

TODAY'S READINGS: Sunday Missal pg. 411

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Joe Pelland, Wanda Copple, Nancy Anzalone, Jean Macionus, Fr. Henry Smolinski & Margo, Rich Lasecki, Joyce Bresh, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Frank Bonitatebus, Lizzie Mast.

We pray for the repose of the soul of †John Macionus who passed away 6 May 2022. May he rest in peace.

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to sponsor a Mass to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion, please contact the office at 203-377-9901 or email sjosparishpncc@outlook.com

Help us update the parish contact list!

Whether you're a member of our church or just a friend who attends occasionally, please update your contact information with the office (email, phone number, address).

Forms are available in the foyer if you did not receive one. Updates may also be left on the parish phone (203-377-9901) or email the office at sjosparishpncc@outlook.com.

Thank you to all those who have already updated their information!

Fundraisers continue

There are several fundraisers running concurrently. Please support them as best you can. Updates on their progress will appear in future bulletins. Full details of these fundraisers are on the bulletin board.

Church Boiler Heart Fundraiser
Athletic Shoes Fundraiser
Bottle and Can Drive
Spare Change Collection for the new Boiler

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CHURCH

Sunday, 15 May 2022 – Ladies' Society meeting after 9:30 am Mass

Saturday, 21 May 2022 – Quarter Night at Holy Saviour Parish, Union City, CT

Thursday, 26 May 2022 – Ascension Thursday – Mass at 6:30 pm

Sunday, 5 June 2022 – Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, 12 June 2022 – Trinity Sunday (PNCC Solemnity). Golden Jubilee celebration for Fr. Sr. Krusienski at Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT at 4:00 pm

Thursday, 16 June 2022 – Corpus Christi (PNCC Solemnity)

Education & Youth Commission Raffle

Help support the PNU college stipend program of the Education and Youth Commission by purchasing a raffle ticket or two (or more!). First Prize: \$250 cash; Second prize: \$100 cash; Third Prize: \$50 cash. Drawing will take place on 7 December 2022.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and available in the office. Make checks payable to "The Education & Youth Commission". All proceeds benefit the funding of the college stipend program.

News from Spojnia Credit Union

Check out the bulletin board for the latest rates on Share Certificates, New & Used Vehicle Loans, and Organizational Loans available from Spojnia to Credit Union members and member organizations.

KURS Retreat 2022

A week-long summer camp for youth, this year's theme is "Trust in Jesus". The retreat will take place from 2 – 9 July at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Cost is \$350 for PNCC members and \$400 for non-members. See the bulletin board

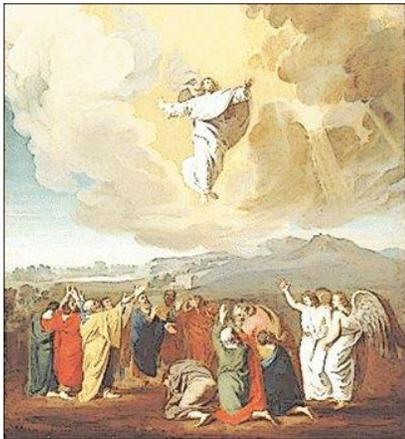
for more details. Please contact the office if you are interested in receiving an application.

COVID PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE

Masks are mandatory if you are not vaccinated. They are highly recommended for all others while inside the St. Joseph facility. Please be mindful to maintain safe social distancing.

If you are diagnosed with COVID or not fully vaccinated and have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID do not enter the St. Joseph facility until cleared to do so. If you have been inside the St. Joseph facility since exposure you need to call, not send an email, to Fr. Tom to let him know so that contact tracing can begin in a timely manner. Fr. Tom can be reached at 860-417-9888. If no answer please leave a detailed message. You can send a text to this number as well.

Ascension Thursday



Thursday, May 26, commemorates the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and occurs forty days after Easter is celebrated. The number forty is used throughout the Bible to denote a period of great significance – for example, it rained for forty days during the Great Flood for which Noah built the ark; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert before reaching the Promised Land; and Jesus fasted for forty days

and forty nights in the wilderness before beginning his earthly ministry. Significant periods in the church are observed for forty days, marking their importance in our memories. Lent is forty days long. Some Catholic and Orthodox churches observe Advent for forty days before Christmas. And now, forty days after Jesus' Resurrection, He returns to the Father, passing on the work of His ministry to His disciples and ultimately to us.

St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



May 15, 2022 –Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Dear Parishioners,

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

This verse from today's Gospel passage (John 13:31-35) leads to a question, "How does Jesus love us?" Considering the Gospel narrative, we find Jesus healing the sick, feeding the hungry, keeping company with those marginalized by society, so it would seem that is how we are called to love one another. In truth, that is how we are called to serve one another. The question remains, how are we to love one another as Jesus has loved us? I invite you to join us for Mass this week as we turn to Scripture seeking an answer to this question.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass is celebrated Sunday morning at 9:30am. The Saturday 4:00pm Vigil
Mass is suspended May through August.

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