

June 13 – 14, 2020 Corpus Christi

Today we celebrate one of my favorite feasts of the entire Church year: Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi means ‘the Body of Christ’ – and today’s feast celebrates our Catholic Faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, under the appearance of bread and wine. This is – as the priest chants after the consecration at Holy Mass – ‘the Mystery of Faith.’

So many of you have told me how much you miss receiving Holy Communion during this pandemic. Although you make a Spiritual Communion – and ask Jesus to come spiritually into your heart – we know it’s not the same as truly receiving His precious Body and Blood in Holy Communion. That – I believe – is why so many of you have experienced a deep sense of loss at not being able to come to Mass and receive Holy Communion.

Of course, we are grateful to finally see that changing. Although we have to be careful – especially those of you who are older or have other conditions that put you more at risk – it’s nice to see light at the end of the tunnel. Please remember that, in these first weeks, our Church can be filled to only 30% of its capacity – no more than 200 people. For this reason, please call ahead (908-454- 112 ext. 3) to reserve a place at Holy Mass. This will enable us to make sure there is enough room – with proper social distancing – for you.

Those who come to Mass should expect some differences from normal. Please be sure to wash your hands thoroughly before coming and to sanitize them when you arrive. Please also be attentive for instructions from the ushers and priests – especially about things like Communion. There will not be a regular collection – so please place your offering in the basket near in the back when you arrive, or continue to send it in by mail as so many of you have done! I know this will be an adjustment – but it won’t be forever.

For those who cannot come to Mass, we are planning to record the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass each week. It will then be uploaded onto the parish website for those who wish to watch it later that evening or on Sunday. We will do this at least until the end of June – and take it from there.

I want to congratulate the eighth graders who graduated from our parish school – virtually – this past Monday. They were a great group to teach – and helped me learn how to teach online when we could no longer hold class together. They – and all those who graduated middle, high school, or college this year – certainly had a unique graduation year. Their accomplishments remain, however, and deserve our congratulations!

I want to thank everyone who donated a flower or plant for Cathy’s Garden. For those who may not know,

we planted a garden in honor and memory of our Cathy Steigerwalt – our old secretary who passed away suddenly last year. It is in front of the parish office - to your left as you face the front doors. We would love to extend it to the other dirt area as well – and will do so if enough flowers are donated. A sign will also be erected. We hope the flowers brighten everyone’s day – and remind you of Cathy’s friendly smile.

Remember that I will be on my ‘virtual retreat’ this week – from Monday afternoon until Friday morning. I will say Mass every morning – usually the 6:45 AM – then spend some time in prayer, watch and reflect on the retreat master’s talks, and do some spiritual reading. Fr. Wojciech will be on duty each day except Wednesday – his day off – when I will fill in. Like I said, it won’t be the same as a real retreat – but will do just fine under the circumstances! You will be in my prayers each day.

Next Sunday is Father’s Day. The Father’s Day envelopes will be placed by the altar and held in prayer at all the Masses from that day till the end of June. Listing the names of our fathers and grandfathers – living and deceased – is a great way to hold them in prayer.

Please also say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. Let’s keep praying for the healing of racial tensions in our country, for a complete end to this pandemic, and that every person on earth will open their minds and hearts to that peace which only God can give!

Have a great week!

Fr. John

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Need to lose a few pounds? Give your food to the poor!
Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection - First Sunday of each month.

MASS INTENTIONS:

The priests are offering Masses privately for all the Mass Intentions that are scheduled thru June 12th.



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SAINTS UPDATE:

Enrolling now! Sts. Philip & James School educates students as young as 2, 3, and 4 years old through grade 8. We pride ourselves on providing a safe learning environment where your student receives individualized attention from certified teachers. We have a special education program for students who need extra assistance in reading and/or math. We stay up to date with the latest technology by using Google Classroom and STREAM programming. Come discover why it is GREAT to be a Saint.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR!

Visit sspjnj.org and click on Virtual Open House to tour Saints Philip & James School. Interested in further discussing your student’s education? We are now offering Zoom meetings to learn more about our school. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at Kucinski.donna@spsj.org to schedule your meeting.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the teachers, staff & parents who worked tirelessly to ensure our students successfully completed the 2019-2020 school year. We hope all of our families have a safe summer.

POSITION AVAILABLE:

Junior High Language Arts and Religion Teacher (This is for 2020-2021 school year). Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at Kucinski.donna@spsj.org to apply.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our calendar raffle! We raised over \$2,440. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support.

WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

The Food Pantry is Open & Curbside Pick-up is Available!
 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am - 3pm
 Friday 1pm - 3pm
 Please call 908-859-5447 before you plan to arrive.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

The following items are needed: Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Rice, Potatoes, Onions, Hearty Soups, Taco Kits, Applesauce cups, Seasoning Packets, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Veggies, Cereal, and Personal Care items such as: Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Products, Shampoo/Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Diapers – all sizes, baby food – all types jars or pouches, Baby Formula, Canned Meats, Canned or Dried Beans, and juice – variety of flavors.

