

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
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Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluce, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,
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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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 9, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day weekend and is ready to get back into the swing of things! Our parish – which is always busy in some way or another – really seems to get busy this time of year. The beginning of school and CCD is a big reason for this, but there is much more happening.

This Sunday morning is our annual Parish Communion Breakfast, following the 9 AM Mass. If you are reading this before then and would like to attend, you are most welcome to do so. The Knights of Columbus always have enough food to go around – and then some! More than that, it will be good to see you there.

This weekend we are welcoming our old friends from the Holy Land. They visit our parish each year at this time to tell us a bit about the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land. They also make available the most beautiful religious articles – made from olive wood in the Holy Land – to help support the Christians there.

I have mentioned – both in this column and in some homilies – many times this year about the Cross that is being borne by our brothers and sisters in the land that Jesus made His home whilst on this earth. Churches attacked and burned, kidnappings and forced conversions, and – in too many cases – true martyrdom. They need our prayers, advocacy, and the support of those whose means permit it. Let's not let them down.

An important Confirmation Meeting will be held for all 8th graders (or those in high school who are not yet Confirmed) next week. A parent or guardian should attend this meeting with them – to get important information about Confirmation. For your convenience, you may choose to attend one of two meetings to be held at the following times: Sunday, September 16th after the 9 AM Mass or Wednesday, September 19th at 7 PM in Mercy Hall. Each meeting will last about 45 minutes, during which I will answer questions and make sure everyone knows what they need to do to get ready for Confirmation. Please share this information with any 8th graders you know, and their parents. We want to be sure that all our young people have the grace of this sacrament, in which the Holy Spirit strengthens us in a very special way!

Those looking for help dealing with the recent scandals in the Church might google Bishop Barron "Why remain Catholic". It will lead you to a nice, short video presentation by one of our country's younger and most well-spoken bishops. It was recommended to me by someone who watched it and found it helpful – and I wholeheartedly recommend it to you.

Please keep me in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers for you. I am so grateful that

so many of you pray that one Hail Mary for me each day. I keep you in my prayers throughout the day – starting with my early morning prayers and finishing before bed at night. Let's also pray for the healing of those who have been hurt by the Church, for the Christians in the Holy Land, and for peace.

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:

The 2018-2019 school year is officially underway! The first few weeks have been so wonderful. We are very pleased to have such amazing students, faculty, staff, and families at Saints Phillip and James School. We have a number of great things coming up. We look forward to seeing all parents at the upcoming Back to School Nights. This is a great way to meet your student's teachers, hear about upcoming events, and connect with other parents. We are also very much looking forward to the upcoming Fall Festival. This will be a great way to spend the day celebrating the start of the school year and fall alike. We will have a number of games for people of all ages at affordable prices. We also will have fantastic food for sale. We hope to see you all there.

Important Dates:

September 11th: Mass – Families invited to attend

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

IMPORTANT CCD DATES!

First Day of Family CCD Program

Monday, September 24 – 6-7:45pm at Saints Philip & James School, Roseberry Street

First Day of Traditional CCD Classes

Tuesday, September 25 – 4-5pm at Saints Philip & James School, Roseberry Street

**Mandatory Confirmation Meeting
(Parent & Candidate)**

Sunday, September 16 in Mercy Hall after 9am Mass

OR

Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm in Mercy Hall

BINGO

9/13 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, F. Zelada-Romero; **9/15** – E. Dean, M. Bondarenko, M. Marchetti, J. Molesky

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: KAYLA ISABEL & RYAN DE LA CRUZ, children of Romel De La Cruz & Maria Perez; AYERIM & MARTIN DIAZ LARA, children of Agustin Diaz Perez & Ilse Lara Callejas; LUCY MARIE & ELYSHA GUADALUPE VELAZQUEZ-ROBLES, daughters of Salvador Velazquez & Nohem Robles

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!

IRELAND 2019

If you are interested in a trip to Ireland, a representative from CIE Tours will be giving a presentation in Mercy Hall on Fri., September 14th at 6:30pm. The trip dates are September 14-24, 2019. RSVP to Lisa at (908) 859-4374.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

Please remember that the Food for the Needy Collection for September will be held this weekend. 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!

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.

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.

BAKE SALE

The Warren Council 474 Columbiettes will be holding a Bake Sale after the 4:30pm, 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on the weekend of September 15/16. Thanking you in advance for your support. The monies garnered from our Bake Sale and other fundraisers are used to help the less fortunate of our local community, our schools, churches, and others in need. – Judy Leone, President.

