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Dear Parishioners,

“Son, why have you done this to us?” Mary’s question to Jesus after finding him in the Temple in today’s Gospel passage. A sentiment often voiced by a parent to a child. There can be any number of reasons why a parent would approach a child with this question, but most often it comes from a place of sorrow as in today’s Gospel passage.

We don’t often associate strife with the Holy Family. We venerate them, we seek their intercession, but do we identify with them. They knew hardship, anxiety, fear, great sorrow, and joy, much like us. What they were able to accomplish in carrying out God’s plan they did while living ordinary lives. The same can be true for us.

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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Saint of the Day

October 19: SS. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (Jean de Brebeuf 1593-1649, Isaac Jogues 1607-1646,)

Often called “the North American martyrs,” these eight Jesuits endured brutal torture before being martyred by members of the Huron and Iroquois nations. Despite the hardships of the mission and their suffering, these martyrs retained a love of the people they served and brought to faith in Christ.

October 20: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest (1694-1775)

St. Paul of the Cross founded the Congregation of the Passionists, a religious order of men who lived lives of poverty, simplicity, and harsh penance so as to meditate more fully on the Passion of the Christ. Their primary ministry was preaching to parish missions about Christ’s saving Passion.

PARISH CALENDAR

October 20th - Colossal Kielbasa Stand, 12 noon – 5pm.
Last of the season!

November 9th – Holy Spirits Wine and Cheese Night. Come for Mass, stay for a Movie!

November 16th - Polish Dinner. Take out: 5-6pm. Seated: 6-8pm.

December 1st - 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Trimming Breakfast. Proceeds benefit:
Daughters of Charity - Bridgeport CT, Lords Kitchen, Sterling House Adopt a Family Christmas Toy Drive and more...

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: AA Men's Meeting 7:30 pm

FLAG DONATION



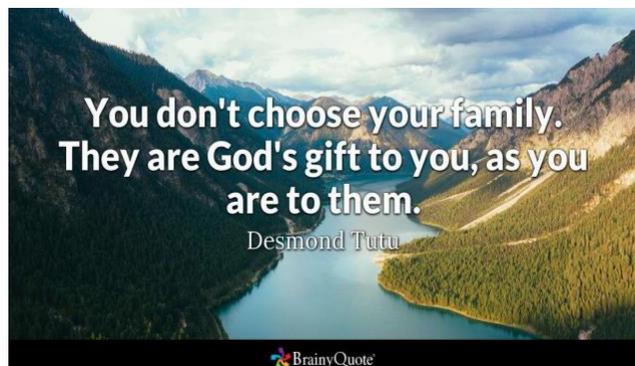
Flag donated by Martin Vasas in memory of Dolores Vasas

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

READERS ROSTER

<u>September 29</u> Nancy Anzalone	<u>October 6</u> Dee Smith	<u>October 13</u> Rob Mongillo
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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.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Cards are located on the table at the entrance to the Church should you wish to request a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased.

Mass is offered today in memory of Richard Murdzia, for the repose of his soul.

We pray for Bill Petrino. May he be brought to wholeness and peace.

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.

We pray for Irene Smith as she seeks treatment. That she may be comforted and encouraged.

For Jean Fellmeth, that she may know God's peace.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Altar Flower Arrangements

Altar flower arrangements donated by Carol Murdzia in honor of her late husband Richard commemorating the 20th anniversary of his passing. May Richard rest in peace.

Seeking Volunteers for the Christmas Bazaar

All those interested in helping to make this year's Christmas Bazaar being held on Saturday, December 7th, a success please see Yvonne. She can be reached at 860-417-9748 or send an email to ywalsh070@gmail.com.

Quarter Night

St. Joseph's annual quarter night is scheduled for Saturday evening October 26^h 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.

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

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Genesis 1:26-28, 31

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in His image; in the Divine image He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all living things that move on the earth." God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good.

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for that is what is expected of you. "Honor your father and mother" is the first commandment to carry a promise with it "that it may go well with you, and that you may have long life on earth." Fathers, do not anger your children. Bring them up with the training and instruction befitting the Lord. Slave, obey your human masters with the reverence, the awe, and the sincerity you owe to Christ. Do not render service for appearance only to please men, but do God's will with your whole heart as slaves of Christ. Give your service willingly, doing it for the Lord rather than men. You know that each one, whether slave or free, will be repaid by the Lord for whatever good he does. Masters, act in a similar way toward your slaves. Stop threatening them. Remember that you and they have a Master in heaven who plays no favorites.

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

My child, keep your father's commandment. Do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 2:42-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

The parents of Jesus used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when He was twelve they went up for the celebration as was their custom. As they were returning at the end of the feast, the Child Jesus remained behind unknown to His parents. Thinking He was in the party, they continued their journey for a day, looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His intelligence and His answers. When his parents saw Him they were astonished, and His mother said to Him: "Son, why have You done this to us? You see that Your father and I have been searching for You in sorrow." He said to them: "Why did you search for Me? Did you not know I had to be in My Father's house?" But they did not grasp what He said to them. He went down with them then, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother meanwhile kept all these things in memory. Jesus, for His part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

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

