

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



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter + April 15, 2018**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

### FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Can you believe that April is already half over? Before long it will be time for our Parish Carnival and other Spring events. One such event is the Pasta Dinner, which will be held in the school cafeteria on Roseberry Street this afternoon. The school will have an Open House at the same time. I'm looking forward to having a nice time and a nice meal with lots of you!

A few weeks ago, I told you that I would give you an update on our Parish Capital Campaign this month, and I want to dedicate the rest of this column to that. We have reached (actually gone just over) our goal of \$1,400,000 in pledges. To date we have already received \$379,242 in payments.

We have already completed two projects with this money. A new roof was completed over the school gymnasium for a cost of \$59,250. This roof has a manufacturers' warranty of 20 years – and God willing, it will last that long! We also completed some electrical upgrades in the rectory (especially the kitchen area) at a cost of \$6,185. HVAC (Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) improvements to the school and Mercy Hall were among the projects on our list, and \$11,500 has been paid so far to begin this work.

In addition to these projects, we have paid \$60,000 to cover the administrative costs of the campaign. This was paid to the Cuneen/Cathedral Corporation who produced the brochures and mailings and handles a lot of the campaign record keeping. While it seems like a lot of money, it represents a small percentage of the pledges.

We also paid \$31,680 towards this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. This represents a bit less than half of our goal. Of note is the fact that some very generous parishioners made donations to the Bishop's Appeal – even though we are not receiving mailings for it this year. Their generosity lowered the amount that we will pay out of our campaign, and I am grateful to them for this.

This leaves us with a balance of \$212,647 as I write this on Monday afternoon. That number is constantly changing as new payments come in each day. Many thanks are due to all of you who have so generously supported this campaign!

In the coming weeks we (the Buildings and Grounds Committee and I) will be meeting with three different companies regarding their proposals to repair our historic pipe organ. Although we do not envision this project getting off the ground until after we complete the electrical upgrades in the Church and making repairs to the steeple, it is a long process that must be started well in advance. We have been told that, due to the nature of this work and the limited number of people that are qualified to work on such organs, it will take about a year between when we choose a contractor and work on the organ actually begins! (Incidentally, three of the largest gifts to the campaign, each of \$100,000, were made specifically for the organ.)

By the time you read this, I will have met with a possible contractor about the steeple and – hopefully – have a more concrete proposal for the electrical upgrades in the Church. I will continue to keep you informed in this space. Say a Hail Mary for me and know that you are in my prayers!

Have a great week!  
Fr. John



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### Saint Update:

It is hard to believe that the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period has come to an end, and that we are approaching the end of the 2017-2018 school year. As the school year winds down to a close, we still have a number of great things to look forward to. The students are actively preparing for their upcoming performance of "The Little Mermaid". This year's show will take place April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, and promises to be yet another great production. Tickets will be on sale at the door. We also look forward to Carnival and the Walk-a-Thon, two of the school's largest events. This past weekend, we welcomed alumni of the school to visit at a meet and greet, and celebrated the history of our school at our Faith and Service Dinner. There are so many great things happening in the classrooms of our school. We look forward to spring, and completing this school year on a high note. It is great to be a Saint!

### **BINGO**

**4/17** – S. Behme, C. Cox, B. Cox, L. McKenna, E. Liberto; **4/19** – C. Sumner, B. Falvey, C. Corona, A. Armagno; **4/21** – E. Dean, D. Anmolsingh, K. Basel, M. Kinney, J. Callinan

### **RICE BOWLS**

Please remember to turn in your rice bowls this weekend. After every Mass there will be a large basket located in the front entrance of the Church for the rice bowls.

### **CONFIRMATION PICTURES**

Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up at the Church Office during regular office hours.

### ***"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.

### ***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.

### ***33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY***

Come into a closer relationship with Jesus through His Blessed Mother. On Mondays 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, please call (908) 454-9880.

### ***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!

### ***CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS***

The Catholic Daughters would like to wish everyone a happy Easter season! We'd also like to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Kumi's quick recovery. If anyone still has gift certificates they purchased from the CDA last year, Kumi will continue honoring them at Kumi's Cakes & Pastries, LLC (908-454-6486). Thank you for your support!

### ***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.

### ***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).

### ***SSPJ MOMMY & ME CLASS***

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

### ***SSPJ ANNUAL CARNIVAL***

Come one and all to our Annual Carnival. This year's Carnival will take place May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. 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 hope to see you, and your family, there.

