

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We remember in our prayers Nancy Anzalone, Jean Macionus, Fr. Henry Smolinski & Margo, Nancy Sirois, Rich Lasecki, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, and Frank Bonitatebus.

## **BLESSED SACRAMENT FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you all for your generous donations of money and food to the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament. Fortunately, the number of clients each Thursday has decreased from over 450 at the height of the pandemic to a little over 200 this week. Unfortunately, the need for donations of food and hygiene items for the pantry remains a challenge due to the lessening of contributions in the summer months and the fact that food drives are no longer being held at grocery stores. The pantry is running on a week-to-week basis.

So please, when you are shopping next, add whatever extra you can to your cart. Especially needed are toilet tissue, bar soap, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, canned meat, Chef Boyardee, and beans (black, kidney, etc.).

Thank you again and may God bless you for your generosity.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CHURCH**

### **Changes to Mass Times for Saturday, October 30, and Sunday, October 31**

Fr. Tom will be away October 30-31. Therefore, the Saturday Evening 4:00pm Vigil Mass will be cancelled this weekend and the Sunday Morning Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am instead of 10:00am. Fr. Paul Dudek from Holy Savior Parish in Union City will be celebrating Mass this Sunday.

### **All Saints Day Service**

Please keep in mind that we will be celebrating an All Saints' Day Service with Our Lady of Peace on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00pm in the cemetery by the flagpole.

## **Parish Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of our Parish Committee is Sunday, November 21 before Mass at 8:30 a.m. Any parish member may attend and observe. Meetings are conducted monthly or as needed and dates and times are always listed in advance in the bulletin. We always welcome the participation of any parish member in this vital democratic process of the PNCC.

## **Annual Election Coming Up**

The Election of the 2022 Parish Committee and the acceptance of the 2022 Budget will be held on Sunday, December 5 following 10 a.m. Mass. Your input as a parish member is extremely important at this meeting to approve a 2022 Committee and a 2022 working Budget in order to best serve St Joseph's parish.

## **Be A Part Of It!**

We encourage anyone interested in serving on the Parish Committee to please contact Fr. Tom, Jeannine, or any committee member. We are always looking for new additions with fresh ideas. We welcome you to join us!

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

Sunday, January 23, 2022 is the Annual Parish Meeting following 10 a.m. Mass in the church hall. Please make time to attend as we need All Parish input so we can serve St Joseph's to the best of all our abilities. Coffee and Rolls will be served.

## **St. Joseph's Super Project**

In the near future we will be starting a Fund Raising Project to purchase a new Boiler system for the church, the expense will be very high. Continue to read the bulletin for church updates.

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



**October 31, 2021 – Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary Time**

*I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.*

*~ Ronald Reagan*

**Dear Parishioners,**

In today's gospel passage (Mark 12:28-34) one of the scribes asks Jesus which is the first of all the commandments? Jesus responds, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*" The second is, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" This did not surprise the scribe because Jesus was quoting from the Old Testament, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, and Leviticus 19:18. The scribe was questioning Jesus because he was trying to trap him. Jesus dodged the trap by summing up the Ten Commandments in his response. The first three of the Ten Commandments concern love of God. The remaining seven concern love of neighbor. Jesus answered well. No one dared to ask him any more questions!

Grace and peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Parish Contacts**

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**Mass Times**

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

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