

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. This gathering we will be viewing the movie "I Can Only Imagine" starring Dennis Quaid. The true story behind the title song that attests to the power of forgiveness. 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*

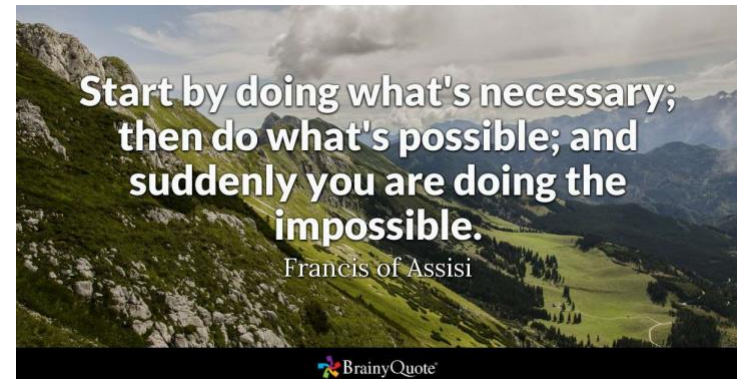
Ladies Society Seeking New Members - Any ladies interested in joining the Ladies Society please speak to Carol Murdzia or Yvonne Walsh. Your service is vital to our faith community.

A Survey of the Bible

Exodus The second book of the Bible is called Exodus, from the Greek word for 'departure,' because its central event is the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. Exodus recounts the Egyptian oppression of Jacob's ever-increasing descendants and their miraculous deliverance by God through Moses, who led them across the Red Sea to Mount Sinai where they received the Law entering into a covenant with the Lord.

The Law, or Torah in Hebrew, constitutes the moral, civil, and ritual legislation by which the Israelites were to become a holy people. Many elements of the Law were fundamental to the teaching of Jesus as well as to New Testament and Christian moral teaching.

Dramatic episodes of rebellion, repentance, and divine mercy are recounted in this book. These events made Israel a nation and confirmed their unique relationship with God.



PARISH CALENDAR

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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January 12, 2020 – Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

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Dear Parishioners,

To fulfill all righteousness. This is Jesus' response to John when John protests that he needs to be baptized by Jesus, not the other way around. Sounds like a plan, to fulfill all righteousness, if only I knew how to do this. The passage provides a clue in the theophany that follows. A theophany is an appearance of God, as in God speaking from the heavens, *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.* Here we learn that to fulfill all righteousness means to do what pleases God, to do the will of the Father. For Jesus it was submitting to baptism, accepting his cross even though it will lead to his passion and death. For us it will mean something different. But the point is will we choose to do the will of the Father, to fulfill all righteousness? We pray this often, *Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

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

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