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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JUNE 28, 2020

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Monday - Friday, 8:00 am -
4:00 pm (closed for lunch
from 12:00 - 1:15 pm)

Also, Monday, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Saints Philip & James School

908-859-1244

Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

Religious Education (CCD)

908-859-1244, option 9

Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

HOLY MASS

Every Catholic who is able has a serious obligation to worship God at Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening

4:30 pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Sunday

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (Spanish)
& 5:30 pm

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 6:45, 8:00 am &
12:10 pm in the Church

Serra Club Mass: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at
6:00 pm

Tuesday: 7:00 pm (Spanish) in the Church
(2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

Saturday: 8:00 am in the Church

BAPTISM

Infants should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

CONFESSION

Pope Saint John Paul II, of blessed memory, said: "Anyone who goes frequently to Communion, must also go frequently to Confession." Saturdays, **9:00 - 9:30 am** and from **3:15 - 4:15 pm** or by appointment with one of the priests.

FOR MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please call the Church Office.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration: Monday - Saturday, 8:30 am-11:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 pm-11:00 pm (Chapel)

Novena (Miraculous Medal): Monday at 7:00 pm (Chapel)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Parish Meeting Room)

Legion of Mary: Tuesday at 9:00 am & 6:30 pm (Mercy Hall)

Alimenta de Vida RCC: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (Church)

Blue Army Prayer Group: Thursday at 7:00 pm (Chapel)

Cenacles of Life: Tuesday at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 11:00 am in the Chapel

RCIA

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Fr. John directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this regard.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES, CATHOLIC CHARITIES - DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Office has relocated to 700 Sayre Avenue, Phillipsburg, NJ. Hours are Mondays only from 1:30 - 7:00 pm. Services are provided in English and Spanish. For information, please call 908-777-3730.

June 27 – 29, 2020 Independence Day!

As most of you know, I made my spiritual retreat a week ago. While it was very different than usual – since we listened to the retreat talks via a zoom meeting – it was better than I expected. If nothing else, I have a better idea of what it's like for you to watch Mass online!

The speaker, Fr, Charles Connor, was excellent. Many of you may know him from presentations on EWTN and things like that. His words gave me a lot of spiritual 'food for thought' and inspired me to increase my time in prayer and spiritual reading!

This is our third week back to public Mass in our Church. So far, it seems to be going well. Please remember to call the parish office to reserve a space—so we can maintain proper distancing. Remember also that our Bishop continues to dispense everyone from the obligation to attend Mass at this time—especially those whose health places them at a higher level of risk. As I've said throughout this ordeal, the Spirit's gift of counsel, which helps us make prudent decisions, is a big help right now.

Even though we're in the midst of summer, please be thinking ahead to next school year. This is the time to make sure your children (or grandchildren) are registered for CCD (Religious Education) in the fall. Last year's program ended rather abruptly due to the pandemic—and next years will have some new options.

For the first time, we will offer a completely online at home option for religious education in our parish. This will replace, at least for this year, the Monthly Family CCD Program. We will also have the Traditional Tuesday CCD program as in year's past—beginning late September (or whenever our parish school returns to normal classes). You can find more information on the parish website (spsj.org) or by calling the Parish Office (908-454-0112).

Confirmation preparation for public school students who will be in 8th grade this September will also have some options. Such students can either attend class during the Traditional Tuesday CCD Program (I am planning to teach this class) or on a series of Sunday mornings. I am also planning to tape a series of Confirmation classes and post them on the parish website as a means of make-up classes for students who need that option. This part is just coming together—but we'll make it work. For now, just please make sure your kids are registered!

This week we will celebrate Independence Day—better known as the Fourth of July. This is one of my favorite national holidays—and I like to spend it reading books or watching documentaries about the founding of our nation! It is also my niece Catherine's birthday—so I often see family that day, too.

I have always believed that the Fourth of July is a good day to take stock of our nation. We have so much for which to thank God, even in the midst of this pandemic. As people of faith, we are especially grateful for the freedom of religion—which we enjoy to a degree unheard of in too much of today's world.

