

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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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)

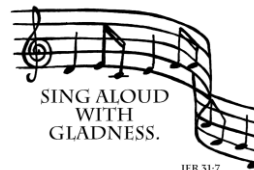
RCIA: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Fr. John directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this 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



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 28, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I read a few years ago that – much to my surprise – Halloween has become the second largest commercial holiday in our society. In other words, people spend more on Halloween than they do on any day other than Christmas! Driving around town and seeing all the ghosts and other decorations, I guess I shouldn't be surprised. Halloween today is a far cry from the days when kids of my generation dressed up like baseball players and clowns!

What many people do not know is that Halloween has its roots in our Christian history. As you know, All Saints Day is November 1st. At certain times in history, it was customary for Christians to "dress up" as their patron or favorite saints on the eve of All Saints Day – called All Hallows (saints) Eve. From this came the custom of dressing up for Halloween.

This Thursday is All Saints Day, a day on which Catholics around the world honor all the saints in Heaven. On that day we remember not only the famous saints who have their own special feast days, but especially the "unknown" saints – the faithful husbands and wives, the zealous parish priests, and all the women and men who did their best to love God and neighbor in obscurity over the years.

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that Catholics have a serious obligation to worship God at Mass that day. For this reason, Holy Mass will be celebrated in our Church on Wednesday, October 31st at 7 PM and on Thursday, November 1st at 6:45 and 8 AM and 12:10 and 5:30 PM. I hope to see many of you there. Among other things, coming to Mass on All Saints Day reminds us that our final goal as Christians is to join the saints in Heaven.

Please also remember that Friday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. This is the day on which we are united with Catholics around the world in remembering and praying for those who have died. Our faith teaches us that our prayers help our loved ones on their way to Heaven. For this reason, our prayers are a great gift to those who have gone before us in faith.

In my own experience, praying for the dead is a great source of comfort. As I pray for my own deceased loved ones, I become very aware of the connection that exists between us, and of the great gift they were to me in life. It also stirs my hope to see and enjoy eternity with them in God's presence.

On All Souls Day, Masses will be celebrated in our Church at the following times: 6:45 and 8 AM and 12:10 and 7 PM. The 7 PM Mass will include a special remembrance of all those buried from our church in the past year, and be followed by fellowship and light refreshments in Mercy Hall. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, many Catholics attend Holy Mass on All Souls Day. I hope you will be one of them!

We will have a Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John Neumann on Saturday, November 10th. As many of you know, a pilgrimage is a holy trip. Ours will be a holy day trip on which we will visit the Church in which St. John Neumann, who was once bishop of our part of New Jersey, is buried. It will be a good time – and a good time to pray and learn about our Catholic heritage. More information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin or on the Parish Website. I hope many of you will join me on the pilgrimage that day.

I hope you will also pray a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. Know that I always pray for you.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

October has been such a wonderful month at our school. Thank you to everyone who helped to make Grandparents' Day such a success. Thank you also to all of the hard work put into this year's Trunk or Treat. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful school community. We look forward to everything the remainder of the year will bring.

Tickets are also on sale now for our Annual Tricky Tray, Dinner, and Auction, which is being held on Fri., November 16th at Flynn's on the Hill. This is such a great evening. Tickets are \$45 and include your entry into the event, dinner, and chances on awesome prizes. Please try to get a ticket with some of your friends.

BINGO

11/1 – C. Corona, A. Armagno, K. Juliano, J. Bayrasli; **11/3** – E. Dean, D. Hasara, K. Basel, S. Price, K. Dorcley, G. Siano

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: CHRISTIAN WILLIAM DIAZ, son of M/M Nicholas Diaz; AVA JULIA DUDDY, daughter of M/M Trevor Duddy

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 1ST

The Church Office will be closed on Thurs., November 1st in honor of All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation.

SPECIAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS

On Fri., November 2, 2018 at 7:00pm, there will be a special Mass celebrated in the Church for the repose of all of our parishioners who passed into eternal life during the last 12 months. If you had a family member or friend who passed away since last All Souls' Day, then please join us for this special Liturgy in which we will pray for them and all the faithful departed.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

If you haven't done so already, please remember to return any forms from your packet that are now due.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., November 3rd, 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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of November 3/4, 2018. November'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!

"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.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES

First Communion and Confirmation pictures from this past year are still available to be picked up at the Church Office during regular office hours.

ATTENTION 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 a piece. 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.

SSPJ ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Tickets are on sale now for our Annual Tricky Tray, Dinner and Gift Auction. The event will take place on Fri., November 16th, from 6:00-10:00pm at Flynn's on the Hill. Tickets are \$45 a piece, and include entry into the event, fantastic dinner, entertainment, and automatic chances for prizes. We also have a number of additional ticket bundles for sale. This event is always a great evening. Please contact (908) 859-1244 to reserve your spot.

PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 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.

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY AT ST. MARY'S, ALPHA

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be holding a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Sun., November 11, 2018 at the Veteran's Memorial at St. Mary Cemetery, Alpha. The itinerary for the day will be attendance at Holy Mass at St. Mary's Church at 11am, where the Color Corps will participate and escort Msgr. Lawler, and participate in escorting a Veteran's family who will bring up the gifts during Mass. They will then meet outside at the front of the church after Mass and proceed up the sidewalk into the cemetery and conduct a service to honor and pray for all Veterans, living and deceased. Prayers will be led by Msgr. Lawler. Faithful Navigators, past and present, will lay a wreath in memory of deceased Veterans. Taps will be played by S.K. Stephen Lombardi.

