

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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Saints Philip and James School

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Mr. Paul Kucinski

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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 - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



*The words that I have spoken to you
are spirit and life.*

Jn 6:63

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 26, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Whenever I have to write a column before I leave for vacation, I have to think about what to write. Last week I addressed Pope Francis' recent statements about the Death Penalty. This week I'm going to talk about some upcoming Parish Events – because by the time I get home, many of them will be just around the corner!

On Sunday, September 9th, our Parish will have a special Communion Breakfast to honor our Blessed Mother's Birthday. For those who may not know, Communion Breakfasts are an old Catholic tradition. The idea is to go to Mass, receive Holy Communion, and then gather for a special breakfast together.

Our tradition here at St. Philip and St. James is to encourage as many people as possible to come to the Communion Breakfast. Tickets are cheap - \$1 each and no more than \$5 for the whole family. In fact, the only reason we even do tickets for this event is to get a good idea of how many people are coming, so we can have enough food! You can get tickets at the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes do most of the cooking and work for the breakfast. The Legion of Mary will have pamphlets and prayer cards about our Blessed Mother for those who would like them. I will say grace and offer a very brief talk (even shorter than usual). The whole idea is simply to get together for Mass and breakfast with our spiritual family. I hope you will come – and please bring the kids and grandkids!

With the coming of the new school year, Confirmation preparation will begin in earnest for our 8th grade parishioners. If you have an 8th grader who wants to be Confirmed this year, please attend one of the following Confirmation Meetings in Mercy Hall with him or her: Sunday, September 16th at 10 AM **OR** Wednesday, September 19th at 7 PM. I will answer questions and give you all the information you will need. If you can't make one of those meetings – call me as soon as possible!

On Saturday, September 22, there will be a special Fall Festival on the School Grounds on Roseberry Street. Watch the bulletin for more information. I hope that many of us will have a good time together that day.

As most of you know, our parish has a long history here in Phillipsburg. I want to make sure that we preserve and celebrate that history. To this end, I am hoping to establish a Parish History Committee. After discussing this with the Pastor's Advisory Council, I am asking anyone who might be interested in serving with this group to please let me know as soon as possible. I am hoping to get at least a few "history-minded" people involved. It won't be much work – but it will be truly worthwhile.

Speaking of history, our parish will celebrate its 160th birthday in 2019. While 160 is not what we usually call a significant anniversary (like 100 or 150) – I think it calls for a celebration of some kind. I'm thinking of something both religious and social – like a special Mass followed by

something like a 160th Birthday Party. My hope would be to keep it simple and affordable – so that everyone who wants to attend can do so! If you'd like to work with me on this, give me a call.

Whatever you do – say a Hail Mary for me today and every day. I always pray 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.



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Saint Update:

With the new school year just days away, we are full of anticipation for the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to seeing both old and new faces on August 29th, the first day of school. Please note, we will have early dismissals, 12:15pm, the first week of school. As always, we have a number of exciting events planned for our students. We hope to see you at our upcoming Fall Festival on September 22nd. This event promises to be a fun-filled event for the entire family, complete with games, music, food and more!

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

8/30 – C. Giacalone, K. Tichy, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock, T. Jerusalmi Pladevall; **9/1** – No Bingo (Labor Day Weekend)

FLOWER MEMORIAM

The flowers on the altar this weekend are given in memory of Donna Fleming from Mom & Sisters.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: LIAM-MASON ESTEVES, son of M/M Daoud Esteves

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Let's celebrate Labor Day together on Mon., September 3rd at noon in Mercy Hall. For reservations, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

PARISH FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Our Parish Family Communion Breakfast to honor our Blessed Mother's birthday will be held on Sun., September 9th after the 9am Mass. Tickets can be purchased at the Church Office. The cost is \$1.00 per person and no more than \$5.00 for a family.

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 31st at 10am. Anyone interested in helping, can contact Lisa at (908) 859-4374.

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Come and join us for Overdose Awareness Day on Fri., August 31st from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Mercy Hall. Overdose is becoming a national epidemic, and we need to learn more about how to prevent it. It's not just drug users. It happens so quickly, even to family members on prescriptions. Come listen to talks by parents and professionals, get some valuable information, enjoy some food and fellowship. There will be a Memorial Service at the end for those whose lives have been taken by overdose.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., September 1st 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

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

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.

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 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.

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.

