

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
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Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

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



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time + November 4, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt 4:19). Whenever I hear those words, it takes me back to the days when I realized God was calling me to the priesthood. I was only a boy – maybe 8 years old – the first time the idea came to me. When I told other people – I think they mostly thought it was a cute idea that would fade over time.

To be honest, as time went on, other ideas came to my head. But the priesthood was the only one that kept coming back. By age 14, I was convinced that was what God wanted me to do. Looking back, I can say that God was very persistent.

This week is National Vocation Awareness Week. It's a time to make a special effort to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It's also a time to think about what we can do to encourage young people to think about whether God might be calling them – and to say yes if He is!

Our parish has a long history of people who have answered God's call. I just learned that Matt Marinelli and Joe Illes, two young men of our parish, are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on June 22nd. They have been studying for several years, and are in the final stage of their preparation. It will be a great blessing for our parish to see two more of her sons answer God's call.

Additionally, I learned that two of the seminarians who have spent recent summers in our parish – Andrew Prickel and Tom Lanza – are scheduled to be ordained deacons on June 15th. That will represent the beginning of the final step in their journey to the priesthood. Let's keep all these men in our prayers!

Some people ask me how they can know if God is indeed calling them to be a priest. The best answer I can give is that if they have even a remote feeling that God might want them to be a priest, they should do a couple of things. First, they should speak to a priest they trust – one with whom they feel comfortable. He can answer questions they have and help them sort out their thoughts. He can also help them pray more deeply about it, and help them discern whether or not God may indeed be calling them. I have been honored to do this for several young men over the years, some of whom are fine priests today.

In addition to speaking with a priest, I would encourage such a man to spend time in adoration – quietly sitting with our Lord. Many good priests first heard Christ's call as they sat silently before Him.

Finally, I would encourage everyone in our parish to do their part to help those whom God is calling to answer His call. Pray that God will call many young men from our parish to be priests – and pray that those He is calling will have the courage and generosity to say yes! Perhaps we can all say an extra Hail Mary for that each day. What a beautiful parish project that would be.

I would be remiss if, when speaking about vocations, I failed to mention our Serra Club. The Serra Club is a group of people who commit themselves to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They do this especially by attending a special Mass on the first and third Tuesday of every month in our Church at 6 PM. After Mass they have a dinner meeting with a talk on some spiritual matter, usually

given by a priest. You can simply come to the Serra Mass some Tuesday, or get more information from me or the parish office.

In the meantime, please say a Hail Mary for me – and for an increase in vocations – each day.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

We are very much looking forward to the month of November. We have so much to be thankful for during this season. We are especially thankful for our students, families, staff, and supporters. It is because of all of you that our students are able to receive a Catholic School education. Our school has begun a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please send in non-perishable foods. Hams are also appreciated. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities in Phillipsburg.

We ended the month of October with the popular Book Fair. We also were able to see all of the children's costumes at both a Halloween parade at school and at Trunk or Treat. Thank you so much for HSA and all of the others who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

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

11/8 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, A. Matlock, G. Mino, S. Freeman; **11/10** – E. Bott, W. Emanuel, S. Guikema, L. Phillips, J. Callinan, G. Siano

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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

APOLOGETICS CLASS

The Apologetics Class for Mon., November 5th will be held in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Due to the Thanksgiving Food Drive that is taking place on the third Sunday in November, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sun., November 11th instead, from 8am to 11am in Mercy Hall. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Please support their efforts.

COLUMBIETTES ANGEL BRACELET SALE

The Columbiettes are holding an Angel Bracelet sale after Masses on the weekend of November 10/11. Limited bracelets, but orders can be taken. Monies made support our seminarians and postulants. – Judy Leone, President.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY BAKE SALE

Food for the Needy Committee is holding a Bake Sale in Mercy Hall after the Sunday morning Masses on November 18th. Please support their efforts.

GIVING TREE MEETING

Anyone who would like to help create the ornaments for the Giving Tree is invited to our meeting on Thurs., November 15, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Bring a hole punch, a pen, and a cheerful smile. Refreshments will be served.

