

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

St. Mark School Pre-K and Kindergarten School Tours - Sun 11/15, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

500 Wigwam Lane, Stratford – If you're looking for a full day preschool or kindergarten where your child will love to learn, schedule a tour of St. Mark School in Stratford on 11/15/20. Meet our school community and hear about how we safely welcomed students to school this fall, in-person and 5 days a week. Limited school tours for prospective families are available by reservation only, so visit www.stmarkschool.org and make your appointment today! We follow social distancing best practices. Prior, throughout, and after the event, surfaces will be sanitized and masks are required. For more information, please call (203) 375-4291 or email contactus@stmarkschool.org.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah's prophecy of judgement on Judah and Jerusalem, written not long before the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C., emphasizes the devastation and death that divine judgement will bring. Described as the day of the Lord, the day of judgment is pictured as a time of darkness, of anguish and distress, of destruction and plunder of cities, and of threat to all life. The major sins motivating this judgement, in

Zephaniah's view, are Judah's worship of other deities (1:4-9) and its unjust and abusive leadership (3:1-4).

The book may be divided into the following sections: The Day of the Lord: Judgement on Judah (1:2-2:3); Judgement on the Nations (2:4-15); Jerusalem Reproached (3:1-7); The Nations Punished and Jerusalem Restored (3:8-20)

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**



November 15, 2020 – 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

“ Nobody can go back
and start a new beginning,
but anyone can start today
and make a new ending. ”

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 second reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6), St. Paul urges the faith community of Thessalonica to vigilance by assuring them that they are not in darkness, that they are children of the light. Therefore, they must stay alert and sober for the coming of the Lord. St. Paul's words to the Thessalonians are no less relevant to us today. We must remain vigilant, alert and sober, to welcome the Lord into the moments of our lives.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

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

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