

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);
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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
Fr. Tom Ganley, ext. 402
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Parish Cemetery
Mr. Mark Sandt, Superintendent

BAPTISM: *Infants should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.*

CONFESSION: *Pope Saint John Paul II, of blessed memory, said: "Anyone who goes frequently to Communion, must also go frequently to Confession."* **Saturdays: 9am-9:30am and from 3:15pm-4:15pm or by appointment with one of the priests.**

FOR MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: *Please call the Church Office.*

DEVOTIONS: Adoration: Monday-Saturday: 8:30am-11:00pm; Sunday: 1:00-11:00pm (Chapel)
Novena (Miraculous Medal): Monday at 7pm (Chapel)
Charismatic Prayer: Wednesday at 7:30pm (Parish Meeting Room)
Legion of Mary: Tuesday at 9:00am & Thursday at 6:00pm (Mercy Hall)

RCIA: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Fr. John directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this regard.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES, CATHOLIC CHARITIES – DIOCESE OF METUCHEN: Office has relocated to 700 Sayre Avenue, Phillipsburg, NJ. Hours: Mondays Only from 1:30pm-7pm. Services are provided in English and Spanish. For information, please call (908) 454-2074.

HOLY MASS

Every Catholic who is able has a serious obligation to worship God at Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening: 4:30pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)
Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (*Spanish*), and 5:30pm
Daily Mass: Monday through Friday: 6:45am & 8am & 12:10pm in the Church; Tuesday: 7pm (*Spanish*) in the Church - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



4th Sunday of Lent + March 11, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Remember that there will be a Penance Service in Church tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7 PM. At least ten priests will be there to help hear Confessions. As usual, there will be old friends (like Fr. Juan Carlos and Fr. James) and priests you probably never met. My hope is that having so many priests will make it easy to go to Confession and experience God's healing mercy.

With that in mind, I'd like to share a little bit about what Confession has meant to me over the years. Like most people my age, I'm old enough to have seen Confession – and people's attitudes towards it – go through a few changes. I made my first Confession back in the days when most Catholics would hesitate to receive Communion on Sunday unless they had been to Confession the preceding Saturday. I suspect many of you also remember those days – and the lines for Confession that were a regular feature in Catholic Churches every Saturday.

I'm sure that most of you – like me – also remember how people began backing away from regular Confession. Some of that was probably legitimate in that few people were so bad that they had to go to Confession every week! But before long it went to the other extreme. People went to Communion all the time – but might go for years without Confession!

A kind of middle of the road position was those who at least went to Confession in Advent and Lent – to get themselves ready for Christmas and Easter. This was certainly better than not going for years. The problem was that people went to Confession because of the season, rather than the state of their soul.

Sad to say, my own relationship with Confession went through all those popular phases. As a young boy I went pretty regularly. Then my family – who never missed Mass on Sunday – fell into the bad habit of not going to Confession too much. Sad to say I think there may have been periods of almost a year between my Confessions!

Somewhere late in high school, as I became more convinced of my vocation, I started going to Confession more regularly. It started with my going to Confession to speak with the priest who was helping me think about my vocation. We had a great conversation, and I kind of rediscovered Confession.

Some wonderful things happened when I began going to Confession more regularly. First of all, I was finding it easier to focus and pray during Mass. Secondly, I was finding that my conscience was more finely tuned, and I was making better choices. Most of all, I was learning how the grace that God gives us in Confession can really help us grow as Christians.

I share all this to help you understand why I preach so often about Confession – and encourage people to go frequently. My hope is that you will find in Confession the blessings that I did, and that it will help you grow in your friendship with Christ – just as it did for me.

Last Sunday, my mother came to the 11 AM Mass with some friends. She enjoys coming to Mass in our Church, and – of course – I enjoyed seeing her. We had lunch after Mass before she had to head home!

Please say a Hail Mary for me today, and every day. I really appreciate your prayers and promise to pray for you daily.

Have a great week!
Fr. John



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Saint Update:

With Spring approaching, we are looking forward to all of the great events we have coming up. With both Walk-a-Thon and Carnival coming up, we hope that you will get involved in these fun events with your family. We also would like to take the time to acknowledge how proud we are of all the work our winter athletics, activities, and clubs have done throughout these last few months.

