

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** 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

A Survey of the Bible – This year a survey of the Bible will be presented book by book each week in the bulletin. It is hoped that the brief introductions to the books of the Bible will serve as entry points for individuals who wish to engage the whole of Sacred Scripture.

Wine & Cheese Movie Night - Saturday, January 18th. Come for the 5pm Vigil Mass and stay for the movie. Wine, cheese & dessert will be served.

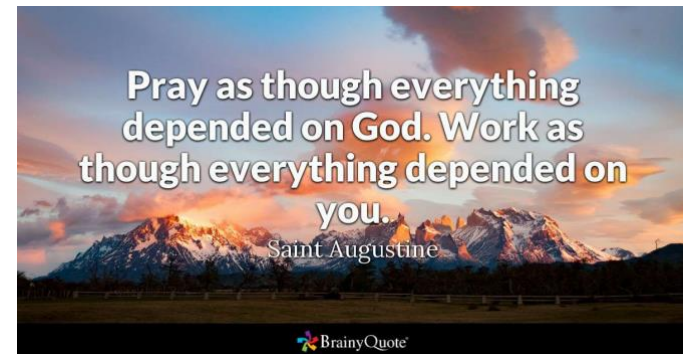
Book Discussion Group – A book discussion group is forming at St. Joseph's for the New Year. We will be meeting on the first Sunday of each month after Mas beginning February 2. The first book we will read is, "Story of a Soul," the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, often called The Little Flower. Please see Fr. Tom about purchasing the book. *Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love. St. Therese*

Ladies Society Seeking New Members - Any ladies interested in joining the Ladies Society please speak to Carol Murdzia or Yvonne Walsh. Your service is vital to our faith community.

A Survey of the Bible

Genesis The first book of the Bible is named Genesis or "beginning." Genesis presents the divine origin of the world. This is not a scientific account of the beginning of the universe or of life. It is Israel's faith statement of God's activity in the origins of the universe and of mankind fundamental for our salvation. Genesis also provides an account of the beginnings of Israel and God's call to Abraham, and his relatives, the Patriarchs. In Genesis the stage is set for salvation since it is here we are told of Creation, sin, and God's first promises to save mankind.

The book can be divided into two sections. The first section, chapters 1 through 11, present the story of Creation and the beginning of Israel's salvation. The second section, chapters 12 through 50, introduce us to the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.



PARISH CALENDAR

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.

January 12 – Installation of Parish Committee Members during Mass.

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

Readers Roster

January 5: Joe Pelland, Missal page 151 (Readings for Dec 29)
January 12: Rob Mongillo, Missal page 168
January 19: Nancy Sirios, Missal page 173
January 26: Ray Morrison, Missal page 177

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St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



January 5, 2020 – Solemnity of the Holy Family

Parish Contacts

ADMINISTRATOR
Fr. Tom Walsh

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Jeanine May

VICE CHAIRPERSON
Dee Smith

Finance Secretary
Barbara Chernesky

Dear Parishioners,

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. Joseph uprooted his family in the night leaving home and business based on an encounter with an angel in a dream. Joseph could not have understood then why he was asked to do this, but it was necessary that he comply for God's plan for salvation to unfold for humanity. God's plan for our salvation is still unfolding. The choice is ours, do we comply or not?

*Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom*

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am Wednesday Healing Mass 9:00am

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