FORMED...A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

FORMED is a collection of Catholic Bible studies, talks, movies, and other programs for people who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Anyone in our parish can access it by following three simple steps: (1) Google formed.org. (2) Scroll down to where it asks if your parish already subscribes and indicate yes. It will ask you to enter your parish code, which is GMKZ4Q (all capitals). (3) You will then be asked to set up your own account by establishing your own password.

WE ARE CHECKING OUR RECORDS!

Do we have your most recent contact information?
 Please provide your family last name:

Name of each person living in your home who is also a parishioner and their date of birth. (Include his/her last name if it is different than the family last name):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Use a separate paper for additional family members.

Current address: _____

Email: _____

Main Phone Number: _____

Mail this form to the church at 430 S. Main St.
 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 or drop it off at the
 Church office during business hours.
 Thank you!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1Corinthians 10:17) As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other’s relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Legion of Mary Library has a wonderful selection of books & videos for the entire family to choose from. Although the library is currently not opened, please see information on formed.org where similar resources can be found.

LIFE CHOICES

Please support the life-saving work of Life Choices. Join us on Friday, June 19th at 7:30pm for our auction. Use the following link to participate in the auction.
www.bidspirit.com/lifechoices.
Great deals on vacations, tickets, items and baskets.

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

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Stewardship of Treasure

June 7, 2020: \$8,372.00
Easter 2020: \$29,512.00
Mother's Day: \$2,177.00
Father's Day: \$1,038.00
May Online Contributions: \$18,503.50
Ascension: \$820.33
Debt Reduction: \$560.00
Development of People: \$222.00
Catholic Communication: \$236.00
McCauley Hall – Sisters of Mercy: \$140.00
Catholic Relief: \$22.00

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 5/1/2020 \$1,522,620.90
Total Collected as of 5/1/2020: \$1,112,614.99

Have you considered online giving?

If interested in signing up for online giving, please go to: <https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

THE PRAYER CORNER

WAKE ME UP LORD

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me. Keep watch over my heart Lord, and remove from me any barriers to your grace, that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters. Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give services of justice and peace. Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory. And finally, remind us Lord that you said, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

CLOSING PRAYER

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the safety and health of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 – George Richline by Wife, Martha
9:00 – Thomas Ference by Sandra
11:00 - Angelo & Helen Nicolosi by Ann Nicolosi-Foose
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – Robert Volk by Queenie Jabbour

MONDAY, JUNE 15

6:45 – Jean Casey-Wood by Sisters & Brothers
8:00 – Joseph & Clara Luke by Family
12:10 – Anne Harrison by Ella & Adam Lokitis
7:00pm – Mass Association

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

6:45 – Francisco Pereira Gomes by The Gomes-Aversa Family
8:00 – Allen Stewart by Sue & Susan
12:10pm – Anne Harrison by Merrie Mulrine

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

6:45 – Joseph Brancale by The DeFuria Family
8:00 – Bud Lilly (A) by Family
12:10pm – Greg Sharkey by The DePillo Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

6:45 – Michael Eureyecko by Family
8:00 – Rovi Family by Niece, Gloria
12:10 – Michael Torre by Jennifer & Charlie Tavormina & Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

6:45 – Samantha Mae Miller by The Cooke Family
8:00 – Kathy Verdon by Ann Nicolosi-Foose
12:10 – Linda Pike by The DePillo Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Gino Angelozzi
4:30 – Herman Boos by Bess & Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 – (SP Int.) Sonya Morales by Family
9:00 – Kathleen Stole Fowler by Marie Chismar
11:00 – Father’s Day Novena
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30 – Bernie Fey by D. Cassese

Mass Celebrants for June 20/21, 2020

4:30pm – Fr. Pat
7:00am – Fr. Pat
9:00am – Fr. Wojciech
11:00am – Fr. John
1:00pm – Fr. Wojciech
5:30pm – Fr. John

+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, JUNE 15 7:00pm

Richard Mantoni by Bob & Lynn Doto
John Callery by Tom & Fran Bronico
Pauline Mittica by Donna & Paul Kucinski
Grayce Capraro by Jim Sciascia & Family
Cathy Steigerwalt by Denise Elliott
Rose Solt by Jim Sciascia
Leon Nigohosian Sr. by Jim Sciascia & Family
Howard Stecker by Jim Sciascia & Family
Michael “Mick” Payran by Debbie & Joe Stefano
Ed Skears by Debbie & Joe Stefano

**St. Philip & St. James Church
Prayer Intentions**

Prayer is needed now more than ever. Let us know how we can pray for you today. Your intentions will be lifted up in prayer by our religious as we face these uncertain times.

Please submit your prayer intention(s) in a few brief sentences and email them to secretary@spsj.org or mail them to St. Philip & St. James Church, 430 So. Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 and mark the envelope as “Prayer Intentions.”

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

NURSING HOME TEAMS

All Care Centers are currently under quarantine. No services will be held.