

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);  
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**Priests:** Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407  
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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 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 19, 2018**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

As you read these words, I am on my annual vacation. Last week I told you that I would use this column to address the recent news that Pope Francis had "changed" Catholic teaching on the death penalty. It is best that I begin by reminding people that not even a pope is free to change the unchanging Doctrines of the Catholic Church. Doctrines are those central Truths of the Faith that have been given to us by Christ – either in person while He was on this earth or through constant, unbroken teaching of His Church.

The Truth that Jesus is Lord, that He is truly God and truly man, that in the Eucharist we truly receive His precious Body and Blood, that there are seven sacraments, that there is a Heaven, a hell, and a purgatory – these are examples of Doctrines – Truths of the Faith that cannot change.

Another such Truth is that all human persons are created in the image of God and thus have a God-given sacred dignity that all other persons are obliged to respect. That teaching is the foundation of everything we believe about the dignity of the human person. It is why the Church – from ancient times – has been against abortion. It is why Christian people have played a leading role in the development of humane health care. It is why we are called upon to show compassion and respect, not only to those of our own country, race, or religion but to all human beings.

It is also why our Church has grappled for many years with the death penalty. I say grappled because the death penalty is a more complicated case. Obviously, a murderer shows a distinct lack of respect for human life. Moreover, any civil society that strives to respect human life has to protect its citizens from those, like a murderer, who do not. Given those realities, the Church has held that the state could impose the death penalty only when there was no other way to protect innocent people from dangerous criminals.

“Today” – Pope Francis says – “there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of a human person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes.” Moreover, “more effective systems of detention have been developed” which protect innocent people while giving the guilty time to do penance. In other words, there are better ways to protect the innocent without resorting to the death penalty.

When all is said and done, Pope Francis is essentially saying that those conditions which once led the Church to allow the death penalty no longer exist – and that our respect for human life is better expressed by seeking other means to punish the guilty.

I hope this is helpful to those who have questions about this matter. You can read the Holy Father's entire statement on the Vatican Website – which is an excellent source of information.

Please say a Hail Mary for me each day, and know that I'm praying for you.

Have a great week!

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:**

With the 2018-2019 school year rapidly approaching, we are full of anticipation with what the year will hold. We look forward to seeing both old and new faces on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school. As always, we have a number of exciting events planned for our students. We look forward to sharing this school year with you. It surely will be a great one.

**2 year old Pre-School enrolling now!** There are still spots available for our Pre-School program. The program will be curriculum based, focusing on both developmental as well as the emotional needs of young toddlers. This program will also provide early exposure to Christian-like values. Both full and part-time care is available. Please contact the main office for additional information.

### **BINGO**

**8/23** – S. Behme, R. Calaman, M. Marchetti, C. Talpas, J. Troxell, L. Steets; **8/25** – S. Oluwole, J. Byrne, C. DiCapua, J. Lopez

### **PARISH FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Our Parish Family Communion Breakfast to honor our Blessed Mother's birthday will be held on Sun., September 9<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on the weekend of August 18/19. They can also be purchased at the Church Office. The cost is \$1.00 per person and no more than \$5.00 for a family.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty will be held on Sat., August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the Chapel. Please join us to pray for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, the preservation of marriage, and for our nation that it will remain "one nation under God" with Godly principles and morals.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

All are invited to come to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish on Wed., August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **BLESSING IN THE BAG MINISTRY**

The Blessing in the Bag Ministry is endeavoring to crochet sleeping mats out of plastic grocery bags for the homeless. We will be meeting at Mercy Hall on Fri., August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am. Anyone interested in helping, can contact Lisa at (908) 859-4374.

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

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Food for the Needy Collection for September will be held on the weekend of September 8/9.

### **MARIAN CONSECRATION**

Come and join us for the Marian Consecration Class, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, with Fr. Michael Gaitley's DVD's, on Thursdays 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 8<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30pm Mass. For more information, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

### **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).

### **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.

### **"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.

### **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 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **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.

