

# 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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**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

**Bookkeeper:** Maria DeSapio

**Saints Philip and James School**  
(908) 859-1244  
Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

**Religious Education (CCD)**  
(908) 859-1244, option 9  
Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

**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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent + December 16, 2018**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. In the "old" days, this Sunday was called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete basically means "be happy" or "rejoice". On the surface, we are rejoicing because Christmas is almost here.

On a deeper level, we are rejoicing because Jesus – Who came as our Savior long ago – is coming again to bring us to the fullness of His Kingdom. In spite of all the troubles in our world, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ and His Eternal Kingdom of Peace and Justice.

The brightly colored rose candle we light today, like the rose-colored vestments the priest wears today, are a reflection of this joy. They are also a reminder that – as we wait for Christ and the joy of His Kingdom – we should bring joy to others by our works of charity and compassion. I want to thank all who did so by bringing gifts for the Giving Tree!

Last weekend was a busy one in our parish. The School hosted a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning. Parents cooked and served a great breakfast, and Santa came to see the kids. The school choir caroled for a while, and there were even reindeer rides! In deference to those who don't like to fly, the reindeer refrained from flying! Special thanks are due to the Home School Association and everyone else who took part.

On Sunday there was a wonderful celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Spanish Mass at 1 PM featured a special procession with her image. After Mass, a spirited celebration in Mercy Hall – with dancing, singing, and food, was filled with parishioners and visitors. The Guadalupe Committee worked very hard and are to be congratulated for a job well done!

Remember that there will be a Penance Service this Monday (December 17) at 7 PM in our Church. At least 10 priests will be there to hear Confessions, so you shouldn't have to wait too long. We will hear Confessions as long as necessary that evening.

The Confessions will be preceded by a very brief prayer service to help everyone examine their conscience and prepare for Confession. If you missed the Examination of Conscience in last week's bulletin, you can find a good one in the "How to Make a Good Confession" pamphlets near the Church doors. Read it over prayerfully in preparation for Confession.

Please remember that the 4 PM on Christmas Eve is generally very crowded. If you need a good parking spot, or a little more space in Church, it might be wise to go to Mass on Christmas morning – when there is generally a lighter crowd (especially at the 7 and 9 AM). Of course, the main Mass of Christmas is the Solemn Mass at Midnight. I love to celebrate this

joyful and beautiful Mass, and hope many of you will join me at it. If you can go to Midnight Mass, please do. There is something very moving about celebrating our Savior's birth at Midnight on Christmas Eve!

Have a great week – and pray a Hail Mary for me!  
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***

**12/20** – C. Giacalone, K. Tichy, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock, S./J. Kugelman, G. Fisk; **12/22** – D. Kassick, D. Hasara, M. Myles, C. DiCapua, E. Prolog, B./M. Derr, G. Fisk

### ***NEED A CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT?***

The Decorating Committee will be decorating the Church on Sat., December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 3pm. Anyone wishing to help will be welcome.

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER***

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

### ***SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS***

Eucharistic Adoration will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It will also be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



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#### **Saint Update:**

As Advent continues, our students continue to learn about the true meaning of the season. Thank you to all who came to see the Christmas Show, and to everyone who worked so hard to make it a beautiful performance. We would like to express our deepest gratitude 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. Our choir did an awesome job performing. In addition, we would like to thank everyone who assisted the students with Santa's Workshop. We are so grateful to have such a supportive community. The students have also been bringing in new toys for children in our community. Winter sports are also underway, and the students are performing exceptionally well.

#### **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 in December, from 6-7:30pm. The next meeting will be December 29<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Munoz at [spsj2017@hotmail.com](mailto:spsj2017@hotmail.com).

#### **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](mailto:mtalpas@rcn.com)) or 610-253-8646) or call the Church Office (908-454-0112).

#### **"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.

#### **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.

#### **BLESSING IN THE BAG WINTER COAT COLLECTION**

The Blessing in the Bag Ministries will be endeavoring to collect winter coats for the school children of Phillipsburg. We will be doing this in January. More details will be forthcoming in the bulletin.

#### **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

G.I.F.T. Ministry is pleased to announce that a monthly Fellowship Sunday will take place after the 9am Mass the first Sunday of the month, January through June! Everyone is invited to stop by, enjoy a donut, a cup of coffee, and spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners. We are looking forward to seeing you on January 6<sup>th</sup>!

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **DISCOVER WHY IT'S GREAT TO BE A SAINT!**

Saints Philip & James School currently serves students in Pre-K 2, 3, and 4 year old classes through grade 8. We pride ourselves on providing students with a solid education rooted in both academics and faith. We strive to cater to each student's individual needs, and provide small class sizes so that each student receives personalized attention. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Saint, please contact (908) 859-1244 to schedule a tour.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**

Join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Fri., January 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](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!

### **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.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 25-27, 2019. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." – *Proverbs 22:9*. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

## ● MINISTRY ●

**December 22/23, 2018**  
SATURDAY EVENING

### **4:30pm**

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

SUNDAY MORNING

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh  
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Mary Duaiame  
Servers: Steven Fulse & Isabella McKenna

### **9:00am**

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

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: KJ Kassick  
Ministers: Sara Greene & Theresa Richey; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Carol Bevilacqua, C4 – Denise Kassick  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Servers: Andrew Sretenovic & Alexander Brahm & Logan Shoudt

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger  
Lector: Rosemary Carnali  
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

12/16/18 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna  
12/23/18 – No Service (Christmas)

### **Brakeley Care Center**

12/16/18 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci  
12/23/18 – No Service (Christmas)

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

12/16/18 – Keith Gallagher & Tim Gahles  
12/23/18 – No Service (Christmas)

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45 – Carl Ganz by Tom, Lydia & Adrianna  
 8:00 – Millie Piperata by Tom & Pat O'Neil  
 12:10 – Betty Hummell by Cindy DePillo & Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45 – Maria Ayala by Ayala Family  
 8:00 – John Lafferty (A) by Eileen Catali & Family  
 12:10 – Peter Knapp by Patrick & Joseph Giannotta

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:45 – Anthony & Marie Pologruto (A)  
 8:00 – Eugene Woolley by Rosalie Finegan  
 12:10 – Frank Bambrick by PCHS Class of 1962

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:45 – Catherine Murray by Mark Adkins  
 8:00 – Olga Cabone by Danny & Terry Starosciak  
 12:10 – Mary Jabbour (A) by Bob & Dee Ellwood

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45 – Fr. Cornelius J. O'Reilly (A)  
 8:00 – John Oxenham by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 12:10 – Bernard Bladies (A)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 – Thomas & Lena Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 8:00 – Janet Indorato by Tony & Mary Celia  
 4:30pm – Helen Casey by Veronica George

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 – Amy Plevyak by Szumiloski Family  
 9:00 – Oreste & Mary Simone by Rosemary Carnali  
 11:00 – John E. Pavkovic by Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Rose Gambello by Husband, Henry

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### 17 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - MH - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K. of C. Mtg.  
 7:00 - CH - Advent Penance Service  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of  
 Jesus Series  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 7)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 18 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - No CCD  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 19 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy  
 Rosary)  
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

### 20 - Thursday

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

### 21 - Friday - St. Peter Canisius

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

### 22 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 23 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

Immaculate Conception: \$3,278.00

December 9, 2018: \$12,877.00

Debt Reduction: \$3,191.00

November's On-line Contributions: \$8,654.50

### **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 22/23, 2018**

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