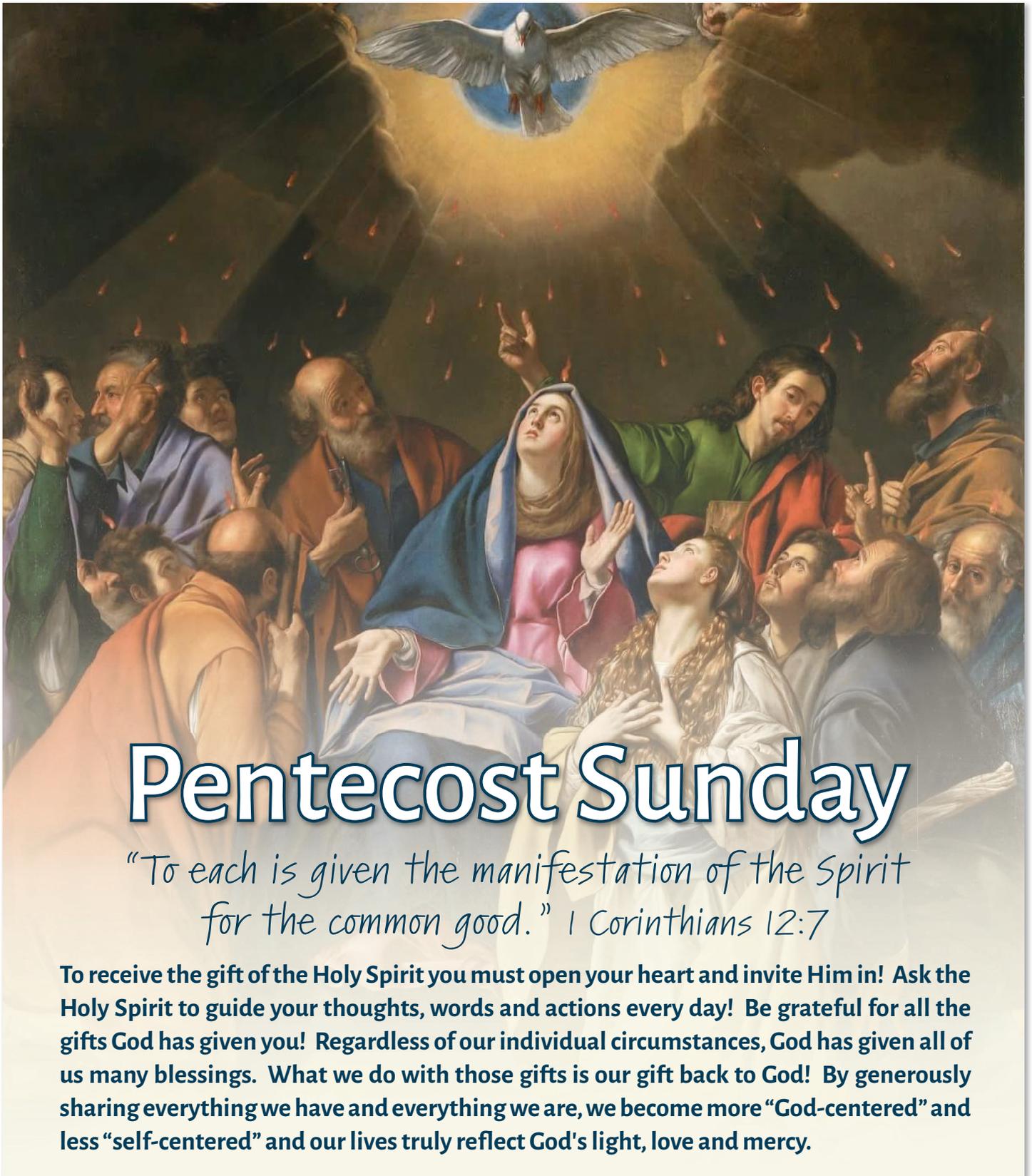


Ss PETER & PAUL

MAY 31, 2020 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pentecost Sunday

"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.

