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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



July

July 2024

"God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her Through
the night with the light from above"
- Irving Berlin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 10:30am Worship/Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:30am Worship	15 5pm Bowl for Hunger	16 Food Delivery	17	18	19	20
21 10:30am Worship	22	23 Barn Open Door Articles due	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Worship	29	30	31			

Community Vacation Bible School Week

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Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

Jean Chubway, 458 Jack Martin Blvd, Apt. 238,
Brick, NJ 08724

Barbara Ballo, 28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Ervant Mansfield, Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015
Amboy Ave, Apt 316, Edison, NJ 08837

Carla Ring, 1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ
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Deborah Sargeant Sr., 3058 Bordentown Ave,
Parlin, NJ 08859

Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Michelle Herman
TREASURER - Christine Vella
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver
ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver
MISSION CHAIR - Ruth Beselinoff
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL -
Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2024

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Molly Solanki
Elaine Lopez	Judy Scharff
Elder TBD	Deacons TBD

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)

Ruth Beselinoff	Mary Porcello
George Schaefer	Madhu Solanki
Christina Vella	

YOUR DEACONS

(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)

Jill Berwick	Michelle Herman
Megan Jarvis	Lori Ryan
Joyce Solanki	Larry Wallace

Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings for Sunday Worship flowers. They are \$25.00 for two urns. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact me. - Jean Greene



Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for

C.V.B.S.

July 15- 19, 2024

9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church,
 Lourdes Center in Parlin

 Closing Program is Friday, July 19, 2024 @ 7pm



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Did you read last month's recycled ink cartridges message. Thanks to you we saved \$72.00 on our order. As of now we have \$40.00 in Staples Rewards accumulated for our next order. Keep this wonderful program going and THANK YOU. God is good and supplies all our needs. Elaine Lopez

15th Annual Bowl for Hunger



Monday,
July 15th, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 pm
 at Majestic Lanes

\$25 per person

Includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a "Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.
 See Shirley if you want to sign up for this year's team.
 This event supports our food pantry.

July Bible Verses

My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever. Psalm 73:26

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. James 3:13

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. Psalm 62:5

Submitted by Molly Solanki

PAVERS

We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front.

Want one? Complete a

form and hand it in with your payment. Forms are available on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more information, contact Shirley in the church office. Pavers will be places this Fall.



Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism - "Frequently Asked Questions" from the 1600's written by Presbyterians.

Q1: What is man's primary purpose?

A: Man's Primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Theologian John Piper once said, "God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him." Our goal as Christians is not "dutiful obedience", but to bring *glory* to God by finding our *full satisfaction* and *joy* through delighting in Him.

For more: 1 Cor 10:31, Rom 11:36, Ps 73:24-28, John 17:22, 24

Submitted by John Mottley

HOLY HUMOUR

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the Liquor Store.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

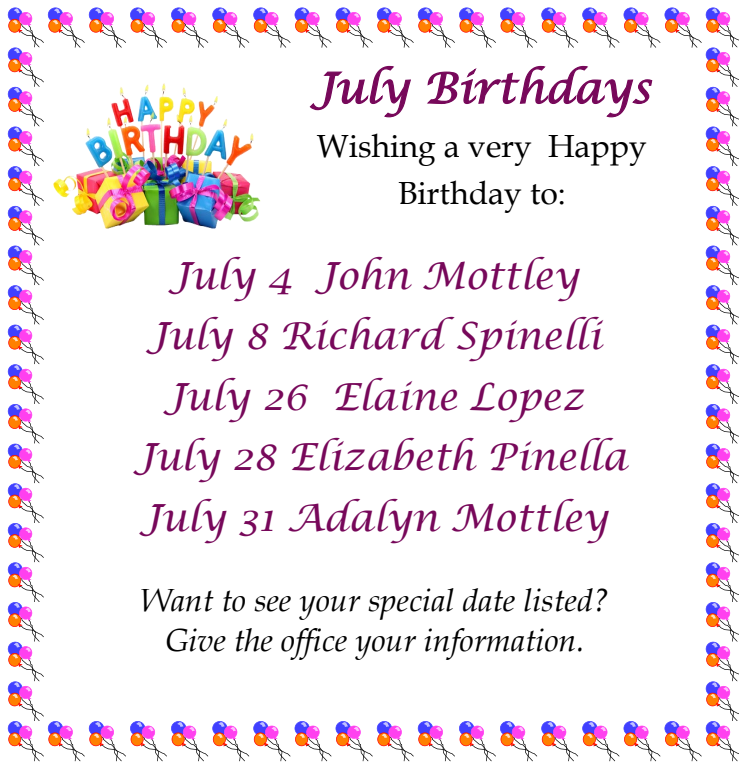
Submitted Elaine Lopez



To our High School Graduate
Cara Faith Weaver
Best of luck to you
in all your future endeavors!



To our Middle School Graduate
Nathan Messenger
Best of luck in High School



July Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy
Birthday to:

- July 4 John Mottley
- July 8 Richard Spinelli
- July 26 Elaine Lopez
- July 28 Elizabeth Pinella
- July 31 Adalyn Mottley

Want to see your special date listed?
Give the office your information.

