

PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of **Carol Misurale**. Monday, January 20th, was the 4th anniversary of her passing. May she rest in peace. Sunday, January 26th, we pray for **Jay Geffert** as he undergoes a medical procedure. May he be strengthened and encouraged.

We pray for **Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Linda Chehy, Felicia Watson** and **Simon Edgett** and **Jim Walkup**, 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

Can You Recognize Me Fundraiser – St. Joseph's is holding a baby picture contest. We will be collecting pictures from church members from their younger years. Participants will be invited to match pictures hanging in the Parish Hall to names. If you correctly identify the most pictures you win! Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more details.

News Blast - The text messaging/emailing for the "news blast" is up and running. If someone signed up and did not receive either the text or email (choice was by request) please see Meg Krasko.

Collection for repair of altar crucifix and statues underway. The cost for the repair work is \$4,200. The Ladies Society is funding a portion of the work, please consider contributing to make up the difference. Collection baskets are in place.

St. Mark School Pre-K- 8th Grade Open House Sunday, January 26 10am - 1:00p, 500 Wigwam Lane, Stratford. St. Mark School is kicking off National Catholic Schools Week with an OPEN HOUSE. Come

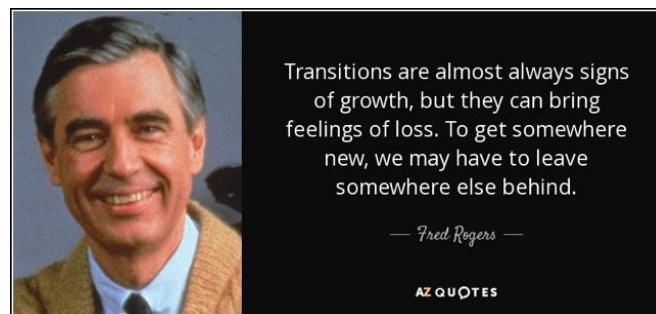
tour our elementary school, meet our faculty and students, and learn about our academically rigorous, faith-based education. Bring the whole family down to make-your-own slime and learn how to code robots in our new Innovation Lab. Be sure to ask about our new Personalized Learning and Social Emotional Learning Initiatives. St. Mark is proud to be a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School and a New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accredited school. For more information, please call (203) 375-4291 or visit us at www.stmarkschool.org.

Please remember that clothing and linens for the "clothes closet" at Blessed Sacrament, as well as items for the food pantry, can be brought in at any time during the month. Especially needed are pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meats, and Chef Boyardee, as well as bath tissue and bar soap.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

Numbers The fourth book of the Bible is called Numbers. It derives its name from the account of the two censuses taken of the Hebrew people, one near the beginning and the other toward the end of the journey in the wilderness. It continues the story of the journey begun in Exodus and describes the experiences of the Israelites for a period of thirty-eight years. Numerous legal ordinances are interspersed in the account, making the book a combination of law and history.

The book divides neatly into two parts. Each part begins with a census of the people (chapters 1 & 26) and inaugurates a period of preparation prior to entering the Promised Land. The book ends with the Israelites across the Jordan outside the land of Canaan.



PARISH CALENDAR

January 26

- Music Scholarship Sunday. Collection baskets are placed in back of the Church today for the Music Scholarship Fund.
- YMS of R Egg Sandwich Sunday. Breakfast will be served following Mass in the Parish Hall.

January 29 - St. Joseph's to serve at the Lord's Kitchen at Christ Church Episcopal in Stratford from 4-6:30pm. Many hands make light work!

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 26, 2020 – Music Scholarship Sunday, Year A

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Dear Parishioners,

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. The word 'withdrew' is freighted with meaning. Consider what the passage does not say. It does not say that Jesus went to Galilee, or that Jesus returned to Galilee. Which begs the question, what was Jesus withdrawing from? The passage tells us. Jesus withdrew to Galilee when he heard that John the Baptist had been arrested. Meaning that Jesus did not feel safe as he was about to begin his public ministry. During this time of transition, Jesus withdrew from the unknown to the known. He was raised in Galilee. He felt safe there. But Jesus did not withdraw from his ministry. He began preaching in Galilee and calling his apostles. Jesus embraced his Gospel message of transition from life to new life and calls us to do the same, not to withdraw.

Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

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

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