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than Sat., March 31, 2018. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Exposition, Readings and Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday	Celebrant & Preacher	Topic
March 14	Deacon Larry	Prayer
March 21	Fr. Tom	Jesus' Mercy
March 28	Fr. Leo	Trust in God

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 3 PM and 7 PM; Spanish Stations at 7 PM on Tuesdays

BINGO

3/13 – L. Ritter, F. Romero-Zelada, S. Althura, R. Lazier, G. Mino; **3/15** – C. Giacalone, C. Francescino, D. Shoudt, J. McCauley, T. Weadock; **3/17** – D. Kassick, K. Burns, M. Miles, J. Molesky, E. Prolog

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: ANDRES MONTEMAYOR, son of M/M Jesus Montemayor; DOMINIC BUILES CARDONA, son of Isaac Duran & Mariana Builes Cardona

“COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?”

LIFE = Noise, deadlines, demands & confusion;
ADORATION = God's love and peace, holding you in His arms; **GOD COMES TO US IN THE SILENCE!**
Eucharistic Adoration hours currently in need:
Mondays at 8pm, Tuesdays at 5pm, Wednesdays at 1pm, Fridays at 1pm & 4pm, Saturdays at 10am, and Sundays at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm...or an hour of your choice and/or on our Substitute List. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SEMINAR

There will be a Protecting God's Children, Virtus®, seminar on Wed., March 14th at 6pm in Saints Philip & James School on Roseberry Street. Please visit www.virtusonline.org to register. This seminar is required for all adults who have regular contact with our parish youth. If you have questions, you may contact Cindy DePillo at (908) 454-0112, ext. 406.

SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

Scapular Investiture, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will be on Sun., March 18, 2018 after the 9am Mass. *On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying “Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire...it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace.”*

BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT

Mitchell Frasca, from Boy Scout Troop 50, and an Acolyte, Server and member of St. Philip & St. James, has been asked by Fr. John to refurbish the Confessionals in the back of the Church. He will be repainting the walls, replacing the screens, replacing the kneelers, putting in new carpet, and adding a light that indicates whether or not the Confessionals are in use. In order to raise money for the project, he will be selling coffee and cake in the back of the Church on Sun., March 18th after the 7am, 9am and 11am Masses. Please stop by and support his efforts.

CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Learn to see the spiritual way through life's circumstances in family, individual, and marriage. You're never alone. As we journey through life, we journey in communion with others. For help discerning God's path for you, please make an appointment with Dr. Tim Gahles by calling the Church Office (908-454-0112).

CHARISMATIC "HOLY HALF HOUR"

Please join Fr. Tom Ganley and the ministry team for a "Holy Half-hour" on Wed., March 21st at 7pm at St. Philip and St. James Church. The topic will be "Jesus and Mercy". This will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a talk on Mercy, and will conclude with individual prayers of healing. This will replace our monthly Charismatic Healing Mass for the month of March. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Nancy at (908) 200-6763.

PASTA DINNER MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Pasta Dinner on Thurs., March 15, 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping is welcomed to attend.

BIBLE STUDY

Stay after the 12:10pm Mass on Tuesday afternoons in the sanctuary for an exciting tour of the Scriptures: Listen to the Prophets, walk with Jesus through the Gospels, travel with the Apostles to the early Churches, and learn to live the faith through the Word of life!

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

Legion of Mary Library will be open every Sunday in Mercy Hall from 9:45am to 10:45am with a selection of religious books and videos.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be hosting Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays, March 16th & 30th, from 4:00-7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Adults: \$8.00, Children 7 & Older: \$4.00, Children under 7: Free. Pizza: \$2.00 per slice. All proceeds will be donated to SPSJ and St. Mary Churches.

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Pasta Dinner will be held on Sun., April 15, 2018, from Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip & James School on Roseberry Street. More details to follow.

PLEASE JOIN US!

The School Advisory Council of Saints Philip & James School, Phillipsburg, NJ, is pleased to recognize Dr. James Finegan and Mr. John Stana at its ANNUAL FAITH AND SERVICE DINNER on Sat., April 14, 2018 at Flynn's on the Hill, Phillipsburg. We invite alumni and friends to join us in celebrating these two amazing men, as well as a chance to renew old friendships. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact us at spjschoolcouncil@gmail.com or call (908) 859-1244.

DISCOVER WHY IT'S GREAT TO BE A SAINT!

Saints Philip and James School prides itself on tradition, academic excellence, and spiritual growth. We currently serve students in Pre-K 2 through 8th grade. Come see all our school has to offer at one of our upcoming **open houses**. They will be taking place: March 11th, 1-3pm; and April 15th, 1-3pm.

