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Dear Parishioners,

“The end is near!” People have been making this dire prediction since the dawn of Christianity. With every new disaster or cataclysmic event someone will claim divine inspiration and make this claim anew. The truth is Jesus said that, “no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” So I find that I just can’t take these alarmists seriously. What we do know is that there is a narrative arc to salvation history, meaning that there was a beginning and there will be an end. What Jesus was impressing on his disciples in today’s passage is that they should not concern themselves with the end times, but rather they should be concerned with the “middle times”, the here and now, how they are living their lives today.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am

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YMSofR CORNER

Our friends in the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection are making a difference in our church. Below are some of the ways that they contribute to the life of our faith community. Thank you gentlemen for all of your hard work!

Hosting an egg sandwich breakfast: 11/25 - 12/16

Hosting the 1st annual Christmas Tree Trimming Buffet Breakfast 12/9 - Invite Friends and Family!

Colossal Kielbasa Food Stand

Christmas Fair: Food donation & kitchen crew

Sterling House Adopt a Family for Christmas

\$500.00 Donation to Daughters of Charity (Bridgeport CT) - Lemons to Love
Lemonade Stand

Lord's Kitchen: Kielbasa donation & kitchen crew

Help subsidize church youth programs

High school graduation gifts

Church maintenance

PARISH CALENDAR

November

Sunday the 18th

–Rabbi Ron to talk about Chanukah during coffee hour after Mass. Come with your questions!
–Parish Council Meeting after Mass.

Sunday the 25th

YMSR egg sandwich breakfast: 11/25 - 12/16

December

Saturday the 1st 9am to 3pm – Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday the 9th 1st annual Christmas Tree Trimming Buffet Breakfast - Invite Friends

BY THE WEEK

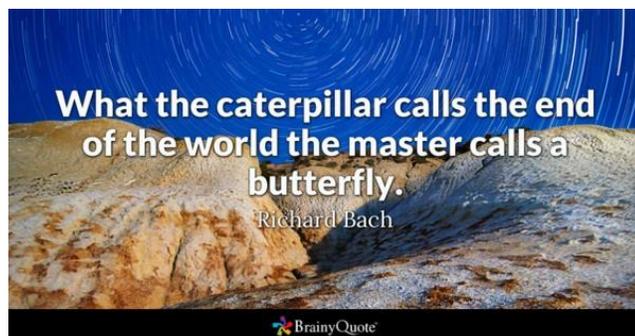
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday:
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READERS ROSTER

November 4 November 11 November 18

Jean Macionus Joe Pelland Nancy Sirois



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Darlene praying for God's blessing on **Conner Owens on his 6th birthday November 20th**

Meg Krasko praying for **all our military on their day. Special prayers for Major Krasko.**

Carol Murdzia praying for **Veronica Solomon.**

For those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Donation of Walmart Gift Cards

For the past several years member churches of the Stratford Clergy Association have collected \$25 Walmart gift cards for distribution to the regulars at the Lord's Kitchen. The goal this year is for each member church to consider donating 10 gift cards, at a total cost of \$250. It is estimated that 100 cards are needed this year. If you would like to donate to this cause, please see Fr. Tom.

Winter is Coming!

The cold weather is coming and there are many people who need warm clothing. If you have winter items you won't be using, please bring them here to St. Joseph's. Your extra clothing, boots, blankets, etc., will be brought to Blessed Sacrament Church and will help the less fortunate stay warm. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph's Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 9am – 3 pm

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching! Saturday, December 1, will be here before we know it, and your help is needed to make this fun day successful. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for you to indicate how you are willing to participate. Please be sure to spread the word of the Fair around to your family, friends, and neighbors. For more information, see Joe Pelland or contact him at 203-377-4655 or joepell639@aol.com.

It was decided to have a Tag Sale Table at the Christmas Fair for the benefit of our church. If you have any gently used or new items you would like to donate (no clothing please), please leave them in the classroom with a note "for the Christmas Tag Sale." Thanking you in advance for helping to make our fair a success.

Christmas Baskets

The Ladies Society is collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Christmas Baskets. Please bring your donations to the classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

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Sunday Readings

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the Book of Daniel

In those days, I Daniel,
heard this word of the Lord:
"At that time there shall arise
Michael, the great prince,
guardian of your people;
it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
since nations began until that time.
At that time your people shall escape,
everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an
everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever."

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

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:
Every priest stands daily at his ministry,
offering frequently those same sacrifices
that can never take away sins.
But this one offered one sacrifice for sins,
and took his seat forever at the right hand of God;
now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool.
For by one offering
he has made perfect forever those who are being
consecrated.

Where there is forgiveness of these,
there is no longer offering for sin.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples:
"In those days after that tribulation
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the
clouds' with great power and glory,
and then he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree.
When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves,
you know that summer is near.
In the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that he is near, at the gates.
Amen, I say to you,
this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father."

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

