

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Walter Isaacs, Tom Milos, Annette Krietler, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Judy DiLorenzo.

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

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – ROMANS

Paul's Letter to the Romans is the most systematically developed book of the New Testament. It is a theological treatise rather than a personal letter. The first eleven chapters logically develop and defend the thesis expressed in 1:16, namely, "*the gospel; it is God's power to save all who believe.*" Chapters 12 through 15 offer practical suggestions for Christian living based on the teaching elucidated in the first eleven chapters. The final chapter contains a list of greetings to various persons living in Rome.

All critical scholars agree on the Pauline authorship of this book. The vocabulary, style, logic, and theological development are consistent with Paul's other epistles. It is believed that Paul wrote Romans in A.D. 57, near the end of his third missionary journey.

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**



January 17, 2021 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Nobody cares how much you
know, until they know how
much you care.**

Theodore Roosevelt

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Dear Parishioners,

Consider these words from today's second reading (1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20), "*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?*" These are truly life transforming words, to know that God chooses to dwell within each one of us who accept him. With this realization in mind, how might we choose to live our lives going forward? How we care for others, how we care for ourselves?

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

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

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