July Quotes

- "It's Fourth of July weekend, or, as I call it, Exploding Christmas." — Stephen Colbert
 - "I am red and white and blue, these are the colors that ring true, to all I am and, feel and love and do, I stand proud and brave and tall, I want justice for us all, so color me America, red, white and blue"— Dolly Parton, Color Me America
 - "True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."— Arthur Ashe
 - "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." — Nelson Mandela
 - "In these divine pleasures permitted to me of walks in the July night under moon and stars, I can put my life as a fact before me and stand aloof from its honor and shame." — Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck
- Submitted by Molly Solanki



July Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



- July 17
Janet & Kelly
Bills

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do..." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

Submitted Elaine Lopez

Sunday School Happenings

Our Sunday School Closing Program on June 23 was a little different this year. Unfortunately, a couple of the kids were ill, so we didn't have our usually children's skit.

We hope the kids had a lot of fun learning this past year! We sure had fun teaching them.

Thank you to our teachers for all their time and dedication to our kids.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

See you all in the fall!

Miss Christine, Miss Judy & Miss Shirley

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

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Sunday School Closing
6-23-24



Sunday School Teacher NEEDED



We are still looking for a new Sunday School teacher to teach Arts and Crafts and play games with the kids every other weekend. Classes start at 9am. If you are interested, please see Shirley.

Multicultural Night

Wow, What a Night

A heartfelt thanks to all that helped to make this night a huge success!

As always, our church out did itself - we have a unity second to none. Although this was the first ever Multicultural event in our community, we had a large crowd turn out. There were distinct functions in all communities! The week itself had graduations, flag raising as well as other family gatherings.

We had enough food to feed everyone in South Amboy. One dish more inviting than the next. The deserts were a sweet array of beauty and wonderful smells and tastes.

The heat of the night could have kept people home. On the contrary.

We had people come from North and South Jersey as well as other directions. Yet people traveled to the Church using the turnpike highways and other roads to join us for this event.

The night cooled enough to have worship outside. A gifted saxophone player. Young man and women - he with a word from the Lord, she with a keyboard and beautiful voice. As we sat listening feeling the spirit all around, the night ended with the Lord's Blessings.

Mary Porcello



From the desk of the Deacons

This past month of June, we have had the honor to celebrate the Fathers of our Church and home. We visited our homebound members, Gerry and Carla Ring. What a wonderful visit and day we had! It was filled with so much laughter, reminiscing the past and making new memories. We also celebrated Gerry's birthday too 😊! Just as our hearts are full of joy to celebrate all our wonderful fathers, our hearts are filled with sadness with the loss of Arvid Holt. There are no words to describe Arvid's love and devotion to his family and his church, just an absolutely wonderful man. He is now at rest with our Heavenly Father above and his beloved Peggy. Let us honor Arvid, and others in our lives who have passed on, by remembering the happy memories made.

"Joyful are the people of integrity who follow the instructions of the Lord. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths". - Psalm 119:1-3
~ Michelle H.

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous... When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'" Submitted Elaine L.

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Mountains & Valleys

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

An early mentor of mine in the faith once taught me that the Christian life is not lived on the “mountaintop experiences” of emotional and spiritual highs, but it’s lived in the valleys of ordinary life. Our goal as Christians is not to seek high emotional experiences and label them “spiritual”, but to recognize the incredible spiritual power of simply living our lives for Jesus, wherever we are called to be this season.

I used to view the feeling I would experience at a high energy youth conference as the “ideal” for the Christian life that was to be sought after at all costs. I still view those experiences as good, but I’ve learned over the years that what many of us would view as “ordinary” is actually what has the greater and more extraordinary impact on our walk with Jesus.

It’s great to come from a passionate “mountaintop” experience like a retreat or conference, but let that experience spark a desire to have a more meaningful devotional life! It’s great to feel the emotional awe from praising God with a professional worship team, but may that build our own anticipation and desire to open the hymnals at church all the more or to play Christian music in our homes. I’ve learned so much over the years from “big name conference speakers”, but I have learned far more about Jesus in the quiet of my own home with nothing but my bible and my coffee.

As I write this, we are still coming down from the mountaintop experience of our first Multicultural Night. What a fabulous experience that was! Wasn’t it exciting to see our downstairs “packed out” with people? Didn’t it fill our hearts with joy to hear worship music and preaching launched into the heart of our city?

However, as wonderful as it was, we must recognize it for the mountaintop that it is. We don’t “live” on the mountain. True life, spiritual growth, and growth of the church happens in the valleys of everyday life. It happens when we meet for worship every Sunday, when we meet for bible studies, when we fellowship for coffee hour, when we pray together, and in our private worship & devotional life. The spiritual impact of the “everyday living” far surpasses the power of any big event we could throw.

Therefore let us rejoice in what we just experienced together, let us rejoice in the great good God brought through this event, let us also look forward to the *next* mountaintop experience - and let us praise him and live for him in the valley where true spiritual life takes place until that day!

Pastor John