

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 - 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,
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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 7:00pm (Parish Meeting Room)
Legion of Mary: Tuesday at 9:00am & Thursday at 5:30pm (Mercy Hall)

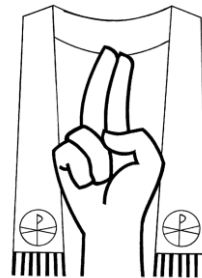
RCIA: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Fr. John directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this 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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 12, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Last Sunday I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Mitchell Frasca. Mitchell is the Boy Scout who recently renovated our Confessionals and Crying Rooms. I was very happy that he agreed to take on the project – and even happier at the thorough job he did.

Not only do I want to congratulate Mitchell on becoming an Eagle Scout, but also thank him for a job well done. I also want to say what a nice time I had catching up with a number of young men who have graduated from our parish school or Boy Scout Troop over the years. It is good to see them doing so well.

Following Mitchell's ceremony, I was happy to attend a picnic/party given by one of our basketball teams. The team – mostly boys headed into sixth grade – have played in a summer league the past two years. They had a good time and improved their skills – and I was happy to be invited to their party.

Both the Eagle Scout ceremony and the basketball team's party are a testimony to the many good families that are such a blessing to our parish. I have recently been training some new Altar Servers – who also learned so much about our Faith from their families. As Catholics, we believe that families are the basic building blocks of the Church – the place where most of us first learn and practice our Faith in Jesus Christ. I am always inspired by the number of families in our parish who take that role to heart!

Please remember that Wednesday, August 15th, is the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that every Catholic who is able to do so has a serious duty to attend Mass that day. Indeed, coming to Mass to celebrate the day when our Blessed Mother was taken, body and soul, into Heaven, is one way that our spiritual family honors her holy Mother.

Masses for the Assumption will be offered in our Church on Tuesday evening at 5:30 and on Wednesday at 6:45 and 8 AM and 12:10 and 7 PM. Let's all be sure to honor our Blessed Mother on her special day!

This Monday morning I will be leaving for my annual vacation. As usual, I will take a road trip to a couple of places where I can relax and see a lot of freight trains. On the way home, I'll also be catching some Appalachian League baseball games. It should be fun, and I'll tell you all about it when I get home.

Before I leave, I will write an article for next week's bulletin. I'll use that opportunity to talk about Pope Francis' recent statement on capital punishment. While the news media touched on it, I want to give a more thorough catechesis (teaching) about what he did (and did not) say and what it means for us as Catholics.

In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers – at least one Hail Mary a day – and be assured of my prayers for you.

Have a great couple of weeks – and I'll see you when I get home.

Fr. John

RCIA BEGINNING SOON!

Interested in becoming Catholic? Have questions about this? Want to learn more? RCIA - the process by which adults enter the Catholic Church - will begin soon. Contact Fr. John with any questions you may have or if you know someone who may be interested.



Saints Philip and James School

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Saint Update:

It's not too late to secure your spot as a Saints Philip and James Saint! We are currently enrolling students in 2, 3 & 4-year-old Pre-K through 8th grade. Our Pre-K 2 year old program has a number of openings available. This program is great for those looking for affordable care for their toddlers, while also ensuring they are obtaining cognitive focused educational skills. Taught by a certified teacher, this program is sure to fill up. For more information, or to schedule a tour to see all our school has to offer, please call (908) 859-1244.

Orientation: Please note – new families' orientation will be held on August 15th. Pre-K orientation will be at 6:30pm, with Kindergarten and new students' orientation to follow at 7:00pm.

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

8/16 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, F. Romero-Zelada; **8/18** – D. Kassick, J. Lopez

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MAEVE PATRICIA STUCKEY, daughter of M/M Daniel Stuckey; AMY DANELLY GONZALEZ, daughter of Luis Gonzalez & Claudia Amador; DIEGO NIETO, son of M/M Juan Nieto

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLY DAY

The Church Office will be closed on Wed., August 15th in honor of the Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Tues., August 14th at 5:30pm and on Wed., August 15th at 6:45am, 8am, 12:10pm and 7pm.

MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL

Our yearly Missionary Co-Op Appeal will be held on the weekend of August 11/12. A priest from the Diocese of Kohima in Northeast India, will be here to speak about their mission. A second collection will be taken at all Masses.

BACKPACK COLLECTION

The Columbiette Council 474 women are initiating the Backpack Collection again this year to help our less fortunate children in our local schools. Last year we gave 88 backpacks to the local schools in our community. It would be nice if we could reach 100 this year. The collection of backpacks will take place on the weekend of August 11/12. Please place your donated backpack to the left of the Altar by the pews. Thank you. – Judy Leone, President Warren Council 474 Columbiettes.

MARIAN CONSECRATION

Come and join us for the Marian Consecration Class, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, with Fr. Michael Gaitley's DVD's, on Thurs., August 16th, at 7:00pm in the Parish Conference Room. Learn more about St. John Paul II, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Maximillian Kolbe, and St. Louis deMontford, and how they grew closer to Jesus through the Heart of Mary. Marian Consecration will be on September 8th after the 4:30pm Mass. For more information, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 15TH ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to come to celebrate our 15th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish on Wed., August 22nd with a special Holy Hour, starting at 7:00pm in the Church, with refreshments afterwards in Mercy Hall. Eucharistic Adoration will close for the evening after the celebration.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for Parish Pilgrimage on Sat., November 10, 2018 to the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia, PA. Details will follow.