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

We will be hosting the Annual Alumni Mass and Breakfast on Sun., November 4th at 9:00am. Mass will be held in the School auditorium, with a complimentary breakfast to follow.

THANK YOU!

A huge "Thank you!" to everyone who assisted with Saints Philip and James School Yard Sale. Thank you to the volunteers who spent countless hours organizing the event, everyone who donated items, and to those who attended the event.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. YOUTH THEATER

Bethlehem Catholic H.S. Youth Theater announces Auditions for the 2018 Christmas Show: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Auditions are open to all students in grades 3-8 and will be held in the BeCa Auditorium on Sun., September 9, 2018 from 1:00-5:00pm (drop in any time). Students will audition with a monologue and should choose a verse from one of these Christmas songs: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "The First Noel", or "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen". Show performance dates are December 7-9, 2018. For monologues, music, audition forms, information: becayouththeater@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. (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!

ARE YOU GOING TO RUTGERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK?

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information: Mass Schedule: Sunday Masses – 12:00pm at Busch Student Center, Rm. 120ABC; 6:00pm – St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset Street (next to Barnes & Noble). Daily Mass (Monday-Friday) – 7:30pm at St. Peter's Church (next door to the Catholic Ctr.); 12:15pm at The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center. No Mass on Friday). Opening Activities – Mon., September 3: Luau, 6pm at The Catholic Center; Wed., September 5: Spirit Night, 8pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall; Fri., September 7: Grill & Chill, 5pm on Livingston Campus/Tillet Field. Check us out at the College Avenue Involvement Fair on September 3!! Visit us online at www.rutgerscatholic.org. Also check us out on Facebook: Rutgers Catholic Student Association.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Please give that much. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

September 1/2, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick
Ministers: Margie Markus & Edward Socci; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – Denise Kassick
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Anthony Ventura & Jonathan Weadock

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Steven Fulse & Julian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Zackary Payran
Ministers: Joseph Lusardi & Valerie Lusardi; C1 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C2 – Sharon Hillhouse, C3 – William Hillhouse, C4 – Ines Berluche
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes & Paxton Payran

11:00am

Acolyte: Michael Juliano
Ministers: Samuel Fatta & Mario Madawela; C1 – Karen Juliano, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Karen Llanos, C4 – Paul Juliano
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Jack Juliano & Luciana Perna & Andrew Sretenovic

5:30pm

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

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

8/26/18 – Melody Talpas & Diane Volk

9/2/18 – No Service (Labor Day)

Brakeley Care Center

8/26/18 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

9/2/18 – No Service (Labor Day)

Phillipsburg Care Center

8/26/18 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

9/2/18 – No Service (Labor Day)

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

6:45 – Helen Pordan Witlin by Maryann S. Ignatz
 8:00 – Janet Indorato (A) by Family
 12:10 – Donna Fleming by Jerry & Marguerite

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:45 – Joseph Young by Martha Richline
 8:00 – Joseph Merlo by Pat & Tom O'Neil
 12:10 – Eugene Horvath by Class of PCHS 1962

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:45 – Marie Ganz by Lydia, Tom & Adrianna
 8:00 – December Members of O'Neil Family by Tom & Pat O'Neil
 12:10 – Vinnie Catalli by Wife & Children

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

6:45 – Special Intention of Ann Nicolosi Foose by Pat
 8:00 – Louise Colatriano by Family
 12:10 – Marie Therese Fontos by Juliette Bonheur

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

6:45 – M/M James Franceschino by Daughters
 8:00 – Lewis Cary Williams by Gloria
 12:10 – Timothy Balas by Parents

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 – Ann McGeever by James Callinan
 8:00 – Francis Flynn, Jr. by Brother & Sisters
 4:30pm – Betty Hummell by Mary Ann & Randy Hartdorn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 – Robert Fisher by Wife & Children
 9:00 – Barbara & Billy Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – Samantha Pesaresi by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Santa & Sal Caroprese by Children

● CALENDAR ●

26 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

27 - Monday - St. Monica

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - Conf. Room - "You Did it to Me"
 Series Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)

28 - Tuesday - St. Augustine

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

29 - Wednesday - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

30 - Thursday

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

31 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 10:00 - MH - Blessing in a Bag Ministry
 6:30-8:00 - MH - Overdose Awareness Day
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.

1 - SEPTEMBER - 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 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

2 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1/2, 2018

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

Stewardship of Treasure

August 19, 2018: \$12,208.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$580.00
 Feast of the Assumption: \$3,176.00

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>