

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Tom Milos, Jen Fry, Dave Sauter, Jay Geffert, Annette Krietler, Nancy Sirois, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Linda Chehy, Donald Squezzello, Nancy Anzalone, Jane Pelland, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Judy DiLorenzo, and Robin Lupinski.

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

NEWS

All Souls Day Service celebrated with Our Lady of Peace on Saturday, October 31, in the St. Joseph National Catholic Church cemetery. We gather by the flagpole at 11:00am. Please send Fr. Tom at pastor@saintjosephsofstratford.org the names of loved ones you would like to be remembered during the service.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – THE BOOK OF NAHUM

Nahum is a late seventh-century prophet. Nahum is probably a shortened form of Nahumiah, meaning “Yahweh Comforts.” The Book of Nahum celebrates the impending fall of Nineveh, the capital of Israel’s ancient and fearful enemy, the Assyrians. The fall of Nineveh is seen as the Lord’s judgement upon the nation for its wickedness. Nahum’s prophecy is a powerful vindication of the Lord’s kingship over all nations, however powerful they may appear. Most scholars believe the book was composed before 612 B.C. the year Nineveh fell.

The Book of Nahum may be divided as follows: God’s judgement on Nineveh (1:1-15), which portrays God coming in a storm to rescue his people; and the fall of Nineveh (2:1 through 3:19), when Assyria is conquered but Judah will be restored. Nahum closes his oracle of judgement with God’s reasons for overthrowing Nineveh. The city is characterized by cruelty and corruption (3:1-7). None of its resources can deter divine judgement.

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

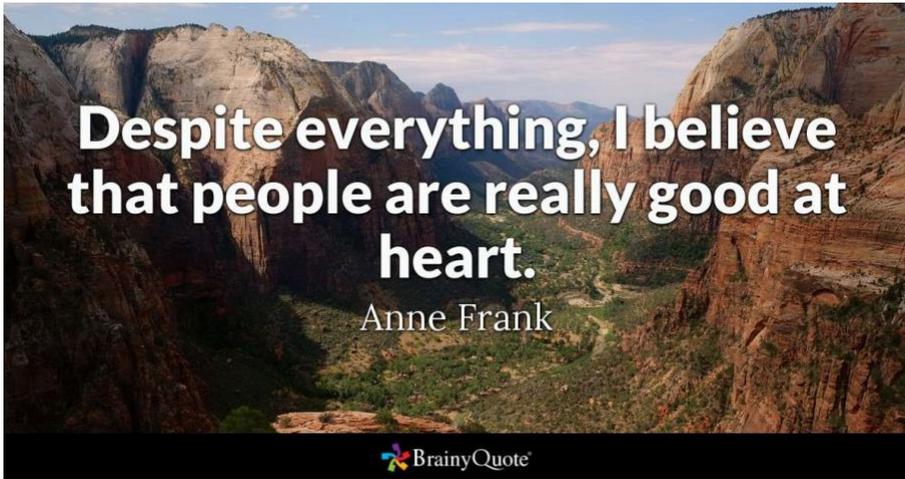
Wednesdays: Mass for Healing, 9:00am
AA Meeting 12:00 pm

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



October 25, 2020 – Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

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
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Dear Parishioners,

"You became a model for all believers." A word of praise from St. Paul in today's second reading to the faith community in Thessalonica. I would like to think that I'm worthy of such praise, but I am not, well maybe sometimes but that's not good enough!

The truth is it depends on my circumstances, how I'm feeling, how busy I am, and the list goes on. It should not be that way. Consider the example the Lord set for us. An itinerant preacher, no place to call home, rarely enough to eat, a band of disciples to keep watch over, and in the midst of these difficulties he feeds crowds, he heals many, he teaches tirelessly. Even on the cross he is forgiving, the repentant thief, his executioners. That is the model we must strive for.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass is celebrated every Sunday, Indoors at 9am & Outdoors at 10:30am.

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