

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of **Greg Venice**. May he rest in peace.

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.

**Collection for repair of altar crucifix and statues** is underway. To date \$158 has been raised. Thank you to everyone who has contributed with thanks to Pat Slonina for contributing in Ed's Slonina's memory.

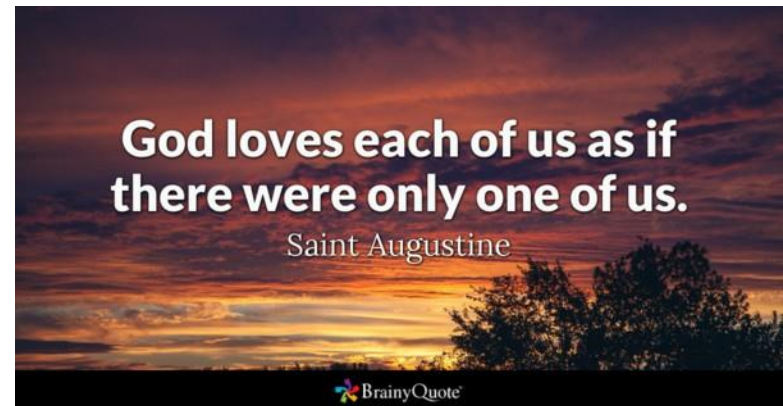
**Music Scholarship Fund** collection raised \$30 last week. Thank you to all who contributed.

**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

**Deuteronomy** The fifth book of the Bible is called Deuteronomy, meaning, "copy of the law." This title is appropriate since the book replicates much of the legal content of the previous books, serving as a "second law." The book brings to a close the five books of the Torah or Pentateuch with a retrospective account of Israel's past; the exodus, the Sinai covenant, and the wilderness wanderings, along with a look into Israel's future as they are about to enter Canaan, the Promised Land.

The book consists of three long passages by Moses. Each of these passages contains narrative, law, and exhortation. The book can be understood as a survival manual for Israel in their life as a people, how to live and what to avoid. They can choose to love the Lord and keep his commandments, or to serve other gods. Whichever choice they make as a people carries consequences, a blessing or a curse.



## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 2

- Blessing of throats following Mass.
- Book Discussion group meets after Mass in the Classroom.

**Saturday, February 8** – Wine and Cheese Movie Night, 6pm following Mass. We will be viewing the movie “I Can Only Imagine.”

### 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  
Scouts 7:00-8:30 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

- February 2: Nancy Anzalone, Missal page 186  
February 9: Julia Vazas, Missal page 191  
February 16: Dee Smith, Missal page 196  
February 23: Joe Pelland, Missal page 201

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## St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



### February 2, 2020 – Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A

#### Parish Contacts

*ADMINISTRATOR*  
Fr. Tom Walsh

*CHAIRPERSON*  
Jeanine May

*VICE CHAIRPERSON*  
Dee Smith

*Finance Secretary*  
Barbara Chernesky

#### Dear Parishioners,

*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.*  
The Gospel writer is clear here, this child Jesus was destined for great things. Jesus did not live an easy life. He labored, having learned a trade from his father Joseph. He then left that life behind to answer a call, which led him to many trials before crucifixion and death. The point is not how different Jesus was from us, but rather how similar we are to him. With this understanding in mind, may we too see that we are destined for great things.

Grace & Peace,  
Fr. Tom

#### Mass Times

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

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