

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Nancy Anzalone, Adrianna Morales, Fr. Henry Smolinski & Margo, Hilary Fuller, Michael Seifert, Nancy Sirois, Rich Lasecki, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos and Frank Bonitatebus.

NEWS

The Town of Stratford is now in the Red Level for COVID response; therefore, masks are required to be worn while inside the St. Joseph facility regardless of vaccination status.

Because the Town of Stratford is in the Red Level we will delay starting the programs that have been announced until it is safe to gather together again.

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr St. Januarius was bishop of Benevento. Along with his companions he was martyred at Naples in the persecution of Diocletian. Today he is especially venerated in the city of Naples. September 19

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Born at Capernaum, St. Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus. He wrote his gospel in Hebrew and is said to have preached in the East. September 21

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



September 19, 2021 – Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

*There are only two lasting bequests we
can hope to give our children. One of
these is roots, the other, wings.*

~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Dear Parishioners,

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What does it mean to behave like a child? In our culture being called childish is not a complement. It denotes selfish behavior, a lack of concern for others, an inability to comprehend the consequences of our actions. For Jesus in today's gospel passage (Mark 9:30-37) being childlike has quite a different meaning.

To counter the concern of the Twelve who were arguing among themselves over who was the greatest, Jesus places a child in their midst and teaches them, *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* The key to understanding this is to realize that Jesus is not talking just about children, but anyone who is like a child, humble, vulnerable, and dependent. Such an individual will readily admit their dependence on God. We are called to do the same.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

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

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