

**St Joseph's of Stratford Parish**  
National Catholic Church  
Since 1907  
Weekly Bulletin



**Trinity Sunday, Year C**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**PARISH  
CONTACTS**

*ADMINISTRATOR*  
Fr. Tom Walsh

*PARISH CHAIRPERSON*  
Jeanine May

*VICE CHAIRPERSON*  
Dee Smith

*FINANCE SECRETARY*  
Barbara Chernesky

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. We use the term Trinity so often that it has become domesticated. In truth, the early Church struggled mightily trying to communicate the concept of one God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, without venturing into polytheism. The result of this struggle is our Profession of Faith, The Nicene Creed, originally adopted in the city of Nicaea by the First Council of Nicaea in 325. In 381 it was amended by the First Council of Constantinople. The amended form is referred to as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.

As we recite this creed today at Mass notice how much is said about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We imported the concept of the Father and the Holy Spirit from our Jewish heritage, so not much needed to be said there, but much theological debate ensued trying to speak about the Son. That is why so much of the creed is devoted to the Son, declaring Him fully human and fully divine. These theological wrangling's concerning the Son continued into the next century before things were finally settled, as much as they can be. May we never take for granted the richness of our Christian heritage.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

1300 Stratford Road, Stratford CT 06615-7639  
Tel: 203 377-9901 (office), 203 923-2424 (rectory), Fax: 203 375-6439  
[www.saintjosephsofstratford.org](http://www.saintjosephsofstratford.org)

# Food Pantry Update

**THANKS and PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES**  
**July 27, Aug 31, Oct 26. 2019**

A big "Thank You" to the YMS of R for their very generous check to the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church and for all of you who have been so faithful with donations of food and clothing each week.

Stop and Shop has, once again, graciously agreed to allow us to conduct food drives at their store at the Dock to help feed our less fortunate neighbors. They have given us three dates for drives -- July 27, August 31, and October 26. 2019.

Hopefully, they will be as successful as the two held last year when five truckloads and a caravan of cars went to the South End Community Center and Blessed Sacrament Church delivering the donated food.

For each of the dates, we will need volunteers to offer 1-2 hours of their time to greet shoppers and accept donations. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer as the dates draw closer.

Again thanks,  
Joe and Jane Pelland



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

## PARISH CALENDAR

**June 26 & July 10** – St. Joseph's serving at Lord's Kitchen.

### 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  
Thursdays: Yoga with Carla Loxsom, 6:30-7:30pm in  
the Classroom  
AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

### FLAG DONATION



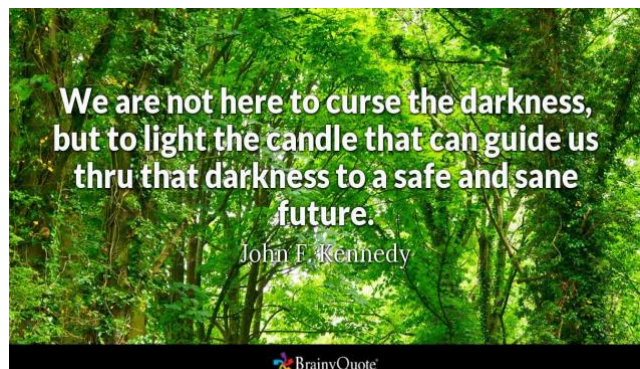
Flag donated by Martin Vasas in memory of Dolores Vasas

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday at [trpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:trpwalsh@gmail.com)*

### READERS ROSTER

<u>June 16</u>	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 30</u>
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

### Prayer Groups forming at St. Joseph

Prayer Groups are forming at St. Joseph's. Joining a Prayer Group will help you to structure time in your busy day around prayer and being in God's presence. To learn more about Prayer Groups and to sign-up for a group please check out the information sheet located on the table at the entrance to the Church, or see Fr. Tom. You can join as few or as many Prayer Groups as you like. We invite you to enrich your life with daily prayer and join your prayer with the corporate prayer of the Church.

### Yoga Class Thursday Evenings

We will be hosting a Thursday evening yoga class with instructor Carla Loxsom. Classes begin June 6<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet in the Classroom from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and will run through the fall. The cost is \$14 per session for a single class and \$13 per session for an eight-week course. Please call 203-257-0556 with questions or to register.

### Seeking Volunteers

If you would like to use your gifts for the common good of our Church, there are a number of ways that you can help.

We have an immediate need for Readers at Mass, training and on-going support is provided. We are in need of individuals to form a Welcoming Committee to greet and welcome visitors to our Church. Photographers are needed to attend Church events to take pictures to be published on our web page. Thank you for your consideration.

### Church Dues

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

*Bulletins courtesy of Ann Stockman, May - June 2019. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom.*

## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

**Proverbs 8:22-31**

#### A reading from the Book of the Proverbs

Thus says the wisdom of God:  
"The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways,  
the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago;  
from of old I was poured forth,  
at the first, before the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no fountains or springs of water;  
before the mountains were settled into place,  
before the hills, I was brought forth;  
while as yet the earth and fields were not made,  
nor the first clods of the world.  
  
"When the Lord established the heavens I was there,  
when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep;  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth;  
when he set for the sea its limit,  
so that the waters should not transgress his command;  
then was I beside him as his craftsman,  
and I was his delight day by day,  
playing before him all the while,  
playing on the surface of his earth;  
and I found delight in the human race."

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

### Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

### Second Reading

**Romans 5:1-5**

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

Brothers and sisters:  
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have gained access by faith  
to this grace in which we stand,  
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.  
Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions,  
knowing that affliction produces endurance,  
and endurance, proven character,  
and proven character, hope,  
and hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our  
hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

### Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

**John 16:12-15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.  
But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth.  
He will not speak on his own,  
but he will speak what he hears,  
and will declare to you the things that are coming.  
He will glorify me,  
because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.  
Everything that the Father has is mine;  
for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine  
and declare it to you."

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

