

# 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.

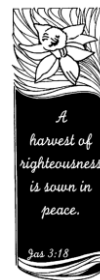
## HOLY MASS

*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



**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 23, 2018**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

I want to begin by thanking all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders (and their parents) who attended one of the Confirmation meetings last week. It looks like we will have a wonderful group of young men and women preparing to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in that sacrament this year. Please keep them in your daily prayers!

If you are an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (Public or Catholic School or Home School) and did not attend one of the meetings, please call me or Mrs. DePillo (our Confirmation Coordinator) as soon as possible so we can help you get started! High school students who – for whatever reason – have not yet been Confirmed should also call. We will be happy to help you take this important step in your relationship with Jesus!

With everyone back to school and our parish programs in full swing, I thought this would be a good time to give you an update on our Parish Capital Campaign. You can see the figures elsewhere in the bulletin – which are updated every month. What follows is an update on the projects that are being paid for by the campaign.

The Church's outside lighting has been upgraded – as anyone who is here at night can tell. New, bright lights have replaced the old and worn ones on the back of the Church and rectory, casting a nice even light on the alley behind the Church. This is especially important for those coming out of the Adoration Chapel at night!

The outside lights in front of the Church – and the ones by the Church's side doors have been either replaced or upgraded. The pedestal lights in front have been put on photocells so that they are only on when it is dark. The same has been done for the old fixtures on the side door by the rectory's back porch.

On the Stockton Street side, a new fixture (that looks old) has replaced a burned out modern one. This fixture not only casts better light, but is consistent with the age and architecture of our Church. Special thanks are due to a parishioner who happened to be in the parish office when it was ordered – and donated the cost as a special gift! The overall cost of the outside electrical and lighting is about \$18,225.

The next lighting projects will focus on the lights around the Altar and Side Altar areas. We hope to have this part of the project completed by Christmas – but it may stretch a bit beyond that. Either way, you should begin to notice a big improvement very soon. The overall cost of the sanctuary electrical and lighting improvements will come to about \$21,000. All the new lights – outside and in – will have modern LED bulbs which burn cooler and last a lot longer than the old bulbs.

We made the first payment (of \$75,000) on the organ restoration. This was due when we signed the contract with Peragallo Pipe Organ Company, which we did in August. Additional payments will be made as the work progresses. The organ will be removed after Pentecost (June) 2019 and returned that Autumn. Peragallo will provide us with a temporary instrument during the work.

As I reported in earlier columns, we have already done upgraded electrical work in the rectory (one of the smallest parts of the project), done a lot of HVAC upgrades in the

school, and replaced the Gym Roof (a big project). The total spent so far on all these things is about \$282,275 – all of which is possible only because of your generosity! I cannot thank each of you who supported this campaign – and who support our parish regularly with their offerings and prayers – enough!

Please 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:**

It is hard to believe how quickly the first month of school is going. Clubs are underway, and the students are having a great time with all of their extracurricular activities. Thank you to all of the families who came out to Back to School Night. It was so great seeing both old and new faces alike. We look forward to our next Back to School Night on 9/26/18. 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](mailto:fenton.sierra@spsj.org).

### **Important Dates:**

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

October 10<sup>th</sup>: 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 First Communion Meeting  
(Parent Only)**

Sunday, October 14 in Mercy Hall after 9am Mass

**OR**

Wednesday, October 17 at 7pm in Mercy Hall

**BINGO**

**9/27** – C. Giacalone, K. Tichy, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock; **9/29** – D. Kassick, M. Miles, E. Prolog, J. Molesky

**FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION**

This 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".

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

A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty will be held on Sat., September 29<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.

**PRAYERS FOR CONCEPTION**

There will be Prayers for Conception after the 4:30pm Mass on Sat., September 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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!!!

**20/20 POSTCARD CAMPAIGN**

On the weekend of September 29/30, come and sign the postcards to support the 20/20 Project. In the state of New Jersey, abortion is legal up to and including 9 months of pregnancy. The 20/20 Project has proven that a baby is fully developed and can feel pain at 20 weeks (5 months). We are petitioning our state legislature to sign the bill to prevent abortion after 20 weeks where a baby can be born and live. Please support this very worthy cause. Car magnets will be available after Mass. Please stop by the tables in the back of the Church to sign the postcards.

**AN AMAZING BAKE SALE SUCCESS**

A special thank you to all who made purchases or donated in support of the Columbiette organization. – 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.

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

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. John Neumann on Sat., November 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**FUNDRAISER FOR ELECTRONIC MARQUEE**

We need your help! Saints Philip and James School is currently working on fundraising for an electronic marquee. This will allow us to display important information to everyone who passes by our school. If you are interested in donating to this cause, you can go directly to the school website, [www.sspjnj.org](http://www.sspjnj.org), go to donate, and click on the electronic marquee button. We hope you will assist us with this next big step for our school.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stphilipandjamesbasketball@gmail.com) or call (908) 578-7469.

