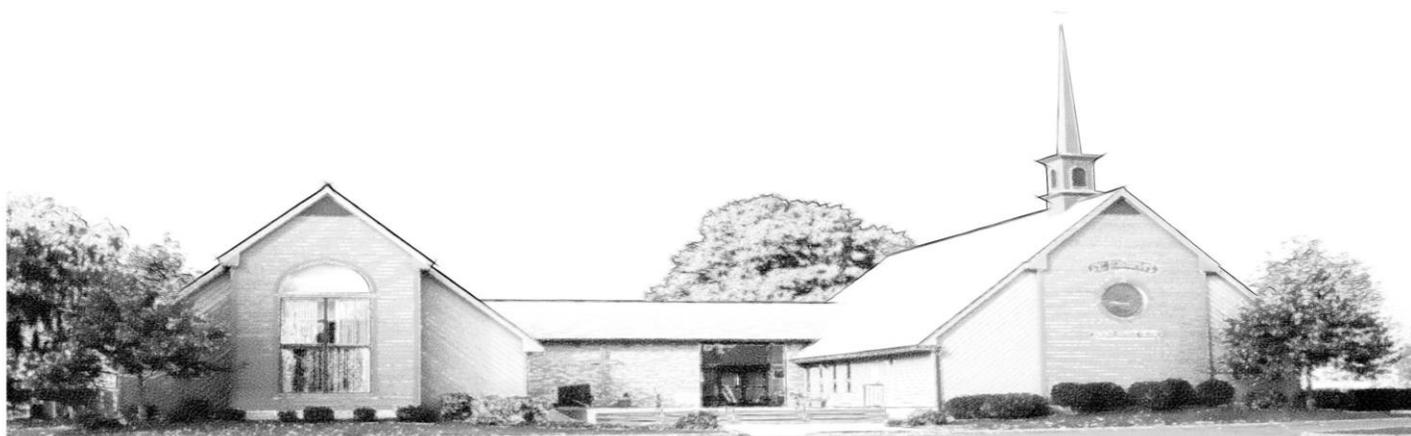


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Dear Parishioners,

This week we return to Mark's Gospel. Here we see Jesus again challenging the religious leaders of the time. Specifically, Jesus is responding to their charge that the disciples are not keeping the tradition of the elders, they are eating their meals with unwashed hands. Jesus does not deny this. What he does do is get to the heart of the matter, that one is defiled not by what enters from outside, but by the things that come out from within their hearts. Our challenge is to take stock of the things that we hold in our hearts.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Mass for Healing: Thursday evenings 6:30 pm with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the Month instead of Mass

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A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



EDWARD SRI

This five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.

You Will:

- Learn the biblical background to the words, prayers, and gestures of the Liturgy
- Discover how the Mass is a “true re-presentation” of Christ’s redeeming sacrifice on the Cross
- Explore the three key aspects of the Mass as a Sacrifice, Real Presence, and Holy Communion
- Gain helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass...and much more!

See Fr. Tom to sign up for this study. Let him know your preference for which evening you would like to attend, Tuesdays 6:30pm beginning September 18, Wednesdays 6:30pm beginning September 19, or Thursdays 7:00pm after Mass beginning September 20.

PARISH CALENDAR

September

Saturday the 8th – Our Lady of Peace Block Party starting at 5:30pm

Sunday the 9th

- Rabbi Ron Herrmann to talk about the Jewish High holidays in the classroom after Mass. If interested grab a coffee and join us!
- Appointment of Fr. Adam Piekarczywski as Administrator of St. John's parish in Manchester, CT. Mass at 3:00pm.

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

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

September 2nd September 9^h September 16th

Dee Smith Jean Macionus Joe Pelland

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Meg Krasko for **all school children as they start school and achieve success;**

Joe & Jane Pelland for **Karina, Sally & Jeff;**

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

NEWS AND EVENT

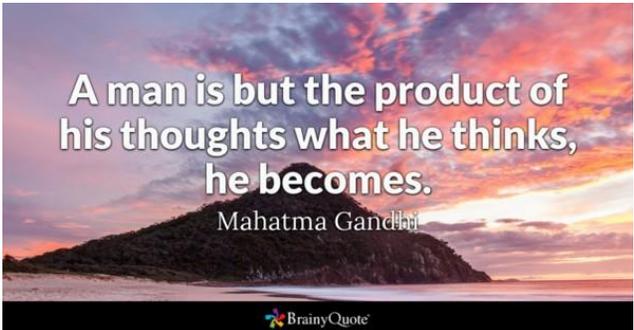
Block Party – Our Lady of Peace Church

For those who attended last year's Our Lady of Peace's block part remember all the fun that took place with the great food, live music, children games and fun for all! Please mark your calendars again for this event on Saturday, September 8, 2018 on the grounds of Our Lady of Peace Church, 10 Ivy Street in Lordship starting at 5:30pm. Price will be \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years old. If you need any additional information or would like to volunteer for this event please contact Mike Morin at mikef.morin@gmail.com or call 203-520-7319.

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Will you help St. Joseph's support the mission of this worthy organization by contributing a gift to a child in need? The gifts will be collected the week of November 12th. Thank you for your consideration and support.



A man is but the product of
his thoughts what he thinks,
he becomes.

Mahatma Gandhi

BrainyQuote

Bertha Grabowski, August 5th - October 28th, 2018. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:
"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees
which I am teaching you to observe,
that you may live, and may enter in and take
possession of the land
which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving
you.
In your observance of the commandments of the
LORD, your God,
which I enjoin upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract
from it.
Observe them carefully,
for thus will you give evidence
of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,
who will hear of all these statutes and say,
'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.'
For what great nation is there
that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is
to us
whenever we call upon him?
Or what great nation has statutes and decrees
that are as just as this whole law
which I am setting before you today?"

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

Responsorial Psalm

The one who does justice will live in the presence of
the Lord.

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

Dearest brothers and sisters:
All good giving and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by
change.
He willed to give us birth by the word of truth
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in
you
and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding
yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the
Father is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come
from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed
that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean,
that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact,
all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands,
keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the
marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.
And there are many other things that they have traditionally
observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and
beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him,
"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders
but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"
He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you
hypocrites, as it is written:

*This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are
far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as
doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's
commandment but cling to human tradition."*

He summoned the crowd again and said to them,
"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters
one from outside can defile that person; but the things that
come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts,
unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit,
licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.
All these evils come from within and they defile."

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