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!

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration hours currently in need: Mondays at 8pm, Tuesdays at 8am and Noon, Wednesdays at 5pm, Fridays at Noon, 4pm, 6pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 4pm, and Sundays at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm...or an hour of your choice and/or on our Substitute List. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

CCD REGISTRATION

We are now registering students for our CCD program for the 2018-2019 school year. All children attending public school grades 1-8 must attend CCD in order to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation at the proper time. If you have a student who needs to be registered, please pick up a form at the Church Office and return it as soon as possible. Or call the Church Office, and a form will be sent to you.

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Legion of Mary Library has wonderful Marian book selections. Open Sundays (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am. **SPECIAL CHILDREN'S READING & CRAFT ON AUGUST 26TH.**

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.

PARISH & SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

It is never too early to start Christmas shopping! We have both Parish and School Christmas ornaments for sale. The cost is \$20, or if you order six or more \$17 respectively. Please contact (908) 859-1244 to place your orders.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saints Philip and James School is hard at work planning our annual Fashion Show and fundraiser. If you are interested in assisting with the event, or would like to donate an item for auction, please contact Sierra Fenton at fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

GIFT CARDS ARE FOR SALE!

They are available for various stores throughout the area. They are no additional cost to purchase, and help support the school greatly. Please consider purchasing these after Mass!

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!

NOVENA FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray!

SILVER / GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, on Sun., October 21, 2018 at 4:00pm. Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/>). The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the event. If you are unable to access, please contact the Church Office or the Family Life Office at (732) 243-4582 or amatos@diometuchen.org. Even though no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or by calling (732) 243-4582, Monday through Friday, during business hours. Registration will close on Wed., October 3, 2018.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Poor people are hungry in Phillipsburg. Next time, bring as much as you can carry. Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

August 18/19, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Luke Talpas & Elisabeth Talpas
Ministers: William Casey & Thomas Casey; C1 – Margie Markus, C2 – Dorothy Kays, C3 – Frances Ludwig, C4 – Melody Talpas
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Joshua Romero & Luciana Perna & Joey Cruz

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Yaledy Charleus
Ministers: William Hillhouse & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Joseph Lusardi, C2 – Ines Berluce, C3 – Valerie Lusardi, C4 – Kelly Perna
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Riley Perna & Kiernan Lopez & Andrew Sretenovic

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia
Ministers: Gloria Cervasi & Mary Brogan; C1 – Elizabeth Divinagracia, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C4 – Pat James
Lector: RYANNE Bigelli
Servers: Dominic Russo & Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: Rosemary Carnali
Servers: Matthew Erz & Tiago Aversa

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

8/12/18 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi
8/19/18 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawela

Brakeley Care Center

8/12/18 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle
8/19/18 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood

Phillipsburg Care Center

8/12/18 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell
8/19/18 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 – Reider Family - Mother by Al & Ann Reider
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Husband, Gino
 11:00 – William Speer by Speer Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Santa & Sal Caroprese by Children

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

6:45 – Michael Pighini by Sr. Gloria
 8:00 – Ralph & Louis Celia by Family
 12:10 – Kim Pisarek by Richard & Glenda Lawler

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

6:45 – Special Intention of Antonio Betancur
 8:00 – Donna Fleming by John & Ruth Ann McLaughlin
 12:10 – Julia Tersigni by Jeanie Bolcar
HOLY DAY MASS:
 5:30pm – Marie Therese Fontos by Juliette Bonheur

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 (Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation)

6:45 – Peter & Theresa Schiro (A)
 8:00 – Valerie Bates by Camille
 12:10 – John Natisin by Mary Ann, Lou & Michael Graziosi
 7:00pm – For the People

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

6:45 – Joseph Merlo by Volk Family
 8:00 – Vince Catalli by M/M Roger DiVittorio
 12:10 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

6:45 – Agnes DiMaio by M/M Roger DiVittorio
 8:00 – CJ Koop by Geraldine Lagrimas
 12:10 – Betty Hummell by Maureen Speer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 – Mary Beth Bianco by Family
 8:00 – Alfred P. Kaulius by Mary K. Kaulius
 4:30pm – Bernie Brotzman, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 – Thomas Bush by Deacon Rob & Malley Fisher
 9:00 – Anna Ostili by Lusardi Family
 11:00 – Jennie Colatriano by Daughter & Children
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Salvatore Joseph Pugliese IV by Family

● CALENDAR ●

12 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Co-op Appeal

1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

13 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - Conf. Room - "You Did it to Me"
 Series Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 9)

14 - Tuesday

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

HOLY DAY MASS: 5:30pm

15 - Wednesday - Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)

MASSSES: 6:45am, 8:00am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy
 Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - No Charismatic Prayer Group
 Mtg.

16 - Thursday - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

17 - Friday

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

18 - Saturday

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

19 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

August 5, 2018: \$13,026.00
 July's On-line Contributions: \$8,786.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 7/6/18: \$1,478,348.00
 Total Collected as of 7/6/18: \$447,337.58

God loves a cheerful giver!

If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:

<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR AUGUST 18/19, 2018

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