

St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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Weekly Bulletin



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November 17, 2019

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Dear Parishioners,

By your perseverance you will secure your lives. Jesus' closing statement for today's Gospel passage. From this passage it is evident that people of faith will face challenges brought on by their faith. They will be betrayed by loved ones, seized, persecuted, and imprisoned.

Faith in Christ is often counter-cultural. Not being a conformist is hard. As proof of this consider what they did to Jesus. Yet Jesus willingly went to the cross and calls each one of us take up our cross daily, to persevere in our faith, and follow him to secure our eternal lives.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am **Wednesday:** 9:00am - Mass for Healing with Anointing

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We Remember Our Loved Ones

*Darlene Kopka for Edward Stempniak, deceased members of
Stempniak & Golembielski Families*

*Karen & Richard Lasecki for the Lasecki deceased, the Zapotoczny
deceased*

Yvonne & Fr. Tom for Tom & Gloria Walsh

Dee Smith for Gerald Smith, Mary & Joseph Kafara

*Valerie Chernesky for Mike Chernesky, Stanley & Mary Wilk,
Michael & Mary Chernesky*

*Bertha Grabowski for Sophia & Joseph Zapotoczny and Children
and Edward Slonina*

PARISH CALENDAR

November 16

- Meg Capen, Board Certified Music Therapist, to provide music at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Come join us to pray and sing, then stay for dinner!
- Polish Dinner. Take out: 5-6pm. Seated: 6-8pm. Reservation only. Call 203-377-9901 by 11/12/19.

November 17 – Lector's Meeting after Mass in the Classroom

December 1 - 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Trimming Breakfast. Proceeds benefit the Daughters of Charity in Bridgeport, the Lord's Kitchen, Sterling House Adopt a Family Christmas Toy Drive and more. Bring your Family & Friends!

January 5 – Christmas Brunch sponsored by the Ladies Society following Mass.

BY THE WEEK

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

FLAG DONATION



Flag donated by **Martin Vasas** in memory of **Dolores Vasas**

For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com

READERS ROSTER

November 10 November 17 November 24
Nancy Anzalone Dee Smith Julia Vasas

The roster for the entire year is posted on the Church web site. On the Home page click on the box **SCHEDULES** and then the link *Schedule for Readers*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Cards are located on the table at the entrance to the Church should you wish to request a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased.

For Bill Petrino, that he may be brought to wholeness and peace. For Jane Pelland, for her continued recovery. For Frank Bonitatebus, that God's healing grace may be with him. For Wendell Barry, that he may be strengthened and encouraged. For Irene Smith, for healing and strength. For Jean Fellmeth, that she may know God's peace. For Judy DiLorenzo & Robin Lupinski, for health. For Nancy Anzalone, for comfort and strength.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Crying Room

The Crying Room is now open for business! The speaker has been repaired. We encourage all those who may be experiencing cold or flu symptoms, and those with young children who are concerned about interrupting the Mass, to consider using the Crying Room.

Collection for Local Children

The Ladies Society is taking up a collection of socks, underwear, hats, scarves, and gloves sized for children served by the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Please place the items you are donating in the box located in the hallway.

Sterling House Food Baskets

In lieu of food donations, the Ladies Society is seeking monetary donations to purchase four \$100 gift cards to Stop & Shop.

Ladies Society Seeking New Members

Any ladies interested in joining the Ladies Society please speak to Carol Murdzia or Yvonne Walsh. Your service is vital to our faith community.

Reading God's Word

Start the new church year beginning on Sunday, December 1st, reading God's Word. This text contains the daily and Sunday Mass readings for the entire year to help you prepare for Mass and for personal reflection. The cost is \$16.99. A sign-up sheet is located on the table at the entrance to the Church.

By perseverance the snail
reached the ark.

Charles Spurgeon

BrainyQuote

Bulletins courtesy of Ann Stockman, November - December 2019. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the Book of Prophet Malachi

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven,
when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble,
and the day that is coming will set them on fire,
leaving them neither root nor branch,
says the LORD of hosts.

But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him,

"Teacher, when will this happen?

And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?"

He answered,

"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying,

'I am he,' and 'The time has come.'

Do not follow them!

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Then he said to them,

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name.

It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

