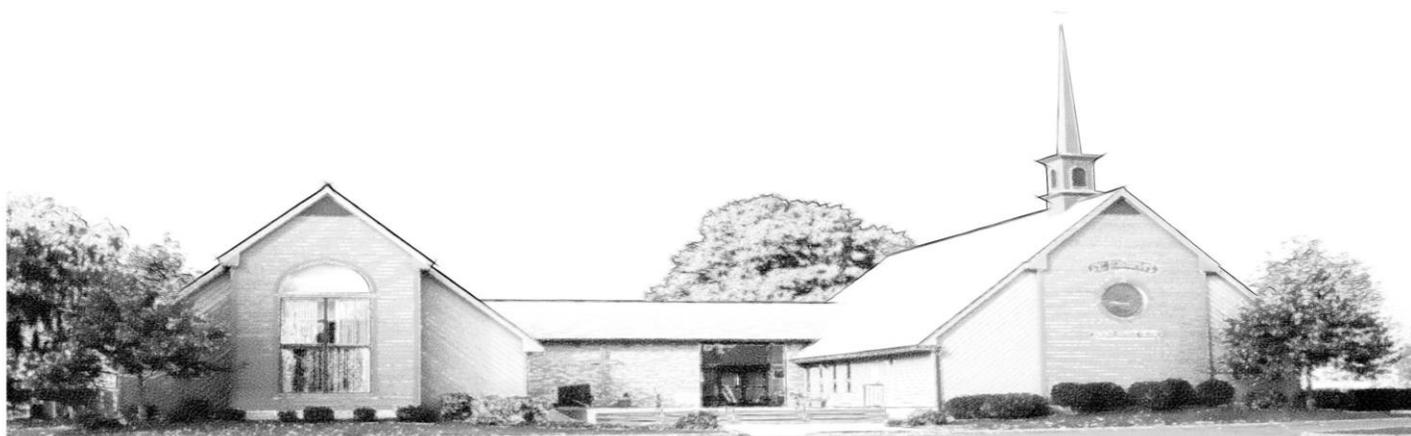


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Thank you for welcoming Yvonne and me to your faith community. We are happy to be serving at St. Joseph's. Yvonne and I always felt at home when visiting here so it seems natural for us to now call this our home.

To introduce ourselves I thought I would share some about our backgrounds. Yvonne and I have four children, three grandchildren, and three granddogs! Yvonne recently retired from the Watertown, CT school system where she was employed for almost 20 years as a paraeducator working with special needs students. She recently retired from the school to take on the responsibility of watching two of our grandchildren while the parents work.

I was employed for almost 30 years as an electrical engineer designing and developing instrumentation and control systems for military applications. Towards the end of my engineering career I began attending seminary, finally graduating from Yale Divinity School in 2012. After graduation I completed an internship and residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Hartford Hospital and then worked for a couple of years as a hospice chaplain. From there I accepted the position as the inpatient palliative care chaplain at Yale-New Haven Hospital, where I am currently employed. I also serve part time as the Christian chaplain at the Southbury Training School, a state run institution for developmentally disabled adults located in Southbury, CT.

Now we look forward to meeting each of you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil

Sunday: 9:00 am

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FAITH MATTERS

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

He stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36)

When visiting with patients at the hospital, after making a spiritual assessment, I often end our time together by asking if they are at peace. This simple question can lead to a rich conversation for many, but some will simply answer with a simple yes or no, which leads me to ask what it means for them to be at peace? I often ask myself this same question, and I encourage you to do the same. Are we at peace?

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The disciples participate in the mission of Jesus. They do not simply preach about Jesus or the Kingdom of God, they also participate in the reversal of roles, status, and concerns that characterize the reign of God. Some disciples renounce everything that ties them to the social structures of the world. Others use their material resources in ways quite different from those around them. They do not seek exchanges between friends, which would create obligations to reciprocate. They do not try to pile up wealth or to indulge themselves and their friends in consuming luxurious goods. Their lives are not dominated by concern for acquiring and preserving material things. Instead, they aid people who will never be able to repay them. They give away wealth to meet the needs of other people. Their only "anxiety" is acquiring heavenly treasure. All disciples are willing to follow Jesus's example of service rather than demanding that others honor and serve them.

The Catholic Study Bible, Third Edition, Oxford University Press

PARISH CALENDAR

April 22nd

Parish Board meeting - 10:15 am

May

Polish supper – To Be Determined

BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish dance classes 6:00 pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact
Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com*

READERS ROSTER

April 8th April 15th

9:00 am Joe Pelland Dee Smith

Next Sunday's readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our
heart is restless until it rests in you."

St. Augustine of Hippo

NEWS AND EVENT

Convo 2018

This year, the Central Diocese has prepared a fantastic theme: "Anointed Lifeguard: You Have Been Chosen, Anointed, Empowered, and Blessed to Do Jesus' Work."

Convo will be hosted at The University of Scranton, July 23-27, 2018. Download the 2018 application and helpful hints regarding participation expectations at www.Convo2018.org

Participants are ages 12-20. Chaperones and guests are 21+

Parish Dues

A reminder that our parish dues are set at \$108.00 for an individual and \$216.00 for family. Barbara and Val Chernesky are the persons one should contact with a payment or to find out one's outstanding balance.

Wednesday's Mass

Please note that there will be no Wednesday 9:00 am Mass for health until further notice due to Fr Tom's commitments at Yale hospital.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

