

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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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 - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 14, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I had a great time at my seminary reunion a couple of weeks ago. Not only was it nice to see old friends, it was even nicer to be at the place where my priestly vocation matured in so many ways. I made a point of praying for all of you both at the Tomb of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Grotto of Lourdes (a beautiful place of prayer on the mountain behind the seminary). To those of you who gave me special intentions – please know that I made a point of reading each one and mentioning it in my prayers.

The beauty of the seminary made me think about some of the other beautiful parts of our Catholic Faith. One of these is the Sacrament of Matrimony, about which Jesus spoke in last Sunday's Gospel. While I preached on Marriage last Sunday, I thought it would make sense to follow up with some other thoughts about the Sacrament of Matrimony in my remarks here.

One of our most basic beliefs about marriage is that God gives those who receive the Sacrament of Matrimony a special mission in this world. Simply put, He asks spouses to show the world what His love is like by the way they love one another. As I said in my homily – and say at every wedding I perform – thinking of marriage that way helps us make sense of all the other things our Church teaches about marriage. God's love is everlasting – thus married persons must be committed to the permanence of their marriage. His love is faithful – and married persons reflect that in their fidelity to each other. Finally, God's love for us is life-giving – and He asks married persons to show the life-giving dimension of His love by welcoming any children He sends them. Indeed, God gives married persons a very beautiful – and important – mission.

He also helps them to fulfill this mission by giving them the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony. This is why it is so important that Catholics get married in Church. While one can be legally married in a number of ways, Catholics receive the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony by being married according to the beautiful Marriage Rites of our Church.

I probably don't have to tell you that – these days – a growing number of people choose to get married at certain scenic destinations or venues instead of in Church. No doubt those other places may provide a nice setting for the ceremony. But they lack the Eucharist – in which Jesus is really present in the Church under the appearance of Bread and Wine. Indeed, while Christ is present in some sense all over the world – He chooses to make Himself present in a sacramental and tangible way in the Eucharist. Thus, couples who marry in Church are married in His presence in a way that exceeds any other.

This is one reason I absolutely love to do weddings in our Church. I love to help a couple know and experience the presence of Jesus Christ at their Wedding Mass or Ceremony. Please know that I am always happy to help a couple get married in our Church – because I want them to have all the graces that Jesus wants to give them to help them live out their marriage vows. Indeed, if you were not married in Church and would like to have your marriage blessed there – I can help you with this, too.

Because of the importance of this sacrament, some preparation is necessary. For this reason, it is good to make plans with the Church as early as possible. Many parishes require a full year – but we can often do it in several months. The important thing is to be in touch with our parish and priests as soon as possible. As I said, I am always happy to do everything I can to help a couple prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the presence of Jesus Christ so that – with the help of His grace – they can show the rest of the world what His love is like by the way they love each other.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

Thank you to everyone who came out to Grandparents' Day this past week. The same day, we were fortunate enough to formally induct our new student council members. We know they will be excellent leaders for their peers. The week continued with a trip to the pumpkin patch for our Kindergarteners, and an egg drop competition. As we continue in the month of October, we look forward to the Annual Trunk or Treat. What a great month October is proving to be.

Basketball and Ski Club registration is now open.

We are also actively planning the Tricky Tray, Dinner and Auction. 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. Tickets are also on sale now for this event! It is such a great evening. Please try to get a ticket with some of your friends.

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

10/18 – R. Calaman, S. Dileo, B./M. Derr, J. Troxell, J. Phillips, F. Romero-Zelada; **10/20** – S. Oluwole, J. Byrne, H. Chamberlin, J. Lopez, L. Andrea

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY EVENING

The Church Office will be closed in the evening this Mon., October 15th. Regular hours are 8am to 4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15).

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.

PERAGALLO PIPE ORGAN COMPANY PRESENTATION

The Peragallo Pipe Organ Company – who will be doing the work on our 90 year old pipe organ – will be at our parish next Sunday, October 21st at 10am, to make a presentation and answer questions about the work they will be doing. They will be in Mercy Hall after Mass. Please stop by to meet them and keep up to date on what's going on. The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast will be going on, too. Perhaps we can all grab breakfast and listen to the presentation.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Legion of Mary Library has a selection of Marian books to choose from. Special Reading and craft for children on October 14th. Open Sundays (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am.

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 16th 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.

K. OF C. BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will now be holding their monthly breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The next one will be held next Sunday, October 21, 2018, from 8am to 11am in Mercy Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please come out and support their efforts.

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 21st at 3:30pm in the Church. It is a gentle, loving service that will bring healing. Confession and 5:30pm Mass will follow it.