### **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!

### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS**

All are invited to attend the Hispanic Heritage Mass on Fri., September 28, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. As we come together to celebrate Hispanic heritage in the Diocese of Metuchen, we continue to be inspired by the words of Pope Francis, which he wrote in a letter to the U.S. Bishops about V Encuentro: "We need to become ever more fully a community of missionary disciples, filled with love of the Lord Jesus and enthusiasm for the spread of the Gospel." For more information, please contact the Diocese of Metuchen's Hispanic Ministry at (732) 243-4573.

### **CATHOLIC TENT REVIVAL**

The Catholic Tent Revival will be held on Sun., October 7, 2018 at the Malvern Retreat House, 315 Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA, from 12pm-7:30pm. Join thousands of teens, adults, and families as we come together for The Catholic Tent Revival – a day of prayer, worship, fun and celebration of God's love for us. Held on the beautiful grounds of Malvern Retreat House, this new annual tradition will be an unforgettable day featuring renowned Catholic speakers, preachers, and musicians, as well as countless opportunities to be touched by the Holy Spirit. This is a bilingual event. For information or to register, please call (610) 644-0400.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill. Please give generously. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

## ● MINISTRY ●

**September 29/30, 2018**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya  
Ministers: Frances Ludwig & Keith Gallagher; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Eileen Dean, C3 – Robert Ellwood, C4 – Ronald Rossini  
Lector: Louis Moyer  
Servers: Joshua Romero & Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo  
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Patricia Palazzo  
Lector: Judy Leone  
Servers:

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Lauren Rautenberg  
Ministers: William Hillhouse & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Anne Coyle, C2 – Eileen Catalli, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Eileen Kerrigan  
Lector: Theresa Duaine  
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Colin Rautenberg

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Michael Juliano  
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Samuel Fatta, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Sara Greene, C4 – Gloria Cervasi  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Servers: Joseph Cruz & Jack Juliano & Allan Palos

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: KJ Kassick  
Minister: Kevin Kassick  
Lector: Denise Kassick  
Servers: Robby Basel & Isaiah Miles & Tiago Aversa

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

9/23/18 – Tom Casey & Edward Socci  
9/30/18 – Mary Duaine & Maureen Speer

### **Brakeley Care Center**

9/23/18 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini  
9/30/18 – Roger DiVittorio & Tim Gahles

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

9/23/18 & 9/30/18 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:45 – Mass of Thanksgiving by Jessie Eugene Niles  
 8:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Eileen Catalli & Family  
 12:10 – Elfrieda Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 – Leonard Jennings & Janice Llanos by Karen & Gerry Llanos  
 8:00 – Neil A.R. Reppert by Family  
 12:10 – Marlene Marzi by Sister-in-Law

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:45 – Special Intention of Henry Espinal by Family  
 8:00 – M/M Salvatore Bianco & Son, Nick by Nick Pugliese  
 12:10 – John & Victoria Nehila & Deceased Children by Joe Nehila

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:45 – Norma Napoli by Husband, Sal  
 8:00 – Nancy Mauer by Edward Mennona  
 12:10 – Thomas "Tiny" Houck by Family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:45 – Herb Vaughn by Cammy  
 8:00 – Michael & Catherine Brogan by Mary Brogan  
 12:10 – Reenie Miller by Earl Miller Family

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 – Michael S. Hancewicz by Family  
 8:00 – Evo Gobbi (A) by Wife, Rose  
 4:30pm – Katherine Verdon by Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 – Perine Family by Martha Perine Richline  
 9:00 – Kenneth Dugan by Malka Goodman  
 11:00 – Judy Pierce by Teresa & Anthony Mercado & Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Louis J. Reda (A) by Family

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 23 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### 24 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program/Confirmation Class  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 5)

### 25 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7/Confirmation Class  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 26 - Wednesday - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 7:00 - SSPJ - Back to School Night (Pre-K-Grade 5)  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)  
 7:00 - CH - Charismatic Healing Mass

### 27 - Thursday - St. Vincent de Paul

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

### 28 - Friday - St. Wenceslaus

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

### 29 - Saturday - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Pro-Life Postcard Campaign

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  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 4:30 - CH - Mass, followed by Prayers for Conception  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 30 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro-Life Postcard Campaign  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

September 16, 2018: \$11,403.95  
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$872.00

### **Parish Capital Campaign**

Total Pledged as of 9/7/18: \$1,482,008.00  
 Total Collected as of 9/7/18: \$469,227.61

*God loves a cheerful giver!*

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

### **MASS CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 29/30, 2018**

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