

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);  
Also, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 5pm-8pm

**Priests:** Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407  
Fr. Tom Ganley, ext. 402  
Fr. Leo Salvania, ext. 403

**Deacons:** Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Jack Sheridan, Deacon Enock Berluche,  
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**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

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**Saints Philip and James School**

(908) 859-1244

Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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(908) 859-1244, option 9

Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

**Sacred Music**

Mr. Paul Kucinski

**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church

"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

Jn 12:28



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent + March 18, 2018

● **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** ●

**FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...**

Can you believe that next Sunday is Palm Sunday? It's amazing how quickly time passes! Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses next weekend. I look forward to celebrating Palm Sunday and entering Holy Week with all of you.

I want to congratulate the Girl Scouts who received their religious medals last Sunday. These girls put in a great deal of time learning about our Catholic Faith and completing the requirements for these medals. They also learned about Our Lady of Fatima and earned a special patch for doing so. It's good to see so many girls making such an effort to grow in their Faith!

By now I'm sure that many of you have received reminders about your pledge to our Parish Capital Campaign. These were scheduled to begin this month. Reminders will be sent based upon the way you chose to make your pledge. For example, I chose to make my payments monthly – and will, therefore, receive a monthly reminder.

Thanks to the great generosity of the people of our parish, our campaign has been spectacularly successful. We have met our goal of \$1,400,000 in pledges. Payments have been coming in regularly, allowing us to move on some important projects. By the time you read this, our gym's new roof should be complete! Electrical work has been done in the rectory, and we are looking at proposals for the other projects. I'll give you a more complete accounting after Easter. Suffice it to say that our parish is indeed blessed to have so many generous people among her members!


Last Saturday evening I had the pleasure of visiting our Cub Scout Troop at their winter campsite. Arriving for dinner, I expected to have some hot dogs and toasted marshmallows. Imagine how surprised I was to find hot penne pasta and meatballs! All I can say is that Cub Scout camp has changed a lot since I was a kid!

On a more serious note, I want to let everyone know that we are working to improve the parking situation in our Mercer Street lot. A number of vehicles have been parked there for some time, making spots for Sunday Mass goers a bit harder to come by. This should be resolved shortly, and I apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Please also say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. Also, if you have not yet made your Lenten Confession, please do so this Saturday.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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**Saint Update:**  
As we continue through this Lenten Season, the students actively reflect on the meaning of their faith. The students are actively preparing for their upcoming performance of "The Little Mermaid". We have begun fundraising for our Walk-A-Thon, which is a fun day for students, staff and faculty alike. Carnival is also right around the corner, and the committee has been hard at work to make this year the best year yet. We truly look forward to all the remainder of this school year promises to bring.

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

**Wednesday evenings at 7pm**

**Exposition, Readings and Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

Wednesday	Celebrant & Preacher	Topic
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**

**3/20** – M. Minutaglio, L. McKenna, C. Cox; **3/22** – C. Sumner, B. Falvey, C. Corona, T. Armagno, K. Juliano; **3/24** – E. Lavigne, D. Hassara, K. Basel, M. Kinney

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: **AYAZ EMANUEL DE PAZ LOPEZ**, son of M/M Jonathan De Paz

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

The Mass schedule for Holy Week and Easter is as follows: **Holy Thursday** – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration until 11:00pm; **Good Friday** – No Adoration; Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 12:00pm in Spanish and at 3:00pm in English; Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm; **Holy Saturday** – No morning or afternoon Confessions and no Adoration – Blessing of Food at 12:30pm in Church; Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm; **Easter Sunday** – No Adoration; Masses will be celebrated at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm (Spanish). There will be no 5:30pm Mass.

### **SCAPULAR INVESTITURE**

Scapular Investiture, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will be on Sun., March 18, 2018 after the 9am Mass.

### **EASTER SUNDAY DINNER**

Come join us on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00pm in Mercy Hall for an Easter Dinner for those who are alone or without family. Call (908) 454-9880 to make reservations and leave your name and phone number.

### **"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.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **MEATBALLS & SAUCE FOR PASTA DINNER**

Anyone wishing to make sauce and meatballs for the April 15, 2018 Pasta Dinner, please contact Charlene at (908) 859-4374.

### **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 after the 9am Mass to 10:45am with a selection of religious books and videos.