Perhaps these words from the Declaration of Independence could serve as a little Fourth of July meditation for us. “All men are created equal, and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights... to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

We are well aware that the men who wrote those words were not perfect. Some of them were slaveholders, which is abhorrent to us today. But the thought behind those words set in motion a process that led to the abolition of slavery, an expanded view of what freedom really means, and the indignation we rightly feel when anyone is unjustly denied it.

We also know that those freedoms have come more slowly to some than others—as the current unrest in our land attests. I pray—and ask you to pray—that people will use peaceful and constructive ways to advance the great ideals on which our nation was first built.

That said, I would suggest that each of us think prayerfully about what those words mean to us, and how we can do our part to make them a reality for everyone – from unborn babies in their mother's womb, to families struggling to get by, to those suffering from illness or infirmity, to people of every race and color.

As Catholics, our belief in the God given dignity of every human person is a great gift. With that we could convince everyone not only to believe this—but to put that belief into practice by the way they treat all people each day.

Happy Independence Day!

Fr. John



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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.

REFERRAL INCENTIVE:

We are thrilled to announce we will once again be offering a referral incentive for our current families. How does it work? Refer a family, and if that family enrolls and completes the 2020-2021 school year, your family will receive \$500 off your tuition in May of 2021. Please note only one family may receive credit for each new family.

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.

SCRIP!

Scrip is still for sale! Looking for a way to effortlessly support the school while doing your everyday shopping? Purchasing SCRIP gift cards, at no additional cost to you, the school receives a percentage of funds back. To learn more, contact Diane Charnak at charnak.diane@spsj.org. She can assist you with getting your SCRIP account set up. Gift cards are available for hundreds of stores, and can even be purchased on your phone.

COMMUNITY SIDEWALK SALE!

We are in the process of organizing a Community Sidewalk Sale for August 8th. We will be selling slots for individuals to bring their items they would like to sell. We are still in the planning phases of this event. If you would like to learn more, contact Sierra Fenton at fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

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, Thursday 10am - 3pm
Friday 1pm - 3pm
Please call 908-859-5447 before you plan to arrive.

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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” – Proverbs 22:9 *Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection - First Sunday of each month.*

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Due to the 4th of July Holiday, The Food for the Needy Collection will take place on July 11 & 12th. July's needs are peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, canned soups, canned meat, canned fruit, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent and deodorant. Life Choices is in need of diapers, formula, and children's items. **Perishable items should not be left at the church.** but they can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, Monday – Friday, 9am-4pm. If you would like to make a monetary offering, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it “Food for the Needy” and place it in the collection baskets as you enter the church or mail it to the church office at 430 So. Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

“whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:38) Pope Benedict XVI said, “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness.” “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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

A KIDNEY FOR CHRISTINE

Christine Lella Mathews is in need of two life-saving surgeries. A kidney transplant and a pancreas transplant. Due to the long waitlist, Christine is pursuing a living kidney donor to meet her medical needs. Anyone interested in becoming the donor that can save Christine's life can follow this link: <https://www.rwjbh.org/rwj-university-hospital-new-brunswick/treatment-care/transplant-services/types-of-transplants/kidney-pancreas-transplants/become-a-living-donor/> and be sure to mention Christine Mathews on the donor form. Her continuous love for her family, friends, and God is what makes her fight, and keeps her strong. She has battled so many obstacles in her almost 32 years of life and this right here is just that. The hope is that this is another obstacle that she will overcome and come through stronger than ever.

Christine is a strong and loving human being with the drive and will to overcome any obstacle, but the medical, living, and other expenses during her testing, surgeries, and recovery will place her and her family in a huge financial hole. Although Christine has insurance, she will need support paying for out of pocket expenses while searching for a donor (preferably a living donor). If she is lucky enough to find a living donor, their medical and recovery expenses have to be covered as well. Donations would help Christine and her husband pay for medicine, rehabilitation, testing, screening, child care for her son Logan, transportation for out-of-state medical care and hotel stays.

