

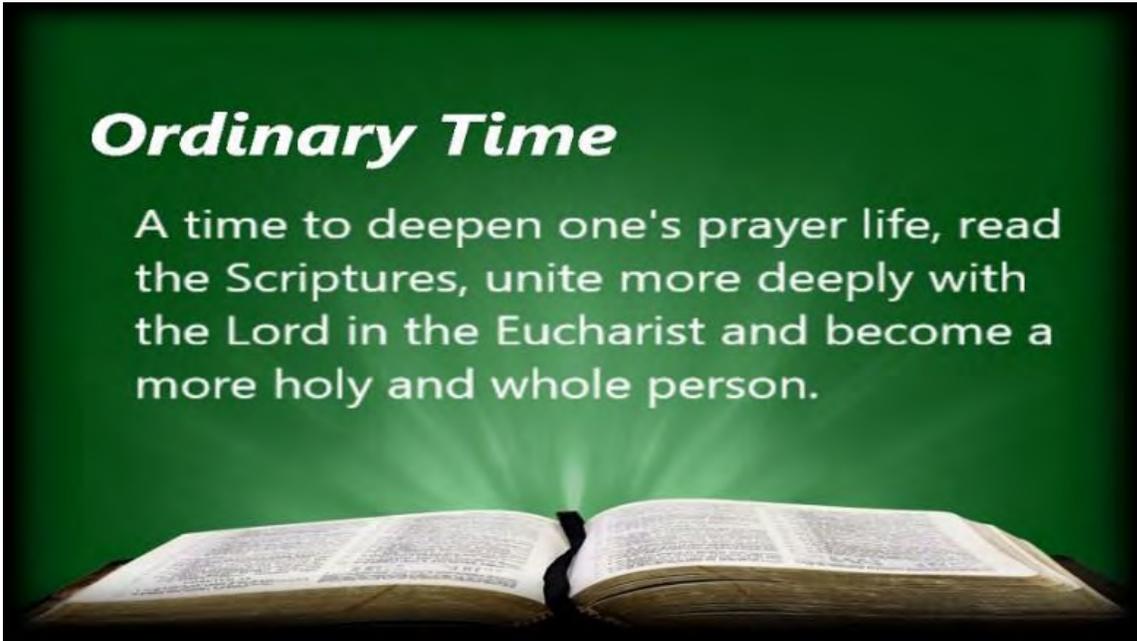
# Church of the Holy Spirit

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

## *Ordinary Time*

A time to deepen one's prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist and become a more holy and whole person.



### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

**Daily Mass - Monday Through Saturday:** 8:30 AM

**Holy Days:** As announced

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### Temporary Rectory Hours

**Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 1 PM**

During these hours, someone is available to answer calls, but because of the pandemic we are unable to allow anyone into the rectory. We plan to reopen the rectory on Monday, August 3.

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**Rectory Phone: (516) 354-0359**

**Website: [HolySpiritNHP.com](http://HolySpiritNHP.com)**

# Pastor's Page

Dear all,

As I discussed on my page last week (*please see next page for reprint*), we will most likely be downsizing our Sunday Mass schedule and taking the 12:30 p.m. Mass off the schedule. I will be meeting with our Pastoral Council on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. and with our Finance Committee on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the changes in more detail. We will also discuss if the 11:00 a.m. Mass should be moved to 11:30 a.m. Your opinions count, so parishioners can also email me at [Frgrieco@yahoo.com](mailto:Frgrieco@yahoo.com).

This is a very difficult and sensitive decision to make for every parish and for every pastor. Unfortunately, due to the shortage of priests, we do not have much of a choice. In the long run, I believe this is best for the spiritual health of our parish.

Monica Gannon, our Bulletin and Website Coordinator, sent our lectors an email last week asking for their availability through Labor Day. If for some reason you did not receive her email, please send her an email at [mgannon@holyspiritli.org](mailto:mgannon@holyspiritli.org).

