

St Joseph's of Stratford Parish
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Good Shepherd Sunday, Year C

May 12th, 2019

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Dear Parishioners,

Though this week's Gospel passage is short, it is profound. Consider the theological implications. Jesus declares himself to be our Shepherd. The Shepherd whose care for his sheep extends to eternity. "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." As followers of Christ we have the promise of eternal protection. Jesus, the Shepherd, is greater than all, no one can take his sheep out of his hand. No one can remove us from the presence of Christ.

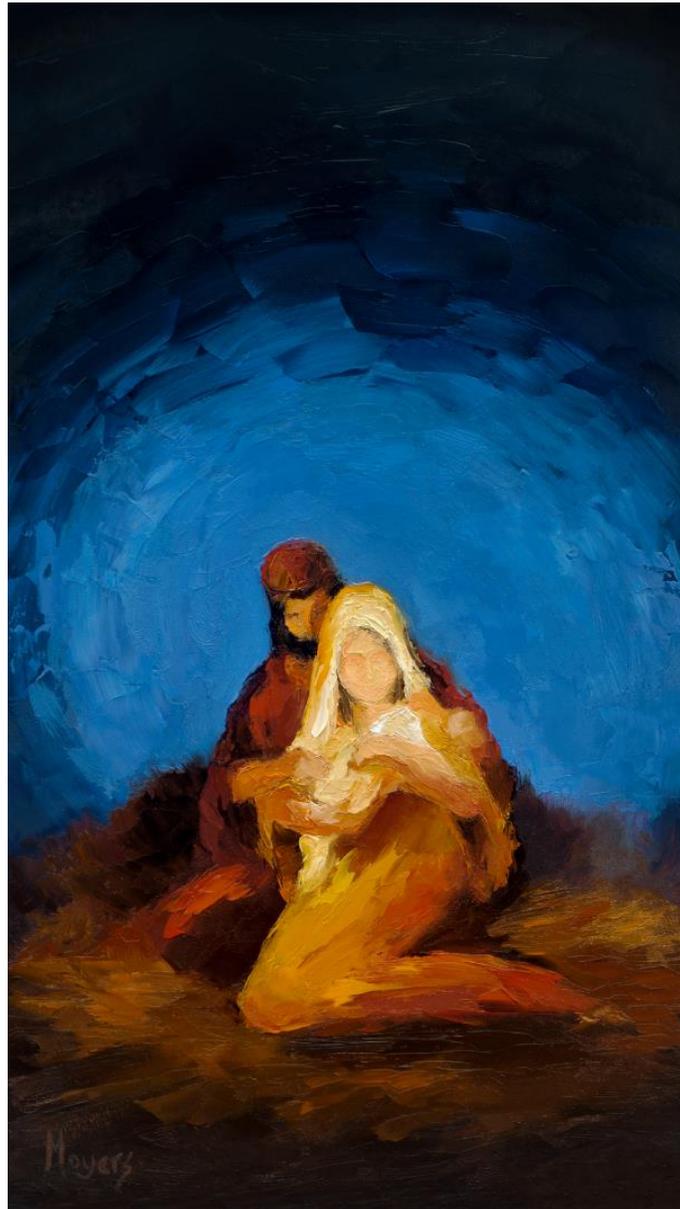
Grace and Peace,
Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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*Wishing all Mothers and those with a Mother's Heart a
Blessed and Happy Mother's Day*



PARISH CALENDAR

Sundays of May Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary following Mass

May 12 Mother's Day

May 16 Funeral Mass & Burial for George Shandrowski, 10:30am. Repast to follow in the Parish Hall.

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

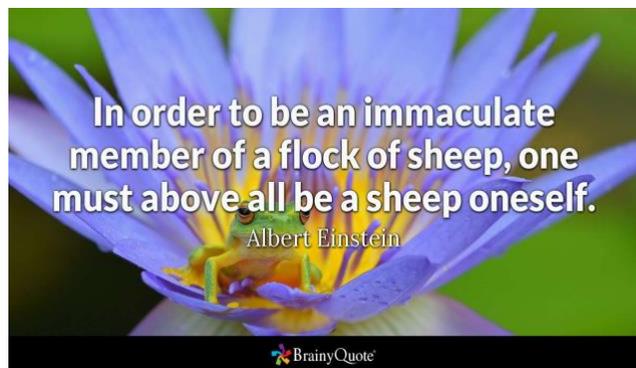
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

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 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us,
*I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth.*"

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

Revelation 7-9, 14-17

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:
"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.
No one can take them out of my hand.
My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."

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

