

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);  
Also, Monday - 5pm-8pm

**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.

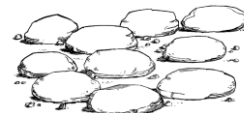
## **HOLY MASS**

*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



WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST  
US IS FOR US.

MK 9:40

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 30, 2018**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

This Tuesday morning, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will head to the seminary for my annual reunion. In addition to reconnecting with many brother priests with whom I studied years ago, I will also concelebrate a number of Holy Masses. I will keep all of you in prayer during each of them.

I will also visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who is buried in Emmitsburg, MD – the same town in which my seminary is located. As usual, I will be happy to pray for your intentions while there. If you wish, you can write down your intentions on a piece of paper and give it to me by Monday afternoon or first thing Tuesday morning. I always bring these papers to Mother Seton's tomb and mention each one of them in my prayers there.

In the past I have told you that Mother Seton is very dear to me. She was a constant source of inspiration while I was in the seminary, and my family has received many favors in answer to her prayers. Chief among these was the healing of one of my cousins who, as a young girl, had a life-threatening illness. My aunt made a pilgrimage to Mother Seton's Shrine to pray, and my cousin recovered beyond all expectations. Being only about 11 or 12 at the time, I had never even heard of Mother Seton – nor did I have any idea that I would one day study in the same town where she lived and did so much good work! Indeed, it was all part of God's plan – and I am truly thankful for that.

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. As usual, we will have the traditional blessing of animals in his honor next Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the parking lot adjacent to Mercy Hall at 12:15 PM. The blessing does not last very long – maybe 10 or 15 minutes at most. It consists of prayers, a brief reading from Scripture, and the blessing itself and is a way of thanking God for the gift of animals (pets and otherwise) and asking His blessing upon them. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets to this ceremony.

October 7<sup>th</sup> is also Respect Life Sunday. As usual, there will be Life Chain along South Main Street that afternoon at 2 PM. I usually pray my Rosary quietly during this event, and invite you to join me. Above all else, take time to consider God's gift of human life that day, and think of those whose lives are so vulnerable and in need of protection. Unborn children, the terminally ill, those confined to their homes by illness or disability, the poor, and those elderly who live alone with limited income or mobility can easily "fly under the radar" and go unnoticed. It's up to us to be aware of their needs and do what we can to serve them. Let's make every effort to be there.

Please pray a Hail Mary for me today and every day! Our prayers are a great gift to each other, and a powerful witness to our Faith in Jesus Christ.

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 first month of school underway, we wanted to let you know how amazing all of the students have been doing in their respective classrooms. We would like to welcome a new teacher to our family. Miss Crawford will be joining us to teach the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We look forward to all she will bring to our school. 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:**

October 4<sup>th</sup>: Protecting God's Children Seminar  
October 8<sup>th</sup>: School Closed (Columbus Day)  
October 9<sup>th</sup>: Grandparents Day

### **IMPORTANT FIRST COMMUNION DATES!**

#### **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**

**10/4** – B. Falvey, C. Corona, T. Armagno, K. Juliano; **10/6**  
– E. Dean, K. Basel, S. Price, K. Dorcleay

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Recently we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MITCHELL ANDREW CARVALHO, son of M/M Mark Carvalho; CHRISTIAN WILLIAM DIAZ, son of M/M Nicholas Diaz; CAYIDEN JOSEPH PARLAPIANO, son of Ashley Parlapiano

### **20/20 POSTCARD CAMPAIGN**

This weekend, 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.

### **CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS CLASS**

Fr. Tom invites you to a Catholic Apologetics Class for six sessions, starting Mon., October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm in the Church. It's an open discussion on Church questions and why we do what we do. Come and see what it's about and learn some old and new things that you probably didn't know or forgot. For more details, call Fr. Tom at (908) 454-0112, ext. 402.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION**

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of October 6/7, 2018. October'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!

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **ATTENTION CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

Reminder – we will be having our Communion Mass on Sun, October 7, 2018 at 9am. Immediately after, we will meet at Flynn's on the Hill for our Communion Breakfast. Please plan on staying for our October meeting at Flynn's! There will be no meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact one of your Officers if you have any questions. Thank you!

### **LIFE CHAIN**

Join us on Sun., October 7<sup>th</sup> for National Life Chain from 2:00pm to 3:30pm in front of St. Philip and St. James Church, or in front of the Planned Parenthood on Rt. 57 in Washington. Come and pray for life. It is a quiet time of prayer to end abortion in our nation.

