

# St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

This week our Polish National Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Brotherly Love. This solemnity is unique to our faith tradition and expresses the love we are called to have for one another as given in the Greatest Commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." In today's Gospel passage we are led to explore the question who our neighbor is.

And let us not forget that today we celebrate Grandparents Day! May God bless our grandparents, and those who love with a grandparent's heart, as they continue to be expressions of God's love in the world.

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 8<sup>th</sup>** – Our Lady of Peace Block Party starting at 5:30pm.

### **Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 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.

**Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>** – Committee meeting after Mass

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>   September 9<sup>th</sup>   September 16<sup>th</sup>

Dee Smith   Jean Macionus   Joe Pelland

**I want you to be concerned about  
your next door neighbor. Do you  
know your next door neighbor?**

Mother Teresa

 BrainyQuote

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Meg Krasko for a **special friend in need**;

Helen Reynolds for **Michael Reynolds**;

For **Andrew Chernesky**;

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

## NEWS AND EVENT

### Annual Quarter Night

Our annual quarter night will be held Saturday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup> (Halloween Weekend). Costumes are encouraged... last year we had a table of witches! All tables sold out last year... so please reserve your table ASAP by contacting any member of the Ladies Society. Needed to insure success are donations to be auctioned. Items with a minimum value of \$5.00 are being sought. The Ladies Society has started collecting donations now and items may be left in the classrooms and noted for "Quarter Night." Looking forward to another successful Quarter Night with lots of friends and our St. Joseph's family.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your consideration and support.

*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

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

#### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show Myself their Master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place My law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No longer will they need to teach their friends and kinsmen how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest, shall know Me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sins no more.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

### Second Reading

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:17-21**

#### A reading from the first letter of John

Our love is brought to perfection in this; that we should have confidence on the day of judgement; for our relation to this world is just like His. Love has no room for fear; rather, perfect love casts out all fear. And since fear has to do with punishments, love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid. We, for our part love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "My love is fixed on God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. One who has no love for his brother he has seen, cannot love the God he has not seen. The commandment from Him is this: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

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

### Alleluia, Alleluia

The Command I give you is this; That you love one another.

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

### Gospel

**Luke 10:25-37**

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

On one occasion a lawyer stood up to pose this problem to Jesus: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered him: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live." But because he wished to justify himself he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied: "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell in with robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine as a means to heal. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same."

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