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Confession/Reconciliation

The time period for the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation has been increased with the start time now being 4:15pm each Saturday. Outside of that time, individual appointments for Confession during the Week may be made by contacting the Parish Office. God bless you for accessing the Graces of this Sacrament.

Virtual Offerings

Virtual Daily Mass

Monday-Friday at 12:10 pm

Virtual Family Rosary

Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Virtual Sunday Mass

Sunday at 10:30 am

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This Week's Mass Intentions

(All Masses celebrated privately by
Msgr. Andreano, during pandemic restrictions)

Saturday, May 30

5:00 pm For all Priests Ordained in the Year 2000

Sunday, May 31

8:30 am † Edward Lagomarsino
10:00 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Filippo Fratantoni

Monday, June 1

12:10 pm † Dr. Kenneth Conte

Tuesday, June 2

12:10 pm † Ad Intentionem Dantis

Wednesday, June 3

12:10 pm † Olindo Amedeo Colitti

Thursday, June 4

12:10 pm † Ad Intentionem Dantis

Friday, June 5

12:10 pm † *Repose of the Souls of The Cappock Family*

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm † Bob Rosata

Sunday, June 7

8:30 am † Eleanor Briglia
10:00 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Victor and Nancy Svornich

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine. **The requested donation for each is \$25.00.**



This Week, the Altar Hosts are donated
In Thanksgiving for Joyce & Eugene Flinn

This Week, the Altar Wine is donated
**In Thanksgiving & with Special Prayers
for Our Parish Ushers**

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
In Thanksgiving for Patrick & Lynn Fitzgerald

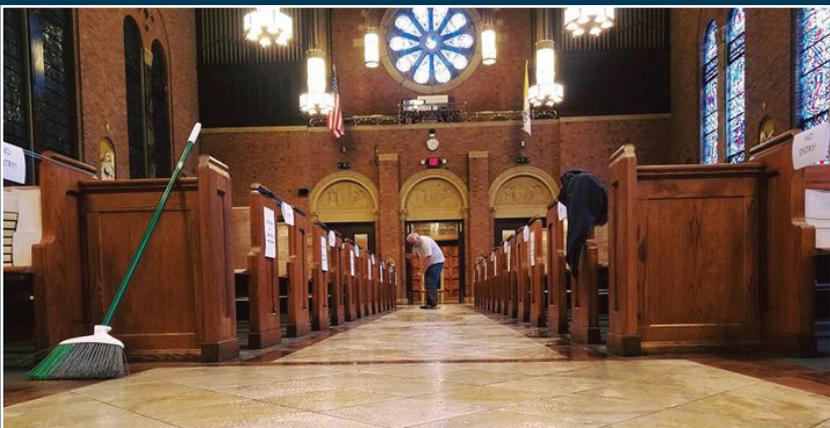
God bless your generosity.

Parish News

Our Newest Parishioner!



Congratulations to our own Elizabeth Chopra, *Director of Religious Education here at SPP*, and husband Binny on the birth of their first child! **Kassian David Chopra**, was born on (Ascension) Thursday, May 21, 2020! God bless Elizabeth, Binny, and Baby Kassian David!



We're so thankful for our Director of Facilities Maintenance, **John Bews**, and our Maintenance Interns **Brere** and **Steven**, who tirelessly work to keep the Church clean, disinfected, and comfortable for visitors coming in to visit and pray. God bless them for all they do behind the scenes that make worshipping together possible!

