

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



**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**PARISH  
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Dear Parishioners,

From our earliest age we were taught to be the best, in first place, ahead of the crowd! Nothing wrong with striving to do our best. To push ourselves. By challenging ourselves we learn and grow. But Jesus, in today's Gospel passage, cautions that we must remain humble. We must seek to serve, not always to be served. We must champion the vulnerable and those marginalized in society. To do this is to honor our Creator, in whose image we were created. As our Savior humbled himself by dying on a cross for us, so too must we humble ourselves by serving our brothers and sisters. Whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sister we do for Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil. **Sunday:** 9:30 am. **Wednesday:** 9:00am - Mass for Healing with Anointing

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# Keep busy this fall with your friends at St. Joe's



## **Cooking with the Saints**

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, We gather at 6pm. Cooking, Eating & Fellowship as we learn about the Saints. This month we honor St. Joseph! If you plan to join us please let Fr. Tom know by Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.



## **Monthly Coffee & Catechism**

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, After Mass. This month Rabbi Ron to talk about the Jewish High Holidays.



## **First Responder's Breakfast**

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-10am. Prepare and serve breakfast for those who serve us.

**For details on each of these events and news about upcoming events please see the Church bulletin board or visit our web site at [saintjosephsofstratford.org](http://saintjosephsofstratford.org).**

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup>** Stop & Shop Food Drive, 9am – 3pm.

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** The Woman's Society is having a meeting after coffee.

### BY THE WEEK

Saturdays: Stepping Class with Mercy Tabernacle  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm  
Cub Scouts 5:45-7:30 pm  
Mondays: Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm  
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wednesdays: Mass for Healing, 9:00am  
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

### READERS ROSTER

<u>August 25<sup>th</sup></u> Dee Smith	<u>September 1</u> Julia Vasas	<u>September 8</u> Joe Pelland
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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.

No person was ever honored for  
what he received. Honor has been  
the reward for what he gave.

Calvin Coolidge

BrainyQuote

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass this Sunday is offered for the repose of the soul of Mary Cuccia. May perpetual light shine upon her.

Prayers for Jane Pelland as she continues her recovery.

Continued prayers for Frank Bonitatebus. That God's healing grace may be with him.

We offer healing prays for Wendell Barry. That he may be strengthened and encouraged.

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Major Scott Krasko to Deploy

Prayers for the Tennessee Krasko family as Major Scott Krasko deploys to Africa. May God's grace, peace, and blessings be with the Krasko family.

#### Wednesday Morning Healing Mass

Mass for Healing with anointing is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9am. We look forward to your being with us as we pray for physical as well as spiritual healing.

#### Quarter Night

St. Joseph's annual quarter night is scheduled for Saturday evening October 26h with doors opening as 6:00PM. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and prizes! It's recommended that tables be reserved to assure your participation. Prize donations are being accepted and may be turned over to any member of the ladies' society. A prize value minimum is suggested at \$5.00. Additional information to follow.

#### St. James 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

St. James Church will be holding a Eucharistic Adoration and prayers for reparation from Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> after 8am Mass through 8am Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Morning Prayer and Vespers will be prayed at various times. Please see the notice on the bulletin board for details.

#### Lordship Community Church Apple Festival/Vendor Fair

Lordship Community Church, 179 Prospect Drive, Stratford, hosts an outdoor Apple Festival / Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9 AM to 3 PM, (rain date is 9/22/19, 11 AM to 3 PM). Craft, tag sale, flea market, and direct sales vendors, food, bake sale, apple pie baking contest, popcorn, and pre-event pie fundraiser with Oronoque Farms. For information and vendor & contest inquiries, please contact 203-377-6568 or [lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net).

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## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

**Sirach 3:17-29**

#### A reading from the Book of the Sirach

My child, conduct your affairs with humility,  
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.  
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God.  
What is too sublime for you, seek not,  
into things beyond your strength search not.  
The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs,  
and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.  
Water quenches a flaming fire,  
and alms atone for sins.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

### Second Reading

**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

#### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:  
You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and  
a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that  
those who heard begged that no message be further  
addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount  
Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly  
Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering,  
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,  
and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just  
made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new  
covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more  
eloquently than that of Abel.

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

### Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,  
and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

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

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."  
Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