FLOWER MEMORIAM

The flowers on the altar this weekend are given in memory of William and Elizabeth Hummell by the Family.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

St. Philip and St. James Divine Mercy Prayer Group will be holding their monthly Healing Mass on Wed., October 24th at 7pm in the Church. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jim Walling from Blue Army Shrine. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ensley at (908) 200-6763.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

On Fri., October 26th, there will be a Prayer Service in the Chapel at 8:00pm for Persecuted Christians. Come and pray with us for all Christians throughout the world who are being persecuted, and for an end to ISIS.

"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.

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.

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.

GLASS ORNAMENTS NOW ON SALE

Hand-painted, glass ornaments are now on sale! These beautiful ornaments, which will be ready prior to Christmas, are only \$20 each. They make excellent gifts for the holidays, graduation, RCIA, etc. These ornaments are available with either St. Philip and St. James Church or the School on them. For information, please contact the School Office at (908) 859-1244.

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. (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!

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individual, parish and corporate benefactors who support Catholic Charities' vital programs and services for our neighbors in need. Here are two ways to help: 1) join us for the 2018 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner being held on Thurs., October 18, 2018 at the Palace in Somerset Park and/or 2) purchase a Champion 50/50 Raffle ticket. For more information, call (732) 562-2432, email champions@diometuchen.org or visit <https://diometuchen.org/champions>. With your help, Catholic Charities is making a real difference in the lives of so many.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

There are hungry children in Phillipsburg – you can help feed them. Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

October 20/21, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya & Christopher Hill
Ministers: Eileen Dean & Keith Gallagher; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – Robert Ellwood
Lector: Aidan Lavigne
Servers: Brady Carver & Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Patricia Flynn
Lector: Judy Leone
Servers: Steven Fulse & Isabella McKenna

9:00am

Acolyte: Daniel Perez
Ministers: Charlene Hummell & Ines Berluce; C1 – Eileen Kerrigan, C2 – Anne Coyle, C3 – Eileen Catalli, C4 – Mario Madawela
Lector: Theresa Duaime
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Chiazam Odimma

11:00am

Acolyte: KJ Kassick
Ministers: Sara Greene & Maureen Speer; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Carol Bevilacqua, C4 – Denise Kassick
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Andrew Sretenovic & Alexander Brahm

5:30pm

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte
Minister: Michael Clark
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Logan Shoudt

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

10/14/18 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo
10/21/18 – Paul & Karen Juliano

Brakeley Care Center

10/14/18 – Pat James & Allison Frasca
10/21/18 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

Phillipsburg Care Center

10/14/18 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone
10/21/18 – Barbara Shaneberger

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:45 – Kazimierz Malopolski by Family
 8:00 – Kenneth Dugan by Betty Bevins & Family
 12:10 – Flynn Family by Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:45 – Jean Baptiste Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 8:00 – Fred & Mae Iannacone by Camille Rapinesi
 12:10 – M/M Joseph Kiss by Daughter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:45 – Herb Vaughn by Cammy
 8:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Serra Club of Warren County
 12:10 – Donna Fleming by Rose Bladies

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:45 – Maria Bisco by Sister, Fran & John
 8:00 – Jack Bachman by Ed & Dolly Duffy
 12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini, Children, Nephew & Grandson by Daughter, Jean

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:45 – Joseph Moran by Lisa Spanopoulos
 8:00 – Harvey L. Rossnagle by Ed & Dolly Duffy
 12:10 – Vince Catalli by Jo-Ann Scott

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 – Bernard Bladies (A)
 8:00 – Kevin Pearce by DePillo Family
 4:30pm – Peg & Bernie Brotzman, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 – Irene Horvath by Gabor Horvath
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Husband, Gino
 11:00 – Arthur & Anna Jiorle & Infant Son by Dave & Char Jiorle
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Atilio & Evelyn Carnali by Rosemary Carnali

Stewardship of Treasure

October 7, 2018: \$11,234.50

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>

● CALENDAR ●

14 - 28th 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

15 - Monday - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - MH - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 8)
 7:30 - CH - Catholic Apologetics Class
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

16 - Tuesday - St. Hedwig

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 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

17 - Wednesday - St. Ignatius of Antioch

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

18 - Thursday - St. Luke

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

19 - Friday - Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

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

20 - Saturday - St. Paul of the Cross

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

21 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast
 10:00 - MH - Pipe Organ Presentation
 10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:00-7:00 - MH - Spanish Couples Retreat
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 3:30 - CH - Unborn Prayer Service

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR OCTOBER 20/21, 2018

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