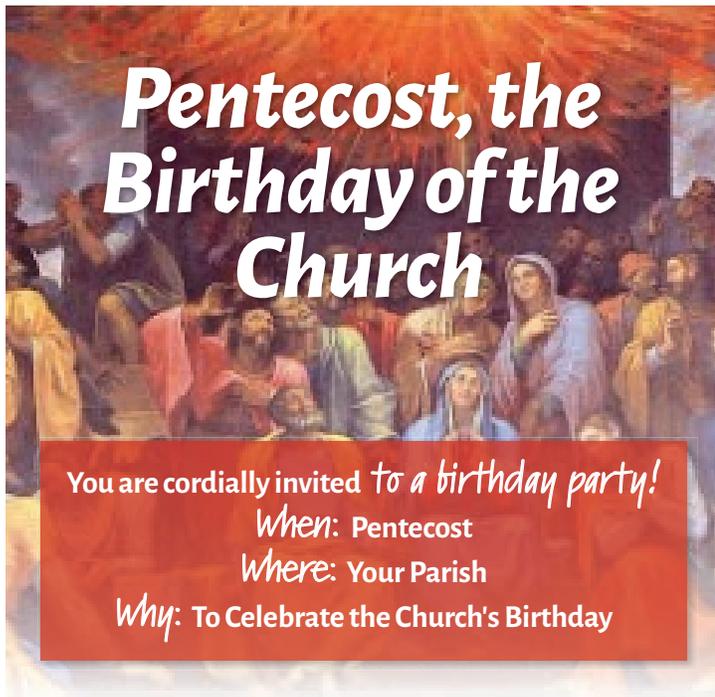
CONGRATS, MARIA!

Congratulations and blessings to one of our own Parishioner/Graduates, **Maria Sciancalepore**, on her graduation from Providence College, Rhode Island! Although in somewhat of a 'virtual' way, Maria graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Global Studies & Economics. She is shown here with her proud Mom and Dad, John and Grace.

Congratulations, prayers, and best wishes, Maria! God bless you.



Congratulations to all of our Parishioner-Graduates! Any other of our Parishioner families whose children have had such accomplishments, if you send us a photo we would love to feature them here.



Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. Here are some ways that your family can help celebrate this very important day:

- **Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church**, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream. Rather than singing “Happy Birthday,” recite a prayer for Pentecost. Most prayer books contain special prayers for this special day.
- **Wear something red.** The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, etc. See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.
- **Read aloud the story of Pentecost** in the second chapter of Acts.

For Teens: Reaching Out to Others

Before the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles on Pentecost, they were afraid to go out and preach Jesus' message. Sometimes you too may feel insecure about talking with people you don't know or have much in common with.

After receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles found themselves able to converse with everyone despite their different languages. Now, you may not literally speak a different language than someone, but you may still discover that there is a world of difference between the two of you, such as interests, social groups, religions, ages, etc.

Make an effort to try to overcome those differences. Try to converse with people you have previously avoided or not understood.

For instance, if you are into sports, take some time to understand or get to know someone involved in the music or art department. Or take the time to ask someone you know of a different faith to explain his or her beliefs to you. Just remember to be respectful of your differences, and celebrate the things you have in common.

For Kids: Let's Go Fly a Kite

As we mentioned, wind is one of the symbols of Pentecost. So what better way to experience the wind than to fly a kite? You can buy one or make your own with instructions from a book or off the Internet. Launching a kite can be difficult, so ask an adult to help you get your kite up in the air.

Or, if you would rather tackle a smaller project, make a pinwheel and watch what the wind does. Again, you can find instructions for how to make pinwheels in books at the library, in magazines or on the Internet.

If you make your own kite or pinwheel, decorate it with the other symbols of Pentecost, such as red flames or a dove. You can either draw these, make them with construction paper or cut pictures out of magazines and glue them on.

Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were covering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

Actually, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

Symbols of Pentecost

The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove.

 **Wind**
 The first symbol—wind—is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 2:2).

 **Fire**
 After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 2:3).

 **Dove**
 A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: “After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him” (Matthew 3:16).

Three Thoughts From A Priest About Quarantine

You are missed.

In his magnificent biography of Saint John Paul II, George Weigel writes that to Father Karol Wojtyła, “a priest without a parish was a vocational absurdity.” A priest is ordained to be a man for others, “to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers; To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope.” In my own short priesthood, there have been several times when I have not had a pastoral assignment but instead been assigned to studies or administration. And frankly those assignments without a flock to care for were challenging! This time of quarantine however has been particularly hard for me as a priest. To be required to be absent from you, the faithful, to have interactions only over the phone or to hear confessions socially distanced in a parking lot, it is such a cross to bear. You are truly missed!

