

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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(908) 859-1244
Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

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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



2nd Sunday of Easter + April 8, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I hope your Easter was as nice as mine. Although I thought we were going to my mother's house on Easter, the plans got changed, and we were at my sister Natalie's home instead. We had more food than you can imagine, and plenty of family and friends. Some of my niece's friends from college joined us – since they live a distance and could not get to their family homes for Easter – and it was nice to have them. It all made for a great day.

As I announced at the Easter Vigil and the 11 AM Mass on Easter, our parish is happy that two of her sons – Matthew Marinelli and Joseph Illes – will be ordained deacons on May 19th. They have been studying for the priesthood for several years and have reached this important point in the journey. God willing, they will spend about a year as deacons while continuing their studies – then be ordained priests.

On Saturday, May 19th, Matthew Marinelli will function as a deacon for the first time at the 4:30 PM Mass. He will also preach the homily that day. On Sunday, May 20th, Joseph Illes will function as a deacon at Mass for the first time, and likewise preach the homily. I will give you more information as the days get closer, but you can save the date right now. Please keep praying for both of them – and thank God for bringing them this far.

It was nice to see the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies so well attended. I am always inspired by seeing so many people at Church on those holiest days of the year. Thanks to everyone who came to Church and helped our parish celebrate the Resurrection on Easter!

Our parish was privileged to receive three people into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. One was baptized, another was a convert, and the other was a Catholic who had been baptized but never received the other sacraments. All three were Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. Such New Life speaks well of the vibrancy of our parish.

All the Masses were well attended on Easter Sunday. The 11 AM was standing room only – which is nice to see. There is something very moving about offering Mass on Easter Sunday with a full Church – and I enjoyed it immensely.

Remember the Divine Mercy Devotions will be conducted in our Church this afternoon at 3:30 PM. I know that many of you will be there – as will visitors from other parishes. Please say a prayer for me - and be assured of my prayers for you.

A continued Happy Easter to all!

Fr. John

BINGO

4/10 – L. Ritter, F. Romero-Zelada, S. Althuru, R. Lazier, G. Mino; **4/12** – C. Giacalone, C. Franceschino, J., Callinan, D. Shoudt, T. Weadock; **4/14** – E. Lavigne, K. Burns, M. Miles, E. Prolog



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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!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Recently we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: CECILIA ROSE MILLER, daughter of M/M Lucas Miller

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

Please remember that the monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held this weekend. 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!

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.

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.

RICE BOWLS

Please remember to turn in your rice bowls next weekend, April 14/15, 2018. After every Mass there will be a large basket located in the front entrance of the Church for the rice bowls.

"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.

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, Maximillian Kolbe & Louis deMontfort drew closer to Jesus through His Mother. For more information, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

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).

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.

PASTA DINNER MEATBALLS & SAUCE DROP-OFF

People who are making sauce and meatballs for the Pasta Dinner can drop them off on Sat., April 14th from 9am to Noon at the School on Roseberry Street. These times apply for the desserts as well.

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, 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.

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.

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.

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA RELICS

The Diocese of Metuchen is honored to host the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his passing. All are welcome for public veneration on Tues., April 17, 2018 from 9am to 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Prayer Service for the St. Francis School community at 1pm; 7pm Mass in honor of Saint Pio. Confessions will be available throughout the day. To learn more, please visit www.stfranciscathedral.org or call the Cathedral Parish Office at (732) 548-0100, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

"IT'S COMPLICATED"

"It's Complicated: A discussion of Israel, Christianity and Islam and building bridges to peace", will be held on Wed., April 25, 2018 from 7-9pm at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Moderator: Rev. Guy Selvester, Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs for the Diocese of Metuchen. Sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs as part of our aim to foster spiritual cooperation, promote friendly relationships between the Catholics of Central New Jersey and other Christians, as well as people of other faith traditions by initiating conversation and consultation. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, email gselvester@diometuchen.org or call (732) 529-7937.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." – Isaiah 58:10 *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

April 14/15, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Luke Talpas & Elisabeth Talpas
Ministers: Frances Ludwig & Melody Talpas; C1 – Margie Markus, C2 – Dorothy Kays, C3 – Edward Socci, C4 – Thomas Casey
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Servers: Joshua Romero & Brady Carver & Nicholas Socci

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Lauren Rautenberg & Cole Rautenberg

9:00am

Acolyte: Catherine Gural & Mark-Luke Gural
Ministers: Ines Berluche & Sharon Hillhouse; C1- Joseph Lusardi, C2 – William Hillhouse, C3 – Valerie Lusardi, C4 – Kelly Perna
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Riley Perna & Kiernan Lopez & Stephen Gural

11:00am

Acolyte: Daniel Perez
Ministers: Robert Hopkins & Samuel Fatta; C1 – Paul Juliano, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Maureen Speer, C4 – Karen Juliano
Lector: Rayanne Bigelli
Servers: Blake Sweigert & Michael Juliano & Jack Juliano

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: Cecilia Plante
Servers: Jason Erz & Matthew Erz & Tiago Aversa

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/8/18 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

4/15/18 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

Brakeley Care Center

4/8/18 – Cecilia Plante & Barbara Shaneberger

4/15/18 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/8/18 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

4/15/18 – Karen & Paul Juliano

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, APRIL 9

6:45 – Mary Coyle by Azzalina Family
 8:00 – Tarquinio Rossini by Family
 12:10 – John & Marie Brower by Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

6:45 – Beverly Koogler (A) by Family
 8:00 – Mary Louise Celia Sharpe by Mother & Dad
 12:10 – Special Intention of Chase Bickersteth by Grandmother

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

6:45 – Louise & Steven Brancale by DeFuria Family
 8:00 – Joyce Ludwig by George & Pat Wildrick
 12:10 – Joseph Flynn by SPSJ Blue Army Prayer Cell

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

6:45 – Margaret Pursell by M/M Mike Smith
 8:00 – Kazimierz & Joanna Malopolski by Family
 12:10 – John Hartnett by Ann Nicolosi Foose

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

6:45 – Donna Meredith by Karen & Gerry Llanos
 8:00 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey
 12:10 – Emilio Notaroberto by Betty Bevins

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 – Chris Aretino by Bob Del Sordo
 8:00 – Atilio Carnali by Tony & Mary Celia
 4:30pm – John Surdoval by Mary & Michael Jabbour

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 – George Richline by Wife, Martha
 9:00 – Al & Margaret Napoli by Lucy Haney
 11:00 – Vincenzo Colatriano by Daughter & Children
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Eva Sciabica by Family

Stewardship of Treasure

April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday): \$32, 261.50
 Easter Decorations: \$2,300.00
 Holy Thursday: \$2,246.00
 Good Friday: \$2,633.00

*Have you considered on-line giving?
 If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:
<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>*

● CALENDAR ●

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

9 - Monday - Annunciation of the Lord

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:30 - MH - Catholic Daughters Mtg.
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)

10 - 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.

11 - Wednesday - St. Stanislaus

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Columbiettes Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

12 - 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

13 - Friday - St. Martin I

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

14 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 10:00 - Conf. Room - Baptism Prep Class
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 6:00 - Flynn's - SSPJ Faith in Service Dinner
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

12:00-6:00 - SSPJ - Pasta Dinner
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR APRIL 14/15, 2018

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