

# St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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**The Solemnity of Brotherly Love, Year C**

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Dear Parishioners,

“What must I do to inherit everlasting life?” This is the question posed by the lawyer to Jesus in today’s Gospel passage. Jesus answers indirectly, posing a question to the lawyer to draw him out, “What is written in the law?” The lawyer answers correctly by quoting the Law of Love. Could it be that simple? Love God and others as we love ourselves to gain everlasting life? Jesus says yes.

Today is National Grandparent’s Day. Let’s not forget those who first modeled brotherly love for us.

Grace and Peace,  
Fr. Tom

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am **Wednesday:** 9:00am - Mass for Healing with Anointing

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# Saint of the Day

**Peter Claver, Priest (1581-1654)** A native of Spain, Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a Jesuit missionary in the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, now in Colombia. He was ordained there in 1615. By this time the slave trade had been established in America for nearly one hundred years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. With the help of interpreters, he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the forty years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated three hundred thousand slaves. His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead. After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, he died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

**John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor (d. 407)** St. John Chrysostom was born at Antioch about the year 349. After an extensive education he embraced a life of ascetism. He was ordained a priest and distinguished himself by his preaching which achieved great spiritual results among his hearers. He was elected bishop of Constantinople in 397 and proved himself a capable pastor, committed to reforming the life of the clergy and the faithful. Twice he was forced into exile by the hatred of the imperial court and the envy of his enemies. After he had completed his difficult labors, he died at Comana in Pontus on September 14, 407. His preaching and writing explained Catholic doctrine and presented the ideal Christian life. For this reason he is called Chrysostom, or "Golden Mouth."

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** National Grandparents Day!

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** Sterling House Down & Dirty Road Race participants parking in our lot, 7am to noon.

### BY THE WEEK

Saturdays: Stepping Class with Mercy Tabernacle  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm  
Cub Scouts 5:45-7:30 pm  
Mondays: Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm  
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wednesdays: Mass for Healing, 9:00am  
AA Meeting 12:00 pm  
Thursdays: AA Men's Meeting 7:30 pm

### FLAG DONATION



**Flag donated by Martin Vasas in memory of Dolores Vasas**

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: [tpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:tpwalsh@gmail.com)*

### READERS ROSTER

September 8   September 15   September 22  
Joe Pelland   Nancy Sirois   Ray Morrison

The roster for the entire year is posted on the Church web site. On the Home page click on the link *Schedule for Lectors* in the *Information* box.

**If you want others to be happy,  
practice compassion. If you want  
to be happy, practice compassion.**

Dalai Lama

BrainyQuote

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of Michael Raslavski. May he rest in peace.

Prayers for Jane Pelland as she continues to recover.

Continued prayers for Frank Bonitatebus. That God's healing grace may be with him.

We offer healing prays for Wendell Barry. That he may be strengthened and encouraged.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Seeking Volunteers for the Christmas Bazaar

All those interested in helping to make this year's Christmas Bazaar being held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, a success please see Yvonne. She can be reached at 860-417-9748 or send an email to [ywalsh070@gmail.com](mailto:ywalsh070@gmail.com).

### Major Scott Krasko to Deploy

Prayers for the Tennessee Krasko family as Major Scott Krasko deploys to Africa. May God's grace, peace, and blessings be with the Krasko family.

### Wednesday Morning Healing Mass

Mass for Healing with anointing is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9am. We look forward to your being with us as we pray for physical as well as spiritual healing.

### Quarter Night

St. Joseph's annual quarter night is scheduled for Saturday evening October 26h with doors opening as 6:00PM. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and prizes! It's recommended that tables be reserved to assure your participation. Prize donations are being accepted and may be turned over to any member of the ladies' society. A prize value minimum is suggested at \$5.00. Additional information to follow.

### Lordship Community Church Apple Festival/Vendor Fair

Lordship Community Church, 179 Prospect Drive, Stratford, hosts an outdoor Apple Festival / Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9 AM to 3 PM, (rain date is 9/22/19, 11 AM to 3 PM). Craft, tag sale, flea market, and direct sales vendors, food, bake sale, apple pie baking contest, popcorn, and pre-event pie fundraiser with Oronoque Farms. For information and vendor & contest inquiries, please contact 203-377-6568 or [lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lordshipchurch@sbcglobal.net).

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## 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 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 His is this: "Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

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

### Alleluia, Alleluia

The Commandment 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 the 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 be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

