh@gmail.com)*

## READERS ROSTER

<u>April 14</u>	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>
Charles Vasas	Reader	Joe Pelland

The roster for the entire year is posted on the Church web site. On the Home page click on the link *Schedule for Lectors* in the *Information* box.



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Martin Luther

BrainyQuote

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

The faith community of St. Joseph's of Stratford prays for the family and friends **Ed Slonina**. May they be comforted and encouraged during this time of loss.

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

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Colossal Kielbasa Food Stand

Outdoor grilling at its finest!

April 28<sup>th</sup>  
12pm - 5:30pm

### Flag Memorial

The American flag flying above the cemetery needs to be replaced. If anyone is interested in funding the cost of a replacement flag, please see Fr. Tom. The flag will be blessed and then dedicated in memory of a friend or loved one. The cost of the replacement flag is \$40.00.

### Register with St. Joseph's

Please visit the new web site for the Church at [saintjosephsofstratford.org](http://saintjosephsofstratford.org). Links to the old web site will get you there. On the Home page click on the link *Please Tell Us About Yourself* in the *Register With Us* box. In addition to your name, address, and contact information space is provided for you to share your thoughts about how St. Joseph's can better serve your spiritual needs. All information you provide is confidential, not visible to the public.

### Church Dues

Church dues for individuals is \$108 per year. \$216 per year for couples/family.

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## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

**Acts 10:34, 37-43**

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### Second Reading

**Colossians 3:1-4**

#### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:  
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

**John 20:1-9**

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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

