

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);
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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
Fr. Tom Ganley, ext. 402
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Saints Philip and James School
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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



*Righteous Peace,
Godly Glory.*

2nd Sunday of Advent + December 9, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I want to thank all those who took tags from the Giving Tree and purchased gifts for poor children. My thanks extend also to those who took tags for senior citizens and those who made cash donations. Your generosity helps many local families! It also gives evidence of your faith in Jesus – Whom God generously sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven!

After today's 1PM (Spanish) Mass there will be a special celebration in Mercy Hall. It is in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast is December 12th. There will be food, music, and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome to join the fun in honor of our Blessed Mother. For those who wish, Fr. Leo will celebrate a special Mass in Spanish on Wednesday, December 12th, at 7PM.

For those who don't mind driving a bit, our bishop will lead a special Evening Prayer Service at 7:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen that same evening. He will be kicking off a year long process of prayer which will culminate in the dedication of our whole diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our own parish will host various activities as this year unfolds, including an opportunity for each of us to personally consecrate ourselves to Our Lady of Guadalupe. (We will make that our parish Lenten project!)

Like today – the Church was going thru a rough time in 1534. The sins of too many clergy and religious had sparked the Reformation, which divides Christianity to this day. In South America, the cruelty of many conquistadors was making it impossible for the dedicated missionaries to preach among the native population.

Then Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego – one of the few Aztec converts to the Faith. Several miracles convinced the doubtful that Our Blessed Mother really had appeared. The end result was that the missionaries were re-energized and millions – literally millions – of natives were converted over the next several years! You can learn more about her story on FORMED – which can be accessed thru the parish website.

As Christmas gets closer, please be sure to think about which Christmas Mass you will attend. Remember that the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve – preceded by a Children's Nativity Pageant – gets pretty crowded. The other Masses are much less crowded – making it much easier to find a parking space and a seat!

My favorite Christmas Mass is the Solemn Midnight Mass. I encourage everyone who can to attend this beautiful Mass. The choir will start singing about 11:30 PM, and Mass will begin promptly at 12 midnight (yes – we have a real midnight Mass that really starts at midnight in our parish!!). For those who are wondering, Midnight Mass lasts just under an hour in our church. It is an inspiring and beautiful way to celebrate the birth of Christ – and I hope to see many of you there.

Remember to make a good Confession this Advent. Examinations' of Conscience have been inserted in this bulletin to help you identify any sins you may want to bring to Confession. There will be a Penance Service with 10 priests to help hear Confessions on Monday, December 17th at 7 PM. I hope that many people will take advantage of this

opportunity to experience God's mercy and grace that evening.

Please remember to say a Hail Mary for me each day – and be assured of my prayers for you. Let's also be sure to pray that many more people will open their hearts to Jesus, the Prince of Peace – and so bring His peace to our troubled world.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

The Mass schedule for Christmas is as follows: **Christmas Eve** – 4:00pm (preceded by the Children's Christmas Pageant), 7:00pm, and Midnight; **Christmas Day** – 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm (Spanish). There will be no 5:30pm Mass. The Mass schedule for New Year's is as follows: **New Year's Eve** – 4:30pm; **New Year's Day** – 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am. Please share this information with your family and friends.

MASS CELEBRANTS

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2018

4:00pm – Fr. Tom

7:00pm – Fr. Leo

Midnight – Fr. John

Christmas Day – December 25, 2018

7:00am – Fr. Tom

9:00am – Fr. Leo

11:00am – Fr. John

1:00pm (Spanish) – Fr. Leo

BINGO

12/13 – S. Freeman, R. Calaman, S. Dileo, B./M. Derr, J. Troxell, E. Liberto, F. Romero-Zelada; **12/15** – S. Oluwole, N. Harris, J. Byrne, H. Chamberlain, J. Lopez

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MIGUEL TRINIDAD, son of Miguel Trinidad & Susana Portillo

K. OF C. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Annual Knights of Columbus Warren Council 474 Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sun., December 16, 2018 at Mercy Hall from 7am-11am. Price is \$6 per person, \$3 for children 5-12, and free to children under 5.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAYERS & HOLY HOUR

We will be having a Eucharistic Holy Hour in the Chapel on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wed., December 12th at 6:00pm. Our Lady promises to intercede for every prayer prayed at that hour in honor of Her Son. Please join us.



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Saint Update:

Our students are actively preparing for the Advent season, and all that it entails. The students are currently working very hard on their Christmas Show, which always promises to be a beautiful performance. Our students are also in the process of donating new toys for those in need during the holidays. We would like to say thank you to our HSA who worked so hard to make Breakfast with Santa such a magical experience. Thank you also to all those who came out to support our school at the Barnes and Noble fundraiser. We are so grateful to have such a supportive community.

Congratulations to our U10 soccer team for winning their championship game. We are so proud of you! Thank you also to our coaches for all of their hard work, time, and dedication.

LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE...DIOCESAN MARIAN CONSECRATION PREPARATION YEAR

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30pm. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully. For more information, go to www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com.

SPSJ YOUTH GROUP

Our youth are an important part of our Church Family. Students from grades 8-12 are welcome to join us. This will give us the opportunity to grow in understanding of and love for God. We also encourage our teens to build significant relationships with other students and to share our faith with others. Here is the good news...we will be starting Youth Group every other Saturday starting on December 15th from 6-7:30pm. The next meeting after that would be December 29th. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Munoz at spsj2017@hotmail.com.

"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, Wednesdays at 5pm, Fridays at Noon, 5pm, 6pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 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.

SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

Scapular Investiture, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will be on Sun., December 9, 2018 after the 9am Mass. *On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying "Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire...it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace."*

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Legion of Mary Library has a wonderful selection of Marian 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 DAY DINNER

Let's celebrate Christmas together on Tues., December 25th at 3pm in Mercy Hall. Call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

On Sun., December 30, 2018 at 11:00am, there will be a special Mass for all babies celebrating their first Christmas. Anyone who is interested in attending, please contact Melody Talpas (mtalpas@rcn.com or 610-253-8646) or call the Church Office (908-454-0112).

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

Many parishioners who are interested in volunteering have asked if their clearances have come back from the State of New Jersey. Please note that all 4 steps must be completed in order to be cleared for volunteering with the youth within our parish/school and diocese: Complete a Volunteer Application, attend a Protecting God's Children seminar, read the Pastoral Code of Conduct for Volunteers and sign an acknowledgement form, and be fingerprinted. As each step is completed, please send original forms to the Church Office to Cindy DePillo's attention. There is important information on these forms that is required for her to check the status of your clearance. If you need any information or paperwork, please call the Church Office at (908) 454-0112, ext. 406.

SSPJ CHRISTMAS SHOW

Please join us on Fri., December 14th for the Nativity Christmas Show. Our students have been working so hard to make this a beautiful show.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Full/part time teacher for Pre-K 2 and 3 year old class. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at (908) 859-1244 to apply.

THANK YOU!

Saints Philip & James School would like to again thank our wonderful community for all of your assistance with our Annual Tricky Tray, Dinner, and Auction. With your assistance, we were able to raise over \$12,000 for our students and school. We cannot thank you enough for all of your support.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Fri., January 18th. Come and walk with us to the Capitol to stand up for Life! It is an amazing experience to walk with over a half million people. Bus will leave Saints Philip & James School on Roseberry Street at 6:30am. We will stop for dinner, and arrive back around 10:30pm. To reserve a seat, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

ST. ANNE'S CENTER IS OPEN AND ACCEPTING NEW ENROLLMENTS

St. Anne's Center Child Care Center is now open and accepting new enrollment 0-5 years. Providing care Monday to Friday from 6:30am to 7:15pm. Those families who are eligible for state subsidy will not be required to pay any additional fees. Call (908) 386-2066 or email <https://grandmashouse.us/child-care>.

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!

CHRISTMAS ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Please consider donating Christmas-themed items to The Thrift Store at Catholic Charities, Phillipsburg. The Thrift Store, open to all community members, sells a wide variety of gently used and new items (such as clothing, accessories, and household items) that have been donated. Proceeds are directed toward social service programs. Items currently needed are Christmas decorations, Christmas cards and wrap. The Thrift Store is a great place to do your Christmas shopping! Donations of items are accepted Monday-Friday from 10am to 3:30pm. The store is located at 383 South Main Street, Phillipsburg. Tax receipts are available. Phone: (908) 760-6522.

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 ●

December 15/16, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas
Ministers: Margie Markus & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Edward Socci, 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:
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

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 & Lillee Chismar

11:00am

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams
Ministers: Gloria Cervasi & Samuel Fatta; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C4 – Maureen Spear
Lector: Karen Llanos
Servers: Robby Basel & Hannah Adams & Allan Palos

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Allison Frasca
Lector: Rosemary Carnali
Servers: Matthew Erz & Tiago Aversa

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

12/9/18 – Donna Kucinski

12/16/18 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna

Brakeley Care Center

12/9/18 – Frances Ludwig & William Casey

12/16/18 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci

Phillipsburg Care Center

12/9/18 & 12/16/18 – Keith Gallagher & Tim Gahles

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 – Jimmy Richline by Mother
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Husband, Gino
 11:00 – Norma Napoli by M/M Roger Divittorio
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Vincent Adler by Szczepanski Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:45 – Msgr. Edward J. Egan (A)
 8:00 – Norma Napoli by Husband, Sal
 12:10 – Deceased Members of Card Club by Mary K. Kaulius

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:45 – Luis Espinal by Family
 8:00 – Bernard Stone by Manning Family
 12:10 – Lucius Lilly, Sr. by Lilly Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:45 – Special Intentions by Joan McCaffrey
 8:00 – Eugene Woolley by McCluskey Family
 12:10 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:45 – Peter & Theresa Schiro (A)
 8:00 – Arthur Pasquarelli by Debbie Pasquarelli
 12:10 – Edward & Irene Oxenham by Ed & Margaret Connolly

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:45 – Margaret Pains by Valerie Pinto Kriney
 8:00 – Kazimierz & Joanna Maloposki by Family
 12:10 – Kenneth Dugan (A) by Ella & Adam Lokitis

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 – Carmella Piperata by Ellen & Adam Lokitis
 8:00 – David Leary by Volk Family
 4:30pm – Donna Rossini by Ron Rossini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 – Jack Nehila (A) by Wife
 9:00 – Elsie & Paul Dougherty by Family
 11:00 – Marcie McCluskey Smith (A) by Marcella Snyder & Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – DJ Valmont by Mia Valmont

● CALENDAR ●

9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Giving Tree Gift Returns

10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:00-5:00 - MH - Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

10 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - Sullivan's - Catholic Daughters Christmas Party
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 6)

11 - Tuesday - St. Damasus I

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

12 - Wednesday - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 6:00 - HFC - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayers
 7:00 - CH - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

13 - Thursday - St. Lucy

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

14 - Friday - St. John of the Cross

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - SSPJ - Christmas Show

15 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 6:00-7:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Adopt-A-Missionary" Collection

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast / Breakfast with Santa
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

December 2, 2018: \$17,051.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$2,015.00

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 11/12/18: \$1,486,479.00
 Total Collected as of 11/12/18: \$515,496.37

*Have you considered on-line giving?
 If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:
<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>*

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 15/16, 2018

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