

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Today, Mother's Day, we remember in our prayers all Mothers, Grandmothers, and those with a Mother's heart, nurturing and caring for us. May God's grace, peace, and blessings come upon you.

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

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

A **Mother's Day Blessing** will be offered today, Sunday, May 10, for all Mothers, Grandmothers, and those with a Mother's Heart. The blessing will be offered in the Church parking lot between 11am and 12noon. Drive by the front steps, no need to get out of the car!

Repair and restoration of the altar crucifix and statues is underway. We are still seeking donations to cover the cost of this work. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the upkeep of our beautiful Church.

The food pantries need our help! We all know about the empty grocery shelves, but most of us are fortunate and have been able to "eat our freezer" or to buy food as we need it. Unfortunately, there are many people who don't have the money for daily food. Because more people than ever depend on food pantries for assistance, they need your donation.

The pantry at Blessed Sacrament has no reserve, and is now distributing food on a week-to-week basis.

Especially needed are cereal, pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, and mac 'n cheese. One of the Blessed Sacrament volunteers is willing to

shop, so if you can send a check to the church with Food Pantry in the memo line, it would be great. The address is Fr. Skip, Blessed Sacrament Church, 275 Union Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06607.

Thank you and God bless.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

The Book of Job tells the story of a man who loses everything, his wealth, his family, his health, and wrestles with the question, why? This book confronts the problem of evil and suffering in the life of a just man.

The book begins with a heavenly debate between God and Satan. Satan, the "Accuser" charges that no one loves God from pure motives, but only for material blessings. To refute Satan's accusations, God allows him to strike Job with two series of assaults.

The book then moves through three cycles of earthly debates between Job and his friends who say that Job is suffering because of his sins. Following these cycles of debates, Elihu offers a more perceptive and accurate view than those offered by the other friends. He tells Job that he needs to humble himself before God and submit to God's process of purifying his life through trials. In the end Job acknowledges the sovereignty of God in his life and receives back more than he had before his trials.

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**



May 10, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother’s Day

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

Bulletins courtesy of Patricia Morrissey, January - May 2020. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom. The suggested donation amount is \$8.00 per week. Thank you!

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Dear Parishioners,

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Jesus’ words to his disciples in today’s Gospel passage, John 14:1-12, as he was preparing them for the time that was to come. A time when he would no longer be with them physically, as they knew him, but would be with them spiritually, dwelling within them.

Like the disciples, our time of challenge and uncertainty has come, but Jesus words of assurance are as true today as they were then, *Do not let your hearts be troubled.*

Grace & Peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended until further notice.

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