

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Walter Isaacs, 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. Mary School Christmas Tree Sale

A Milford Christmas tradition carries on! With social distancing, masks and procedures to keep everyone comfortable and safe, come get into the Christmas spirit and pick out your special tree. There will still be lots of cheer starting November 27th, when freshly cut premium balsam & fraser fir Christmas trees, wreaths and cemetery pieces arrive from Canada. Get in the Christmas spirit and support St. Mary School! The stand will be open weekdays 5:00pm–9:00pm and weekends 9:00am–9:00pm. We sell out quickly, so don't wait too long! St. Mary School is located at 72 Gulf Street in Milford www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – THE BOOK OF MALACHI

The book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, directs its message of judgement to a people plagued with corrupt priests, wicked practices, and a false sense of security in their privileged relationship with God. The name Malachi is believed to be a pseudonym based on *mal'aki*, “my messenger,” in verse 3:1. Though there is no historical information concerning a person by the name of Malachi, many contend that the style and theological content point to a genuine prophetic figure as the source of the tradition found in this book.

The book reveals the attitudes and behaviors characteristic of the Jewish community a few generations after the end of the Babylonian

exile, and describes God's response. Malachi explores the privilege of the nation (1:1-5), the pollution of the nation (1:6 through 3:15), and the promise to the nation (3:16 through 4:6). In spite of all this, God still loves his people and once again extends his grace to any who will humbly turn to him, “Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.” (3:7)

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



December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

The Second Sunday of Advent ~ We Love



Presider Today is the second Sunday of Advent and we light the candle of Love. Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope. We light the candle of Hope again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope and our peace.

(Participant 1 lights the first candle, the candle of Hope.)

Participant 1 Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

(Participant 2 lights the second candle, the candle of Love.)

Participant 2 Love is like a candle shining in the darkness. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

All Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the Good News of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.

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Dear Parishioners,

In today's second reading, 2 Peter 3:8-14, St. Peter poses a question, "what sort of persons ought you to be?" He qualifies this question by assuming a conduct of holiness and devotion, a patient waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.

The Advent theme is underscored, the coming of the day of God. But this is not a passive exercise in patience, rather this is a call to action, how we are to conduct ourselves. That is our challenge. How do we choose to live these days of Advent, and all the days that follow so we may be found without spot or blemish before the Lord?

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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