

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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For Emergencies, please call (908) 455-4346.

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,
Deacon Larry Bevilacqua, Deacon Rob Fisher

Parish Secretary: Cathy Steigerwalt

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Saints Philip and James School

(908) 859-1244

Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

Religious Education (CCD)

(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 - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



Palm/Passion Sunday + March 25, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I was really happy to see a lot of people at our recent Penance Service. Given that a number of people went to Confession during the 24 hours of Adoration the previous week, I expected less people than usual at our Penance Service. But lots of you were there, testifying to your faith in Jesus' mercy and the power of Confession!

As we begin Holy Week, I want to encourage everyone to make a real effort to come to Church on both Holy Thursday (7 PM) and Good Friday (3 PM). Our church really should be filled on those most holy days. Indeed, if you can get to church on those days, you really should. They are the days on which Jesus gave us His greatest gift – His Body and Blood, offered on the Cross to take away our sins so we can have eternal life in Heaven! Our presence in church on Holy Thursday and Good Friday is a token of our appreciation of all that He did.

Please remember that Mass on Holy Saturday is at 7 PM – rather than the usual 4:30 PM. This is due to the Catholic Church's ancient tradition of offering Holy Mass after dusk on Holy Saturday. Doing this makes that Mass a true vigil for the Resurrection. While that Easter Vigil Mass is a good deal longer than an ordinary Mass, it is also very beautiful, inspiring, and well worth attending. As always, I promise to move it along as best as I can!

Tomorrow (Monday) evening, the priests of our diocese will renew their commitment to the priesthood at the annual Chrism Mass. At that Mass, our bishop will also bless the holy oils that are used in the sacraments – especially Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick. Everyone is welcome to attend the Chrism Mass in St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen at 7:30 PM. Whether or not you come to that Mass, please do say a prayer for me and all our priests as we renew our priestly promises that evening. Pray that we will really live up to those promises and become the kind of priests that Jesus wants us to be.

Finally, please be sure to check this bulletin carefully for the schedule for Holy Week and Easter. I look forward to worshipping and praying with all of you at this most holy time of year. May our good God bless us with a truly joyous and blessed Easter!

Happy Palm Sunday!
Fr. John

BINGO

3/27 – S. Oluwole, K. Tichy, J. Minchin, D. Walter, L. McKenna; **3/29** – No Bingo; **3/31** – No Bingo

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: **KYLEIGH CHRISTINE MUDING**, daughter of Scott Muding & Jennifer Gido



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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.

We are thrilled to announce we have four students moving on to The State Competition of National History Day: Lucas Anmolsingh, Michael Reilly, Sheila Miller, and Anjali Titus!! Congratulations on all of your hard work!!

We are also proud to share that one of our recent alumni, Emma Anmolsingh, was selected to be a student speaker at the 5th Annual Power of Collaboration Global Summit at the United Nations in New York City. It is great to be a Saint!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Exposition, Readings and Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday	Celebrant & Preacher	Topic
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

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and will reopen on Mon., April 2nd.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will be closed beginning Holy Thursday and will reopen again for regular hours on Mon., April 2nd.

EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

Come join us on Easter Sunday, April 1st, 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, Wednesdays at 1pm, Fridays at Noon, 4pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 10am, and Sundays at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm...or an hour of your P choice and/or on our Substitute List. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES

Legion of Mary Annual ACIES (Reconsecration to Mary) will take place on Sat., April 7th beginning with the Rosary in five languages at 12:30pm, followed by Holy Mass and fellowship in Mercy Hall. All auxiliary members and parishioners are invited.

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).

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.

UP ALL NIGHT WITH JESUS

Up All Night with Jesus – Holy Thursday, March 29th – after the 7pm Mass. Commemorate Jesus' final hours before His Passion, by staying up with Him like He asked His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. The GIFT Ministry invites you to join us, by caravan on a pilgrimage of faith, to local churches for adoration and prayer, concluding with fellowship at Key City Diner (food for purchase on your own). We will gather in the Church vestibule after Mass before departing for our pilgrimage. For more information, please call Cindy at (908) 646-4112 and/or pick up the flyer in the Church vestibule.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be hosting a Lenten Fish Dinner on Good Friday, March 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.

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.

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 spjschoolcouncil@gmail.com or call (908) 859-1244.

