

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Linda Chehy, Felicia Watson and Simon Edgett, that God's healing mercy and grace may be with them. **Desiree Anzalone**, that she may be brought to wholeness and health. **Nancy Anzalone**, that she may be comforted and encouraged. **Jane Pelland**, for her continued recovery. **Bill Petrino, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen and Jean Fellmeth**, that they may know God's peace. **Judy DiLorenzo & Robin Lupinski**, for health.

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.

NEWS

Winter Clothing Collection - Winter will be more comfortable for many members of our community in need, thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph's parishioners. Over 36 hats, 66 pairs of gloves and 9 scarves will help keep our neighbors warm. More than 130 pairs of underwear and nearly 200 pairs of socks will help many to meet their basic clothing needs. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Christ, the Light of Life!



Presider This Christmas we recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the candles of hope, love, joy and faith.

(Participant lights the four candles.)

Presider Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds we are filled with wonder and amazement.

(Participant lights the white Christ candle.)

Participant Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen

PARISH CALENDAR

Christmas Eve & Day Mass Times – Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 at 5pm & 10pm. On Christmas Day at 9:30am.

January 5

- Christmas Brunch sponsored by the Ladies Society following Mass. A mini raffle of gift cards will be held to benefit the Food Pantry. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the hallway if you plan to attend.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held following the Christmas Brunch. Much to discuss, please plan to attend.

Summer 2020 – All youth interested in playing basketball on the beach this summer with our friends from Our Lady of Peace please see Fr. Tom. It's not too early to sign up!

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

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

St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



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Dear Parishioners,

The angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds to announce the good news of great joy, a Savior has been born who is Christ the Lord. Why the shepherds? In that society, at that time, shepherds held a lowly place. Why entrust news of such importance to them? There was a king, there were religious authorities, there were wealthy people who commanded great respect, but not the shepherds. And that is the point. God wanted to ensure that people paid attention to the message and not the messenger. God is still speaking, are we paying attention?

Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am Wednesday Healing Mass 9:00am
Christmas Eve 5:00pm & 10:00pm Christmas Day 9:30am

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