

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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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.

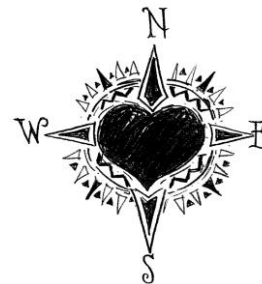
HOLY MASS

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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 2, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

It's nice to be back from my vacation, on which I had a very nice time. As you can imagine, I watched a lot of trains, took some great pictures, and listened to some good books in the car. One, called *The Yanks Are Coming*, was about American involvement in World War I. The other was about Attila the Hun. (What can I tell you – I like history!)

I also had the pleasure of attending three Appalachian League baseball games. Being a Rookie League, the teams in the Appalachian League are populated by very young ball players. Indeed, there were several players as young as 17 on the field – and the oldest player I saw was 21. They had an energy and enthusiasm that was truly tangible.

While on vacation I also heard the news about the scandalous behavior of some priests. As most of you know, I addressed this in my homily last weekend. A number of people have asked if they could have a copy of that homily. So – instead of my usual column – I'm going to print that homily here. I don't usually do this, but thought it made sense in this case. As usual – I want to ask everyone to pray a Hail Mary for me every day. You are always in my prayers.

Fr. John

Fr. John's Homily from August 26, 2018

“Do you also want to leave?”

Jesus said this in today's Gospel – because He knew that many people were walking away from Him. In last week's Gospel He taught them about the Real Presence – that He would truly give them His Flesh and Blood to eat in Holy Communion – and they found it hard to believe. So they stopped following Him. They walked away.

And Jesus asked the Apostles: “Do you also want to leave?” And Peter – speaking for them all – said that the apostles weren't going anywhere. They believed in Jesus – and were going to stay with Him.

“Do you also want to leave?”

I think these words are appropriate for us – and every Catholic at Mass this weekend. We all know lots of people who have stopped coming to Church – for any number of reasons. Maybe – like the crowd in the Gospel they found some of Jesus' teachings hard to believe. Maybe they got out of the habit of coming without even realizing it at first. And maybe – these days – they are rightly furious over the scandalous behavior of too many priests – and the cover-up that followed.

But you and I are still here. Like Peter and the Apostles in the Gospel – we want to stay. But we know – deep down – that we have to do something – and I want to talk about that right now.

Most of you know that I was on vacation the past two weeks – when all this news from Pennsylvania broke. I was listening to the Catholic Channel on my satellite radio – to a call-in show hosted by a laywoman – and convert – named Jennifer Fullwiler. It was encouraging – even inspiring – to hear her callers – who

were rightly angry – say that were still committed to their Faith. Their general feeling was that no sinful priest or neglectful bishop was going to make them give up their Faith. I feel the same way – and I suspect you do, too.

As to what we should do, Jennifer offered an analogy that made a lot of sense. She reminded everyone that the Church is the Body of Christ – and we all became part of that Body at Baptism. At this difficult time – all the good people and priests of our Church need to be the "White Blood Cells" of that Body.

Think about it. When our physical body gets an infection – the white blood cells attack the infection and flush it out. If they don't do that – we die!

The predators in the priesthood are an evil infection in the Body of Christ on earth – and we have to be the White Blood Cells that force them out.

How can we do this? By leading holy lives.

Holiness is always the antidote to evil. When the Church got too worldly in the Middle Ages – holy people like St. Francis of Assisi got things back on track. When the immorality of Church leaders in the Renaissance sparked the Reformation – the holiness of people like St. Theresa of Avila and St. Ignatius Loyola set things right. In the same way, we need to grow in holiness today – all of us – priests and laity alike.

- We need to receive the Sacraments faithfully and worthily – because we need the grace they give us.
- We need to talk about chastity – in our speech and actions. Sexual abuse – inside and outside the Church – is ultimately a breakdown of chastity. A lack of self-control. To grow in holiness, we need to recover a true sense of chastity in our lives and our society.
- Most of all, we need to live really holy lives – because evil hates holiness. Indeed, the holier we become, the holier the Church becomes – and the holier the Church becomes – the less room there is for evil.

“Do you also want to leave?” I don't. I want to stay – and I hope you do, too.

More than that, I hope you – and I – will work together to live really holy lives and so become the White Blood Cells that flush this evil out of the Body of Christ so she can be all Christ wants her to be.

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:

We are so thrilled to have the 2018-2019 school year underway. We are looking forward to what we hope will be one of the best school years yet. It has been so great seeing both new and old faces alike. We would like to take the time to acknowledge that the building looks great! Thank you to everyone who worked very hard to make sure it is ready for our students. Also a special thank you to the building and grounds committee for all of their hard work and time to work on special projects around the building. We also would like to thank our teachers and staff for their continued promise and commitment to educating our students and keeping them safe throughout this upcoming school year. We are so fortunate to have certified teachers who are so dedicated to our school, students, and families. We are so grateful for the countless hours they spent this summer continuing with their professional development, planning their curriculum, and preparing their classrooms. Finally, thank you to our families for entrusting your students within our care. Your students have and will always be our top priority. Thank you for choosing to give them the gift of a Catholic education. We cannot wait to share this school year with you!