CONFIRMATION this year is confirmed for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. If this involves you or your family, please save the date. Altar servers are needed for this Mass. Please send me an email at [Frgrieco@yahoo.com](mailto:Frgrieco@yahoo.com) if your child is available to serve.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions, please send Ann Burger an email at [rburger107@aol.com](mailto:rburger107@aol.com).

## **Mass at Holy Spirit Church**

This Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, is our seventh week back at Mass, this includes two outdoor parking lot Masses in our cars and this, our fifth week back in Church. Things may not be perfect, but we are taking precautions to keep everyone safe. All parishioners are required to wear masks during Mass. This is not the best-case scenario, but at least we are back in Church where we belong. Certain pews are sectioned off so we can keep socially distanced. If you are elderly, please stay home and safe. If you are young and healthy, please join us. This is where God wants us to be. I am very impressed with our parishioners. We have experienced so much positive energy and support. People are so happy to be back! We have music at every Mass, with the exception of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, but this will be coming the first week in August. Life is not perfect and we are not perfect, but Jesus is perfect and he gave up his life for us.

Thank you for your love and support of our parish. We appreciate your generosity. Be assured of my prayers.

Love and God bless,  
Fr. Grieco

# Pastor's Page

## Reprint of Pastor's Message from July 5, 2020 Bulletin

Dear Friends,

Once again, **I thank you for your generosity to our parish.** However, it's important that I remain truthful, and transparent regarding our finances. Since the pandemic began, the parish is down One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). This includes the loss of our Easter collection and our annual Family Festival, which generates an average profit of \$43,000. Our weekly collection is also down One Thousand to Three Thousand Dollars on a weekly basis. For those of you who have been generous, we greatly appreciate it. For those whom have not contributed, I ask you to please consider a fair donation, it's our parish to share during good times and bad times.

Since we had to postpone our **First Holy Communion** for our second graders, our new date is Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. In place of this, if any parent would like to have their daughter or son receive First Holy Communion at a Sunday Mass, please send Mr. Bob Hodgson, our Director of Religious Education (DRE), an email and one of us will contact you to schedule it. Mr. Bob's email address is [MrBobDRE@aol.com](mailto:MrBobDRE@aol.com).

We are in serious discussion about the possibility of downsizing our Sunday Mass schedule. Due to the shortage of priests, we may need to take one Mass off our schedule. Monsignor Cantley, at 91 years old, who drives here every week from Douglaston to help us, will not be back until January, at the earliest. Fr. John Maher, is a priest who teaches at St. John's University and helps us twice per month, and he is now being transferred out of state. Fr. Rich Rock, also from St. John's University, is only able to help us for one Mass every month. And Monsignor Dreasen, who lives here and is a tremendous help to all of us, is retired, and at 81 years old, we can only ask so much of him. These are difficult times and we need your support. There are many parishes across the country that are being forced to close. That is the hardest and saddest experience for the people of any parish. That is not the issue here, but downsizing will, in the long run, keep our parish strong and vibrant. We fully understand the inconvenience this will pose for some of you, but please try to understand our predicament. We will still have our 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening and three Masses on Sunday. We will have more information next week. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

# Mass Guidelines

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

## Guidelines!!!

- 1) Face masks must be worn.
- 2) 25% capacity at every Mass.
- 3) Do not sit in pews that are roped off **(this is very important)**.
- 4) Families may sit together. All non-family members must be 6 feet apart.
- 5) The restroom should only be used for **emergencies!**
- 6) Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. Those who do not wish to receive communion, can leave once Mass ends.
- 7) The Bishop is asking that we worship at our own parish and not travel to another parish.
- 8) We will keep the Church as clean as possible at all times. Please do not expect perfection because that will be impossible. This is about coming to Church for God.
- 9) The elderly or sick are kindly asked to stay home. **Dispensation from obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice.**
- 10) **THIS IS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR ALL OF US, SO WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE. WE ARE IN UNCHARTED TERRITORY AND NEED YOUR HELP. IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU DISAGREE WITH, YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT WE ARE DOING OUR BEST. IF CORRECTION IS NEEDED, WE WILL MAKE THE CORRECTION NEXT WEEK. LET'S MAKE THIS WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU!!**

# Congratulations to Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney

A good friend of mine, from the Seminary, was ordained a Bishop on July 2. Below is a copy of the article regarding Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney that appeared in [The Tablet](#).

