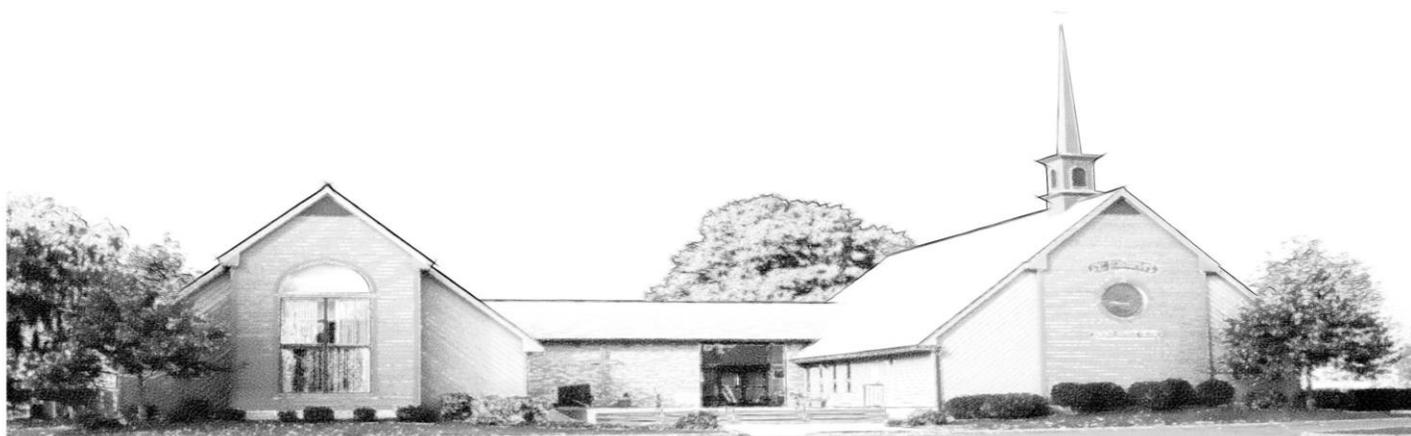


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Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel passage we find the disciples arguing among themselves about who is the greatest. We are given no insight as to what is meant by the greatest. Presumably the greatest disciple? We simply don't know, but Jesus knew. Essentially, what Jesus did was to reframe the argument. He challenged each of the disciples to be the greatest servant of all.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

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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Serve God and Your Neighbor at Our Next Food Drive!

To build on the successful food drive we held in July, we need your help again at Stop and Shop on October 20. We need you to join us in collecting food and thanking the donors for their support. The generosity of the shoppers and the gratitude of the directors of the food pantries at the South End Community Center and Blessed Sacrament Church made the time spent outside Stop and Shop gratifying and worthwhile. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer shortly!

- *Contributed by Jane Pelland*

PARISH CALENDAR

September

Thursday the 27th – Biblical Walk through the Mass Adult Study, 7pm. Why not join us for Mass at 6:30pm, then stay for the study!

Sunday the 30th – No Mass today. Fr. Tom is away attending the Church Synod. All are encouraged to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

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

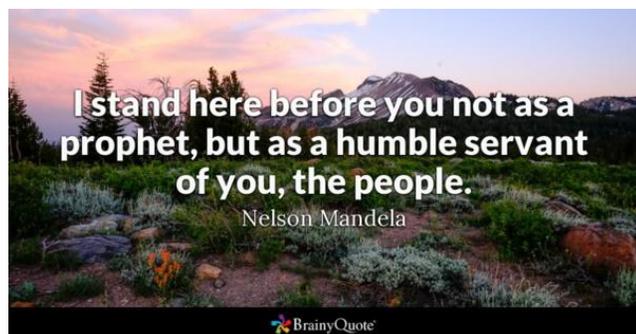
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

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

READERS ROSTER

September 23 September 29 October 7

Nancy Sirois Ray Morrison Nancy Anzalone



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dee Smith for all victims of the hurricane, Major Scott Krasko, all first responders, Andrew Chernesky;

Linda Barry for Andrew Chernesky;

Darlene for all the people who were affected by the hurricane;

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 27th (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.

News from our friends at Lordship Community Church

Lordship Community Church, 179 Prospect Drive, Stratford, hosts an outdoor Vendor Fair & Apple Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (light rain or shine, no rain date). Craft, tag sale, flea market, and direct sales vendors, food, bake sale, and apple pie baking contest. For information and inquiries, please contact 203-377-6568 or lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net

Support the mission and outreach programs of Lordship Community Church on Saturday, September 28, 2018, from 7-10 pm, at Two Roads Brewing Company, 1700 Stratford Avenue, featuring a chili cook-off, appetizers, desserts, and live music. Tickets are \$30 (two beer/wine) each. For tickets & info. contact LCC at 203-377-6568 or lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net.

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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the first letter of Saint James

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

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

