

# 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



*Share in the  
gospel's blessings.*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter + April 29, 2018

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

I really enjoyed our parish school play last week. The kids performed *"The Little Mermaid"* – and did a really nice job. I attended the performances on both Thursday and Friday evenings and enjoyed it both times. As you can probably imagine, it takes a lot to get me to sit still for an entire play – and our students pulled it off! Special thanks also go to Mr. Yesenosky (our music teacher and regular organist) and Mrs. Ciccalese (our gym teacher) who put in quite a lot of time with the students. All those who helped with the sets, refreshments, costumes and all the other details also have my gratitude, as do the students themselves.

I hope everyone who heard Greg Zannetti, the seminarian who spoke at the 4:30 PM Mass last Saturday and the 7, 9, and 11 AM Masses last Sunday, enjoyed his words as much as I did. His talk was uplifting and inspiring, and clearly came from his heart. Seeing young men like him prepare for the priesthood gives me a lot of hope for the future!

Remember that our parish carnival begins this Wednesday. Several people told me they are praying for good weather – and I am extremely grateful. I would ask that we all join them in praying that God will grant us fair weather for this year's carnival.

As most of you know, the carnival serves many purposes for our parish. It is a good time for many families and especially for the children. It is a place where people can meet and have a good time and enjoy some good old carnival food. Finally, it is an important fund raiser!

People often ask me what I like most about the carnival. In response, I would say that – most of all – I enjoy watching the kids have a good time. I also enjoy talking with so many parishioners during carnival week. Of course, I also like the food – which I hope to enjoy with many of you at the carnival.

Our parish website has recently undergone a major renovation. It now contains little biographies of our priests and most of our deacons, as well as recent pictures from Holy Week and Easter. Information about things like CCD and Vacation Bible School – and yes, the carnival – are also there. You can even get information about getting married or having a child baptized. These updates will be ongoing, with the goal of providing those who use it with a good and helpful site.

Please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in our Church this and next weekend. First Communion is one of my fondest childhood memories – and I hope it will be for these children, too. I also hope that their First Communion will help our parish children build a lifelong friendship with the Lord Jesus.

Please say a prayer for me today and every day – at least one Hail Mary. Know that I pray for you daily. Let's also pray for an end to violence and hate, and an increase in

Christian charity around the globe. Let's also be sure to do our part to make that happen.

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, we still have a number of great things to look forward to. The Carnival will be taking place May 2-6. We have great ride deals, awesome food, and lots of other fun things to look forward to. This is one of our school's largest fundraisers; we hope to see you and your family there. If you are volunteering for the Carnival, there will be a brief meeting on Mon., April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Congratulations to all those who worked so hard on the school's production of *"The Little Mermaid"*. It truly was yet another amazing performance.

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. Keep in mind we will have care available again this summer. More information coming soon! It is great to be a Saint!

### **BINGO**

**5/1** – S. Behme, F. Romero Zelada, S. Dileo, A. Szczepanski; **5/3** – T. Reilly, R. Calaman, C. Carroll, J. Troxell; **5/5** – **No Bingo due to the Parish Carnival**

### **FEAST OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES**

Thursday, May 3, is the Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James. We will have a special Mass in our Church at 6pm. It will be offered for all the founding members of our parish, especially those listed on the plaques in the lobby, and all those whose efforts, prayers, and sacrifices helped form our parish over the years.

### **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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Come Renew in the Holy Spirit. The Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held on June 9/10, 2018. Pre-register at [lsspsj@gmail.com](mailto:lsspsj@gmail.com) or email Nancy at [Enensley@aol.com](mailto:Enensley@aol.com) for more information.

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., May 5<sup>th</sup>, after the 8am 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.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION**

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of May 5/6, 2018. May'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 for your generosity!

### **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).

### **THANK YOU!**

The Pasta Dinner Committee would like to thank all those who came and supported us. Also, those who made sauce, meatballs, desserts and in any way made our dinner a success. The proceeds from this year's dinner will go to the Parish Soup Kitchen and the Food for the Needy Thanksgiving Food Drive.

### **ALL VOLUNTEERS / ALL EMPLOYEES: CHURCH & SCHOOL**

Virtus® Protecting God's Children class for adults is the education part of the parish and diocesan Safe Environment Program. The policy requires any adult who has contact with children or vulnerable adults and all employees to attend this awareness training. With the start of baseball and the preparation for summer programs, there are always new employees and volunteers for athletics and the school, religious education, and many other ministries that will need this training. Please go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to register for an upcoming class. Thank you to all our volunteers and employees for your time and dedication to our parish ministries!

### **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.

### **ALUMNI NIGHT**

Alumni Night will be taking place May 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30pm. Come reconnect with old friends, hear Uncle Rocco's Band at 6:00pm, enjoy great food and Cinco de Mayo drink specials. There will be an Alumni picture at 7:15pm. There will also be trivia and chances to win prizes at 8:30pm, enjoy great food and drink specials. 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.

### **K. OF C. ANNUAL BASEBALL OUTING**

The Knights of Columbus Council 474 will be holding their annual baseball outing at Coca Cola Park on Sat., July 28<sup>th</sup> at the PenTeleData Party Porch. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Price includes ticket to the game, and a 2-1/2 hour barbeque buffet, soda and water. To order tickets, contact Frank Bigelli at (908) 763-9149 or [fxbigelli@msn.com](mailto:fxbigelli@msn.com).

