

## Quarter Night – Now accepting donations

There is an area 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.

**Remember to log your name and donation in the notebook, so we can keep track of all the items for raffle.**



If you would like to help out with this event, please contact Nancy Sirois by email at [nsirois55@gmail.com](mailto:nsirois55@gmail.com) or leave a message with the office (203) 377-9901.

### What is Quarter Night?

For those who have never been to one, this is a fun event geared to all ages. Here are some of the basics of what happens that evening.

As an item comes up for raffle, you decide if you wish to put your “ticket” in by adding a quarter to the bucket on the table for the number you have purchased. You are on the honor system here! Like in bingo, a number is drawn from the ping-pong balls and announced. If that number is yours AND you put a quarter in for the item in question, you’ve WON! If your number is called and you did not put a quarter in (PLEASE BE HONEST HERE), another ball will be pulled. This continues until all items have been won.

Other things to know -

1. Doors will open ½ hour prior to event
2. It’s Halloween. Costumes are not required, but encouraged.
3. Bring your own food – snacks, wine, beer. None will be provided, aside from the intermission refreshments.
4. Admission is \$3.00 which will purchase 1 number. You may purchase only one number.
5. There will be an additional raffle basket, tickets sold separately, and a 50/50 raffle. Ticket prices TBD.
6. Cake & coffee will be served during intermission at no cost.

## Saturday Vigil Mass to resume

With the end of August comes the return of the Saturday afternoon Vigil Mass. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated this Saturday, 3 September at 4:00 p.m.

Please note that attendance will be evaluated to determine if the Saturday Vigil Mass will continue to be celebrated.



## The Christmas Fair is back



On Saturday, 3 December, the parish board will be holding a Christmas Fair in the church hall.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs, both ahead of time and on the day of the fair. 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).

There will be a meeting of all those interested in helping on Sunday, 4 September 2022, after Mass in the classrooms.

## Altar Flowers

Interested in donating altar flowers for a Sunday? Contact Fr. Tom or Dee Smith for dates. Also, please let them know if the flowers are in memory or celebration of someone so the donation can be acknowledged. There are vases in the cabinets in the right side altar room if you want to donate flowers for the side altars.



**Please note:** no flowers can be on the altar during the time of **ADVENT** or **LENT**.

## Items for the bulletin

Deadline for submitting items for the bulletin is Thursday. Items turned in after Thursday are not guaranteed inclusion in that Sunday’s bulletin.

## Closer to Free Ride

This bike riding event, to be held Saturday, 10 September 2022, raises funds to support cancer research and care at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. As attending chaplain for Smilow Cancer Hospital, Father Tom is participating on Team Peregrine (the patron saint of those battling cancer and other life-threatening illnesses) as part of the Traffic & Safety team. You are invited to join him. To register, please go to [www.rideclosertofree.org](http://www.rideclosertofree.org), select "Join A Team", choose Team Peregrine, select "Start/Finish Line Volunteer" (not Road Crew) and select "Traffic & Safety" for your position choices.



Team Peregrine is not riding; rather, it assists riders at the finish line enter the Yale Bowl and directs traffic around those riding to ensure their safe passage. There is no monetary donation obligation for those who only wish to volunteer their time.

More information, including the current planned routes for the ride, are available at [www.rideclosertofree.org](http://www.rideclosertofree.org). Even if you are not working the event, you're welcome to stop by and cheer the participants on!

## Any gardeners or budding landscapers out there?



We are looking to start a new ministry, Gardening and Grounds, at St. Joseph's. This would involve planting in the spring and fall, arranging pre-planted containers around the property, and setting up/maintaining limited seasonal decor at both the front entrance and the flagpole. Anyone interested can contact Jeanine at [jeaninelmay@gmail.com](mailto:jeaninelmay@gmail.com) or the

main office at [sjosparishpncc@outlook.com](mailto:sjosparishpncc@outlook.com).

## Adult Bible Study to begin



On Tuesday, 20 September, at 6:30 p.m., Father Tom will begin a 12-week Bible study for adults. (Anyone who has made their Confirmation is considered an adult in the church, so those under 18 who might wish to participate are also encouraged to do so!). This session's study is titled, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary", focusing on how Catholic beliefs about Mary build on the Old Testament as well as the Gospels.