### ***"HELLO DOLLY" BUS TRIP***

There will be a bus trip to see "Hello Dolly" in New York City on Sun., May 27<sup>th</sup>. For details, contact Camille at (908) 387-0001. PCHS students – in 1973 this was your school musical. You can also call Fr. Tom at (908) 454-0112, ext. 402...he was one of the singing waiters.

### ***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 GMKZAQ (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!

### **ST. MARY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

St. Mary Parish, Alpha, NJ, is holding their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Fri., May 4, 2018 at the Southmoore Golf Course, Bath, PA. Shotgun start at 8:30am. Tournament registration fee: \$90.00 per golfer and includes Greens Fee and Cart; Refreshments on course; opportunities for prizes and awards. Luncheon Buffet and Awards following golf at Flynn's on the Hill in Phillipsburg. Luncheon reservation only: \$25.00 per guest. For more information and reservations, please call Steve Lombardi at (610) 509-6283.

### **SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA RELICS**

The Diocese of Metuchen is honored to host the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:gselvester@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 529-7937.

### **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: *Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities*.

### **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 ●

**April 21/22, 2018**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Louis Moyer & Brianna Moyer  
Ministers: William Casey & Thomas Casey; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Timothy Gahles, C3 – Robert Ellwood, C4 – Keith Gallagher  
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Servers: Vince Bedoya & Russell Pantuso & Brady Carver

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara  
Ministers: Carol Bevilacqua & Mary Duaiame  
Lector: Judy Leone  
Servers: Steven Fulse & Lucas Anmolsingh

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Daniel DePillo  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Geraldine Lagrimas; C1 – Mario Madawela, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Anne Coyle  
Lector: Theresa Duaiame  
Servers: Joseph Cruz & Joey Grimshaw & Chiazam Odinna

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Kevin Kassick & Denise Kassick; C1 – Pat James, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Gloria Cervasi, C4 – Theresa Richey  
Lector: Karen Llanos  
Servers: KJ Kassick & Andrew Sretenovic & Hannah Adams

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Michael Clark  
Lector: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Jacqueline Clark & Vincent Demaisip & Logan Shoudt

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

4/15/18 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

4/22/18 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos

### **Brakeley Care Center**

4/15/18 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell

4/22/18 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

4/15/18 & 4/22/18 – Karen & Paul Juliano

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 16

6:45 – Marie DiVittorio by Roger DiVittorio  
 8:00 – Stephen Marinaccio by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 12:10 – Bob & Billy Sheets by Jim Sciascia

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

6:45 – Carol Brancale by DeFuria Family  
 8:00 – Judy Pierce by Paul Pierce  
 12:10 – Arpad Marczy by Sister-in-Law

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

6:45 – Elizabeth Heil by Frances DiVittorio  
 8:00 – Elizabeth Hummell by Mary Brogan  
 12:10 – Joseph Flynn by Maureen Speer

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

6:45 – Dr. Catherine Dwyer by Friend, Tim  
 8:00 – Norma Napoli by Graziosi Family  
 12:10 – Elizabeth & John Pologruto (A)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

6:45 – Deceased Mountaineer Priests by Fr. John J. Barbella  
 8:00 – Thomas Luke by Jim & Ruthie Martin  
 12:10 – John Natisin by Jim & Kay Lennon

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 – Derek Kehoe by Nana & Pop Pop  
 8:00 – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr.  
 4:30pm – Pat Sharr by Tom & Mary Lee DeBosh

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 – Amy Plevyak by Szumiloski Family  
 9:00 – Joan Kucinski by Caprio Family  
 11:00 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Carl Ganz by Wife

### Stewardship of Treasure

April 8, 2018: \$12,884.33  
 Debt Reduction: \$3,370.00  
 Easter 2018: \$34,991.50  
 March's On-Line Donations: \$9,302.50

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

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

12:00-6:00 - SSPJ - Pasta Dinner  
 1:00-3:00 - SSPJ - Open House  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### 16 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class  
 7:00 - MH - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K. of C. Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 17 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7 (last class)  
 6:00 - CH/Flynn's - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo  
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 18 - Wednesday

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

### 19 - Thursday

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

### 20 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.  
 7:00 - SSPJ - Drama Club

### 21 - Saturday - St. Anselm

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - SSPJ - Drama Club  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00 - MH - Scouting Blue/Gold Banquet  
 10:30 - PMR - Pre-Cana Program  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### MASS CELEBRANTS FOR APRIL 21/22, 2018

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