

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for the repose of the soul of Desiree Anzalone who passed this past week, confident that she is now in God's eternal embrace. Let us remember in prayer Desiree's family that they may be comforted, encouraged, and know God's peace during this time of loss.

We remember in our prayers Jen Fry, Dave Sauter, Jay Geffert, Annette Krietler, Nancy Sirois, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Linda Chehy, Donald Squezzello, Desiree Anzalone, Nancy Anzalone, Jane Pelland, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Judy DiLorenzo, and Robin Lupinski.

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

NEWS

A special "thank you" to all of you who have so generously donated food, checks, and cash to the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament. The pantry is running on a week-to-week basis, with the food brought in over the weekend given out on Thursday with not a lot, if any, food left over for the following week. However, because of you and other good-hearted people like you in churches across Fairfield County, the pantry is able to serve the approximately 320 families that now come for food each week. Before the pandemic, that number was 120, so you can see how much your donation is needed. Fr. Skip and the volunteers keep you in prayer, thanking God for your generosity.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Obadiah, the shortest book in the Old Testament, contains one of the strongest messages of judgement found in the Old Testament, the destruction of a hated enemy, the Edomites. The Edomites and the Israelites were considered to be the descendants of Esau and Jacob, respectively, and tradition traced their ancestry and animosity back to the womb (Genesis 25:23). The Edomites had refused the Israelites passage into the Promised Land when they first arrived to the region

and later battled with the armies of King Saul and King David. Later, when the Babylonians were laying waste to Judah and Jerusalem, the Edomites participated in the conquest and plundered the land.

The Book of Obadiah may be divided as follows: the oracle against Edom, which declares that God will overthrow Edom (1:1-14), and the oracle against the nations, that God will triumph over the nations; Judah and Israel will be united, and all the territories once ruled by David will be reclaimed (1:15-21).

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



October 4, 2020 – Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

Parish Contacts

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Dear Parishioners,

In today's second reading, Philippians 4:6-9, St. Paul offers comforting advice, "*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*" During this time of pandemic, wildfires, social unrest there is no shortage of reasons to be anxious. But must it be this way?

In John's Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who came that we may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10) Surely the Good Shepherd is not seeking an abundance of worry for us, rather He calls us to peace. But how to achieve this peace? St. Paul speaks to this as well in today's reading, to think about the good things in our lives, whatever is honorable, pure, gracious, excellent and worthy of praise. The many ways we are blessed.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass is celebrated every Sunday, Indoors at 9am & Outdoors at 10:30am.

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As a rule, men worry more about
what they can't see than about
what they can.

Julius Caesar

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