

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Nancy Sirois, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Linda Chehy, Donald Squezello, 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

This Sunday, June 14th, and all following Sundays until we move indoors, we will be celebrating Mass in the parking lot at 10:30am. The frequent time changes were necessary to accommodate the individual who radio broadcasts the Mass for us. All social distancing protocols will be observed so parishioners need to remain in their vehicles the entire time. The Mass will be live broadcast on the radio, so you just need to tune in to listen. A sign will be posted indicating the radio station. Communion will not be offered. Individuals will be in the parking lot to direct where you are to park. Thank you for your cooperation.

Repair and restoration of the altar crucifix and statues is underway. We are still seeking donations to cover the cost of this work. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the upkeep of our beautiful Church.

A special thank you to those who generously donated food, checks, and cash to the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday. The food bin and a basket for monetary donations will again be available for "curbside drop off" this Sunday at our outdoor Mass. The number of needy people coming to the Pantry has doubled since the pandemic began in March while the amount of donations has decreased dramatically as area churches have been closed. We at St. Joseph's have continued to support the Pantry and it is very much appreciated by Fr. Skip and the clients. Clothes and linens are not presently being accepted and probably will not be for a while. Thank you and God bless.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

The Book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before the coming of Christ. The author, whose name is not known to us, at times speaks in the person of the wise king Solomon in order to emphasize their value. The primary purpose of the author was the edification of the Jewish people in a time when they had experienced suffering and oppression. The first ten chapters in particular provide background for the teaching of Jesus and for some New Testament theology about Jesus. Chapter 2 should hold no surprises for you!

The principle divisions of the book are the reward of righteousness (1:1-6:21). The praise of wisdom by Solomon (6:22-11:1). The special providence of God during the Exodus (11:2-16; 12:23-27; 15:18-19:22), with digressions on God's mercy (11:17-12:22) and on the folly and shame of idolatry (13:1-15:17).

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

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.

**St. Joseph of Stratford
National Catholic Church**



June 14, 2020 – Corpus Christi Sunday

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!

Parish Contacts

PASTOR
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Dear Parishioners,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Nothing ambiguous about this statement. Jesus states clearly that we are to consume his body and blood if we are to have life within us. Because of this statement many of Jesus' disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Not the apostles though, they remained. Peter stated his reason for not abandoning Christ, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Those who do not believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, then and now, do so because it is a difficult teaching. Not easy to understand. But faith is a mystery that does not often yield to understanding. As Catholics we stand firm with the apostles. We protect and preserve the deposit of faith given by Christ to the Church, that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. *The Body of Christ. Amen*

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended until further notice.

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