BUNNY BRUNCH

Please join us for a great morning on Sat., March 24th, at 10:00am at Flynn's on the Hill. The morning will consist of games, crafts, activities, and meeting the Easter Bunny. Reservations are required. For more information, please visit: spsjbunnybrunch.eventbrite.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Two of SSPJ's largest fundraisers are upon us. We have sponsorship opportunities available for both Walk-a-Thon as well as Carnival. These events are not only great ways to support our school and students, but also fantastic publicity for your company. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for either event, please contact (908) 859-1244 or fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

FORMED...A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

FORMED is a collection of Catholic Bible studies, talks, movies, and other programs for people who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Anyone in our parish can access it by following three simple steps: (1) Google formed.org. (2) Scroll down to where it asks if your parish already subscribes and indicate yes. It will ask you to enter your parish code, which is GMKZ4Q (all capitals). (3) You will then be asked to set up your own account by establishing your own password. After that, you should be in!

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND

"Jesus" at Sight & Sound bus trip will be held on Wed., October 3, 2018. Cost is \$104. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

CHRISM MASS

On Mon., March 26, 2018, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30pm.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Jesus said: "Feed the hungry." (It wasn't just a suggestion.) Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

March 17/18, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: William Haussman
Ministers: Timothy Gahles & Robert Ellwood; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Dorothy Kays, C4 – Ronald Rossini
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Andrew Haussman & Russell Pantuso

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara
Ministers: Carol Bevilacqua & Immaculata Durnin
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Lauren Rautenberg & Cole Rautenberg

9:00am

Acolyte: Daniel Perez
Ministers: Matthew Markus & Lynn Markus; C1 – Anne Coyle, C2 – Ines Berluche, C3 – Eileen Catalli, C4 – Eileen Kerrigan
Lector: Theresa Duaime
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Kiernan Lopez

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Patricia Palazzo, C4 – Denise Kassick
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Logan Shoudt & KJ Kassick & Alexander Brahm

5:30pm

Acolyte: Raeanna Allen
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: Cecilia Plante
Servers: Niquole Allen & Lacey Allen & Blake Sweigert

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

3/11/18 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini

3/18/18 – Roger DiVittorio & Tim Gahles

Brakeley Care Center

3/11/18 – Mary Duaime & Maureen Speer

3/18/18 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

Phillipsburg Care Center

3/11/18 & 3/18/18 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 – Perine Family by Martha Perine Richline
 9:00 – Deceased Members of Girl Scouts USA by Service Unit
 11:00 – Mary Frain by Russo Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Joseph Melham, Jr. by Lisa Rapsis

MONDAY, MARCH 12

6:45 – CJ Koop by M/M Roger DiVittorio
 8:00 – Martin Family by Jim & Ruthie Martin
 12:10 – Dick Chidsey by Richard & Kathleen Hoag

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

6:45 – Ana C. Cortes & Miguez A. Mislán by Sara Mislán Lotter
 8:00 – Virginia Rosznagle by Son, Patrick Rosznagle
 12:10 – Joseph Flynn by SPSJ Blue Army Prayer Cell

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

6:45 – Special Intention of Nelly Espinal by Family
 8:00 – Francis Flynn, Jr. by Sis & Bob Gebhard
 12:10 – Mary Krutsick by Lucy Jiorle

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

6:45 – John Natisin by A Friend
 8:00 – Gail Martin by Jim & Ruthie Martin
 12:10 – Peter Krochta by Barbara Murray

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

6:45 – Barbara DePaolis by Martha Richline
 8:00 – Vinnie Catalli by Wife & Children
 12:10 – Edith Sciascia by Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 – Mary Coyle by Azzalina Family
 8:00 – Paddy Bracken by The Flynn's
 4:30pm – Edwin Vega by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 – Amy Plevyak by Ginnie Zecchino
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Husband, Gino
 11:00 – Edith Sciascia by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Rossini Family by Family

Stewardship of Treasure

March 4, 2018: \$13,631.00

Have you considered on-line giving?

If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:

<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

● CALENDAR ●

11 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast
 9:00 - CH - Girl Scout Mass
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 11:00 - CH - Columbiettes Mass, followed by
 Communion Breakfast
 12:00 - OUR - 33 Days to Merciful Love Class
 1:00-3:00 - SSPJ - Open House
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

12 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:30 - MH - Catholic Daughters Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Penance Service
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 7)

13 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

14 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 6:00 - MH - Catholic Daughters ARC Dance
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Mission
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:30 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

15 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Pasta Dinner Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

16 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross
 4:00-7:00 - MH - K. of C. Fish Dinner
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

17 - Saturday - St. Patrick

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

18 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

10:00 - CH - Scapular Investiture
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 12:00 - OUR - 33 Days to Merciful Love Class
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 17/18, 2018

4:30pm – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. John
 9:00am – Fr. Pat
 11:00am – Fr. Tom
 1:00pm (SP) – Fr. Leo
 5:30pm – Fr. Leo