

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Nancy Sirois, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Felicia Watson, Linda Chehy, Donald Squezello, Desiree Anzalone, Nancy Anzalone, the Petrino Family, Jane Pelland, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Jean Fellmeth, Judy DiLorenzo and Robin Lupinski.

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

*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.*

## NEWS

**Collection for repair of altar crucifix and statues** continues. So far, we have raised \$790. We're more than half-way to our goal of \$1200. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

**Please remember** that clothing and linens for the "clothes closet" at Blessed Sacrament, as well as items for the food pantry, can be brought in at any time during the month. Especially needed are pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned meats, and Chef Boyardee, as well as bath tissue and bar soap.

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!*



## 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

## Schedule of Lent & Easter Services:

All services are suspended through April. Revised schedules will be published when we resume public celebrations of Mass.

## 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.

### Friends of St. Joe's

We are pleased to recommend the following businesses that have provided dependable service to our Church:

- Neil Mulligan with Armor Shield Roof, (203) 768-8787
- James Plumbing, (203) 381-9587
- Kinsella Electric, (203) 209-3898

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# St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



**April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday, Year A**

### Parish Contacts

#### ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Tom Walsh

#### CHAIRPERSON

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### Dear Parishioners,

So, what did they see? Mary of Magdala and Peter apparently saw nothing more than an empty tomb. The beloved disciple John saw something more, something that confirmed his belief in Christ's Resurrection.

Scholars have debated for some time about what it was that caused John to believe when he looked into the empty tomb. Perhaps something about the way the burial cloths were tossed aside? As interesting as it is to debate this, the message of this passage is clear, where others saw emptiness John saw the presence of God. That is what faith can do for you. That is the faith I pray for.

Grace & Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Mass Times**  
Public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended until further notice.

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