-Fr. Grieco

## [DIOCESAN NEWS](#)

From Brooklyn to Paterson:

A New Bishop

July 2, 2020 - By [Ed Wilkinson](#)



Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney was ordained a Bishop and installed as the eighth leader of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J.

(Photo by Jeffrey Bruno)

Putting his episcopal ministry in the hands of Pope St. John Paul II and St. Mother Teresa, Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney was ordained a Bishop and installed as the eighth leader of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J.

“They’re both such a great inspiration about who we are as Catholics in our times,” said Bishop Sweeney. “There’s more of them out there. We just have to find them.

“Now we get to work. We will strive to promote vocations. We will proclaim the Gospel of life.”

Bishop Sweeney was ordained July 1 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Downtown Paterson, before a limited number of people due to COVID19 limitations set by the State of New Jersey.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, was the main consecrator with Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and retiring Paterson Bishop Arthur Seratelli as co-consecrators.

Only immediate family members and a few Brooklyn priests joined bishops from the area and a small representation of people from Paterson inside the 150-year-old church that was designed by Brooklyn architect Patrick Keely. The State insisted that the congregation be held to 100 people.

Outside the Cathedral, two dozen motorcycle police officers and members of the city’s Fire department lined the street as an honor guard. Two firetrucks extended their ladders to support a large American flag across the middle of Grand St. They were joined by a raucous group of members of the Neo-Catechumenal Movement who chanted “Alleluia” to the lively beat of guitars and drums. They held large banners, in English and Spanish, welcoming Bishop Kevin to their city.

## Bishop Sweeney Article continued...

Bishop Sweeney broke from the entrance procession to the church to thank the public servants, to greet several city officials, and to show his appreciation for the support of the mostly-Hispanic singers, who continued chanting outside throughout the two-and-a-half hour ceremony, waiting to greet their new spiritual leader as he exited the church.

Bishop Sweeney has served for the past ten years as pastor of St. Michael's parish, Sunset Park, an immigrant parish comprised mostly of Hispanics in Brooklyn. He was named by Pope Francis to head the Paterson Diocese on March 30.

The middle child of three born to the late James and Agnes Sweeney, both immigrants from County Mayo, Ireland, he credited his upbringing to a strong faith-filled family life.

"Any good that I can do is due to them," said the Bishop in his remarks after the ordination Mass.

He also praised the education he had received at St. Luke's School, Whitestone; Cathedral Prep, Elmhurst; St. John's University, Jamaica; and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

He introduced three members of the Cathedra Prep faculty in the congregation, Msgrs. John Maksymowicz, Richard Marchese and Philip Reilly, and his seminary rector, Msgr. John Strynkowski.

Representing Pope Francis was the Vatican's Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christoph Pierre, who read the papal bull appointing Bishop Sweeney. The Archbishop presented it to Bishop Sweeney, who then displayed it to the clergy of the Paterson See as well as to the congregation, as is the custom when a new bishop is appointed.

During the ordination ceremony, Cardinal Tobin placed his hands on the head of the new prelate. He also anointed his head with holy oil, and presented him his episcopal ring, miter and crozier, symbols of his authority as head of the diocese.

Cardinal Tobin said that the laying on of hands symbolized the unbroken succession of bishops from the original 12 Apostles.

"It is Christ who preaches through this ministry of the bishop," even in our own day, said the Cardinal.

He reminded Bishop Sweeney that being a bishop is "a ministry of service, to serve rather than to rule." He said that the poor, the oppressed and the underserved have a "privileged claim" on the ministry of a bishop.

"You have been chosen from the flock," he said. "Do not forget your roots."

Brendan Sweeney, the youngest of the siblings, said his brother "sees the priest as a servant. His first priority is the people's lives that have been entrusted to him. That's more important to him than any title. He's happy to serve people."

Bishop Sweeney explained that he had chosen "God Is Love" as his episcopal motto. "I would like to begin my ministry as a Bishop with those words," he said.

