

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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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 Enock Berluce, 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)

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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 5:30pm (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



Walk by faith,
not by sight.

2 Cor 5:7

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time + June 17, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and spiritual fathers in our parish! Although my own father has been deceased for many years, I have so many fond memories of him. Even today, I am very aware of all the positive ways that he influenced my life! For this reason, I am always inspired when I see fathers spending time with their children – in church, on sports fields, or just around the parish. You are all in my prayers today.

My father had an especially positive influence on my academic life. Prior to college and seminary, I was the kind of kid who really hated school. Left to my own devices, I would have rarely – or very poorly – completed homework or studied for tests. But my father kept on top of these things. Although he and my mother were married shortly after high school – he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees by going to college at night. I remember the two of us sitting at the kitchen table doing homework together (him more willingly than me!).

Speaking of school, I want to congratulate all the graduates of our parish. Whether you're graduating from college, high school, middle or elementary school, this is an important milestone in your life. My prayer is that you will use what you have learned to do good things for the people around you, and for God.

The graduation season is a good time to think about our religious education, too. Our parish will have its annual Vacation Bible School the week of June 25-29. It is a fun-filled week of puppet shows, movies, and other activities that help young people learn more about our Lord and His great love. There are yellow flyers with more information at the entrances to the Church, or you can get one at the Parish Office. I hope to see lots of you there.

After Mass tomorrow (Monday) morning, I'll leave for Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland – where I studied for the priesthood years ago. I'll be joining a number of other priests – most of whom are fellow alumni of that seminary – on retreat. Going back to the place where I prepared for the priesthood does a great deal to renew my "priestly roots"!

In addition to the seminary itself, Emmitsburg is where Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton – the first American born US citizen saint – is buried. I often prayed at her tomb while in the seminary, and know her prayers helped me answer my call to the priesthood. I also know that her prayers have helped a number of people in my family – most especially a cousin who suffered a life threatening illness as a child.

With all this in mind, I will be praying for all of you at Mother Seton's tomb this week. If you have special intentions for which you would like me to pray, please tell me about them. Whenever I go to Emmitsburg, I make a list of people and things to pray for, and bring it with me to Mother Seton's tomb. I mention each intention by name and spend a few minutes asking her to pray for that intention. I will be happy to include whatever intentions you may have in my prayers. Please remember to say a Hail Mary each day for me.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

With summer officially underway, we hope that all of our students and their families are having a safe and fun summer. Please note that the school's office hours for summer will be Monday through Friday, 8:00am through 12 Noon. Don't forget – we have a number of awesome camps planned for this summer. These camps will fill up. Please contact the main office for more information.

Enrollment is currently open for the 2018-2019 school year. Discover why it is great to be a Saint! Saints Philip and James School currently educates students in pre-school 2 year old classes through 8th grade. Call (908) 859-1244 to schedule a tour or learn more about all our school has to offer.

BINGO

6/21 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, F. Romero-Zelada; **6/23** – E. Lavigne, C. Franceschino, G. Siano

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: CHLOE ANN SIGAFOOS, daughter of M/M Todd Sigafos

BLESSING IN A BAG COLLECTION

"Blessing in a Bag" collection will take place next weekend, June 23/24, after all Masses. Please place your items in the same area you do the Food for the Needy collection. Items needed are: All soft protein bars, Slim Jims, beef jerky, tuna or chicken in packets, Gatorade, Yoo-Hoo chocolate drink, bug spray, band aids, sun screen, Neosporin ointment, bottled water, juice boxes, peanut butter, sneakers for men and women of all sizes, plain T-shirts in all sizes for men and women, umbrellas, rain ponchos, etc. If you do not wish to purchase items, but instead would like to donate, please write a check to SPSJ Church and in the memo box write "Blessing in a Bag". Thanking you in advance for your generosity. May God be pleased with your efforts to assist the less fortunate and the homeless.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES

First Communion and Confirmation pictures are available to be picked up at the Church Office during regular office hours.

