

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

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!

The food pantries need our help! We all know about the empty grocery shelves, but most of us are fortunate and have been able to "eat our freezer" or to buy food as we need it. Unfortunately, there are many people who don't have the money for daily food. Because more people than ever depend on food pantries for assistance, they need your donation.

The pantry at Blessed Sacrament has no reserve, and is now distributing food on a week-to-week basis.

Especially needed are cereal, pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, and mac 'n cheese. One of the Blessed Sacrament volunteers is willing to shop, so if you can send a check to the church with Food Pantry in the memo line, it would be great. The address is Fr. Skip, Blessed Sacrament Church, 275 Union Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06607.

Thank you and God bless.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

The Book of Nehemiah is the second part of the story of Israel after the Exile. Ezra and Nehemiah were considered one continuous book in the Hebrew Bible, though now stand as two separate books in the canon of Scripture. The book is named after its chief character, Nehemiah. The main topic of the book is the story of Nehemiah's efforts to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Subsequent to the rebuilding of the walls Nehemiah, as governor, institutes political reconstruction and leads the people in moral reform. The two main divisions of the book are the reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem (chapters 1 through 7), and the restoration of the people (chapters 8 through 13).

PARISH CALENDAR

By the Week: All activities suspended until further notice.

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 through April. Revised schedules will be published when we resume public celebrations of Mass.

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

Bulletins courtesy of Patricia Morrissey, January - May 2020. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom. The suggested donation amount is \$8.00 per week. Thank you.

St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



April 26, 2020 – Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

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Dear Parishioners,

Today's passage from Luke's Gospel (24:13-35) tells the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they were walking along conversing, Jesus drew near and walked with them, though they did not recognize Jesus. Later they recounted how while in Jesus' presence their hearts burned within them.

I imagine that each one of us can share some experience of our hearts burning within us. Being with loved ones. While in nature. During prayer. The word that is often used to characterize this experience is numinous. One definition for this word that I like is, "a divine sway." I invite you to be swayed by God today.

Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended until further notice.

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