### **ROSARY CRUSADE**

Please join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade, numbering over 18,000 across the country, on Sat., October 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon in front of St. Philip and St. James Church. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Holy Mother. Contact Camille at (908) 319-2719 for more information.

### **"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.

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Anyone who had a person deceased this past year, please arrange for the Anniversary Mass before the opening of the 2019 Mass Book, which will be held on Sat., October 20, 2018 from 9:00-11:00am in the Marcy Hall. Please pick up forms at the exits and return them to the Church Office.

### **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.

### **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**

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.

### **FALL TRICKY TRAY**

Saints Philip and James School is looking for prize donations for the auction portion of the night. There are a number of great items you could donate for auction. Perhaps you have a vacation time share you would be willing to give. You could also collaborate with another family to create a themed basket of your favorite things. Tickets to sporting events and entertainment are always big hits. If you have professional skills you are willing to offer as an auction item, that would be great, too. You can never go wrong with gift cards. The sky is the limit. We hope you will be able to help us to make this year a great success.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Fall Fundraiser. It was a beautiful day, and a great way to start off the Fall season.

### **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!

### **HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE**

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Jesus said: "Feed the hungry." (It wasn't just a suggestion.) Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

## ● MINISTRY ●

**October 6/7, 2018**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Joey Socci & William Haussman  
Ministers: Robert Ellwood & Edward Socci; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Dorothy Kays, C3 – Eileen Dean, C4 – Margie Markus  
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan  
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

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

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada  
Ministers: Kyle Allen & Brittany Allen; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Matthew Markus, C3 – Lynn Markus, C4 – Geraldine Lagrimas  
Lector: Henrietta Schupper  
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brooke Troxell

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Karen Llanos & Mario Madawela; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Carol Bevilacqua, C4 – Pat James  
Lector: Gerard Llanos  
Servers: Kiernan Lopez & Hannah Adams

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Allison Frasca  
Lector: Aidan Lavigne  
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Isaiah Miles

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

9/30/18 – Mary Duaine & Maureen Speer

10/7/18 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

### **Brakeley Care Center**

9/30/18 – Roger DiVittorio & Tim Gahles

10/7/18 – Michael & Ruth Clark

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

9/30/18 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna

10/7/18 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:45 – Edward Chilton by Mary Carroll  
 8:00 – Theodore & Mary Bachman by Ed & Dolly Duffy  
 12:10 – Betty Hummell by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:45 – Special Intention of Gilma Espinal by Blanca Liliam Espinal  
 8:00 – Patrick & Jean Kearns by Ed & Dolly Duffy  
 12:10 – Donna Fleming by Peggy Corley  
 7:00pm (SP) – For the People

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:45 – Margaret (Peggy) Heil by Frances DiVittorio  
 8:00 – Donna Kowalchuk by Roe & Bill Kowalchuk  
 12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini, Children, Nephew & Grandson by Daughter, Jean

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:45 – Bonnie Gilles by Eucharistic Adorers  
 8:00 – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family  
 12:10 – Vince Catalli by SPSJ CCD Staff

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:45 – In Honor of St. Theresa  
 8:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Ella & Adam Lokitis  
 12:10 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Frank Sciabica

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 – Millie Piperata by Graziosi Family  
 8:00 – Toni Paranee by Vance Opdyke  
 4:30pm – Jane & Joseph Merlo by Merlo Family

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 – John Rafferty by Sister, Mary  
 9:00 – Frances Guido by Daughter, Patricia Clarke & Family  
 11:00 – Carl Ganz by Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Jack Lilly by Family

## ● CALENDAR ●

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

#### Pro-Life Postcard Campaign – Scouts Popcorn Sale after Masses

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

### 1 - OCTOBER - Monday - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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

### 2 - Tuesday - Holy Guardian Angels

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7/Confirmation Class  
 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.

### 3 - Wednesday

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

### 4 - Thursday - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:30-12:30 - MH - Catholic Charities Thanksgiving/Christmas Sign-ups  
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 5 - Friday - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

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

### 6 - Saturday - St. Bruno

#### K. of C. Selling Roses for Life

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

### 7 - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Food for the Needy Collection – K. of C. selling Roses for Life

9:00 - CH - Catholic Daughters Communion Mass, followed by breakfast at Flynn's  
 10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 12:15 - MH Parking Lot - Blessing of the Animals  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:00-3:30 - CH - Life Chain

### Stewardship of Treasure

September 23, 2018: \$11,117.00

Debt Reduction: \$3,382.00

Flood Relief Collection: \$601.00

### 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 OCTOBER 6/7, 2018

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