

*The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – June 7, 2020*

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we thank the Father for creating us and our beautiful world, Jesus Christ for redeeming us and the Holy Spirit for empowering us. As Christians we celebrate our Trinitarian God; one distinct being with three different personalities each with the same will for us. How blessed are we that every time we sign ourselves in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, we bring God into the ordinary of our lives. God empowers us to make the ordinary, extraordinary and thus we, as human beings are better able to reflect our Catholic values for the world to see.

It has saddened many people that Governor Murphy is so slow in re-opening our churches and unclear about what percentage of our congregation will be able to worship in church while at the same time, he has made an exception to keep abortion clinics open. Please write to Governor Murphy at the below address to let him know that abortion is an elective procedure and to stop using tax dollars to support Planned Parenthood.

The Honorable Phil Murphy  
Governor of the State of New Jersey  
The State House, P.O. Box 001, Trenton NJ 08625  
Tel: (609) 292 6000/Email: <https://nj.gov/governor/contact/all/>

As these days of pandemic continue, we are horrified to see the rioting in our cities. We hope and pray that our governors in liaison with our president can stop the looting and destruction of private property. God created every human being equally. Our hope as human beings is that we will respect each other regardless of race and color. With prayer and consideration, we can work toward a true sense of respect for each person in our country be they black, white, Asian, documented or not. Each one is a child of God. As Christians, let us try to reflect that dignity as best we can.

This past week, Mike, Maureen and I have redesigned the church floor space. More than 50% of the chairs have been removed to make room for more aisle space. We have engaged a company that specializes in the deep cleaning procedures and processes needed for sanitizing and sterilization of the church. We have installed a HPV Hepa air filtration system so that the air can be continuously cleaned. Many of our seniors have asked that we hold an outdoor mass for the immediate future and it is with great pleasure that I announce, our Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass will be held in the outdoor chapel. We expect this outdoor mass will begin on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will announce this date when the governor gives us permission to re-open. I would just ask parishioners to bring their own chairs, as seating is limited. Parishioners need to wear masks, bring their own hand sanitizers and observe social distancing. Thankfully, our outdoor space is very large and is more than sufficient to enable us to properly social distance from each other giving our older parishioners and those who are immunocompromised a sense of comfort.

As you are aware, Fr. Alex is in exam mode these days. Please keep him in your prayers as his last exams will be this coming Tuesday and then he finally gets to relax a little. It has been a tough twelve weeks of internet studies especially with the time change.

June is traditionally the month of the Sacred Heart. I invite you to open your hearts in prayer to the Sacred Heart, as the fountain of his grace will overflow with love to the whole world.

*Fr. Owen*