### **WEEKEND OF MUSIC AT NOTRE DAME H.S.**

As spring finally begins to spread across the Lehigh Valley, please join us for our annual Spring Concert Weekend at Notre Dame High School, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA. Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is our Vocal Music Evening with The Notre Dame Chorus performing Disney music, past to present, and selections from film and stage. Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is our Instrumental Music Evening featuring the Crusader Rock Band, Percussion Ensemble and Concert Band. Both concerts begin at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

### **BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. "COLOR RUN"**

Bethlehem Catholic High School will be holding a "Color Run 2018" on Sat., May 5, 2018. Registration begins at 8am; Children's walk/run begins at 9am; Adults' walk/run/roll begins at 10am; Becahi students'/incoming freshman walk/run/roll begins at 10:30am. Registration fee is \$25 cash or check, and all participants are encouraged to have at least one sponsor – minimum \$5 donation. This event is an effort to raise money to make Bethlehem Catholic High School accessible so that all students have the opportunity to receive their education here. For more information, contact Mr. Tomaszewski at [stomaszewski@becahi.org](mailto:stomaszewski@becahi.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!

### **QUO VADIS DAYS**

Quo Vadis Days – June 25-27, 2018. Young men ages 14-17! You're invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email [quovadis@diometuchen.org](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org).

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

The Lord hears the cries of the poor; and answers them through your generosity. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● MINISTRY ●

May 5/6, 2018  
SATURDAY EVENING

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Joey Socci  
Ministers: William Casey & Thomas Casey; C1 – Margie Markus, C2 – Denise Kassick, C3 – Kevin Kassick, C4 – Edward Socci  
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Anthony Ventura & KJ Kassick

SUNDAY MORNING

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda  
Ministers: Mary Duaime & Barbara Balas  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Mitchell Frasca  
Ministers: Geraldine Lagrimas & Allison Frasca; C1 – Joseph Lusardi, C2 – Sharon Hillhouse, C3 – William Hillhouse, C4 – Valerie Lusardi  
Lector: Henrietta Schupper  
Servers: Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes & Christopher Hill

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Mary Brogan, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Samuel Fatta, C4 – Theresa Richey  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Servers: Michael Juliano & Jack Juliano & Hannah Adams

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Michael Clark  
Lector: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Jacqueline Clark & Tiago Aversa & Isaiah Miles

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

4/29/18 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle  
5/6/18 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawela

### **Brakeley Care Center**

4/29/18 – William & Sharon Hillhouse  
5/6/18 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

4/29/18 & 5/6/18 – Joseph & Valerie Lusardi

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 – Danny Lilly by Family  
 9:00 – Mary Napoli by Lucy Haney  
 11:00 – Joseph Petchonka, Sr. by Debbie Varga & Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Joseph Fulse by Wife

### MONDAY, APRIL 30

6:45 – Susan Allanson by Fr. John J. Barbella  
 8:00 – Jean Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 12:10 – Elfrieda & Jacob Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey

### TUESDAY, MAY 1

6:45 – Mary Jarrell by Husband, Bud  
 8:00 – Charles Harrison by Grandchildren  
 12:10 – Margaret Ann McFadden by Jeanie Bolcar  
 7:00pm (SP) – For the People

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

6:45 – Special Intention of Ann Cecilia Preston by Father & Mother  
 8:00 – Candida & Edward Zglovicki by Flo Cranmer  
 12:10 – Paul Reynolds, Jr. by Sally Reynolds

### THURSDAY, MAY 3

6:45 – John & Elizabeth Pologruto (A)  
 8:00 – Norma Napoli by Cathy & Danny O'Hara  
 12:10 – Joseph Flynn by Bue Army Prayer Cell of SPSJ  
 6:00pm – Special Mass for Benefactors of SPSJ

### FRIDAY, MAY 4

6:45 – Mary Lukachek by John & Fran Ludwig  
 8:00 – Fr. Philip Matera by Graziosi Family  
 12:10 – Elizabeth Hummell by Ella & Adam Lokitis

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

7:00 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Martha Richline  
 8:00 – Clarence Dalrymple by Carol, Vic & Melissa Lupi  
 4:30pm – M/M Joseph Kupcho by Granddaughters

### SUNDAY, MAY 6

7:00 – Bill & Jean Duaine by Son, Bill  
 9:00 – Grace Consentino by Family  
 11:00 – Frank & Virginia Rossnagle & Deceased Family Members by Margaret Petchonka  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Marco Rossini by Ron Rossini

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 29 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:00 - CH - SSPJ School Mass  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### 30 - Monday - St. Pius V

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 4)

### 1 - MAY - Tuesday - St. Joseph the Worker

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 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.

### 2 - Wednesday - St. Athanasius

#### Saints Philip & James Carnival runs now through Sunday

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.

### 3 - Thursday - St. Philip & St. James

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

### 4 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00-7:00 - CH - First Communion Practice  
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.

### 5 - Saturday

8:30 - HFC - First Saturday Devotion  
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study  
 11:00 - CH - First Communion Mass  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 6 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Food for the Needy Collection – Last day for Saints Philip & James Carnival  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

April 22, 2018: \$11,767.00  
 Easter 2018: \$35,590.50

*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 MAY 5/6, 2018**

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