

# 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  
Fr. Tom Ganley, ext. 402  
Fr. Leo Salvania, ext. 403

**Deacons:** Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluce, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,  
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(908) 859-1244  
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**Sacred Music**  
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 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 7, 2018**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

The Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi will take place today (Sunday) at 12:15 PM. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets (or other animals) to the parking lot next to Mercy Hall for the blessing. As Catholics, we ask God's blessing upon our animals as a way of thanking Him for them, acknowledging the special role they play in creation, and asking Him to protect them. I always enjoy seeing people and their pets at this brief ceremony.

The love that St. Francis of Assisi had for animals grew out of his love and respect for all of God's creation and creatures. St. Francis showed that love most especially by the way he treated all the people he met. He freely associated with the poor, and did what he could to alleviate their sufferings. He bathed, fed, and nursed lepers, putting his own health at risk. St. Francis believed that each human person was a child of God who deserved the respect, love, and protection of every other person.

It is fitting that we remember St. Francis on this Respect Life Sunday. On this day, the Church calls each of us to remember what St. Francis believed about human life: that it is a precious gift that should be cherished, respected, and cared for. From the cutest little baby to the most infirm person. From the unborn child in the womb, to the terminally ill. From our own friends and family, to immigrants and people around the globe.

There will be a Life Chain this afternoon on South Main Street at 2 PM. I hope you will consider standing along the sidewalk with us and praying for an increased respect for God's gift of human life around the world. (Confirmation students – this is a good way to do an Act of Charity – as I spoke about at the Confirmation meeting.)

Speaking of respect for human life, I was very pleased that so many people took time after Holy Mass last week to complete the post cards for the 20/20 Project. The name 20/20 was chosen to highlight the fact that evidence indicates that – by 20 weeks – an unborn baby is capable of feeling pain in the womb. Thus, it only makes sense to extend legal protection to that baby's life. Of course, we would ideally like to see our nation restore protection to all human life – from the very first moment of conception. Until that happens, things like the 20/20 Project attempt to protect as many unborn children as possible.

Next Sunday the Knights of Columbus will sponsor one of their great Roast Beef Dinners. I always enjoy these – both for the food and the company. Please support their efforts – and enjoy a great meal.

Please also say a prayer for me today – at least one Hail Mary. I certainly will be praying for you. Let's also pray for peace, for all those suffering from the recent earthquake and tsunami, and for the safety of all those in harm's way to protect us.

Have a great week!  
Fr. John



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### **Saint Update:**

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of October. Extra-curricular clubs are underway, and the students are enjoying them thoroughly. We are looking forward to some of the awesome events we have coming up, including Grandparents' Day. We also are so excited for the Annual Trunk or Treat at the end of the month. We are pleased to welcome Miss Crawford, who 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 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**

**10/11** – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, F. Zelada-Romero, S. Freeman, N. Harris; **10/13** – E. Bott, L. Andrea, K. Rutan, M. Taylor, W. Emanuel

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

Recently we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: NOA MARIANA MARTINEZ-RAMOS, daughter of Roberto Martinez & Carla Ramos; MASON TEDRIC GAJARDO KAZAKOS, son of Tedric Kazakos & Mary Gajardo; KIAN RYAN PRIETOS HANEY, son of Ryan Haney & Cherry Prietos

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS**

The Church Office will be closed on Mon., October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day. Eucharistic Adoration will also be closed that day.

### **CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS CLASS**

Fr. Tom invites you to a Catholic Apologetics Class for six sessions on Mondays 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**

Please remember that the monthly Food for the Needy Collection 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!

### **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.

### **K. OF C. ROAST BEEF DINNER**

Warren Council 474 Knights of Columbus will again host its annual Roast Beef Dinner on Sun., October 14, 2018 from 12:00 Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip & James School, 137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg. Tickets are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus in advance and are available at the door. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5.00 for children 5-12; Free for children under 5.

### **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 Tues., October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. Fr. Michael Gaitley from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, will lead you into a deeper relationship with Jesus through learning how to draw closer to Jesus in his book, and the DVDs.

### **UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE**

There will be an Unborn Prayer Service for those who have lost babies in the womb by miscarriage, stillborn, or abortion, on Sun., October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm in the Church. It

is a gentle, loving service that will bring healing. Confession and 5:30pm Mass will follow it.

### **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." (Saint Padre Pio)  
**Eucharistic Adoration hours currently in need: Mondays at 8pm, Tuesdays at Noon & 2pm, Wednesdays at 5pm, Fridays at Noon, 4pm, 6pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 3pm & 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.

