

Church of Our Saviour Bulletin

The English Speaking International Roman Catholic Parish of The Hague

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Eucharistic Schedule:

Weekends at the church:

Sunday: 10.00, 17.30

Weekdays in the chapel:

Friday 09.30

Reconciliation:

Sunday 16.30-17.00 or by appointment

Religious Education 11.30-12.15, Pastoral Center

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Psalm Response: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Readings: ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23

To evangelize, then, we must be open to the action of the Spirit of God, without fear of what He asks us or where He leads us. Let us entrust ourselves to Him! He enables us to live and bear witness to our faith and enlighten the hearts of those we meet.

- Pope Francis



Please check the parish agenda on our website for a full updated schedule of events.

PENTECOST NATIONAL DOOR COLLECTION

Every year on Pentecost, we support missionaries going on home leave. Missionaries often work in places that are very demanding and need time to rest and touch base with their family and friends at home. For this purpose, this extra collection is held nationwide. Many thanks for your kind support.

PARISH BENEFIT GALA AT THE CROWNE PLAZA DEN HAAG PROMENADE ON SATURDAY, 29 JUNE

The prestigious 5-star Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at **van Stolkweg 1**, near Scheveningen. Tickets for the dinner dance evening are **€75 per person** or **€140 per couple** and are on sale at the Welcome Desk.

The event is from 19.00-00.00 with a 2-hour open bar (beer/wine/soft drinks) from 19.00-21.00. Free parking for all COS guests!

AUCTION ITEMS WANTED

We are looking for valuable objects or pledges that will be sold to the highest bidder during the Benefit Gala – jewellery, portable antiques, travel packages, and dinner evenings, just to name a few. Any creative offer that can be auctioned will be most welcome and gratefully received through our parish office. A list of the auction items will be placed on our website before the event. All proceeds for this Benefit Gala will go to our church.

**Please note that due to Pentecost Monday and the Dutch public holiday,
the Parish Office is closed tomorrow, Monday, 10 June.**

SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS

On the 5th anniversary of the tragic calamity with Flight MH 17, we will have a Memorial Mass on **Sunday morning, 14 July** with representatives from various nations who have lost their loved ones.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN & CORPUS CHRISTI

On **Sunday 23 June** we will celebrate these two great events in the Liturgical Calendar. Some of our parishioners who are Knights of Malta will also be present on this day to celebrate their Patron, St. John.

END OF THE PASTORAL YEAR & PARISH FAMILY BBQ

On **Sunday, 16 June**, we will end our pastoral year with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the events and celebrations during 2018-2019. We will also have our annual Parish Family BBQ in the atrium after the morning mass.



This date falls on Fathers' Day, so guess who'll be doing the cooking! Please get your tickets at the Welcome Table.

Prices are **€5 for adults and €2.50 for children under the age of 12**. Buy your tickets as soon as possible, so we know how many to cater for. Hope to see you on the day!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GROUP AND EVENT COORDINATORS, AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In spite of the stormy weather forecast that evening, it was a good turnout during last Tuesday's Parish Council meeting. The minutes of the meeting are currently being prepared and will be sent out next week with instructions to forward them to the members of the various groups. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on 3 December.

NEW LARGE TV SCREEN IN THE ATRIUM

The smart TV installed in the atrium is to present, in due course, an ongoing slideshow of our bulletin as well as the latest news during coffee after morning mass. It may also be used for rentals and community events.



The theme for this year's **PARISH RETREAT** is "**Wanted: Friends and Foot-washers**".

Retreat leader is **Fr Dominic O'Toole**, the parish priest of the English-speaking parish in Vienna. The dates are **Friday, 27 September – Sunday, 29 September**. Venue is the beautiful Carmelite convent in *Sittard*.

Price is approximately **€ 150/160 p.p.** all included. Each room has its own bathroom. To get more details and sign up, please contact **Helena Schroder-Rogers** at helena@bbbc.nl.



If you would like to sponsor the **ALTAR FLOWERS** for any special occasion (in memoriam, wedding anniversary, birthday) or just in thanksgiving for your many blessings, please contact **Cheryl Carr** at carrbark@bart.nl.



Pictures for First Holy Communion 2019 are available at <https://tinyurl.com/cos2019fhc>

PARISH BENEFIT GALA & AUCTION

SATURDAY - 29 JUNE 2019

4 COURSE DINNER BUFFET 19:00-00:00

OPEN BAR 19:00-21:00

CROWNE PLAZA DEN HAAG-PROMENADE

VAN STOLKWEG 1, 2585 JL DEN HAAG

(FREE PARKING FOR ALL COS GUESTS)

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME TABLE

€75 PER PERSON

€140 PER COUPLE



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COS SPECIAL DATES & EVENTS

- 09 June** – Pentecost Sunday Masses at 10.00 & 17.30
10 June – Pentecost Monday (Whit Monday) Mass at 11.00 & Feast of Mary Mother of the Church
15 June – Soul Kitchen Dinner (French cuisine) in the Atrium at 18.00
16 June – End of the Pastoral Year & Parish BBQ in the Atrium after morning mass
23 June – Celebration of The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi Masses at 10.00 & 17.30
23 June – Presentation of the Knights of Malta
29 June – Parish Benefit Gala & Auction at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, The Hague



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SOUL KITCHEN DINNER ON SATURDAY, 15 JUNE

The Soul Kitchen dinner this month will feature French Cuisine. Helpers for the evening are most welcome. Please contact **Saki** at WhatsApp 065 534 2134/ Email: sakilee@gmail.com or **Anthony** at heinsbroekanthony@gmail.com.



