

# 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

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**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 & 6:30pm (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



**Feast of the Epiphany + January 6, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

I hope everyone's Christmas was as nice as mine! It was wonderful to see so many people at Mass – especially on Christmas Eve. Celebrating the Solemn Mass at Midnight was the highlight of my Christmas – and I want to thank all those who filled the Church for it! The choir also deserves thanks for leading us in song and lending a great deal of solemnity to that Mass. It was a fitting celebration of our Savior's birth.

I also want to make special mention of the Children's Nativity Pageant that preceded the packed Mass at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. They did a great job telling and acting out the story of Jesus' birth! Thanks also to all those grown-ups who worked behind the scenes to make the pageant so nice!

After Mass on Christmas I went to my sister, Christine's, home for dinner. Lots of family and friends were there – including my mother. The food was great, and we had a wonderful time together. I hope you had fun with those close to you this Christmas!

Last week I told you that Christmas is so important that we celebrate it not just for a day, but for a whole season. This season is filled with feasts (holy days) that help us celebrate and understand the meaning of Christmas more completely. We have already celebrated Christ's birth on Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family last Sunday, and the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on New Year's Day.

Today we celebrate another great Feast of the Christmas Season, the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means to "reveal or make known something which was hidden". We call this feast Epiphany because the star revealed to the Magi – or Wise Men – that the baby lying in the manger was no ordinary baby. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Savior of the World.

For us today, the Epiphany is an invitation to think prayerfully about a few things. First, we should ask ourselves how we "reveal" our faith each day. Are people able to "see" Jesus in us? Acts of charity, regular attendance at Holy Mass, and humility and patience in dealing with others are some ways we can reveal our faith to the world.

Secondly, the Epiphany invites us to see the universal nature of Christ's mission. The fact that the Magi were foreigners who came from far-away places reminds us that Jesus came for all people. This is one reason why our Catholic Church teaches respect for every human person – from the immigrant to the old friend to the very ill to the unborn child. How well do we live up to this?

Finally, the gifts of the Magi invite us to ask ourselves what gifts we will give Jesus in this New Year. Will we devote ourselves more completely to prayer? Be more generous towards the poor? Strive

to grow in patience or break some bad habit? Think about this today!

Some of us are old enough to remember when Epiphany was the end of the Christmas Season. Since the reform of the Church calendar following Vatican II in the 1960's, the Season extends through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will be celebrated next Sunday. This means that, as Catholics, our Christmas Season still has a week to go.

Try to keep the Christmas spirit alive in your home and heart this week. Keep the trees and decorations up, play Christmas music, and – most of all – continue to meditate and reflect on the birth of Jesus. Make the most of the Christmas Season the Church gives us, so that the joy of Christ's birth may truly touch your heart and be evident in your life throughout this New Year.

Happy New Year!  
Fr. John



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### **Saint Update:**

We hope that all of our students and families had a wonderful Christmas. This is a special time of year for our students and families; it centers on giving back through service and celebrating the many blessings of our school. It is such a blessing to be able to share with our students the true meaning of Christmas and Advent. We wish all of our community a healthy New Year. We are full of anticipation for our upcoming Catholic Schools' Week. We will have a number of awesome events to celebrate Saints Philip and James School. We look forward to all that 2019 will bring.

**Refer a Family Program:** Saints Philip and James Families – we need your help! We will be offering a new incentive program. If you refer a family to Saints Philip and James School, and they enroll for a year, you will receive \$500 back towards your family's tuition. This is a great way to introduce families to why it is great to be a Saint, while also earning some additional assistance towards your tuition.

### **BINGO**

**1/10** – S. Freeman, R. Calaman, S. Dileo, B./M. Derr, J. Troxell, F. Romero-Zelada; **1/12** – S. Oluwole, J. Byrne, H. Chamberlin, J. Lopez

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: JACOB CHARLES CRUTS, son of M/M Ryan Cruts

### **TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION**

This weekend the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection help fund Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Program, which provides 24/7 assistance to parishes with individuals and families facing serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. Please give generously to this collection.

### **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!

### **"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 9pm, Wednesdays at 5pm, Fridays at Noon, 2pm, 5pm, 6pm & 10pm, 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.

### **THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD DVD SERIES**

Come and join us in learning more about St. John Paul II as we watch the DVD series by Fr. Michael Gaitley of the Divine Mercy Shrine in "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told". We will be meeting for 10 weeks in the Church Conference Room beginning on Sun., January 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

### **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 January 12, 2019. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Munoz at [spsj2017@hotmail.com](mailto:spsj2017@hotmail.com).

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

Blessing in the Bag Ministries will be collecting coats for school age children of Phillipsburg. All sizes of new and **GENTLY** used coats will kindly be accepted. There is also a need for hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens. We will collect them the weekend of January 19/20, 2019. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope marked **COATS**. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

### **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.

### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Substitute teaching position available. All clearances and certifications required. Also, full/part time teacher for Pre-K 2 and 3 year old class. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at (908) 859-1244 to apply.

