

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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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

Bookkeeper: Maria DeSapio

Saints Philip and James School
(908) 859-1244
Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

Religious Education (CCD)
(908) 859-1244, option 9
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



Feast of John the Baptist + June 24, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Today we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist. We usually think of John the Baptist during Advent, because he was the last great prophet to prepare people for the coming of Christ. But – for many centuries – the Church has celebrated his birth on June 24th. It is one of those feast days that is so important that it supersedes the regular Sunday Mass!

As Catholics, we make a big deal out of John the Baptist for a very good reason – Jesus made a big deal out of him, too! Jesus went to John for Baptism and gave His approval to John's work. He also told the people that John was the greatest prophet of all. That's pretty high praise.

I'm sure that most of us – indeed most Catholics around the world – associate John the Baptist with Baptism. This makes sense because John spent so many years Baptizing people in the Jordan River. His baptisms were a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism which is so important to us today.

The Feast of John the Baptist is a good time for us to think about the Sacrament of Baptism. Jesus told us we must be reborn of water and spirit (John 3:5), which happens when we are Baptized. He also commanded us not only to teach – but to Baptize – others in His Name. (Matthew 28:19)

This is why – since just after Jesus ascended to Heaven – Catholics have made a point of having the babies Baptized. I know that I was Baptized when I was two weeks old! I'm sure this is true for many folks of my generation. Our parents wanted to share the gift of faith with us – and did so first and foremost by having us Baptized.

Sadly, that is not always the case these days. All too often I meet people who do not have their children Baptized promptly. While I do not doubt their good intentions, I would remind them that having your baby Baptized shortly after birth is one of the most important ways that new parents fulfill Christ's command. Not only does it make your new baby a member of Christ's Church, Baptism also frees them from Original Sin, fills their soul with God's grace, and unites them mystically to Christ. That's why – for centuries – Catholic parents have made sure that their babies were Baptized as soon as possible!

Getting a child Baptized in our parish is very easy to do. We have Baptisms almost every Sunday of the year at 2:30 PM. All you have to do is call the Parish Office (908-454-0112, ext. 3) to make arrangements

If it is your first baby that is being Baptized, we ask you to attend a simple Baptismal Preparation meeting with Deacon Larry. As we all know, Deacon Larry is a really nice guy who will make things as easy as possible for you. If you need to attend class in Spanish, Fr. Leo will be happy to help you. If you need a special time for the Baptism (or the meeting), I will do my best to help you.

I really love to Baptize children – of any age. I'm sure all the other priests and deacons feel the same way! If

you have an older child who was not Baptized as a baby, give me a call. I'll help you get them Baptized quickly.

Please say a Hail Mary for me – and make sure you share this information about Baptism with your friends and family members. Let's be sure to honor John the Baptist – and Jesus – by doing our part to get the children of our parish Baptized!

Have a great week!

Fr. John



Saints Philip and James School

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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.

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

We need your help. We are looking to reconnect with all of our alumni. If you are interested in helping with this important project, or would like to be added to our alumni list, please send an email to fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

BINGO

6/28 – T. Reilly, R. Calaman, C. Carroll, J. Troxell, S. Freeman; **6/30** – S. Oluwole, J. Byrne, C. DiCapua

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: KAREN QUIROZ BANUELOS, daughter of Manuel Quiroz & Bertha Banuelos

BLESSING IN A BAG COLLECTION

"Blessing in a Bag" collection will take place this weekend, June 23/24, after all Masses. Please place your items in the same area you do the Food for the Needy collection. 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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of June 30/July 1, 2018. July'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!

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES

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

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. Walk-ins welcome! Your donation will save a life – possibly your own!

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MEETING

Come join us on Sun., June 24th at 6:30pm at the Clinton Station Diner for a kick-off to the Religious Freedom Week. We'll be discussing the opioid crisis, persecuted Christians, immigration reform, freedom of conscience, bearing witness to the truth of our faith, standing up for the sanctity of marriage, and building a culture of life. Come join in on the discussion! For more info, contact us at ClintonYoungAdults@gmail.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., June 30th 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. Prayers for National Day of Marriage will be prayed.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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!