"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.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

Basketball sign-ups are underway for the 2018-19 season. We are joining the CYO of Allentown this year playing other Catholic schools in Northampton County. We will have boys and girls teams in the 3rd and 4th grade level, 5th and 6th grade level, and 7th and 8th grade level. Registration is now open: <https://spsj.sportngin.com/register/form/822141530>. Registration will close on October 15, 2018. If you have any questions, contact Kevin Kassick at stphilipandjamesbasketball@gmail.com or call (908) 578-7469.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT NOTRE DAME H.S.

Notre Dame High School currently has an opening for a teacher in their Aquinas Program. A degree in special education is preferred. For more information, contact Mr. J. Friel at jfriel@ndcrusaders.org or call (610) 868-1431, ext. 114. It's always a great day to be a Crusader!

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!

VA OUTREACH PROGRAM

A VA Specialist will be giving a talk on VA programs such as the Rural Health Care program, which brings health care to homebound veterans, on September 18, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (gym) at St. Magdalen's Church, 103 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ. Handouts will also be available. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For information, please call (908) 782-2922.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."
You are not alone. If you are suffering over the death of someone you loved, perhaps the 8-week Bereavement Support Group Sessions may help you during this difficult time. The Group will be meeting Tuesday evenings in the Parish Teen Center for 8 weeks at Mary Mother of God, Hillsborough (157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844), from September 18-November 6, 2018, 7:00-8:30pm. No fee required...pre-registration is appreciated. Call Trudy Madden (908-874-6288) or Philomena Cellilli (908-285-6053).

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Help those in need – do a good deed. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

September 15/16, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya
Ministers: Dorothy Kays & Margie Markus; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Frances Ludwig, C4 – William Casey
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Robby Basel & Joshua Romero

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Judy Leone
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Isabella McKenna

9:00am

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada
Ministers: Matthew Markus & Lynn Markus; C1 – Eileen Catalli, C2 – Ines Berluce, C3 – Anne Coyle, C4 – Eileen Kerrigan
Lector: Theresa Duaime
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brooke Troxell

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo & KJ Kassick
Ministers: Kevin Kassick & Denise Kassick; C1 – Karen Llanos, C2 – Robert Hopkins, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Patricia Palazzo
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Lillie Chismar & Alexander Brahm

5:30pm

Acolyte: Raeanna Allen
Minister: Allison Frasca
Lector: Aidan Lavigne
Servers: Lacy Allen & Blake Sweigert

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

9/9/18 – Eileen Dean & Elizabeth Divinagracia

9/16/18 – Donna Francisco & Judy Francisco

Brakeley Care Center

9/9/18 – Keith Gallagher & Tim Gahles

9/16/18 – Frances Ludwig & Bill Casey

Phillipsburg Care Center

9/9/18 & 9/16/18 –

Lynn & Matthew Markus

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:45 – M/M Joseph Krosincky by Nick Pugliese
 8:00 – Geraldine Rosznagle by Norman Rosznagle
 12:10 – Jill Cilurso Dagon by Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:45 – Arthur & Louise Pasquarelli by Debbie Pasquarelli
 8:00 – Mary Louise Rosznagle by Husband, Barry Rosznagle
 12:10 – Jorge Jelkh

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:45 – Joseph Merlo by Ella & Adam Lokitis
 8:00 – Helen Flynn & Joanne Wilkins by A Friend
 12:10 – Ronald Snyder by Daughter, Donna

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:45 – Rose & William Zwiski by Mary Ann S. Ignatz
 8:00 – Joseph Krosincky & Parents by Nick Pugliese
 12:10 – Hazel V. Richey (A) by Theresa & Al Richey

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:45 – Marie Therese Fontos by Juliette Bonheur
 8:00 – Rose Gambello by Husband, Henry
 12:10 – Bernard Bladies

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 – Rosita Aversa by Mary Jo & Jeff Riddle
 8:00 – Maguire Family by Family
 4:30pm – Edward Shakal by Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 – Danny Lilly by Family
 9:00 – Janice Lusardi by Lusardi Family
 11:00 – Souls in Purgatory
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Judy Pierce by Teresa & Anthony Mercado & Family

Stewardship of Treasure

September 2, 2018: \$13,223.50

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 ●

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

10 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:30 - MH - Catholic Daughters Mtg.
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of
 Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 3)

11 - 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.

12 - Wednesday - Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Columbiettes Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy
 Rosary)
 7:00 - SSPJ - Back to School Night
 (Grades 6-8)
 7:00 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

13 - Thursday - St. John Chrysostom

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

14 - Friday - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

15 - Saturday - Our Lady of Sorrows Columbiettes Bake Sale

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 6:00-9:00 - CH - Spanish Prayer Vigil
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

16 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Adopt-A-Missionary" Collection - Columbiettes
Bake Sale
 10:00 - MH - Conf. Parent/Candidate Mtg.
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 15/16, 2018

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