A friend has set up a "GOFUNDME" page to provide assistance for her transplant journey. There is also a link with information on how to become a living donor. If you are interested, be sure to mention Christine Mathews on the living donor for. Please, if you could consider giving support in any way to help Christine and her family with the cost of these surgeries they would appreciate it so much. The link for the GOFUNDME page is [gf.me/u/x22p3p](https://www.gofundme.com/u/x22p3p).

VIRTUAL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Restore, Rekindle and Renew your marriage! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions presented on Mondays and Thursday from June 29 to July 23. The only requirement is a computer, iPad or tablet with access to the internet. No prior knowledge of Zoom is necessary. Workbooks and hand-outs will be sent to you before the start of the series. Married couples, priests and religious can register for this program at wwmephillly.org or by calling Al & Mary Liz Heumann at 610-449-1859. A \$100 dollar application fee covers most of the cost, however, you will be invited to make a good faith offering at the end of the program. The fee will be waived for anyone with financial strains.

THE PRAYER CORNER

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are still accepting perennial flowers for Cathy's Memorial Garden. Anyone wishing to donate please bring the flowers to the church office during normal business hours.

+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 – Father’s Day Novena
9:00 – Anthony Marina Family by Family
11:00 - Kathryn Finlan by SPSJ Choir
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – Kathryn Finlan by Volk Family

MONDAY, JUNE 29

6:45 – Father’s Day Novena
8:00 – Dominick Bronico by Deacon John & Florence Flynn
12:10 – JoAnn Kyrpczak by DePillo Family
7:00pm – Mass Association

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

6:45 – Jean Casey-Wood by Brett & Danielle Casey
8:00 – Joan Easterday by SPSJ Soup Kitchen
12:10pm – Alex Gautner by Rose Mains

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

6:45 – For the Souls in Purgatory by The Gomes Aversa Family
8:00 – Kathryn Finlan by Eileen Catalli
12:10pm – Linda Pike by Volk Family

THURSDAY, JULY 2

6:45 – Fr. Robert Emmett Burke (A)
8:00 – Bridgett Sullivan by The Perna Family
12:10 – Olive Mulrine by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluce

FRIDAY, JULY 3

6:45 – Luis Espinal by Family
8:00 – Bill & Nancy Sullivan by Perna Family
12:10 – Anne Harrison by Donald & Cathy Englehardt

SATURDAY, JULY 4

8:00 – Marjorie Dalrymple by Carol, Vic & Melissa
4:30 – Joseph & Jane Merlo by Bob & Pam Merlo

SUNDAY, JULY 5

7:00 – Dr. Robert Zengulis by Doug & Betty
9:00 – Agnes Peterson-Wilson by Family
11:00 – Angelo & Helen Nicolosi by Ann Nicolosi-Foose
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30 – John Russo, Vera Reynolds & Rosalie Russo by Family

+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, JUNE 29 7:00pm

Richard Mantoni by Bob & Lynn Doto
Josie Bacskai by JoAnn Harrison
Ed Skears by Debbie & Joe Stefano
Sharmm & John Stefano by Debbie & Joe Stefano
Stella & Jack Carling by Debbie & Joe Stefano
Ida Leone by Debbie & Joe Stefano
Nora Giordano by Payran Family
Fr. Kevin Crowley by Fr. John Barbella
Margaret McGrath by Fr. John Barbella
Deceased members of the Loper Family by Joan McCaffrey

LECTORS

July 4th and July 5th

Saturday, July 4th

4:30pm Mary O’Sullivan

Sunday, July 5th

7:00am Lucas Anmolsingh
9:00am Theresa Duaine
11:00am Henrietta Schupper
5:30pm Susan Gerhardt

Stewardship of Treasure

June 21, 2020: \$9,671.00
Father’s Day (to date): \$1,642.00
May Online Contributions: \$18,503.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 6/5/2020 \$1,523,061.22
Total Collected as of 6/5/2020: \$1,128,332.16

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

NURSING HOME TEAMS

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

Mass Celebrants for July 4th & 5th

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

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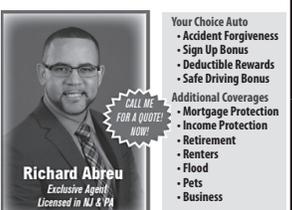
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