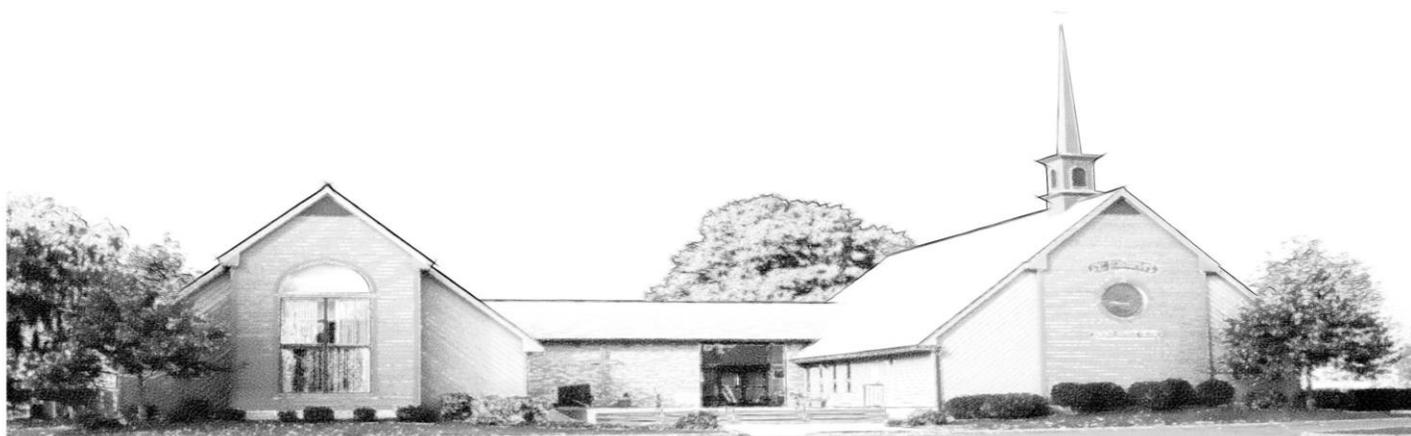


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Dear Parishioners,

This week we focus on the second reading, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. I believe this passage is one of the most beautiful passages in the Bible, which may explain why couples often choose it to be read at their wedding Mass. Yes, the words are beautiful, but it is the sentiment that is compelling. Paul is saying that the virtue of love is the foundation upon which the other theological virtues of faith and hope are based. This makes sense because we know that God is love and God is the foundation of all creation.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Did you know?

48 million Americans live in poverty?

1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day?

More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless?

23% of those struggling went to college?

16 million children live in food insecure households

Not only on Super Bowl Sunday but all through the year, we here at St. Joseph's are asked to be mindful of our hungry neighbors. Your donation of soup, Chef Boyardee, pasta and sauce, and other non-perishable food will be brought to the food pantries at the South End Community Center and Blessed Sacrament Church. Your monetary donation in the "soup pot" which is in the foyer this week will be used to purchase gift cards to help those in need buy meat, dairy items, baby food, etc.

Those who shut their ears to the cry of the poor will themselves call out and not be answered. Proverbs 21:13 (NABRE)

PARISH CALENDAR

February

Sunday, the 3rd Souper Bowl Sunday! All are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to Church. Cash donations welcome. Thank you!

Blessing of Homes Please see Fr. Tom to schedule a time for your home to be blessed. Typically, this blessing is done during the first few weeks of January around the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th.

BY THE WEEK

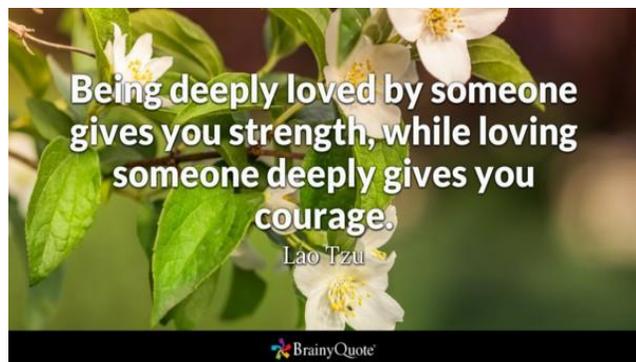
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm
Irish Dance, 5:30 – 7:00pm
Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

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

READERS ROSTER

February 3 February 10 February 17

Ray Morrison Nancy Anzalone Nancy Sirois



PRAYER INTENTIONS

The faith community of St. Joseph's of Stratford offers healing prayers for **Ed Slonina and Ray Morrison**.

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

Food Pantry and "Clothes Closet" Items

Please remember that items for the food pantry and clean, usable clothing can be brought in at any time during the month for delivery to Blessed Sacrament and the South End Community Center.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. . . Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

Nineteenth Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop

The theme for this workshop is Identity: Who We Are in Christ. It is being held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT on Friday, March 29th through Sunday, March 31st. The Registration Fee is \$75.00 per person if paid before March 15. For registrations post-marked after March 15 the registration fee is \$95.00. Please see Fr. Tom for details if you are interested in attending.

Election of Delegates for Spojnia Credit Union

St. Joseph's was asked to elect two delegates to attend the 33rd Convention of the Spojnia Credit Union to be held on a cruise. The delegates must be members of the credit union. Details to follow. If interested, please speak to Fr. Tom.

Bulletins courtesy of John Misurale, January - February 2019. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please see Fr. Tom.

Sunday Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before
you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the
nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them
all that I command you. Be not crushed on their
account, as though I would leave you crushed before
them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified
city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole
land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its
priests and people. They will fight against you but not
prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says
the LORD.

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

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:
Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not
pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not
seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does
not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over
wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all
things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all
things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be
brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if
knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know
partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect
comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I
used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child;
when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At
present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to
face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as
I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying:
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.
And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the
gracious words that came from his mouth. They also
asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?' He said to them,
'Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure
yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the
things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he
said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his
own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many
widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was
closed for three and a half years and a severe famine
spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that
Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the
land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel
during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of
them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."
When the people in the synagogue heard this, they
were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of
the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which
their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.
But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went
away.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

