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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 2, 2020

Fr. John J. Barbella----- Pastor / ext. 407
Fr. Wojciech Kusek --- Parochial Vicar / ext. 403
Deacon John Flynn
Deacon Enoch Berluche
Deacon Larry Bevilacqua
Deacon Rob Fisher
Nancy Ensley ----- Parish Secretary
Maria DeSapio ----- Bookkeeper
Mr. Paul Kucinski----- Sacred Music
Mr. Michael Clark----- Parish Cemetery Superintendent

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Website: spsj.org

Office Hours

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

BAPTISM

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

CONFESSON

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*)

Alienta 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.

August 1 – 2, 2020: A crazy summer!

Can you believe it's already August? It's been such an unusual summer. I don't know about you, but for me it's been such an unusual summer that—in so many ways—it seems like it wasn't summer at all! I expect that's true for many of you, too!

And now, with the arrival of August we get the news that our wonderful parochial vicar (associate pastor), Fr. Wojciech Kusek, is being transferred on September 1st. As I explained at Mass this weekend, while this is sad for us, it is part of the necessary process that has to happen for Fr. Wojciech to realize his dream of being incardinated into our diocese.

Incardination is the name the Church gives to the process by which a priest changes from one religious order or diocese to another. Fr. Wojciech, following what he believes to be God's call for him, has asked to be incardinated from the Redemptorist Fathers to our own Diocese of Metuchen. For that to happen, he must first spend time in a couple of our parishes. This allows the diocese to get to know him better, and for him to earn the recommendation of several pastors in our diocese.

While I am truly sad to see Fr. Wojciech go, I am happy to give him the best of recommendations. He is a very fine priest with a heart for serving the people of God. Not only has he been faithful to all the duties assigned to him in this parish, he has also been a big help to me in so many ways. This has been especially true during the recent coronavirus crisis—when he was ready to help in any way at a moment's notice.

We are pondering some suggestions as to how we can say 'good bye' to Fr. Wojciech, and will share the information with you as soon as we can. In the meantime, please keep him in your prayers as he takes this important step in answering God's call for his life.

Please also pray for the new priest who will be coming to our parish. As I said on Sunday, I don't yet know who it is, but I look forward to welcoming him to St. Philip and St. James. Indeed, since the day I arrived here I have been touched by the way this parish welcomes and cares for its priests. It is a great testimony to your faith and basic goodness, and I and all the priests I know who have been here really appreciate it.

This weekend we have the Mission Co-op Appeal. Our offering will support the work of the Salvatorian Missions in Tanzania. More information can be found on the parish website at spsj.org. If you did not make a

donation this week, you can still do so by putting it in an envelope marked 'MISSIONS' and putting it in next week's basket or sending it to the office. I believe you can also give online through the parish website.

Please remember to say a prayer for me, at least a Hail Mary every day. I pray daily for each of you. Let's also pray for the missions, for Fr. Wojciech and our new priest. Finally, let's pray that many people will open their hearts to our Lord and the peace that only He can give—so that He may truly reign in every human heart, and establish His Kingdom of Peace.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

THE PRAYER CORNER

A PRAYER FOR THE FRUSTRATED

Lord, I am so frustrated. I want to make sure I have what my family needs during this time. I see people not taking this pandemic seriously, and I see other people hoarding supplies so that others can't get what they need. Help me with my attitude towards these people. Help me to hold my tongue on social media, to be a light and an encourager, not a sharp tongued slanderer. Remind me that we all want to keep our families safe, and we all react differently to fear. Remind me to pray for those who are causing frustration, not to be angry with them. Help me to be an example by following the guidelines set forth by our authorities, and by putting the needs of others before my own by offering to help my neighbors if they are in need. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN FEAR

Father God, I don't even have words for what I'm feeling. My stomach is tied up in knots, my thoughts are skipping so fast I can't keep up. I'm exhausted but I can't rest. My dreams at night are as stressful as my thoughts during the day. Excessive handwashing has left my skin raw. Social distancing has left me feeling more alone than ever. I could call a friend, but I'm afraid they won't understand. I need help. Please help me to calm down. Help me to stay focused on You. Help me to not be afraid. I feel paralyzed. Please take this feeling from me and give me courage, strength, and an unwavering trust in You. Amen.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Sophia Mae DeMarco** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael DeMarco.



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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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

For the Community Sidewalk Sale set for August 8th from 8:00am-1:00pm. If you would like to reserve your spot, register at <http://sspjnj.org/events>. If you have any questions please contact Sierra Fenton at fenton.sierra@sspj.org. Entrance into the event is free to the public.

CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

I am happy to announce that the Reverend Mr. David Edward Keyes, who has served in our parish, has been called by the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Priesthood. He will be ordained on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES:

Confirmation pictures are ready for pickup at the Church Office. Please stop by during normal business hours to pick them up.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of August 1-2, 2020. August'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 10:00am – 3:00pm. If you would like to make a monetary donation please place it in an envelope and mark it "Food for the Needy" and place in the collection basket or mail it to the church office 430 So. Main St. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." (Matthew 14:16) This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Parents, please remember to call the church office to schedule your child's First Communion.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill *Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection - First Sunday of each month.*

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

July is the month of the Precious Blood. 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

At Fatima during the First World War, Our Blessed Mother said that through the Rosary & Scapular, She will save the world. Remember to keep praying the Rosary every day, especially at this time when there is so much unrest in the world. Even if you can only say a decade (10 Hail Mary's & 1 Our Father), in 5 days you will have said a whole Rosary. For Rosary meditations, go to: <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/meditations-on-the-rosary.html> or <https://catholicexchange.com/rosary-meditations-for-prayer-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>.