ALMUNI MEET & GREET

Saints Philip & James School will be hosting an Alumni Meet and Greet on Fri., April 13, 2018 from 7:00-8:30pm at the school on Roseberry Street. This will be a great time to reconnect with fellow alumni and tour the facilities.

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 our upcoming **open house**: April 15th, 1-3pm.

SSPJ DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

Please join us for our upcoming performance of "The Little Mermaid". The performance will take place Thursday, April 19th through Saturday, April 21st 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.

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.

AN EVENING WITH "AMERICA'S BELOVED TENOR"

Holy Family Parish in New Brunswick presents an Evening with "America's Beloved Tenor", Daniel Rodriguez, on Fri., April 20, 2018 from 7-10pm at Saints Peter & Paul Church, 285 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ 08873. Dinner and Show - \$50 per person (additional love offerings & donations are welcome). For further information, call Holy Family Parish Center at (732) 545-1681. Proceeds benefit the Archdiocese of San Juan de Puerto Rico.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Children learn by example. Teach yours to be generous to the poor. Let the kids help carry the bags. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

March 31/April 1, 2018
HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL

7:00pm

Acolytes: Joey Socci & Nicholas Socci & Joseph Stolte & Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada
Ministers: Priests & Deacons
Lectors: Judy Leone & Geraldine Bowie & Geraldine Lagrimas

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Patricia Palazzo
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Daniel DePillo
Ministers: Eileen Kerrigan & Anne Coyle; C1 – Sharon Hillhouse, C2 – Eileen Catalli, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – William Hillhouse
Lector: Theresa Duaine
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Joseph Cruz

11:00am

Acolyte: Yaledy Charleus & Daniel Perez
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Sara Greene, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – Samuel Fatta, C4 – Mary Brogan
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Michael Juliano & Jack Juliano & Allan Palos

No 5:30pm Mass

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

3/25/18 – Michael & Ruth Clark
4/1/18 – No Service (Easter)

Brakeley Care Center

3/25/18 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo
4/1/18 – No Service (Easter)

Phillipsburg Care Center

3/25/18 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta
4/1/18 – No Service (Easter)

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26

6:45 – John Swirczewski by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 8:00 – Agnes Collis by Skears Family
 12:10 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

6:45 – Joseph Flynn by M/M Roger DiVittorio
 8:00 – Judy Pierce by Paul Pierce
 12:10 – Julius Marczy by Wife

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

6:45 – Margaret Pursell by Arlene Mrockovski
 8:00 – Frank Manasseri by Family
 12:10 – Jacob & Elfrieda Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper – For the Deceased Priests of St. Philip & St. James

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

12:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy (Spanish)
 3:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy (English)
 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

HOLY SATURDAY

12:30pm (CH) – Blessing of Food
 7:00pm – Solemn Easter Vigil Mass – For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 – Joseph Flynn by Jo-Ann Scott
 9:00 – Ron Creed by Dalrymple Family
 11:00 – Stuart Davis by O'Sullivan Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – No Mass

● CALENDAR ●

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

26 - Monday of Holy Week

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 9)

27 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 4:00 - SSPJ - No CCD Classes
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

28 - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Mission
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:30 - PMR - No Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg./No Healing Mass

29 - Holy Thursday

No Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration until 11pm
 7:00 - MH - No Bingo

30 - Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

No Adoration
 9:00-9:30 - CH - Altar Server Practice for Good Friday
 12:00 - CH - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)
 3:00 - CH - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (English)
 4:00-7:00 - MH - K. of C. Good Friday Fish Dinner
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

31 - Holy Saturday

No Adoration or Confession
 11:30-12:00 - CH - Altar Server Practice for Holy Saturday
 12:30 - CH - Blessing of Food
 7:00 - MH - No Bingo
 7:00 - CH - Solemn Easter Vigil Mass (RCIA Elect & Candidates receive the Sacraments)

1 - Easter Sunday

No Adoration
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms
 3:00 - MH - Parish Easter Dinner
 No 5:30pm Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

March 18, 2018: \$12,960.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$978.00

Have you considered on-line giving?

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

<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 31/APRIL 1, 2018

7:00pm (Easter Vigil) – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. Leo
 9:00am – Fr. Tom
 11:00am – Fr. John
 1:00pm (SP) – Fr. Leo
 5:30pm – No Mass