

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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Fr. Tom Ganley, ext. 402
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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



**It is the Lord God
who helps me.**

Is 50:9

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 16, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

It was nice to see so many people at the Communion Breakfast last Sunday morning. While the weather was lousy, a good number of people showed up for breakfast and fellowship. The Knights of Columbus – who did most of the cooking and donated the food – the Columbiettes, and the Legion of Mary all deserve thanks for their efforts.

Although I've been here for almost 10 years, I still meet new families at events like the Communion Breakfast. Sometimes they are new to our parish. Sometimes they are familiar faces that I see all the time, but never had a chance to speak with personally. Getting better acquainted with more and more of the wonderful people in our parish is one of my favorite parts of such events.

Last Saturday I had the pleasure of spending a good deal of time at Soccerfest. Many of our parish teams were involved, as were other teams from the area. I'm sure lots of our families with school age kids were there – since I saw more than a few of you. It was good to see so many people having a good time.

The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost – 10 days after Jesus ascended to Heaven – was a watershed moment for the Catholic Church. On that day, the Holy Spirit strengthened the disciples to begin the work that Jesus gave them: to preach His Gospel to all people. Strengthened by the Spirit, the disciples began the work of preaching and converting that gradually built the Church that Jesus began.

In a similar way, the Celebration of Confirmation is a watershed moment in the life of our parish each year. Confirmation is our personal Pentecost – the day on which the Holy Spirit strengthens us to live and bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It is usually celebrated in the 8th grade – or by high schoolers who missed it at that time.

For this reason, all the 8th grade aged young men and women of our parish are invited to a Confirmation Meeting this week. There will be two of them – so you can choose the time that works best for you. The first is today (Sunday) after the 9 AM Mass – as was announced last week. The other option is this Wednesday, September 19th at 7 PM in Mercy Hall. Every 8th grader who wants to be Confirmed this year should attend one of these meetings with a parent or guardian. If you are in high school and never made your Confirmation, you are likewise welcome to attend.

The meeting will not be long – probably 45 minutes. But it will be filled with important information about this holy sacrament. I hope to see all the 8th graders of our parish at this meeting – and lots of high schoolers, too. (If you cannot attend either meeting, call me or Mrs. Cindy DePillo at the Parish Office –

908-454-0112 – as soon as possible. We will be happy to help you.)

Please continue to pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. Let's keep praying for the healing of all those hurt by priests or others in the Church, and for peace in our troubled world.

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:

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through September. We look forward to our second back-to-school night for our younger grades on September 26th. This is a great way to meet your student's teachers, hear about upcoming events, and connect with other parents. We also hope to see everyone at our 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. If you are looking to complete your volunteer opportunities early, we have a number of great events coming up. The Tricky Tray committee is currently seeking committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sierra Fenton at fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

Important Dates:

September 26th: Back-to-School Night (Pre-K through Grade 5)

October 10th: Grandparents Day

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

9/20 – T. Reilly, R. Calaman, S. Dileo, B. Derr, J. Troxell, L. Steets, E. Rutan; **9/22** – S. Oluwole, M. Minutaglio, J. Byrne, J. Molesky, J. Lopez

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: LUKE MATTHEW MARINO, son of M/M Brett Marino; EDWARD JAMES FIRMAN IV, son of Edward J. Firman III & Kelly DelGuercio

BAKE SALE

The Warren Council 474 Columbiettes will be holding a Bake Sale after the 4:30pm, 7, 9 and 11:00 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.

FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be taking a special collection for Flood Relief in Kerala, India. According to Catholic Relief Services, which is actively working on site with the relief efforts, "hundreds of people are dead" and about 1,000,000 people have been displaced by the catastrophic flooding. These people are in desperate need of food, clothing, potable water, medicine, and shelter. As you may know, Kerala, India, has the highest population of Christians in the nation. Donations made by check should be made payable to the Diocese of Metuchen, with "Kerala Flood Relief" in the memo line. Please put your donation in the collection in an envelope marked "Flood Relief".

SSPJ SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

On 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 hope to see you there.

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 is held on Monday 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.

PRAYERS FOR CONCEPTION

There will be Prayers for Conception after the 4:30pm Mass on Sat., September 29th. Please come to the front of the altar after Mass.

SPSJ PRAYER GROUP

All are invited...Our parish prayer group has started up again this fall. Fr. Tom and the core team invite you to come and pray with us on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm in the basement meeting room in Mercy Hall. The last Wednesday of the month, September 26th, Fr. Bill Halbing will be here for our monthly Healing Mass at 7pm in the Church. Please come and join us...all are welcome. For information, call Fr. Tom at (908) 454-0112, ext. 402. Praise the Lord!!!