THANK YOU TO THE PHILLIPSBURG POLICE DEPT.

We want to thank the Phillipsburg Police Department for their help in solving the parking issues in our Mercer Street parking lot. Please give them a hand by observing no parking areas around the Church. Please also remember that the Municipal Lot next to the rectory is only available to us on Sundays. It is a permit only lot on weekdays.

DISCERNMENT GROUP

Our whole life, we are discerning where God is calling us. Come and find out how you can discern if God is calling you to the religious life, marriage, or the single life. We are meeting on Sun., June 17th at Noon in Mercy Hall. Come and see where God is calling you. Informal meeting with lots of info.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC

Come join our 4th of July celebration on Wed., July 4th at Noon in Mercy Hall. 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 2pm, Tuesdays at 8am, Wednesdays at 5pm,
Fridays at Noon, 4pm, 6pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 10am
& 4pm, and Sundays at 3pm & 4pm...or an hour of your
choice and/or on our Substitute List. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

We are in need of your help! The Parish Blood Drive will be held on Sun., June 24, 2018 from 7:45am to 12:45pm at Mercy Hall. To set up an appointment, please call Cathy at the Church Office (908-454-0112). Your donation will save a life – possibly your own! Please note: For the safety of the blood supply, all donors must present valid ID with first and last name along with photo and/or signature.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION

The Legion of Mary is scheduling home visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. Two members bring the statue and say opening prayers and rosary with you for your intentions. At the end of the week, concluding prayers are said and members bring the statue to the next home. Our Lady's visit is a special time of grace. Call Camille at (908) 319-2719 or Mary Ann at (732) 539-4592 or sign up on the clipboard in the Church vestibule.

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY BOOK OF THE MONTH:

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. There are wonderful book selections available at Legion of Mary Library, which is open every Sunday (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am with a selection of religious books and videos.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of Fr. Tom and the core team members, we would like to say a special thanks to all those who attended last weekend's Life in the Spirit Seminar. There were approximately 28 candidates and all of us together were about 70 total. We meet June 13th & 20th at 7pm for prayer group, and our next monthly Healing Mass is Wed., June 27th at 7pm, with Deacon Vince Riccardi as our guest speaker. God Bless you all. Praise Be the Lord Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Come and join us.

EXPECTANT PARENTS' MASS

On Sun., June 24th after the 11am Mass, there will be special prayers for those expecting a child. Please gather in front of the Church after Mass.

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!

BUS TRIP TO BENEFIT SSPJ SCHOOL

A bus trip to The Feast of San Gennaro, New York City's Little Italy, will take place on Fri., September 14, 2018. Bus leaves SSPJ School parking lot on Roseberry Street at 11:00am for NYC and will return to Phillipsburg leaving NYC at 6pm. Cost is \$47.00, and includes transportation, driver gratuity, and snacks. Call Saints Philip & James School for reservations (908-859-1244). Proceeds benefit SSPJ School.

SSPJ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Philip and St. James Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29, 2018 from 9am to 12 noon at Saints Philip and James School on Roseberry Street. There is no cost for the program. Registration forms are available in the Church and at the Church Office and must be returned by June 17th.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Saints Philip & James School has a part-time maintenance position available. We also have a summer custodian position available – part-time or full-time depending upon availability. Responsibilities include: small repairs and general cleaning. Please contact (908) 859-1244 for additional information.

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are currently hiring for Pre-K 2 and 3 year old programs, as well as grade 2. Certification and clearances required. Please contact (908) 859-1244 for additional information.

SSPJ SCHOOL YARD SALE

We are currently accepting gently used items for our upcoming yard sale taking place in August.

