

## 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.

Mass is celebrated today for the repose of the soul of Desiree Anzalone. May she rest in peace.

## 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

### **Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial**

St. Vincent de Paul was born in France in the 16th century to peasant parents. He studied theology and was ordained around the age of 20. He built hospitals in France for convicts and the poor. St. Vincent founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, a group of priests committed to evangelizing in the countryside. With the growing number of converts, St. Vincent recognized the need for more local priests. He re-energized the seminaries in France and around 1660, his congregation was overseeing one-third of France's seminaries. Also, St. Vincent co-founded the Daughters of Charity with St. Louise de Marillac, a group of women committed to working amongst the poor. St. Vincent de Paul's love for the poor has grown into an international ministry and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul looks to him as their patron. He is beloved as the "Apostle of Charity." September 27

### **Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Feast**

Today is the feast day of Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. They are mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture in the books of Tobit,

Daniel, Luke, 1 Thessalonians, Jude, and Revelation. John Paul II, in a *General Audience*, reminds us that the name of each Archangel reflects a facet of the nature of God. St. Michael's name means 'Who is like God?', St. Gabriel's 'power of God,' and St. Raphael's 'God heals.' To angels, God has entrusted a special mission with human beings at the center. September 29.

### **St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Memorial**

St. Jerome was a Biblical scholar in the fourth century. He studied and was baptized in Rome. He learned Hebrew, returned to Antioch and was ordained. He spent time in Constantinople and then returned to Rome, where he became secretary to Pope Damasus. After the Pope's death, he visited Egypt, Palestine, and Antioch, before settling in Bethlehem. There he founded a new men's monastery, and continued his scholar work. St. Jerome was involved in many theological controversies of the time including those regarding Arianism, the virginity of Mary, and the teachings of Origen. Some of St. Jerome's greatest scholarly achievements are his translations of most of the Bible into Latin, a bibliography of the ecclesiastical writers, and translations of the works of Eusebius, Origen, and Didymus. Also, he wrote many Biblical commentaries where he infused topography and linguistics into his discussions. St. Jerome is one of the four original doctors of the Western Church. September 30

### **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Memorial**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus was born in France in 1873. At age 15, she chose a contemplative life, like her two older sisters before her, and entered the Carmel of Lisieux. In addition to religious responsibilities, St. Therese was a writer. She penned an autobiography, poetry, letters, and prayers. Her poems give praise to God for His unfailing love and speak to her desire to model her life after Christ. Also, St. Therese lived this devotion in "little ways," becoming known as the "Little Flower of Jesus." She died at the young age of 24, but her writings continue to inspire the faithful. St. Therese was canonized in 1925 by Pius XI and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997. October 1

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

*As iron is eaten away by rust, so the  
envious are consumed by their own  
passion.*

*~ Antisthenes*



**September 26, 2021 – Twenty Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Dear Parishioners,**

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*“Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” (Mark 9:38)* Two things stand out in this verse from today’s gospel passage. John is concerned that the individual performing the exorcisms is not one of them and that he wants to prevent the good work that he is doing. Notice how Jesus responds, that the individual is performing mighty deeds in his name, not John’s, and that he should not be prevented from doing this good work.

Jesus gave John a lesson on God’s movement in the world. *The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)* Do not be surprised if you discern the Spirit blowing on your neighbor and do not resist the Spirit when it blows on you.

Grace and peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Mass Times**

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

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