# Bishop Sweeney Article continued...

“We walk by faith, my brothers and sisters. We have been living in a terrible way these past three months,” he said, referring to the virus pandemic and the national wave of racial strife. “But we have walked by faith. How much does our world need hope in these days.”

Bishop Sweeney said that his first priority will be getting to know the geography of his new home in the Garden State.

“I’ve got to learn about the three counties, Passaic, Morris, and Sussex,” he explained. “I’m going to be on the road a lot. I’m looking forward to it.”

Bishop DiMarzio praised the work that Bishop Sweeney did in Brooklyn, bringing enthusiasm to his role as vocation director, parish priest and pastor in immigrant communities.

“He’s what we need today – a young bishop who has the Spirit with him,” said Bishop DiMarzio. “He certainly understands multi-culturalism. That’s Brooklyn. He can bring that experience here to Paterson because it’s not that much different. You have the suburbs, but you also have the city and the diverse cultures that you have to understand.”

On the evening prior to his installation, Bishop Sweeney participated in a vespers service at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, led by Bishop Saltarelli.

In his homily, the outgoing bishop, who has spent the last 16 years leading Paterson, said that the bishop’s role is “to be the face of Christ to his people.”

He said that Bishop Sweeney has been well prepared by his pastoral ministry, his understanding of priests, and his compassion and love for people. He said the bishop’s role is “to look at others and see a son or a daughter who has been redeemed in Christ.”

Msgr. James Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, welcomed Bishop Sweeney to the diocese, noting that he is an ardent Yankees fan.

He pointed that out that Bishop Sweeney is now the Bishop of the final resting place of Yankee Hall of Famer Yogi Berra, who is buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.



(Photos: Ed Wilkinson)

**Tags:** [Archbishop Christoph Pierre](#), [Bishop Arthur Seratelli](#), [Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney](#), [Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio](#), [Cardinal Joseph Tobin](#), [Diocese of Paterson](#), [St. John the Baptist Cathedral](#)

To view additional photos and video go to:

<https://thetablet.org/from-brooklyn-to-paterson-a-new-bishop/>

# Reflection

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

(Lec. 103)

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1) Isaiah 55:10-11
- 2) Romans 8:18-23
- 3) Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**FOCUS:** The word of God is fruitful, powerful, and meant to bring us to full union with God in Heaven.

The first reading and Gospel show the potency of the word of God. In fertile hearts, the Word can multiply exponentially, and it can bring about God's will in our lives. The Word comes from God to us, in order that we might be brought to God. Can there be any greater gift?

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah describes the word of God as fruitful, not returning to the Lord until his will is accomplished. Paul writes to the Romans, addressing human suffering and looking beyond it to the promise of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and explains the meaning.

# Announcements

## Holy Spirit Social Ministry

Although Holy Spirit's Food pantry is currently closed to ensure the safety of our volunteers and neighbors in need, deliveries of food and grocery store gift cards have continued throughout the pandemic.

Thank you to those who continued to donate to Holy Spirit's Food Pantry, and to Tom and Regina Friel for coordinating the home deliveries, as well as the volunteers who helped them.

If you would like to support the Food Pantry, any non-perishable food item is welcome. The items most needed are cans of tuna, beans (black, kidney, etc.), pasta sauce and shelf stable milk.

**Food donations can be dropped off inside the church entrance on Saturday or Sunday during Mass times.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**



## Parish Census

In order to get a start on Holy Spirit's Parish Census, please send your email address to Lauren and Monica, if you have not done so already:

Lauren: [lpetricca@holyspiritli.org](mailto:lpetricca@holyspiritli.org)

Monica: [mgannon@holyspiritli.org](mailto:mgannon@holyspiritli.org)

The Parish Census was postponed due to COVID-19, but more details will be provided during the coming weeks. Be sure to check the website at [www.holyspiritNHP.com](http://www.holyspiritNHP.com).



# Message from the Director of Religious Education

## Registration Information for the 2020-2021

### Religious Education Program, Grades 1 through 8.

For those currently enrolled in our program, registration forms will be mailed to your home in the coming weeks.

