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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2020

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán M. Connolly, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

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Parish Office: 845-343-6013

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: 5:30
Sunday morning: 7:00, 9:00, 9:00 (Latin), 11:30
Sunday afternoon: 1:00 -- en Español

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Your intentions are prayed at Mass
Saturday: by the Parish Priests in private

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. using the confessional screen only
or at other times by appointment

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings are currently suspended

MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

DEVOTIONS

All public devotions are on hold until it is safe to do so

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Suspended
Senior Dining: Congregant Dining suspended
Meals available for delivery: 845-956-1428
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
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YouTube: [SJChurch](https://www.youtube.com/SJChurch)
Youth Group: Meetings are suspended

*Welcome to
Our Parish*



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of July 12 – July 19

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Carmela Durante
LATIN:	9:00am	Rita & Felice Sorice
	9:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> --
	11:30am	Dominic & Helen Profenno
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --
MON:	8:00am	Anthony Umina Jr.
TUE:	8:00am	Annamma Abraham & Giuseppe, Gina & Angelo Zarrella
WED:	8:00am	Bela Geztesi Sr.
THUR:	8:00am	Agnes Foley & Justine Mongola-Zambito
FRI:	8:00pm	Antonietta Corea Macri & Ilario Panetta
SAT:	8:00am	Joan & Mary C. Kennedy
	5:30pm	All Parishioners Living, Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Alfredo Piacente
	9:00am	Catherine Loeffler
	9:00am	Edward J. Foran
	11:30am	Salvatore Citriniti
LATIN:	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> --

Note: All above Masses are being prayed in public with the added intentions remembered by our priests in private Masses that continue.

+ PRAY FOR +
Mario & Kristopher Napolitano,
Helen Dodd, Diane Polinski

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PRECAUTIONS FOR PUBLIC MASS

Public Mass has begun! Weekday Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Church. Sunday Mass also has begun and continues with the traditional Mass schedule: Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Masses in English at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.; in Spanish at 1 p.m., all in the Main Church. The 9 a.m. Latin Mass has been moved to the gymnasium.

It is extremely important that all visitors to the church observe the protocols in place for everyone's safety. All not belonging to the same household must practice social distancing both in the church building and on parish grounds. At this time it is not appropriate to gather in the parking lot or anywhere on parish grounds.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION has been postponed to the fall, with possible dates in November.

CONFIRMATION has been postponed until the fall, with a date that will be assigned to us by the bishop.

Dates for **RCIA SACRAMENTS** will be determined when the quarantine is lifted.

WEDDINGS for July will be considered on a case-by-case basis. *(Please contact the priest or deacon who is working with you on the marriage for details.)*

FUNERAL MASSES / BURIAL SERVICES will not be offered until the quarantine is lifted. Committal Services with the Rite of Christian Burial Final Commendation are being offered by the parish priests. Private Masses for the dead also are prayed for each parishioner who has died. Families who wish to schedule a Memorial Mass should call the Parish Office,

CONFESSION is available Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and by request. Call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) to schedule an appointed time. Or, take advantage of times when a priest might be hearing confession – confession is behind the screened grill only.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is operating on summer hours. You may call the Parish Office (845-343-6013) and leave a message.

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Often one thinks about Perpetual Adoration as one more thing to do ... that work, commitment to family and community life is enough. There is no time left over for visiting Jesus **once a week** for an hour. Nothing could be further from the truth. Perpetual Adoration is the one thing that makes all other things fruitful.

St. Pope John XXIII made a **daily Holy Hour** before the Blessed Sacrament. He often emphasized the importance of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the faithful and especially for priests. Here are some of his quotes on the importance of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives:

"My life seems destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the (Blessed Sacrament), and it is the heart of Jesus that I must look to for the solution of all my troubles."

"There are even some who, led by ideas foreign to traditional piety, look upon a Holy Hour of Adoration as of minor importance. There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of Adoration."

"With the practice of this enlightened and fervent worship of the Eucharist, the spiritual life of the priest increases..."

"The worship of Christ present in the Eucharist is not just a personal, solitary 'Jesus and Me' experience but involves the entire Church."

"In the Blessed Sacrament a heavenly school is open to you, with the best teacher one can possibly imagine, Jesus Christ himself."

**FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHAPEL WILL OPEN, YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING, 845-956-1455 (this number might not work from a Spectrum house phone).
YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105**

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Book of Isaiah (Is 55:10-11)

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65 (Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14)

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God's watercourses are filled;
You have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have You prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and Your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
the untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks
and valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the One who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God. Christ is the sower.
All who come to Him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 13:1-23)

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And He spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached Him and said, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted.



"To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. That is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them,

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it,

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."



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