WEDDING PLANS? MOST WELCOME!

Couples intending to get married are welcome to complete their paperwork and preparations in our parish. Once these papers are approved by the diocese, they are valid worldwide. Please get in touch with our Parish Office six months prior to the event to begin the process. We will need a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate. In case of an interreligious marriage (with a partner from another denomination or a non-baptized person), a dispensation is required which takes a bit more time. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at **office@parish.nl**.

Please continue to pray for the following couples as they prepare for their wedding.

- 15-06 **Gergo BERCI & Reka HASNOVICSOVA**
13-07 **Carino F. CONSTANTINO & Dovile MASILIONYTE**
27-07 **Woulter HOLTKAMP & Stephanie GREEN**
03-08 **Ricardo DA SILVA & Simone NANI**
10-08 **Frank & Caroline**
17-08 **Fabian Unser-Nad & Jae IN KIM**
22-08 **Servio KLOETH & Kata MAJECZKI**

- Torokbalint, Hungary**
Vilnius, Lithuania
UK
Albufeira, Portugal
Saint Malo, France
COS, The Hague, NL
Alsodabasa, Hungary

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN BRIELLE

Every year, more than a thousand pilgrims from the Netherlands and abroad come to commemorate the martyrs of *Gorkum* in the pilgrimage church of Brielle (located at *De Rik 5*) which was built to honor them. This year, it will take place on **Saturday, 6 July**. Part of the pilgrimage is a pontifical Eucharistic celebration with **Mgr. J.H.J. van den Hende** as the main celebrant. This year's theme is "*Geroepen (Called)!*" The Choir Intermezzo will provide the musical support for the celebration and the Diocese of Rotterdam will provide special bus transport from the city of Rotterdam.

Brielle is the most famous pilgrimage site in South Holland. In the year 1572, nineteen Roman Catholic clergymen from *Gorkum* were tortured and hanged at this place because they refused to renounce their faith in the Eucharist. Their canonization took place on 29 June 1867.

FR. SJAAK ON SABBATICAL

Fr. Sjaak will be on Sabbatical Leave from **Sunday, 18 August through Sunday 15 December 2019**. Seven years ago, he spent 4-1/2 months doing a course at Boston College. Now, after 21 years in our parish, he will take a four month leave to recharge his batteries. During this time, he will spend six weeks at home, visit his nine Godchildren around the world, and meet with COS alumni in the US. During his absence, a team of local priests will celebrate Sunday masses and will be available for emergencies during the week. There will be no resident pastor during these months which means that there will be less pastoral service during office hours. However, our office staff, parish assistant **Kyle** and **Deacon Paul** will do as much as they can. Of course, for emergencies, we will be able to contact a priest. The Parish Board will also provide ongoing administrative services. If you would like to support this sabbatical leave, then airmiles would be very welcome to help with our pastor's travel expenses. Donations for board and lodging and to cover the extra costs of assistant priests would also be much appreciated.

NON-PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please note – adverts are placed in this section as a service to our parishioners or to let people know of activities in the region that might be of interest. They are NOT an endorsement of people offering services, organizations mentioned, or goods or accommodations being offered.)

HELP WANTED AT HOME

Four hours per week. For more information call **070 5140691** or **065 366 8394**.

SPRING COMMUNITY YARD SALE BY SCOUTS BSA

When: 10:00 - 14:00, Saturday, 15 June 2019

Where: U.S. Embassy - The Hague, John Adams Park 1, 2244 BZ Wassenaar

Donate & Shop!

Anyone can donate items (bicycles, small appliances, toys, books, clothing, etc.) to Scouts BSA Troop 141 (located at the American School of the Hague) for their annual fundraiser. This will help the all-volunteer-run scouting organization provide programs for boys and girls that develop character, values, principles, and skills to help them grow into leaders and provide service back to the local community. Please contact **Michael Hart** at hartotsouth@yahoo.com to arrange drop-off of donated items. Donations will also be accepted on the day of the sale up until the start of the event. Come by on the day of the event to shop for good bargains on gently used second-hand items. Sale will occur rain or shine!

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls ages 11-17 that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, responsibility, and leadership training to help them become the best version of themselves. While our Troop is based at The American School of The Hague, membership is open to all members of our community. For more information about our youth development program, please contact: troop141thehague@gmail.com.

A CONCERT OF FRIENDS ON 15 JUNE AT 20.00

The church of St John and St Philip, Den Haag, will host a Spring Concert in aid of the church's Piano Restoration Fund. The concert is a mixed program of sacred and secular music, performed by the many, talented professional musicians of their church community. Music by *Hildegard, Scarlatti, Storace, Pepusch, Rossini*, among others. No ticket price, but a free will offering will be taken. Wine and cheese reception afterwards.

Location: **Ary van der Spuyweg 1** Website: www.stjohn-stphilip.org

TWO STUDENTS LOOKING FOR ACCOMODATIONS IN THE HAGUE

Quiet, friendly, female postgraduate student (and member of the evening choir) looking for a studio or private room with shared facilities beginning in August or early September. Must be in a safe location, close to public transportation with easy access to the train stations. Budget is under 500, preferably inclusive. Please contact **Eleanor** at elli7han.w@outlook.com.

Slovakian university student (female) and future COS RE teacher looking for accommodation in The Hague beginning in August. Active in home parish and Silesian community as a youth leader and working with disadvantaged children. Please contact **Emma** at emma@velas.sk.