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PENTECOST SUNDAY · MAY 31, 2020



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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

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Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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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

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.

May 30 – 31, 2020: Pentecost

On Memorial Day morning, I offered Mass in our chapel – assisted by our seminarian, Joseph – at 6:45 AM. As I read the list of names of those people buried in our parish this past year, I thought of many of you. Each name brought to mind family members and friends who – if it were possible – would have been at Mass praying for them that morning. Know that I included all of you – as well as our departed loved ones – in my Memorial Day Mass.

I was inspired to see the nice turnout for Communion in the Parking Lot last Sunday. It went well enough that we will continue to do this for at least the immediate future. People were reverent and thankful. The looks on so many faces as people received our Blessed Lord for the first time in months spoke volumes about their faith in His Real Presence in Holy Communion.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes who helped out deserve a great deal of thanks for making everything go so smoothly. So does the Phillipsburg Police Department, that was very helpful in getting this set up and run so well. Communion in the Parking Lot was truly the product of many people working together – each doing their part for our Lord and each other. Isn't that exactly what Church is all about?

As the news starts blasting us with reports about reopening of Churches and other things, I'd ask you to please watch the parish website for details about things in our parish. Right now, there is a lot of uncertainty about how and when things will happen. I do know that, whenever we 'get back' to Church, it will be with a number of important restrictions and policies designed to protect everyone's health and well - being. As I learn exactly what these policies will be, they will be posted on our website. Please pay close attention!

We have reached the point where we can have Adoration in the Church from 2 – 4 PM daily. The Church itself remains open for private prayer each day from 7 AM until 6 PM. Please remember to maintain social distancing (6 feet away from people other than your own family), and to wear a mask. There is now a hand sanitizer dispenser in the narthex of the Church – near the Holy Water tank. Please use it!

Please also use common sense – and prudence! People in high risk groups should probably not come out to things like Adoration or Parking Lot Communion just yet. Also, we will all need a lot of patience with practices and policies that we must observe as we get back to Church. Remember that prudence and patience are of the Holy Spirit – effects of His gifts to us. Just as His gift of fortitude helps us be strong in faith – and piety fills us with love for God – the

gift of counsel helps us make prudent decisions in difficult circumstances.

Speaking of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, today is Pentecost Sunday. It is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and our Blessed Mother – strengthening them for the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. We, too, were strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and can draw on His gifts to give us strength, make us patient, and help us make intelligent choices in these challenging times.

Why not celebrate Pentecost by praying for an increase of the Holy Spirit's gifts in your life. Or by watching a program about the Holy Spirit on FORMED (you can log into it thru the parish website)?

Please say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. I am praying for all of you daily.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

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!



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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. Now available: A virtual Open House for anyone interested in touring the school during this time is available on our website sspjnj.org.

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 enrolling family. This is a great way to defer the cost.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students: Maura O'Hare, Peyton Tolomeo, Zachary Sumner, and Marissa Tichy. They are the winners of the Columbiettes sponsored essay contest for our eighth grade students. The students needed to write an essay about the saint that they chose for Confirmation.

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.

50/50 RAFFLE

We were able to extend the cash raffle until October 3, 2020 (at the Saints Sprint and Octoberfest). Raffle tickets may be purchased and returned until that day! Please email Mrs. Kucinski if more raffle tickets are needed.

ZOOM MEETINGS:

Interest in learning more about becoming a Saint? 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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

“There are hungry children in Phillipsburg – you can help feed them. 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 30th.

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.

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.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7)

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings.

What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love, and mercy.

PART TIME HELP NEEDED

We are currently seeking part time janitorial help. Please call 908-454-0112 and speak to Cindy DePillo (ext. 406) or Bill Casey (ext. 402) for more information.

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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.

THE PRAYER CORNER

FOR THE PARENT, GRANDPARENT, GUARDIAN, AUNT, GOD PARENT

Lord, I admit I fear the unknown. I fear how others will act during this time of uncertainty, how long this will last, and not knowing what the world will look like for my children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews when this is over. Father calm my heart. Help me to trust you. Please keep all children safe from this virus. Please allow me to stay healthy so that I can take care of my children and for the others who do the same. Help me to rest at night, so that I have energy and clarity of mind. Keep me focused on you, so that I can fill all the children with encouragement and not panic. Help us to not grow weary of one another while we're home together for who knows how long. Show me how to make the most of this time and teach them how to handle this new life event with respect and urgency. Amen.

FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

Father God, You are our provider. Everything we have comes from You. But right now, I feel like everything is being taken from me. I've been laid off from work, and if I can't make money, how will we pay our bills? How will I feed my family? I'm usually the strong one, but even I feel anxiety now. Please be with us. Please help me to point my family to you, even though I feel so lost and confused. Help me to demonstrate trust in you to my family. Give me the discipline to lead my family in worship since we can't gather with our church family. Give me peace. Use this time to help us learn new things about each other, about ourselves, and about you. I trust you. Help me to demonstrate that to my family so that they feel safe during this crazy time. 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.

CORONA SELF-HELP CENTER, INC.

As we continue to participate in social distancing to prevent the COVID19 from spreading, declines in percentages of individuals contributing in our outreach preventive campaigns have increased. We did not expect this pandemic to cause such disruption in our lives and projects. We, the Leaders of Drogadictos Anonimos, are under pressure, as you probably understand. We are trying to do our best to sustain our members by encouraging them to stay longer in their recovery. In this time of lock down, we are working with our members in their spiritual growth and hope that people with good will continue contributing to us to help keep our doors open and services free. Currently we have 35 people under our care undergoing their process of recovery. We have been working diligently to stay out of debt, and to be up to date with our expenses and provide our members with their necessities. We are further requesting that you continue helping us during these trying times. We hope we can still count on you. We do take and will continue to take precautionary measures so that we can keep serving those under our care with a lower risk factor. Health is a top priority for everyone. Be mindful and make sure you and your loved ones also stay safe.

For the past few years donations to keep the services provided by Drogadictos Anonimos have been invaluable. We have used the donations that we receive to support our groups and maintain our services for free. Thanks to this many people are on the road to recovery. Without a doubt, this letter finds you in stressful times, since the reality of dealing with COVID19. Today, your donation is needed more than ever in order to continue our vital work with people directly affected by drug addiction, their families and the communities that need our services. Your help, without a doubt, is of the utmost need. You can make a direct donation:

- A Secure Online Giving at our website: www.daamerica.org.
- Transfer via Zelle to (presmanhattan@daamerica.org) or deposit directly in our Chase bank, account 823057265.
- Send a check or money order to The Corona Self-Help Center, Inc., 171 Market St., Staten Island, NY 10310.

We will remain strong and hope to overcome these difficult times in unity and with much goodwill. All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions please call 718-507-7459.

+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +

SUNDAY, MAY 31

7:00 – Teresa Varga by JoAnne McTague
9:00 – Sophia Casciole by Rich & Eileen Dalrymple
11:00 – Babe, Pietrina, Richard Russo by Family
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – Robert Volk by Robert & Sabrina Ellwood

MONDAY, JUNE 1

6:45 – Dot McCoy by George Babula
8:00 – Joe Ritz by Wife
12:10 – Anne Harrison by Mary Kathryn Kaulius
7:00pm – Mass Association

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

6:45 – James Macomber by The Cooke Family
8:00 – Ethel Spirk by Barry & Jaclyn Rossnagle
12:10pm – Greg Sharkey by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Smith

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

6:45 – Nicholas & Helen Conti by Family
8:00 – Sis & Frank Stettner by Family
12:10pm – Olive Mulrine by Columbiettes Aux. #474

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

6:45 – Emily Ann Greco by The Cooke Family
8:00 – Bill Kowalchuk by Ro & Bill Kowalchuk
12:10 – Sharon Moony by The McBrides

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

6:45 – Bernard Bladies by Peter Piperata
8:00 – Sara Frinzi by LuAnne & Rick Bonney
12:10 – Joanne Kyrpczak by Merrie Mulrine

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 – Dick Chidsey by Richard & Kathleen Hoag
4:30 – Joseph Merlo by Bob & Pam Merlo

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 – Albert Madden by Family
9:00 – Clelia & Oreste Marinelli by Yola & Enzo Marinelli
11:00 – Charles J., Katherine, Sandra Lupi by Dave & Charlene Jiorle
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30 – Michael & Mary Pavkovic by Margaret Pavkovic

+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, JUNE 1 7:00pm

Richard Mantoni by Rosalie & John Spiller
John Callery by Tom & Fran Bronico
Pauline Mittica by Michael Smith
Grayce Capraro by Jim Sciascia & Family
Cathy Steigerwalt by Denise Elliott
Leon Nigohosian Sr. by Jim Sciascia & Family
Howard Stecker by Jim Sciascia & Family
Rose Solt by Jim Sciascia
Joseph Flynn by Volk Family
Helen Casey by Volk Family

**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

Stewardship of Treasure

May 24, 2020: \$8,507.50
Easter 2020: \$29,365.00
Mother's Day: \$2,107.00
Ascension: \$458.33

April Online Contributions: \$14,727.50

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:
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