If you are new to our program, please call **Mr. Bob Hodgson at 516-354-0359 ext. 132**. Leave your name, phone number and full address, and he will mail you the registration forms.

Registration will begin as soon as the Rectory re-opens. Parents should contact Mr. Bob to make an appointment to come in to register.

Registrations at this time are **ONLY** by appointment. Please have all forms filled out before coming in. If you need additional forms, please call Mr. Bob at the rectory. His office hours are Monday through Thursday 11 am to 2 pm.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### First Communion 2020

This year's First Communion has been scheduled for September 19th at Noon!

Join us for this blessed event!



## Attention Parents of Soon-to-be First Graders

Will your child be starting first grade in September?

Are they ready to begin their journey in our faith?

Classes for Holy Spirit Religious Education program begin in September 2020.

Your child will learn to pray. They will learn about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ through song, crafts, and religious instruction.

They will learn about the values that we cherish in our faith.

## Free Kindergarten & Pre-K Religious Education

Holy Spirit offers free religious education classes for Kindergarten and Pre-K students!

Classes meet on Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. We will talk about the Gospel, the Mass, the life of Jesus, AND we will be doing crafts & singing songs!

A journey begins with the first step. Let us take that first step with you and your child.



# Mass Intentions & Prayers

## Mass Intentions and Other Offerings for a Loved One are Still Available

To request a Mass Intention, contact Lauren Petricca in the rectory at (516) 354-0359, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The requested donation for Mass Intentions and Purgatorial Mass cards is \$20.

Weekly offerings for the Bread and Wine, or Altar and Sanctuary candles, are also available. The requested donation for these is \$25.



## Prayer Requests

Michael Grady  
and for  
those serving in our military.

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks. Please notify the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended.*

<b>Saturday, July 11</b> 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>Saint Benedict, Abbot</b> Betty Costello and Karen Grasso James Cameron
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>  8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Janet Lynn Miller Parishioners of Holy Spirit Daniello DiCocco Bernadette Nannery
<b>Monday, July 13</b> 8:30 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Purgatorial Society
<b>Tuesday, July 14</b> 8:30 AM	<b>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</b> Nicola Palumbo
<b>Wed., July 15</b>  8:30 AM	<b>Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> George and Mariamma Varghese
<b>Thursday, July 16</b> 8:30 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Connie Gallo
<b>Friday, July 17</b> 8:30 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Elizabeth Costello
<b>Saturday, July 18</b> 8:30 AM: 5:00 PM:	<b>Weekday</b> Vincent Sauchelli James Fitzgerald

**Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish, especially for:**

Virginia Brachcocki

# Family Mass Lector Schedule

## Lector Schedule: July 12 - July 26, 2020

If you are unable to make a Mass, please call/text Marie Scandura at 516-279-8381.

If you are scheduled to lector, please be at the Church no later than 9:15 a.m., since capacity in church is limited to 25%.

### July 12, 2020

Intro	Isis Rojas
First Reading	Vallerya Rojas
Second Reading	Shyler Fernandes
Petitions	Sherwin Fernandes

### July 19, 2020

Intro	Ally Petricca
First Reading	Hailey Brooker
Second Reading	Darla Petricca
Petitions	Miranda Toro

### July 26, 2020

Intro	Ian Alana
First Reading	Pia Alana
Second Reading	Mia Alana
Petitions	Deana D'Urso

# Family Mass – July 5, 2020



Selena Jones leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Hailey Mikowski singing the National Anthem



Jasmine Garnica sang God Bless America



Fred Grimshaw and Allison Marzano



Miranda Toro



Pia Alana



Zachary Canese



Mia Alana

# Photo Gallery



**Deacon John Hogan and Fr. Richie Rock**



**Ushers: Doreen Caliendo, Brian Rohrer  
and Ernest Zimpritsch**



**Howie Ammerman,  
lector at 11 AM Mass**



**Adrienne Werring (cantor),  
accompanied by Marilyn McClean**



**Rainer and Ann Burger:  
Congratulations to Rainer for  
recently retiring from the U.S. Air  
Force after 32 years of service.**

