

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
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Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Jack Sheridan, Deacon Enock Berluche,
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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



Easter Sunday + April 1, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I want to begin by wishing each and every one of you a blessed and happy Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus stands at the very heart of everything we believe as Catholics. I am pleased to celebrate it with you.

Easter is so important to us that we celebrate it not just for a day – but for a season of fifty days. The Easter Season is longer than Lent because the joy of the Resurrection is greater than penance of Lent. As part of our celebration of this joyful season, our Church will be decorated throughout the Easter Season. The new Paschal (Easter) Candle will stand near the pulpit, rising high into the air as a symbol of Christ's glorious Resurrection.

The Rite of Sprinkling with Holy Water will replace the Penitential Rite at most Sunday Masses during the Easter Season. This is to remind us that the New Life Christ gave us in Baptism has as its goal our Resurrection and Eternal Life in Heaven. Additionally, the Gloria will be sung as a joyful hymn. May these beautiful ceremonies fill us with the joy that the first disciples felt when they saw the Risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday.

That joy is so important in today's world. The news is all too full of stories about violence, tragedy, and war. The fact that Christians are being persecuted in far too many places – and that violence touches too many people right here in our own country – is sobering, to say the least. But the Good News of Easter reminds us that Christ has ultimately triumphed over death and sin. United with Him – through Baptism and by living as He taught – we will triumph and rise with Him to Everlasting Life.

I want to say a special "thank you" to everyone who made this Lent so wonderful. It was inspiring to see so many people at Daily Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross and the Parish Lenten Mission on Wednesday evenings (at least when it wasn't snowing!) this Lent. Seeing people use Lent as a time for spiritual growth was very rewarding for me, and I'm sure for them, too.

Instead of going to one of my sister's homes as I usually do on Easter, I'm heading to my Mom's. My sisters will do most of the cooking, but my mother wanted to have everyone for Easter – so that's what we're going to do! I hope that many of you also have a chance to spend Easter with family and friends.

On Monday morning, I'm going to head out to Altoona for a few days of rest and train watching – as I often do after Easter. I'll be back for next weekend's Masses though. One of those Masses will be the Acies Mass for the Legion of Mary. This beautiful Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother will be offered in our Church on Saturday, April 7 at 12:30pm. All are welcome!

Happy Easter!
Fr. John

BINGO

(GUARANTEED JACKPOT ON 4/7—AT LEAST \$734)

4/3 – M. Minutaglio, K. Tichy, J. Molesky, C. Cox, B. Cox;
4/5 – T. Reilly, R. Calaman, J. Molesky, C. Carroll, J. Troxell; **4/7** – D. Kassick, C. Franceschino, J. Byrne, D. Bellfy, J. Lopez, C. DiCapua



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Saint Update:

The students are actively preparing for their upcoming performance of *The Little Mermaid*. This year's show will take place April 19-21, and promises to be yet another great production. 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. This year we will have a number of live bands, an alumni night, unlimited ride wristbands, great food and so much more. 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!

EASTER SCHEDULE

The Mass schedule for Easter is as follows: **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.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: JULIETTE HOPE-ANNE ROSA, daughter of M/M Luis Rosa

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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

Because of Easter, the monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of April 7/8, 2018. April's needs are: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, canned soups, canned meat, canned fruit, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent and deodorant. Life Choices is in need of diapers, formula, and children's items. Perishable items should not be left at the Church, but they can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. If you would like to make a monetary offering, there are envelopes at the exits labeled: **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY DONATION**. You may place your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., April 7th, after the 9am Mass in the Chapel with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to Her Immaculate Heart for 5 First Saturdays by attending Mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that she will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confession is in the Church at 9am and 3:15pm. A Holy Hour for Life will be held later in the chapel at 11am.

K. OF C. BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sun., April 8, 2018 from 8am to 11am in Mercy Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please support their efforts.

"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 & 5pm, Fridays at Noon, 4pm & 10pm, 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.

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).

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Come into a closer relationship with Jesus through His Blessed Mother. Starting Mon., April 2nd, at 7pm in the Conference Room, we will discuss how Saints John Paul II, Mother Teresa, Maximilian Kolbe, and Louis deMontfort drew closer to Jesus through His Mother. For more information, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come and join us for a service for Divine Mercy Sunday on Sun., April 8, 2018 at 3:30pm. We will have the chaplet, blessing with St. Faustina Relic, confessions, and prayers of healing. This is the day to bring all your images of Divine Mercy and statues and diaries for a special blessing as well. The 5:30pm Mass will follow it. For details, call Fr. Tom at (908) 454-0112, ext. 402.