SUMMER CAMPS AT SSPJ SCHOOL

Looking for summer camps for your children? Look no further! We have camps for a variety of ages and all different interests. Camp Olympics will be taking place July 23-27 for Kindergarten through grade 3. Inspired by the real Olympics, this camp will encourage team work and promote agility. Infinity and Beyond, presented by Mad Science, will be taking place the week of July 9th for Kindergarten through grade 5. This camp promises to wow with exciting demonstrations and spectacular hands-on projects. Interested in learning more theatrics, we have a Theatre Camp taking place July 16-27 for grades 3-8. Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of theatre and musical theatre! Finally, we have the popular Lego Camp taking place June 18-22 for grades 4-8. Be sure to call the school (908-859-1244) for additional information on registering for these respective camps. Move fast...these camps will sell out!

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 28th 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.

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!

MASS FOR THE MERCY OF GOD

The Diocese of Metuchen's Family Life Office will sponsor a Mass for the Mercy of God for healing from the effects of the opioid epidemic, on Thur., June 28, 2018 at 7:00pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center Chapel, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Rev. Timothy A. Christy will be the Celebrant. Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass. For more information, please visit www.diometuchen.org/healingmass, email family.life@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243-4573.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Jesus said: "Feed the hungry." (It wasn't just a suggestion.) Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

June 23/24, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Colin Lavigne & William Haussman
Ministers: Timothy Gahles & Keith Gallagher; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – Robert Ellwood
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Aidan Lavigne & Russell Pantuso & Brady Carver

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

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

9:00am

Acolyte: Daniel DePillo
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Ines Berluche; C1 – Mario Madawela, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Anne Coyle
Lector: Theresa Duaime
Servers: Joseph Cruz & Joey Grimshaw & Chiazam Odimma

11:00am

Acolyte: Daniel Perez
Ministers: Kevin Kassick & Denise Kassick; C1 – Maureen Speer, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Gloria Cervasi, C4 – Theresa Richey
Lector: Karen Llanos
Servers: KJ Kassick & Andrew Sretenovic & Blake Sweigert

5:30pm

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

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

6/17/18 – No Service (Father's Day)

6/24/18 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci

Brakeley Care Center

6/17/18 – No Service (Father's Day)

6/24/18 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini

Phillipsburg Care Center

6/17/18 – No Service (Father's Day)

6/24/18 – Donna Kucinski & Judy Francisco

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 – Joseph Brancala by DeFuria Family
 9:00 – Al Bevins by Betty & Family
 11:00 – For the Fathers of the Parish, Living and Deceased
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Michael Eureyecko by Family

MONDAY, JUNE 18

6:45 – Father's Day Novena
 8:00 – Joseph & Clara Luke by Family
 12:10 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Cousin, Barbara

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

6:45 – Marie Therese Fontos by Juliette Bonheur
 8:00 – Kathy Verdon by Ann Nicolosi Foose
 12:10 – Father's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

6:45 – Victoria Pugliese Krosincky by Nick Pugliese
 8:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Husband, Gino
 12:10 – Father's Day Novena

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

6:45 – Father's Day Novena
 8:00 – John & Mary Weidknecht by Family
 12:10 – Sr. Mary Flaherty by Betty & Bud Lilly

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

6:45 – Lou & Timi Reda by Ann Nicolosi Foose
 8:00 – Father's Day Novena
 12:10 – Luis Espinal (A) by Espinal Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 – Father's Day Novena
 8:00 – Mary Jarrell by Husband & Family
 4:30pm – Pat Sharr by Gregory DeRoner

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 – Jack Nehila by Wife
 9:00 – Judy Pierce by Nixon Family
 11:00 – Eva Sciabica by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Father's Day Novena

● CALENDAR ●

17 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day - "Adopt-A-Missionary" Collection

12:00 - MH - Discernment Group Mtg.
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

18 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)
 7:00 - MH - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

19 - Tuesday - St. Romuald

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
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

20 - Wednesday

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

21 - Thursday - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

22 - Friday - St. Thomas More

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

23 - Saturday

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

24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist "Blessing in a Bag" Collection

7:45-12:45 - Bloodmobile - Parish Blood Drive
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

June 10, 2018: \$11,922.00
 Debt Reduction: \$3,092.00

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged: \$1,472,438.00
 Total Collected to Date: \$396,148.68

*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 JUNE 23/24, 2018

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