"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.

PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. John Neumann on Sat., November 10th leaving 8am, which will include a stop at Reading Terminal Market before returning home by 6:30pm. Cost is \$30, which includes \$5.00 Shrine donation. Contact Camille at (908) 319-2719 for reservations. All checks payable to SPSJ Church.

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.

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.

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!

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join other Christians across the globe from September 26-November 4 for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Prayerfully consider taking some time to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Main Street, Washington, NJ. You are also invited to attend an opening rally on September 30th anytime between 2-4pm outside the Planned Parenthood. Please pledge to lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to sign up to pray – please contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net or (973) 525-6692.

DATE NIGHTS FOR A JOYFUL MARRIAGE!

St. Ann Catholic Marriage Ministry presents: An invitation to newlywed couples or couples married several years – Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage will be held on Sat., September 29th from 6:30-9:00pm in the Church Meeting Room at the Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ 08869. Dinner and Dessert: \$35 per couple. For more information and to RSVP, contact Ron & Tammi Allen at (908) 581-5113

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Do you have to choose between paying the rent and buying food? If not, please give generously. Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

September 22/23, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas
Ministers: Melody Talpas & Ronald Rossini; C1 – William Casey, C2 – Keith Gallagher, C3 – Margie Markus, C4 – Thomas Casey
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Mark Talpas & Mathias Gahles & Anthony Ventura

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Steven Fulse & Sofia Grimshaw

9:00am

Acolyte: Zackary Payran
Ministers: Ines Berluche & Donna Kucinski; C1 – Denise Payran, C2 – Kyle Allen, C3 – Brittany Allen, C4 – Charlene Hummell
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Paxton Payran & Brett Bruckman & Joseph Cruz

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Geraldine Lagrimas & Samuel Fatta; C1 – Carol Bevilacqua, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – Barbara Shaneberger, C4 – Mary Brogan
Lector: Rayne Bigelli
Servers: Ricky Krouse & Andrew Sretenovic & Luciana Perna

5:30pm

Acolyte: Raeanna Allen
Minister: Michael Clark
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Lacy Allen & Vincent Demaisip

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

9/16/18 – Donna Francisco & Judy Francisco

9/23/18 – Tom Casey & Edward Socci

Brakeley Care Center

9/16/18 – Frances Ludwig & Bill Casey

9/23/18 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini

Phillipsburg Care Center

9/16/18 – Lynn & Matthew Markus

9/23/18 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:45 – Joanna Malopolska by Family
 8:00 – Tarquinio Rossini by Family
 12:10 – Betty Hummell by Jo-Ann Scott

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:45 – M/M Anthony & Rose Pugliese by Nick Pugliese
 8:00 – Marc DeBorja by Family
 12:10 – Harry & Elizabeth Johnson by Michael H. Johnson

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 – Roland Bullock by Wife, Cammy, Son, Edward, Daughter-in-law, Michelle, and Grandchildren
 8:00 – Donna Fleming by Deacon John & Florence Flynn
 12:10 – Elfrieda Pergosky by Niece, Barbara

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:45 – Gerard Ferrari by Terri & Danny Starosciak
 8:00 – Bud Lilly by Pat & Tom O'Neil
 12:10 – Patrick Guido by Daughter, Patricia Clarke & Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:45 – Special Intention of Nelly Espinal by Family
 8:00 – Edward & Kathryn Duffy by Ed & Dolly Duffy
 12:10 – Al & Margaret Napoli by Lou Ann Napoli

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 – Donna Fleming by Debbie McCluskey (Class of '81)
 8:00 – Mary & Stephen Ignatz by Daughter, Mary Ann
 4:30pm – Sandy Stefano by Tony Stefano & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 – Blanche Flynn by Family
 9:00 – Frank Manasseri by Family
 11:00 – Marie Bisco by Ann Nicolosi Foose
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Florence W. Minchin by Family

Stewardship of Treasure

September 9, 2018: \$11,442.00
 Peter's Pence: \$1,924.00

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 ●

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

17 - Monday - St. Robert Bellamine

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - MH - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 4)
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

18 - Tuesday

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

19 - Wednesday - St. Januarius

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - MH - Conf. Parent/Candidate Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

20 - Thursday - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

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

21 - Friday - St. Matthew

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

22 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:00-6:00 - SSPJ - Fall Festival
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

23 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 22/23, 2018

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