MEATBALLS & SAUCE FOR PASTA DINNER

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

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

ALUMNI 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.

SSPJ MOMMY & ME CLASS

Please join us for a Mommy and Me class on Thurs., April 19th from 9:00-10:30am. This will be a parent-child class complete with songs, crafts, circle time, activities and more!

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!

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. THEATER

Bethlehem Catholic High School Theater presents *Godspell*, the upbeat, song-filled musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Along with such well-known songs as "Day by Day" and "Prepare Ye", the show includes familiar parables and traces the building of a community seeking to love and do what is right. Show dates: April 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7pm and April 15 at 2pm. BeCa Auditorium, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, PA. Reserved seating tickets (Rows D-N) available at www.bit.ly/becatheater and General Admission seating (Rows O-GG) sold one hour prior to showtime. \$12/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Questions? Theater@becahi.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Now that Spring is finally here, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be April 20-22, 2018. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone (732) 904-9636 for registration and information.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Do a good deed – help those in need. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

April 7/8, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Louis Moyer & Brianna Moyer
Ministers: Dorothy Kays & Eileen Dean; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Margie Markus, C4 – Keith Gallagher
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Servers: Luciana Perna & Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Timothy Halm
Ministers: Judy Leone & Immaculata Durnin
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua
Servers: Dominic Russo & Lucas Anmolsingh

9:00am

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada
Ministers: Elizabeth Divinagracia & Charlene Hummell; C1 – Lynn Markus, C2 – Joseph Lusardi, C3 – Valerie Lusardi, C4 – Matthew Markus
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Zackary Payran & Paxton Payran & Christopher Hill

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Karen Llanos & Geraldine Lagrimas; C1 – Theresa Richey, C2 – Mario Madawela, C3 – Robert Hopkins, C4 – Pat James
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Blake Sweigert & Kiernan Lopez & Ricky Krouse

5:30pm

Acolyte: Colin Lavigne
Minister: Kevin Kassick
Lector: Denise Kassick
Servers: KJ Kassick & Aidan Lavigne & Isaiah Miles

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/1/18 – No Service (Easter)

4/8/18 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

Brakeley Care Center

4/1/18 – No Service (Easter)

4/8/18 – Cecilia Plante & Barbara Shaneberger

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/1/18 – No Service (Easter)

4/8/18 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, APRIL 2

6:45 – Catherine Murray by Mark Adkins
8:00 – Special Intention of Judwiga Dzielak by Sister, Anna
12:10 – Paul Reynolds, Jr. by Sally Reynolds

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

6:45 – Jack Kocsis by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
8:00 – Charles Harrison by Brother, Gene
12:10 – Ann McTague by Merrie Mulrine
7:00pm (SP) – For the People

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:45 – Barbara DePaolis by Prayer Shawl Ministry
8:00 – Kenneth Dugan by Tom & Mary Jiorle
12:10 – Betty Barron by Richard & Kathleen Hoag

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

6:45 – Helen Casey by Wayne & Virginia Schaffer
8:00 – Pat Sharr by Keith Gallagher
12:10 – Special Intention of Winnie Cherubin by Mother

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

6:45 – John Stana by McGuire Family
8:00 – Betty Hummell by Jim & Ruthie Martin
12:10 – William Speer by Eileen Catali & Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 – Msgr. Joseph V. Kozak (A)
8:00 – Francis J. Bambrick by Rosemary Carnali
4:30pm – Louise Kuzma by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 – Albert & Julia Madden by Grandchildren
9:00 – Ezekiel Guardascione by Paul & Donna Kucinski
11:00 – Arthur & Anna Jiorle & Infant Son by Dave & Char Jiorle
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – Anita Cimon by Blanca Liliam Espinal

● CALENDAR ●

1 - Easter Sunday

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

2 - Easter Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class
7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)
7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

3 - Easter Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
4:00 - SSPJ - No CCD Classes
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
730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

4 - Easter Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
1:00 - MH - Over 50's Club Bus. Mtg./Social
7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
7:00 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

5 - Easter 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

6 - Easter Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.

7 - Easter Saturday

8:30 - HFC - First Saturday Devotion
8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
9:00 - CH - Confession
11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
12:30 - CH - Legion of Mary ACIES
3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
6:00 - CH - Spanish Prayer Vigil
7:00 - MH - Bingo

8 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Food for the Needy Collection

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast
1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
3:30 - CH - Divine Mercy Sunday

Stewardship of Treasure

March 25, 2018: \$15,083.50
Retired Clergy: \$3,329.00

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 APRIL 7/8, 2018

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