When you are in seminary, preparing to be a priest, you spiritually prepare to live your life for others. The most rewarding moments of the priesthood are those moments when you get to bring Jesus Christ into the lives of the faithful. To sit with a family in a hospital waiting room waiting for the worst; to walk with a young couple preparing for a life together, to have the freedom to drop everything and rush to the side of someone in need of counseling and spiritual guidance and let them know they are loved; these moments are what we priests live for! And the most beautiful of those moments is praying the Mass with you, bringing your joys and sorrows, needs and desires, before God almighty in sacrifice on the altar. Our lives are in a sense incomplete without you present, we are called to serve you and with you to worship our God.

In this time of pandemic however, I have realized that this physical distance is of course itself a way that I can show my love for you. The priest is a spiritual father, and most of all a father wants

to protect and care for his children. True love is sacrificial; it is the desire for the good of the other even when it is hard for me personally. And so as hard as it is to be physically distanced from you, we priests are willing to do it out of love for you!

But you are not absent.

Though we are physically separated, you are not absent. As anyone who has tried to stay in touch over the internet during this strange time knows, there is no substitute for real physical interactions. We are made that way, we are embodied creatures and we communicate best in a physical way. But the great joy and hope of our faith is that we are not merely our bodies, we are body and soul. Prayer and spiritual communion is real, because as we draw closer to our God in love, we draw closer to one another.

When I was a seminarian, there was a period of time when I was not permitted to return home. During that time, the vast majority of my close friends got married and it broke my heart that I could not be there. I waited for pictures on Facebook and sent notes of congratulation but of course it wasn't the same. But one thing I did do was I made sure that I was in the chapel at the same time as the wedding back home, so that I could united my heart to the Lord at the same time he was giving himself to my friends. It has been the same sort of experience now, uniting my heart to the Lord, so that he might touch yours. That connection, though it is not as directly satisfying, is real and powerful!

I can say for myself, and I think my brother priests would agree, that in a certain way you have been more present to us during this pandemic. This time has prompted me to pray more deliberately for the people I cannot see physically. I carry your needs, your fears, your loneliness and uncertainty every day in my heart, bringing to the Father as best I can each one of you.

The real nature of the Mass.

One of the hardest parts of all this has of course been the suspension of public Masses. I have heard from so many friends, parishioners, even random people that I have met six feet apart in the grocery store, how hard it has been to not have Jesus present in the Eucharist. From the priest side, I can tell you it has been equally challenging. Saying a private Mass not the same at all. But one good that has come out of this pandemic is a purification of my own understanding of the true nature of the Mass.

The temptation for us is to see the Mass as a glorified show that we attend. The priest preaches, we sit in the pews, we sing a bit, we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and then we go home. It can become very easily in our minds a production, like a Broadway play, and I go to Mass to get something out of it. A Broadway play is ridiculous without an audience. The point of the play is entertainment and the spectators are passive.

Mass is the opposite. It is something we do together spiritually, and even when it is said in private, it has great meaning. The point of Mass is to “lift up our hearts” to the Father and to do so with great fervor and devotion. And we can still do so, even when we are separated from it physically. When I offer Mass, I am not alone in a room doing a ritual. I am just as much a priest offering the same sacrifice of Calvary for the salvation of the World, and you are present in that offering. And when you can't be there physically, you can still lift up your heart to the Father! It is not the same, it is a little harder, but it is tremendously valuable.

Going Forward

If we truly believe that everything God does or permits in this world flows from his love, then even these sad and difficult times are in some way for our benefit. That is at least what I have been trying to see, though at times it is purely an act of faith to believe it. But one thing I think we can take with us as we return gradually to “normalcy” is how precious our Church and our faith is. This physical absence from the normal practice of our religion can show us that the faith is not just one other ideology in a world full of ideologies, it is not merely one other weekend activity chosen from a host of others, it is a true encounter with the God who made us! And in the midst of fear and frustration, disease and loneliness, we can be confident that His love and grace are real and that He will give us the hope and the love to endure whatever crosses we are asked to bear.