NEW JERSEY SAFE HAVEN LAW:

Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad in New Jersey that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline at 1-877-839-2339 and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad in the state.

MISSION APPEAL AUG. 1-2: SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR

The Salvatorians were founded by Fr. Francis Jordan, a German priest, on December 8th, 1881. He had been ordained in July, 1878. At this time the move to separate State from Church had developed into a harsh restriction of the ministry and pastoral care activities of the Church in Germany. The Kulturkampf Laws were introduced to try and limit the power and influence of the Church in Germany, but Fr. Jordan wanted to establish a religious society that would work to mitigate the effects of these oppressive legal provisions. He developed an ambitious plan to grow a society that would have three degrees of membership, the first being that of the members who would be professed and who would maintain the three evangelical counsels, usually referred to as the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The Salvatorian website describes the foundation of the order in the following manner: *On the 8th December 1881, in the Chapel of St Brigid in Rome, Father Jordan and three other priests took private vows as members of the Apostolic Teaching Society. It is this date which is kept as the foundation day of the Salvatorians.*

MISSION:

The Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) proclaims and teaches by all ways and means the goodness and kindness of Jesus the Savior.

VISION:

Salvatorians seek to become apostles for our times in order to make the Savior known to all people.

APOSTOLATE:

We are called to be apostles for the renewal of the Church and the world, and we invite others to discover and respond to their call to be apostles. We advocate for justice and peace, standing with the poor and marginalized. We are servant-leaders, involving others in our mission. We support one another through mutual love and service. We live a simple lifestyle, becoming one with those we serve, especially the poor.

UNIVERSALITY:

We include as members of the Society people from every nation, and we are open to serve the people of any nation.

THE FOCUS FOR THIS MISSION APPEALS

My focus is to serve our missions in Tanzania. Salvadorians have served in Tanzania for over 60 years. Today we Salvadorians are serving in parishes, schools, dispensaries for kids, catholic radio programs for evangelization and inter-religious dialogue, youth awareness ministries, farms, drinking water projects, and in the formation of priests and lay ministers. We mostly serve in the dioceses of Morogoro, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and Tunduru-Masasi where we have a big Islamic population.

The funds we earn from the missionary cooperative plan will help us sustain our missions and missionaries and train seminarians for the future leaders of the Church thus allow them to continue their important work of making the Savior known. For more information on the Salvatorians and our missions in Tanzania please visit our website at www.salvatorians.com and click on “*Salvatorian Mission*”. May God continue to bless you and the important work you do to support our missions.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. John Tigatiga,
Mission Director – Salvatorians

+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

7:00 – George Richline by Wife, Martha
9:00 – Disolina Lupi
11:00 - Santa Patti by Helen Patti
1:00 (SP) – For the People of the Parish
5:30pm – Mary Bigelli by Family

MONDAY, AUG. 3

6:45 – Carl & Rita Tarpey Allspaw by Rosemary & Brian Patti
8:00 – Alayna Sulick by Bigelli Family
12:10 – Anne Harrison by SPSJ School
7:00pm – Mass Association

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

6:45 – Deceased Priests of SPSJ
8:00 – Julia Tersigni by Jeanie Bolcar
12:10pm – Elfrieda Pergosky by Volk Family

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

6:45 – Deceased Mountaineer Priest by Fr. John Barbella
8:00 – (Sp. Int.) Leo Jessamine by Pat & Prima Mattingly
12:10pm – Dominick Bronico by Paul Lanning

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

6:45 – Donna Drake by Anmolsingh Family
8:00 – Alice Maurer by Mary Lilly
12:10 – Stephen Mason by Paul Lanning

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

6:45 – Margaret & James A. McDevitt by Family
8:00 – John T. Finegan by Family
12:10 – Olive Mulrine by Ginny Olivi

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

8:00 – Harry & Anne Harrison by Mary Brogan
4:30 – Dorothy M. & Salvatore J. Patti by Rosemary Patti

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

7:00 – Carl & Rita Tarpey Allspaw by Patricia Mazza
9:00 – Angelo & Helen Nicolosi by Ann Nicolosi-Foose
11:00 – Mary & Thomas Carroll (A) by Speer Family
1:00 (SP) – For the People of the Parish
5:30 – Frank Gasparovic by Ayala Family

+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 7:00pm

Josie Bacska by JoAnn Harrison
Joseph Flynn by Martha Richline
Joseph & Eleanor Zemba by Terri & Danny Starosciak
Gerard Ferrari by Terri & Danny Starosciak
Gail & Bob Reilly by Terri & Danny Starosciak
George Farrell, Sr. by Fr. John Barbella & St. Philip & St. James Church
Noreen Lorenzo by Edward & Frances McDevitt
Neil Louis Hoefling by Lynn F. Hernandez
Charlene Hummell by Rosemary & Brian Patti
Jerry Clymer by McBride Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Aug. 8 and Aug. 9

Saturday, August 8

4:30pm Lector Ronald Rossini

Sunday, August 9

7:00am	Lector	Kathy Fulse
9:00am	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
11:00am	Lector	Aidan Lavigne
5:30pm	Lector	Kathy Fulse

Stewardship of Treasure

July 26, 2020: \$ 7,999.00

June Online Contributions: \$14,568.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 6/5/2020 \$1,522,431.22

Total Collected as of 6/5/2020: \$1,150,686.74

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 Aug. 8 and Aug. 9

4:30pm – Fr. Wojciech

7:00am – Fr. John

9:00am – Fr. Pat

11:00am – Fr. Pat

1:00pm – Fr. Wojciech

5:30pm – Fr. John

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