

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Sunday Missal pg. 476

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We remember in our prayers 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, Carol Murdzia.

### **Cathedral of the Pines cancelled**

The Vespers service scheduled for this afternoon at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire has been cancelled. Keep the second Sunday of July next year open for the 2023 service!

### **Father Tom to be installed as Pastor**

An event two years in the making, on 24 September of this year, Father Tom will be officially installed as our Pastor! Join us for Mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner. More details to come, but add the date to your calendar now!

### **Quarter Night – Donate raffle items!**

Starting 7 August, an area will be set aside in the classrooms for collection of items to be raffled off for Quarter Night. Items need to be in new condition, with a value of no less than \$5.00, but can range across the board. Use your imagination! Items like a case of water or box of microwave popcorn might not seem standard raffle fare, but could be just the thing someone wants to bid on. Kids' games and toys are appropriate too – not all bidders are adults! Homemade goods are highly desirable, for those who are so talented, but those shouldn't be dropped off to church until the day before the auction.

The more items collected, the bigger the success of Quarter Night! Plan now to invite your friends and family for this fun evening.

### **Thanks for your help!**

The Ladies' Society wishes to sincerely thank to Meg and Charles for assisting with last Sunday's coffee hour.

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

**10 July 2022** – Ladies' Society meeting after Mass

**23 July 2022** – Lordship Community Church Barbeque Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Lordship Community Church. See below for details

**22 – 24 August 2022** – Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat, Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA

**Saturday, 24 September 2022** – Installation Mass for Fr. Tom at 4:00 p.m. Dinner to follow.

**Saturday, 15 October 2022** – Funeral Mass and burial for John Macionus at 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, 29 October 2022** – Quarter Night. Collection of items to start in August

**Saturday, 3 December 2022** – Christmas Fair. Details to follow in a later bulletin

### **Excavation begins tomorrow**

In order to bring electricity to the lights on our curbside sign, a trench will be dug across the parking lot to lay a power cable from the church's existing power to the sign. The process should only take a few days to complete, but anyone visiting the church grounds in the coming week should take extra care while the workers are on site.

### **LCC Barbeque Dinner**

Lordship Community Church, 179 Prospect Drive, Stratford, is hosting a BBQ Dinner outside on the church lawn, in celebration of LCC's 100<sup>th</sup> year, on Saturday, 23 July, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The menu includes pulled pork, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, corn bread, and watermelon. Beverages will be available. Cost is \$18 per adult, \$15 per senior (62 and over).

***Advance reservations are required.*** Please contact 203-377-6568 or [office@thelordshipchurch.org](mailto:office@thelordshipchurch.org) to make your reservation by **Monday, July 18, 2022.**

We wish our ecumenical neighbors many congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! Sto Lat!



## The Christmas Fair returns!

Mark your calendars now! On Saturday, 3 December, the Ladies' Society will be holding a Christmas Fair in the church hall. Come get your Christmas shopping done early with the variety of items available for purchase.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs, both ahead of time and on the day of the fair. All abilities are welcome to help out, even if you only have an hour or two to give.

Anyone who wishes to help in the planning/execution of this fun event, please contact Yvonne Walsh at (860) 417-9748 or email her at [ywalsh070@gmail.com](mailto:ywalsh070@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Youth Retreat 2022 – Registration Deadline approaching!

The Eastern Diocese will hold its annual Youth Retreat from 22 – 24 August 2022. Because Camp Howe is still closed to gatherings, the retreat will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, Massachusetts. A health form must be submitted with the registration form for those whose parents will not be chaperoning.

The theme this year is "Discipleship". All sessions will be small, interactive hands-on groups based on age. Besides worship, prayer, and learning activities, there will be recreational activities (ice cream party, camp fire, trip to a local beach, and bowling!) and a community service project.

The retreat is open to youth ages 8 – 17 and again this year they can bring a friend (**even if the friend is not a PNCC member**). The cost is just \$75 per participant. Those coming from out of town will need to contact Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich to coordinate arrangements at the retreat hotel. **Deadline for registration is 1 August 2022.** After that date, a \$50 late fee will be applied and a T-shirt will not be available.

Please see the bulletin board or the office for further information and how to register.

## 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](mailto:sjosparishpncc@outlook.com)

## St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



**July 10, 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Dear Parishioners,

*"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

This verse from today's second reading (Colossians 1:15-20) speaks to an important consideration of our faith. Some may believe in a watch-maker God, a God who created the world and the natural laws that govern the world and then stepped away from creation allowing it to "unwind." This belief, called Deism, was a belief that influenced many of our founding fathers, but it is certainly not Christianity. The verse cited above makes clear that God did not just create the world but sustains the world moment-by-moment, "in him all things hold together." Each one of us is sustained by God out of his love for us.

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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