

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Today's Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of Edward Slonina. May he rest in peace.

We remember in our prayers Nancy Sirois, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Felicia Watson, Linda Chehy, Donald Squezello, Desiree Anzalone, Nancy Anzalone, the Petrino Family, Jane Pelland, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Jean Fellmeth, Judy DiLorenzo and Robin Lupinski.

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by the Coronavirus.

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

St. Joseph's is serving at the **Lord's Kitchen** on Wednesday, April 1st. We are seeking volunteers to help with this important ministry. If this is something that you feel called to do, please let Fr. Tom know by calling (860) 417-9888.

Collection for repair of altar crucifix and statues continues. So far, we have raised \$790. We're more than half-way to our goal of \$1200. Thank you to everyone who has 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

The Book of First Chronicles cover the same period of Jewish history described in Second Samuel through Second Kings. The books are not a simple repetition of the same material, but rather a theological reinterpretation of that material in connection with the people's lives after the Exile. Their theological aim is to affirm the priority of the Davidic dynasty in God's plan for Israel and to reassert the centrality of Temple worship in the postexile period.

Chronicles retraces the whole story of Israel's history up to the return from captivity in order to give the returned remnant a divine perspective on the developments of their past. The whole Book of First Chronicles, like Second Samuel, is dedicated to the life of David. It begins with the royal line of David (Chs. 1 through 9) before surveying key events of the reign of David (Chs. 10 through 29).

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Schedule of Lent & Easter Services:

All services are suspended until at least March 31st, at which time a revised schedule will be published.

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Readers Roster:

The roster will be updated when services resume.

We celebrate the Contemporary Rite of the Mass, which begins on page 63 of the pew missal.

Friends of St. Joe's

We are pleased to recommend the following businesses that have provided dependable service to our Church:

- Neil Mulligan with Armor Shield Roof, (203) 768-8787
- James Plumbing, (203) 381-9587
- Kinsella Electric, (203) 209-3898

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Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel passage we read of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It seems peculiar that upon hearing of Lazarus' illness Jesus delays two days before going to him. They were friends. Jesus states that he is glad that he was not there *when Lazarus died* so the disciples may believe *when Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead*. (My text in italics). This shows the importance Jesus places on belief. Allowing his friend to die so others may come to believe. Twice Jesus speaks to Martha about the importance of believing. And what is Jesus calling us to believe? That he is the resurrection and the life. This statement means nothing if it is not internalized, believed. But if it is believed then we shall have new life within us just as Lazarus was raised from the dead.

Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

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

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