Important Dates:

September 3rd: School Closed

September 11th: Mass – Families invited to attend

September 12th: Back to School Nights (grades 6-8)

BINGO

9/6 – C. Sumner, B. Falvey, C. Corona, T. Armagno, E. Bott;

9/8 – D. Hasara, S. Price, K. Dorcelly, N. Byrne

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CLOSED ON LABOR DAY

On Labor Day, September 3, 2018, the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed in the Chapel. However, you can come in to pray in the Chapel if you so desire.

THANK YOU!

The Columbiettes extend a heartfelt thank you for the donation of backpacks. They were distributed amongst our local schools. Blessings to all. – Judy Leone, President

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.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 50 will be having its first meeting of the year at 7pm on Mon., September 10, 2018 in the Cafeteria of Saints Philip and James School on Roseberry Street. You do not need to attend SSPJ to participate. We welcome both boys and girls, ages 5 to 10, to attend our meetings and see what Scouting is all about!

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, 2018. September'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!

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS SERIES

Draw closer to the Lord by learning how to console His Heart in the little things that you do every day, even in your breathing. The Consoling the Heart of Jesus series starts on Mon., September 10th at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. To reserve a book, please call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

"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.

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.

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Legion of Mary Library has a selection of Marian books to choose from. Open Sundays (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am.

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! Sat., September 22nd, 11:00am-6:00pm -- Saints Philip and James School will be hosting a Fall Festival. There will be great food for sale, games, and fun for the entire family. This event promises to be a great time, and a fantastic way to support our school.

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 ALL PHILLIPSBURG CATHOLIC, ALL SAINTS, AND SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES ALUMNI!

Please join us for an all-class Alumni Mass and Breakfast on Sun., November 4th, 9:00am at 137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg. Mass will take place in the School auditorium, followed by a complimentary breakfast. We hope to see you there.

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!

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation is pleased to present Bible Study Classes – "Studying the Bible in preparation for Sunday Mass". The classes will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays from September 5-October 3, 2018, 10:00am-11:30am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Open for all ages. Presented by Fr. Gregory Uhrig. This event is free of charge. No registration is required. For information, call (732) 529-7933 or email family.life@diometuchen.org.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

The Lord hears the cries of the poor. And answers them through your generosity. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

September 8/9, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: William Haussman & Christopher Hill
Ministers: Ronald Rossini & Robert Ellwood; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Keith Gallagher, C3 – Eileen Dean, C4 – Dorothy Kays
Lector: RYANNE BIGELLI
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Luciana Perna & Mathias Gahles

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak
Lector: JUDY LEONE
Servers: Brady Carver & Sofia Grimshaw

9:00am

Acolyte: Mark-Luke Gural & Stephen Gural
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna; C1 – Maria Gural, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Donna Kucinski
Lector: Theresa Duaima
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Riley Perna

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia & Gabriel Adams
Ministers: Elizabeth Divinagracia & Mary Brogan; C1 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Gloria Cervasi
Lector: RICHARD GREENE
Servers: Alexander Brahm & Hannah Adams & Andrew Sretenovic

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: ROSEMARY CARNALI
Servers: Matthew Erz & Vincent Demaisis

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

9/2/18 – No Service (Labor Day)
9/9/18 – Eileen Dean & Elizabeth Divinagracia

Brakeley Care Center

9/2/18 – No Service (Labor Day)
9/9/18 – Keith Gallagher & Tim Gahles

Phillipsburg Care Center

9/2/18 – No Service (Labor Day)
9/9/18 – Lynn & Matthew Markus

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (Labor Day)

6:45 – Olivier Vivian by Patricia Tan
8:00 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Socci Family
9:00 – Thomas "Tiny" Houck by Family
12:10 – No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:45 – Eugene Woolley by Rosemary Patti
8:00 – Edward Skears by Peg Skears
12:10 – Helen G. Casey by Frank & Grace Stettner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:45 – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family
8:00 – Bud Lilly by Tom & Mary Jiorle
12:10 – Lillian & Evelyn Nicnick by Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:45 – Luis Espinal by Family
8:00 – Norma Napoli by Husband, Sal
12:10 – Donna Fleming by Kathy & Tom Farina

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:45 – Thomas M. Costello by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
8:00 – Deacon Jack Sheridan by Serra Club of Warren County
12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini & Children, Nephew & Grandson by Daughter, Jean

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 – Special Intention of Antonio Betancur by Family
8:00 – Jim Lucas by Mabel
4:30pm – Theresa & Luigi Graziosi by Lou, Mary Ann & Michael

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 – Helen Casey by Dolores Kadjeski
9:00 – Clelia & Oreste Marinelli by Yola & Enzo Marinelli
11:00 – Conor Babula by Babula Family
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – Richard Van Benschoten by Edward & Margaret Connolly

Stewardship of Treasure

August 26, 2018: \$11,140.00

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 ●

2 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

3 - Monday - Labor Day

Masses: 6:45am, 8:00am, 9:00am

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - No Adoration
12:00 - MH - Parish Labor Day Picnic
7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)

4 - Tuesday

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.

5 - Wednesday - St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
1:00 - MH - Over 50's Club Bus. Mtg./Social
7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class
7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
7:00 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

6 - Thursday

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

7 - Friday

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

8 - Saturday - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gifts from Bethlehem Olivewood Sale

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
9:00 - CH - Confession
10:00 - Conf. Room - No Baptism Prep Class
11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
7:00 - MH - Bingo

9 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Food for the Needy" Collection – Gifts from Bethlehem Olivewood Sale

10:00 - MH - Parish Communion Breakfast
1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 8/9, 2018

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