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!

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Please consider donating items to The Thrift Store at Catholic Charities, Phillipsburg. The Thrift Store, open to all community members, sells a variety of gently used and new items that have been donated. Proceeds are directed toward social service programs. Items currently needed are: Halloween Costumes for children, and food donations (canned food, gift cards for grocery stores and in-kind donations). Small household items, accessories, decorative items, linens, new toys, books, seasonal items, CDs and DVD tapes are also accepted Monday through Friday from 10am to 3:30pm. The store is located at 383 South Main Street, Phillipsburg. Tax receipts are available. Phone: (908) 760-6522.

NJ ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On Mon., October 29, 2018, the New Jersey General Assembly very likely will vote on the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (A1504). The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live. The facts are clear – in California, in Vermont and in Oregon – states that have passed assisted suicide bills – insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage, but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as a financial liability for the insurance company, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by reducing costs. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A1504. Log in and send your message to <https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/57657/Respond>.

BLUE MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Come pray for those who serve and protect! The 17th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement will be held on Wed., November 7, 2018 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites all the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call (732) 562-2435 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2018-blue-mass>. A luncheon will be held in the Cathedral Community Room following the Mass. Hosted by the Phillipsburg Police Department.

BUS TRIP TO NYC

NYC bus trip on Wed., December 5th. Cost is \$47 – optional 2pm Radio City Christmas Spectacular Second Mezzanine seats -- \$75, plus noon Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. For information or reservations, call Camill at (908) 319-2719.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Count your blessings. Share your food. *Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

November 3/4, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick
Ministers: Margie Markus & Edward Socci; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – Denise Kassick
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Anthony Ventura & Brady Carver

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara
Ministers: Mary Duaime & Immaculata Durnin
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Zackary Payran
Ministers: Joseph Lusardi & Valerie Lusardi; C1 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C2 – Sharon Hillhouse, C3 – William Hillhouse, C4 – Ines Berluiche
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes & Paxton Payran

11:00am

Acolyte: Michael Juliano & Gabriel Adams
Ministers: Samuel Fatta & Mario Madawela; C1 – Karen Juliano, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Karen Llanos, C4 – Paul Juliano
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Jack Juliano & Luciana Perna & Hannah Adams

5:30pm

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte
Minister: Michael Clark
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Isaiah Miles & Tiago Aversa & Blake Sweigert

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

10/28/18 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell
11/4/18 – Joseph & Valerie Lusardi

Brakeley Care Center

10/28/18 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos
11/4/18 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle

Phillipsburg Care Center

10/28/18 – Barbara Shaneberger
11/4/18 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00 – Irene Horvath by Gabor Horvath
 9:00 – Derek Kehoe by Nana & Pop Pop
 11:00 – Richard Power by Bissonnette Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Gladys Redondo by Albert Redondo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:45 – George & Jimmy Richline by Wife & Mother
 8:00 – Dan Flynn by Nieces & Nephews
 12:10 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Fey Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:45 – Michael Jabbour (A) by Bob & Dee Ellwood
 8:00 – Jacob & Elfrieda Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey
 12:10 – William N. Hummell by Wife & Daughters

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:45 – Joyce Gasparovic by Ayala Family
 8:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Lucy Jiorle
 12:10 – Viola Wilson by Dolores Rigatti
HOLY DAY MASS:
 7:00pm – Carmella Piperata by Camille Rapinesi

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation)

6:45 – For the People
 8:00 – Deceased Legionaries by Legion of Mary
 12:10 – Michael Dannecker by Eileen Minichini
 5:30pm – Luis Espinal by Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:45 – All Souls Novena
 8:00 – All Souls Novena
 12:10 – All Souls Novena
 7:00pm – Special All Souls Day Mass – All Souls Novena

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 – All Souls Novena
 8:00 – Vince Catalli by Eileen Dean
 4:30pm – John Kuzma by Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 – Helen Casey by Brett & Danielle Casey
 9:00 – James Haney by Wife, Lucy
 11:00 – Giuseppe & Rosa Carnali by Rosemary Carnali
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – All Souls Novena

● CALENDAR ●

28 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms
 Phillipsburg-Easton Halloween Parade

29 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program/Conf. Class
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)
 7:30 - CH - Catholic Apologetics Class

30 - Tuesday - St. John of Capistrano

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 4:00 - SSPJ - No CCD
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

31 - Wednesday - Eve of All Saints

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
HOLY DAY MASS: 7:00pm

1 - Thursday - NOVEMBER - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

MASSES: 6:45am, 8:00am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm
 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

2 - Friday - All Souls Day

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Special All Souls Day Mass

3 - Saturday - St. Martin de Porres

8:30 - HFC - First Saturday Devotion
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study
 11:00-2:00 - MH - Confirmation Retreat
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Food for the Needy Collection

9:00 - SSPJ - Alumni Mass & Breakfast
 10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

Stewardship of Treasure

October 21, 2018: \$10,224.00
 World Mission Sunday: \$2,395.00
 August's On-line Contributions: \$7,820.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 10/5/18: \$1,482,008.00
 Total Collected as of 10/5/18: \$489,801.34

God loves a cheerful giver!

If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:

<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR NOVEMBER 3/4, 2018

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