### **GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER**

Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **JOIN US FOR OUR PASTA DINNER**

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. Price: Adults \$8.00; Children 5 to 12 - \$5.00; Under 5 Free; Family of 4 - \$20.00. Menu: salad, pasta, homemade sauce and meatballs, rolls, soda, water, coffee, tea and homemade desserts. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James. Take-outs are available. For further information, please call (908) 859-4374.

### **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 [spsjschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:spsjschoolcouncil@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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Come see all our school has to offer at our upcoming **open house:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm.

### **SSPJ DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE**

Please join us for our upcoming performance of "The Little Mermaid". The performance will take place Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Tickets are available at the door. Our students have been working extremely hard, and the show promises to be yet another great one.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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. 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**

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Please give that much. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● MINISTRY ●

**March 24/25, 2018**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Luke Talpas & Elisabeth Talpas  
Ministers: William Casey & Thomas Casey; C1 – Keith Gallagher, C2 – Margie Markus, C3 – Melody Talpas, C4 – Ronald Rossini  
Lector: Natalie Pecht  
Servers: Brady Carver & Vince Bedoya & Anthony Ventura

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda  
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Barbara Balas  
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua  
Servers: Steven Fulse & Lucas Anmolsingh

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Catherine Gural & Mark-Luke Gural  
Ministers: William Hillhouse & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Kelly Perna, C3 – Elizabeth Divinagracia, C4 – Donna Kucinski  
Lector: Geraldine Bowie  
Servers: Zackary Payran & Paxton Payran & Brett Bruckman

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse  
Ministers: Maureen Speer & Gloria Cervasi; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C4 – Samuel Fatta  
Lector: Theresa Duaima  
Servers: Ricky Krouse & Andrew Sretenovic & Luciana Perna

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Raeanna Allen  
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger  
Lector: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Niquole Allen & Lacey Allen & Jacqueline Clark

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

3/18/18 – Roger DiVittorio & Tim Gahles

3/25/18 – Michael & Ruth Clark

### **Brakeley Care Center**

3/18/18 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

3/25/18 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

3/18/18 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci

3/25/18 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 – Joseph Heil by Frances DiVittorio  
 8:00 – Geraldine Rossnagle by Norman Rossnagle  
 12:10 – Paul McCluskey by Luis Henao

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

6:45 – Anthony & Anne Gallagher by Keith Gallagher  
 8:00 – Jean Casey-Wood by Brothers & Sisters  
 12:10 – John Mamrak, Sr. by Family  
 7:00pm (SP) – For the People

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

6:45 – Kathryn Goldstein by Bob Del Sordo  
 8:00 – Thomas & Lena Connolly by Edward & Margaret Connolly  
 12:10 – Mario Carrato by Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

6:45 – Luis Espinal by Family  
 8:00 – M/M David Cervasi by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi  
 12:10 – Dale Briggs by Mac Briggs

### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

6:45 – Faust Marzuoli (The Boss) by Tom Marzuoli  
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Family  
 12:10 – Joseph Flynn by Eileen Catalli & Family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 – Mary DeNicuola by Daughter  
 8:00 – Emilio Notaroberto by Ella & Adam Lokitis  
 4:30pm – John Surdoval by Robert & Sabrina Ellwood

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 – Amy Plevyak by Szumiloski Family  
 9:00 – Frank & Matilda Viscomi by Lucy Haney  
 11:00 – Arthur Stannard by Debbie Varga & Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Antonio & Maria Caccese by Family

### Stewardship of Treasure

March 11, 2018: \$13,133.00

*Have you considered on-line giving?*

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

<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 18 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### 19 - Monday - St. Joseph

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program  
 7:00 - MH - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K. of C. Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 8)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 20 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7  
 6:00 - CH/Flynn's - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.  
 7:00 - PMR - St. Michael's Society Men's Group  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 21 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Mission  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)  
 7:00 - CH - Charismatic "Holy Half-Hour"

### 22 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 23 - Friday - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross  
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.  
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

### 24 - Saturday - Bl. Oscar Romero

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 25 - Palm Sunday (Palm distributed at all Masses)

12:00 - OUR - 33 Days to Merciful Love Class  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms

### MASS CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 24/25, 2018

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