More information is on the flyer posted on the bulletin board. The cost for the book and access to streaming content online is \$24.95, payable to Father Tom.

Call or email the office to sign up. There is no deadline for registration, but you probably don't want to miss the first meetings!

## Coffee and Catechism returns!

Starting on Sunday, 25 September, at 11:00 a.m. after Mass, Father Tom will resume holding monthly Coffee and Catechism sessions. These sessions will be held on the last Sunday of the month with a different topic covering some aspect of our Catholic faith.

The first topic will be "The Mystery of the Eucharist", given by Father Tom. Future sessions may have guest speakers present a topic close to their heart. Rabbi Ron Herrmann has given several presentations on topics related to our Jewish neighbors and friends and our shared religious background, including one on the Passover and one on Joseph and his multi-colored coat.





**TODAY'S READINGS:** Sunday Missal pg. 518

**TODAY'S MASS INTENTION:** For the repose of the soul of †John Laufer, given by Joe and Jane Pelland

#### 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, Carol Murdzia.



#### Deadline is this week!

The deadline for making reservations to attend the Installation dinner for Father Tom is **THIS WEDNESDAY!** ***Reservations are required.*** Invitations have been mailed out and the response so far has been very good. Register now for the celebration! Don't miss out!

#### Volunteers needed for coffee hour

The Church Committee and Ladies' Society are looking for volunteers to run the weekly coffee hour. It does not need to be the same people each week. If interested, please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR CHURCH

**Wednesday, 31 August 2022** – Deadline for registering for Father Tom's Installation Dinner!

†**Saturday, 3 September 2022** – Mass for the repose of the soul of †Gloria Antigniani, given by Joe and Jane Pelland

†**Sunday, 4 September 2022** – Mass for the repose of the soul of †Michael Raslavsky, given by Nancy Anzalone

**Sunday, 4 September 2022** – Meeting after Mass in the classrooms for those interested in helping with the Christmas Fair

**Saturday, 10 September 2022** – Closer to Free Ride, New Haven

**Saturday, 10 September 2022** – Block party at Our Lady of Peace RC Church, Lordship.

**Sunday, 11 September 2022** – Meeting of Ladies Society after Mass in the classrooms

**Tuesday, 20 September 2022** – 12 week Adult Bible Study class begins. 6:30 p.m. in the classrooms. Topic – "The Bible & the Virgin Mary"

**Saturday, 24 September 2022** – Installation Mass for Fr. Tom at 4:00 p.m. Buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. ***Reservations required.***

**Sunday, 25 September 2022** – Coffee & Catechism 11:00 a.m. after Mass. Topic – "Mystery of the Eucharist"

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

**\*Saturday, 22 October 2022** – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PNCC. 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA, followed by 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. dinner. See the bulletin board for more details

**Saturday, 29 October 2022** – Quarter Night. Details to follow in a later bulletin. Currently accepting donation of raffle items.

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

**Saturday, 13 May 2023** – Confirmation of parish youth at 2:00 p.m.





## Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat

This past week, the Eastern Diocese held its 49<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Retreat at Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA. Julia Vasas was the only attendee from this parish this year and was elected as one of four representatives to the PNCC National United Youth Association.

A newsletter detailing the activities of the kids during the week's events is posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read.

Please pray, especially today and this week, for the young people of our parish and our world!

## Prayer for the Youth

(PNCC Book of Devotions & Prayers, pg. 87)

Loving and kind Father, because You created us in Your image and likeness and determined that one generation should follow another in order to continue life, keep in Your tender and steadfast care the youth of the Church. May they come to know and understand that true happiness can be attained when they live in harmony with Your teaching. May they, like our Lord and Savior in His youth, grow "in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



### August 28, 2022 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday

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#### Dear Parishioners,

*"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,  
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

From the Merriam-Webster dictionary the word 'exalt' means, "to raise in rank, power, or character; to elevate by praise or in estimation." In today's Gospel passage (Luke 14:1, 7-14) Jesus sounds a warning against exalting ourselves. A healthy self-esteem is a good thing, except when it promotes self-aggrandizement, elevating ourselves at the expense of others. Claiming the place of honor for ourselves, while others take the lowest place. Distancing ourselves from others to such a degree does not position us well to serve them, as we are called to do, "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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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