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!

SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

● MINISTRY ●

June 30/July 1, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Louis Moyer & Brianna Moyer
Ministers: Frances Ludwig & Ronald Rossini; C1 – Robert Ellwood, C2 – Eileen Dean, C3 – Keith Gallagher, C4 – Margie Markus
Lector: RYANNE BIGELLI
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Vince Bedoya & Joshua Romero

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Timothy Halm
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Lucas Anmolsingh & Brady Carver

9:00am

Acolyte: Yaledy Charleus
Ministers: Kelly Perna & Donna Kucinski; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Eileen Kerrigan, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Eileen Catalli
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Zackary Payran & Paxton Payran & Allan Palos

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia
Ministers: Elizabeth Divinagracia & Theresa Richey; C1 – Karen Juliano, C2 – Karen Llanos, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Paul Juliano
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Michael Juliano & Jack Juliano & Alexander Brahm

5:30pm

Acolyte: Raeanna Allen
Minister: Kevin Kassick
Lector: Denise Kassick
Servers: Lacy Allen & Isaiah Miles & KJ Kassick

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

6/24/18 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci

7/1/18 – Roger DiVittorio & Tim Gahles

Brakeley Care Center

6/24/18 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini

7/1/18 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

Phillipsburg Care Center

6/24/18 – Donna Kucinski & Judy Francisco

7/1/18 – Mary Duaine & Maureen Speer

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, JUNE 25

6:45 – Father's Day Novena
 8:00 – Stanley Krutsick, Jr. by PCHS Class of 1968
 12:10 – Martin Corley by Wife & Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

6:45 – Joseph & Mildred Fazekas by Komline & Sanderson
 8:00 – Pat Picione by Legion of Mary
 12:10 – Joseph Adamitis (A) by Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

6:45 – James Finegan, Sr. by Family
 8:00 – Joseph Flynn by Serra Club of Warren County
 12:10 – John Natisin by Clem, Clare & Keith Wyker

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

6:45 – Stella DeRoner by Lisa Garcia
 8:00 – Tony Rampulla by Pat & Tom O'Neil
 12:10 – Jane & Joseph Merlo by Merlo Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

6:45 – Kazimierz Malopolski by Family
 8:00 – Sr. Denise O'Boyle, RSM by John Boyle Family
 12:10 – William S. Schumm, Jr. by Socci Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 – Carol Ann Devlin by Socci Family
 8:00 – Angelo DeNicuola by Daughter
 4:30pm – Jean Casey-Wood (A) by Son, Brett & Sisters & Brothers

SUNDAY, JULY 1

7:00 – Jack Nehila by Wife
 9:00 – Marjorie Dalrymple by Carol, Vic & Melissa Lupi
 11:00 – Theresa Rovi by Bob & Dee Ellwood
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Josephine Payawal by Speer Family

● CALENDAR ●

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

25 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - SSPJ - Vacation Bible School
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)

26 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - SSPJ - Vacation Bible School
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

27 - Wednesday - St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - SSPJ - Vacation Bible School
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - CH - Charismatic Healing Mass

28 - Thursday - St. Irenaeus

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - SSPJ - Vacation Bible School
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

29 - Friday - Sts. Peter & Paul

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - SSPJ - Vacation Bible School
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.

30 - Saturday

8:30 - HFC - Eucharistic Holy Hour
 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 - MH - Bingo

1 - JULY - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Food for the Needy" Collection

1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

Stewardship of Treasure

June 17, 2018: \$9,912.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$661.00
 Debt Reduction: \$316.00

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 6/1/18: \$1,470,348.00
 Total Collected as of 6/1/18: \$418,417.64

*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 30/JULY 1, 2018

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