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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday-4:00 PM

Sunday~9:00 & 11:30 AM

9 AM Mass streamed live
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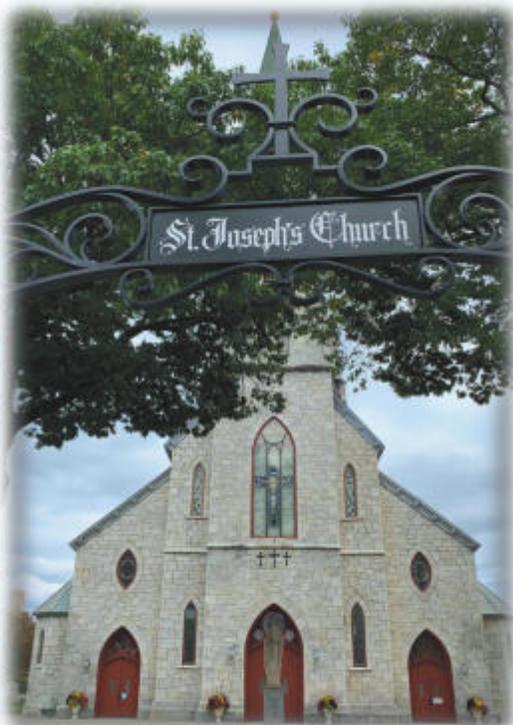
Daily Mass~12:10 PM

RCIA~Wed. 6:30 PM

Holy Hour ~Mon.-Fri. 11
AM

Rosary ~Mon - Fri. 11:30
AM

Prayer Line 413-443-1221



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021



To our parents and guardians of our CCD program~ With restrictions becoming safer and things opening up in the community, churches and schools we will be in person for religious education classes for all grades, especially for First Communion and Confirmation. We will be in person for the 2021/2022 school year. I know it has been a very tough year for everyone. I thank God at this time for the students and parents, for all the hard work that you've done throughout this past year. I look forward to seeing all of you in person in the fall. May you have a safe and enjoyable summer. Registration forms will be mailed out the first week of August. If you have any questions, you may contact me anytime at 413-822-1297 or by email johnaccd@gmail.com



FOOD PANTRY is in need of more volunteers. Anyone who is interested and has some available time please call the Rectory.



**20/20
WINNERS**

Week 7
Zachary Ochs
Jessica Kratka

Congratulations!

DRIVE UP POLISH PICNIC

St Joseph's Church will be holding a drive by Polish picnic on Sunday, July 18th from 3 to 6. Featured will be Polish plates \$15.00, frozen pierogi \$12.00 per dozen, quarts of kapusta \$6.00, and 1/2 dozen of golumpki \$16.00. Pre-orders only. To place your order please call the rectory @ 413-445-5789 by July 12th.

WORKER SKILLS TRAINING

Learn to operate construction equipment. The International Union of Operating Engineers offers a four year apprentice program. Learn a trade while you earn a wage. Possible job opportunity and knowledge enhancement. Information will be in back of the church. David Kazimierczak, Local 98 Business Representative.

Anyone who has been fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask during Mass.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Preparing for the Holy
Sacraments

If you have questions or if you would like to speak with someone about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation please call our parish office at 413-445-5789.

TOUCHING THE CLOAK OF CHRIST

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand. So that's what she does. She reaches out. There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help. And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do. Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.
and Sunday 9:00
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held outdoors,
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Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday will be
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JUNE 27, 2021
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* prays, “That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself.” Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires. Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God’s embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It’s that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, “Do not be afraid, just have faith.” Trust begins. When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God’s presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God’s tender and endearing presence. *The Cloud of Unknowing* leaves us with wisdom, “think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are.” This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

Saturday, June 26th Sil Mastrangelo-2nd Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM
Sunday, June 27th Lillian Flynn Requested by Julie & Tim	9:00 AM
David Martel Requested by Pat Momnie	11:30 AM
Monday, June 28th George Crane Requested by Brennan Family	12:10 PM
Tuesday, June 29th Tracy Horton-2nd Anniversary Requested by Ron Pelletier	12:10 PM
Wednesday, June 30th For the Parish	12:10 PM
Thursday, July 1st Thao Ha Requested by Van Bui	12:10 PM
Friday, July 2nd Laverne Taylor-Birthday Remembrance Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Saturday, July 3rd Walt & Kevin Kotowicz Requested by Family	4:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2021
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

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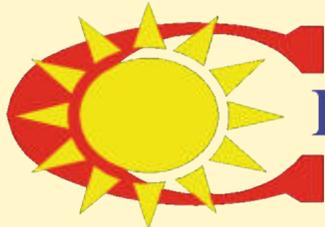
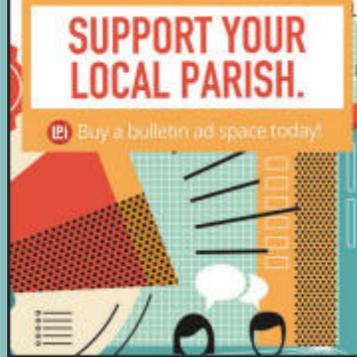




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