### **SSPJ SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL**

Save the date! Saints Philip and James School will be hosting a Fall Festival on Sat., September 22 from 11:00am-6:00pm. There will be great food, music, games, and fun for the entire family.

### **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](mailto: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](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!

### **INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Family Life Office and the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann will host a Prayer Service to mark International Overdose Awareness Day on Fri., August 31, 2018 at 7:00pm at St. Neumann Parish, 398 County Road 513, Califon, NJ. Rev. Abraham Orapankal 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. For information, visit [www.diometuchen.org/family-life](http://www.diometuchen.org/family-life) or call (732) 243-4573 or (908) 832-2513,

### **STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages, sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is August 24-26, 2018. All inquiries are confidential. For further facts, kindly contact the Family Life Office at (732) 243-4573 or Rich and Annette Colasuonno at (732) 236-0671.

### **SILVER / GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

"By the love you have for one another," says the Lord, "Everyone will know that you are my disciples." *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● MINISTRY ●

**August 25/26, 2018**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Louis Moyer & Brianna Moyer  
Ministers: Timothy Gahles & Keith Gallagher; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – Robert Ellwood  
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Servers: Aidan Lavigne & Anthony Ventura & 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: Raymond Zelada & Frano Zelada  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Ines Berluche; C1 – Donna Kucinski, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Anne Coyle  
Lector: Theresa Duaiame  
Servers: Joseph Cruz & Joey Grimshaw & Chiazam Odimma

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Kevin Kassick & Denise Kassick; C1 – Maureen Speer, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Gloria Cervasi, C4 – Mary Brogan  
Lector: Karen Llanos  
Servers: KJ Kassick & Hannah Adams & Blake Sweigert

### **5:30pm**

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

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

8/19/18 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawela  
8/26/18 – Melody Talpas & Diane Volk

### **Brakeley Care Center**

8/19/18 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood  
8/26/18 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

8/19/18 & 8/26/18 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 – Special Intention of Henry Espinal by Espinal Family  
 8:00 – Mary Jane & David Knauth by Family  
 12:10 – Thomas Kosa by Class of PCHS 1962

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

6:45 – Fr. Stan Piwowar by Malopolska Family  
 8:00 – Geri Farley & Pat Thompson by Camille Rapinesi  
 12:10 – Mary Gureczynski by Children  
 7:00pm (SP) – For the People

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

6:45 – Joseph Merlo by Eucharistic Adorers  
 8:00 – Jack Finegan by Family  
 12:10 – Special Intention of Ralph Cherubin by Mother

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

6:45 – Frank B. Pologruto (A)  
 8:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Martha Richline  
 12:10 – Gladys Redondo by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

6:45 – Fr. George Majka by Malopolska Family  
 8:00 – Maria Bisco by Geraldine Lagrimas  
 12:10 – Barbara Ann DePaolis by Frank & Grace Stettner

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 – Yves Alain Quentel by Delatola Family  
 8:00 – Special Intention of Ann Foose by A Friend  
 4:30pm – Herman Boos by Bess & Kim

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00 – Helen Casey by Helen Giammarinaro  
 9:00 – Disolina Lupi by Carol, Vic & Melissa Lupi  
 11:00 – Judy Pierce by Julie & Mike Duffy  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Santa & Sal Caroprese by Children

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

August 12, 2018: \$9,916.50  
 Mission Co-op Appeal: \$3661.00

### **Parish Capital Campaign**

Total Pledged as of 8/13/18: \$1,482,008.00  
 Total Collected as of 8/13/18: \$459,189.92

*God loves a cheerful giver!*

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

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 19 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Adopt-A-Missionary Collection**

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

### 20 - Monday - St. Bernard

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - MH - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K. of C. Mtg.  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - "You Did it to Me" Series Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 21 - Tuesday - St. Pius X

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 6:00 - CH/Flynn's - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.  
 7:00 - CH - Spanish Ministry  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 22 - Wednesday - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### 23 - Thursday - St. Rose of Lima

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

### 24 - Friday - St. Bartholomew

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

### 25 - 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  
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 26 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### **MASS CELEBRANTS FOR AUGUST 25/26, 2018**

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