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Did you know? JUNE IS DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE MANY THINGS:

- MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH → MON, JUNE 1
- SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY → SUN, JUNE 7
- SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI → SUN, JUNE 14
- THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST → WEDS, JUNE 24
- THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS → FRI, JUNE 19
- SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER & PAUL → MON, JUNE 29



But, most of all, we devote the entire month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus has a cross, flames, crown of thorns, and blood. Each of these have special meaning so that we can remember His love for us. The cross points to His sacrifice, the flames are his purifying passion, the crown of thorns reminds us of His suffering and kingship, and the blood reminds us of the side wound during His death. He spilled all of His blood for us.

This month incorporate His Sacred Heart into your life. Draw a simple version of it on top of your school notes or grocery lists. Hang an image of it in your home. Pray the novena. And, especially, remember not to break His Heart. Love Him with all of yours!

Reflection Questions:

- ▶ In what ways is your heart impure?
- ▶ What artistic representation of Jesus' heart inspires you most?
- ▶ Who in your life have you met and lives with a great devotion or imitation of Jesus' heart?
- ▶ What can you do this month to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus?
- ▶ In what ways can you become closer to Christ in this very moment?

Challenge: Visit Jesus in Adoration every week, especially on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Tell Him your deepest regrets and desires. Talk to Him like you talk to your spouse or closest friend because He is even closer to you than them. Spread His love this month to everyone you meet.

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Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church

*O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
to you we recommend ourselves
and the entire Church.*

*Guide and assist our Holy Father and our Bishops
in their apostolic mission, and aid all who help
them in their work.*

Mother of the Church!

*Enlighten the People of God along the paths of
faith, hope and love! You were given to us as a
mother by your Divine Son at the moment of his
redeeming death.*

*Remember us your children, support our prayers
to God. Preserve our Faith, strengthen
our Hope, increase our Charity.*

*Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the
menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the
hearts of the people of today.*

*From nuclear war, from incalculable
self-destruction, and from every kind of war,
deliver us. From sins against human life from
its very beginning, deliver us. From every kind of
injustice in the life of society, deliver us.
From readiness to trample on the commandments
of God, deliver us. From attempts to stifle the
very truth of God, deliver us. From the loss of
awareness of good and evil deliver us.
From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.*

*O Mary, conceived without sin, we who are
gathered here today place ourselves under your
special protection.*

*We resolve to walk in your footsteps and to
imitate your virtues. Obtain for us, O tender
Mother, the grace of being faithful to this promise.*

Amen!



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Especially during this time when so many are affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the gift of having Masses celebrated for individual intentions or for an appropriate cause, is ever more necessary and spiritually valuable than ever before!

We continue to accept Mass Intentions for scheduled Masses on the Calendar throughout the year. You can also receive a Mass Card to send to the person or family for whom you have subscribed the Mass. The usual requested donation is \$10. Anyone having difficulty making any offering, especially during these difficult times, will never be turned away. Contact Stephanie Panzariello at **stephanie.panzariello@spphoboken.com** or call the Parish Office at **201.659.2276** to schedule your Mass Intention.

Please be aware that, since the last public Mass celebrated in our Church on March 17, Monsignor Andreano celebrates private Mass every Day to satisfy those Mass Intentions already on the Calendar. He will continue to do so each Day, and will accept and satisfy any new Intentions that are received.

Please consider the gift of having Masses celebrated during these challenging times.

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Monday - Friday:
9:30am-11:30am

Saturdays:
3-5pm

Please be sure to follow all of the requirements upon visiting the Church (Masks must be worn, etc.), as issued previously and noted on the signage at the Church.

Sincere thanks to our Ushers - **Patrick Fitzgerald, Bob Carroll, Dominic Lisa, Marty Nathan, John Roggio-** for 'manning' the Church during these times!



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