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Dear Parishioners,

There is a lot going on in today's Gospel passage. Reading closely, we see that Peter is the tie that binds this passage together. We see Peter jumping in the sea after a grueling night of fishing to swim ahead to meet the Lord on the shore. We see the Lord giving Peter the opportunity to affirm his love for him three times. Each profession of love an opportunity for Peter to retract his denial of knowing the Lord when he was arrested. And finally, the Lord shares with Peter the kind of death he will endure, crucified with hands outstretched.

What are we to make of this passage? The final sentence holds the answer. What Jesus said to Peter he says to us, "follow me." To be able to recognize Jesus on the shore of our busy and cluttered lives. To profess our love for Jesus by loving and caring for others, feeding and tending his flock. And ultimately, to hold true to our faith though at times we may be led where we do not want to go on account of our faith.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Marian Devotions during the Month of May

May is the Month of Mary. During this month, we celebrate new life, motherhood, and of course, Our Blessed Mother. Devotion to the Mother of God can take many forms, but at the root is recognizing that the mother of Jesus is also our mother, and that she desires to lead us to her beloved Son.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sundays of May Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary following Mass

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

May 3-5 The 28th 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 5th Meeting of the Ladies Society after Mass.

May 18th 68th 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 19th Memorial Mass celebrated in honor of all past members of the Ladies Society now deceased. Mass begins at 9:30am.

BY THE WEEK

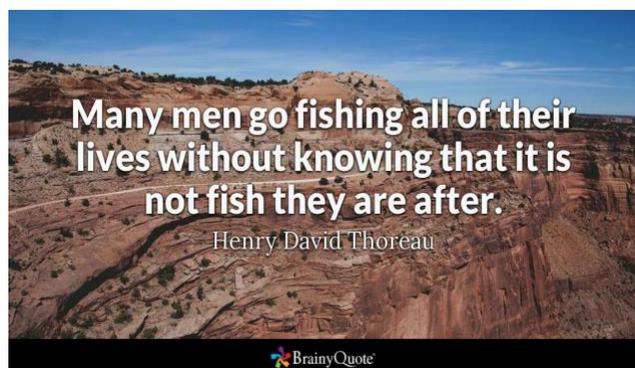
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 - 7:00pm
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

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

READERS ROSTER

May 5 May 12 May 19
Nancy Sirois Ray Morrison Nancy Anzalone

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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

Register with St. Joseph's

Please visit the new web site for the Church at 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 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

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

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

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

