

**St Joseph's of Stratford Parish**  
National Catholic Church  
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Weekly Bulletin



**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus' new commandment seems simple enough, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another." It is the implications of this new commandment that are far ranging, as the disciples soon learn. Because Jesus' love for us brought him to his passion and death on a cross, Jesus proved that his love for us was without limit. And that is how we are called to love one another, without limit.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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*Past members of the Ladies Society now deceased.*

*We honor their memory. We honor their service. And we pray for the repose of their souls.*

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sundays of May** Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary following 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

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](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 14:21-27**

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

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### Second Reading

**Revelation 21:1-5**

#### A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

**John 13:31-33, 34-35**

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

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