### **BLESSING IN A BAG THANK YOU**

Thank you for your kind and generous support towards our work. It is a real consolation to us to realize that there are those who are willing to make sacrifices in order to share in our mission. Truly, you are among those who give life to our work for Christ. The generosity of our loyal parishioners never ceases to amaze us! We are able to help many marginalized homeless individuals. Your generous spirit reflects God's love. Thank you again, and may you be blessed abundantly! Lisa and Judy

### **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.

### **THANK YOU FROM CUB SCOUTS**

On behalf of all the Scouts in Cub Scout Pack 50, we would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Philip and St. James who purchased Scout popcorn (or donated to the Pack) last weekend. These funds will go towards funding the various activities that we do as Cub Scouts. If anyone missed out on purchasing popcorn (or would like to order more popcorn), please feel free to contact any of our Cub Scouts or Dave Painter at [dmpski04@gmail.com](mailto:dmpski04@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities, 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, is in immediate need for volunteers in the following positions: case managers to interview clients; food pantry workers to stock shelves and prepare bags of groceries; thrift store salespersons to sort and arrange donated items for sale and to provide assistance to customers; van drivers to pick-up food at various locations in the area; persons to be substitute volunteers in the above categories. Assistance is needed on any day, Monday through Friday. Hours are flexible between 10am and 4pm. If you are interested in helping to serve those who are in need in our community, please call (908) 859-5447 to request an application.

**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!

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Please give that much. Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

**October 13/14, 2018**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

**4:30pm**

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas  
Ministers: Margie Markus & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Edward Succi, C2 – Thomas Casey, C3 – Frances Ludwig, C4 – Melody Talpas  
Lector: Ronald Rossini  
Servers: Joshua Romero & Luciana Perna & Mark Talpas

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**7:00am**

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda  
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Barbara Balas  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Blake Sweigert

**9:00am**

Acolyte: Mark-Luke Gural & Stephen Gural  
Ministers: Kelly Perna & Maria Gural; C1 – Sharon Hillhouse, C2 – Valerie Lusardi, C3 – Joseph Lusardi, C4 – William Hillhouse  
Lector: Geraldine Bowie  
Servers: Riley Perna & Kiernan Lopez & Lillie Chismar

**11:00am**

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse  
Ministers: Gloria Cervasi & Mary Brogan; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C4 – Maureen Speer  
Lector: Karen Llanos  
Servers: Robby Basel & Ricky Krouse & Allan Palos

**5:30pm**

Acolyte: Blaise Erz  
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger  
Lector: Rosemary Carnali  
Servers: Matthew Erz & Tiago Aversa

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

**Lopatcong Care Center**

10/7/18 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta  
10/14/18 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo

**Brakeley Care Center**

10/7/18 – Michael & Ruth Clark  
10/14/18 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

**Phillipsburg Care Center**

10/7/18 & 10/14/18 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:45 – Richard & Cheryl Rutt (A)  
 8:00 – Tice & Kit Hulsizer by Family  
 9:00 – Norma Napoli by Husband, Sal  
 12:10 – No Mass

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:45 – John & Elizabeth Pologruto (A)  
 8:00 – Donna Fleming by Rosalie Finegan  
 12:10 – Glenn & Margaret Clark by Richard & Glenda Lawler

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:45 – Fermina Rossini by Family  
 8:00 – Jim Lucas by Family  
 12:10 – Betty Hummell by Keith Gallagher

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:45 – Roland Bullock by Wife, Cammy; Son, Edward; Daughter-in-law, Michele; & Grandchildren  
 8:00 – Bob Shandor, Sr. by Jim & Ruthie Martin  
 12:10 – Frank Bronico by Mary Bronico

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:45 – Msgr. William J. Lannary (A)  
 8:00 – Joanna Malopolska by Family  
 12:10 – Special Intention by M/M John Balas

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 – Elmer & Ruth Van Benschoten by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 8:00 – John T. Finegan by Family  
 4:30pm – Herbert Family by Lou Ann Napoli

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 – Helen Casey by Brett & Danielle Casey  
 9:00 – Deceased Members of PCHS Class of 1968 by Classmates  
 11:00 – Joseph Petchonka, Sr. by Children  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Santa & Sal Caroprese by Children

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 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

### 8 - Monday - Columbus Day

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - No Adoration  
 6:30 - MH - No Catholic Daughters Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 7)  
 7:30 - CH - Catholic Apologetics Class

### 9 - Tuesday - St. Denis

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 10:00 - SSPJ - Grandparents' Day  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7/Confirmation Class  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 10 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 7:00 - MH - Food for the Needy Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)  
 7:00 - PMR - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg.

### 11 - Thursday - St. John XXIII

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

### 12 - Friday

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

### 13 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - 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

### 14 - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 - CH - SSPJ School Mass  
 10:00 - MH - First Communion Parent Mtg.  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 12:00-6:00 - SSPJ - K. of C. Roast Beef Dinner  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### MASS CELEBRANTS FOR OCTOBER 13/14, 2018

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

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

September 30, 2018: \$13,249.00  
 Debt Reduction: \$177.00

### **Parish Capital Campaign**

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

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