"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, 6pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 10am & 3pm, and Sundays at 1pm, 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.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Legion of Mary Library has a wonderful selection of books and videos for the whole family to choose from. Open Sundays (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am.

CHRISTMAS WREATH/GRAVE BLANKET SALE

Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket sales have begun! Please call (610) 554-6645 or email Marianne Cicalese at macicalese3@gmail.com. Orders must be placed by November 16th.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The Parish Blood Drive will be held on Sun., November 25, 2018 from 7:45am to 12:45pm. The Blood Drive will be held in the parking lot in a blood mobile. Registration will take place in the hallway of Mercy Hall. To set up an appointment, please call the Church Office (908-454-0112). Won't you consider donating blood? Remember...the life you save may be your own!

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.

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!

SPRINT FOR SAM 5K 2018

Sprint for Sam is a 5K road run/walk honoring the life of Samantha Pesaresi (Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua's niece), with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Gift of Life Family House in Philadelphia, PA. It will take place on Sat., November 10, 2018 at Pohatcong Municipal Building. Registration is at 9am; Race/Walk begins at 10am. Cost is \$25 (includes T-shirt). To register, go to www.samsspirit.com. For more information, please call Deacon Larry at (908) 454-8364.

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.

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>.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24-hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6461 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

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 ●

November 10/11, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: William Haussman & Christopher Hill
Ministers: Eileen Dean & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Ronald Rossini, C3 – Robert Ellwood, C4 – Keith Gallagher
Lector: Ryanne Bigelli
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Luciana Perna & Andrew Haussman

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak
Lector:
Servers: Sofia Grimshaw & Steven Fulse

9:00am

Acolyte: Mark-Luke Gural & Stephen Gural
Ministers: Mario Madawela & Donna Kucinski; C1 – Eileen Catalli, C2 – Kelly Perna, C3 – Maria Gural, C4 – Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Yvonne Montague
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Riley Perna

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia
Ministers: Geraldine Lagrimas & Gloria Cervasi; C1 – Elizabeth Divinagracia, C2 – Carol Bevilacqua, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Sara Greene
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Alexander Brahm & Robby Basel & Andrew Sretenovic

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Matthew Erz & Vincent Demaisis

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

11/4/18 – Joseph & Valerie Lusardi
11/11/18 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

Brakeley Care Center

11/4/18 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle
11/11/18 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawela

Phillipsburg Care Center

11/4/18 & 11/11/18 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:45 – All Souls Novena
 8:00 – Mary Jane Knauth by Ed & Dolly Duffy
 12:10 – Betty Hummell by Donna & Paul Kucinski

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:45 – Joseph Moran by Lisa Spanopoulos
 8:00 – All Souls Novena
 12:10 – Michael Rossetti, Sr. by Wife, Jennie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:45 – Rose Pfeiffer by Pat Taylor
 8:00 – All Souls Novena
 12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini, Children, Nephew & Grandson by Daughter, Jean

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:45 – All Souls Novena
 8:00 – Geraldine Rossnagle by Norman Rossnagle
 12:10 – Ultima Reda by Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:45 – All Souls Novena
 8:00 – Antonio Giambattistini by Daughter
 12:10 – Anna & Michael Figura by Peg Skears

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00 – All Souls Novena
 8:00 – Anne Harrison by Mary Brogan
 4:30pm – Edwin Vega by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00 – Richline Family by Martha Richline
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Yola & Enzo Marinelli
 11:00 – Rita DeCoste by Deacon Enoch & Ines Berluche
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Msgr. William A. Gilfillan (A)

Stewardship of Treasure

October 28, 2018: \$11,324.00
 September's On-line Contributions: \$8,386.50

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>

● CALENDAR ●

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

5 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)
 7:00 - CH - K. of C. Memorial Mass
 7:30 - PMR - Catholic Apologetics Class

6 - Tuesday

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
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

7 - 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 - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

8 - Thursday

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

9 - Friday - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

10 - Saturday - St. Leo the Great

Columbiettes Angel Bracelet Sale

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

11 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Columbiettes Angel Bracelet Sale

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 12:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Morning Glory Series
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR NOVEMBER 10/11, 2018

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