### **SSPJ OPEN HOUSE/INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Saints Philip & James School will be hosting Open House and Information Sessions on the following dates: January 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm; February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm; March 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm; April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. These sessions are great ways to learn more about our school and all it has to offer. You can also view our facility, meet some of our awesome teachers, learn more about financial aid, and more. We look forward to meeting you!

### **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.

### **"SHARE THE JOURNEY"**

All clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen are invited to attend a Prayer Service for the "Share the Journey" Global Migration Campaign on Wed., January 9, 2019 at 7pm at St. Joseph Parish, 34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough, NJ. "Building Communities of Welcome". For information, contact Suzanne Kral at [skral@stjosephsparish.com](mailto:skral@stjosephsparish.com) or visit <https://diometuchen.org/social-justice>.

## **NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2019**

During National Migration Week, January 6-12, 2019, members of our local church will gather with our migrant brothers and sisters in prayer and solidarity.

### **NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK PRAYER**

Loving Father, Protect, we pray, all those forced from their homes by violence and persecution, guide them to places of shelter and safety, and grant that people migrate always by choice and not necessity. Watch over children who migrate alone, protect them from the risks they face all by themselves, help them reach their destination safely, and reunite them with those from whom they have been separated. Guide all migrants who seek a better life, to new opportunities, and grant them a new beginning. We beseech You to give each of us the strength and generosity to welcome the stranger and to open our homes to the newcomer, and in doing so, to comfort those who are suffering. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **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 GMKZA4Q (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!

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY IN METUCHEN**

You're invited to spend the day with youth from our diocese, celebrating locally, as youth across the world observe World Youth Day in Panama. Bishop James F. Checchio will preside at a Mass, where he will recognize the recipients of the St. Timothy and St. Teresa Service Awards. Join us for this fun-filled day of food, music, prayer and reflection on January 26, 2019 from 3pm-9pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 105 Summer Road, Three Bridges, NJ 08887. Cost is \$20 (there is no cost for St. Timothy and St. Teresa Service Awards applicants). The deadline to register is January 18<sup>th</sup>. Learn more and register at [www.diometuchen.org/wyd-in-metuchen](http://www.diometuchen.org/wyd-in-metuchen). Questions? Call (732) 243-4576 or email [youth.ministry@diometuchen.org](mailto:youth.ministry@diometuchen.org).

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Forget to bring groceries to the Food for the Needy Collection this month? Drop a gift card from a local grocery store into next week's collection basket. Mark it "Food for the Needy". Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**January 12/13, 2019**  
SATURDAY EVENING

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Brianna Moyer & Christopher Hill  
Ministers: Robert Ellwood & Keith Gallagher; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Eileen Dean, C3 – Dorothy Kays, C4 – Ronald Rossini  
Lector: Louis Moyer  
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Luciana Perna

SUNDAY MORNING

### **7:00am**

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

### **9:00am**

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

### **11:00am**

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

### **5:30pm**

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

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

1/6/19 – Mary Duaiame & Yakubu Miles

1/13/19 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

### **Brakeley Care Center**

1/6/19 – Roger DiVittorio & Keith Gallagher

1/13/19 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

1/6/19 & 1/13/19 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 – Jimmy Richline by Mother  
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Gina Angelozzi  
 11:00 – Eva Sciabica by Frank Sciabica  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Marion T. Kivlehan by John Peluso

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

6:45 – Judy O'Hare by Frasca Family  
 8:00 – Antulio J. Echevarria by Mary Ellen Bickert  
 12:10 – Olivier Vivion by Patricia Tan

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

6:45 – Eileen Palmer by Dr. D & Emily  
 8:00 – Kazimierz Malopolski by Family  
 12:10 – Janet Byrne by Don & Gal Barbadora

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:45 – Dr. Joseph Amato by SSPJ School  
 8:00 – Anna Marie Pugliese by Frank & Grace Stettner  
 12:10 – CJ Koop by Patricia Tan

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

6:45 – Franklin Ameden by DePillo Family  
 8:00 – Deceased Members of Anthony Marina Family by Family  
 12:10 – Gloria & Paul McCluskey by Marcella Snyder & Family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

6:45 – Herbert Vaughn by Dr. Robert & Mary Emery  
 8:00 – John Murray by Wife, Barbara  
 12:10 – Deceased Members of the Nigrone Family by Dolly & Bess

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 – Manny Francisco by Jo-Ann Scott  
 8:00 – Gilma Henao by Beatriz Williams  
 4:30pm – Special Intention of Mariela Rios by Espinal Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 – Ann Julia Reider & Deceased Family Members by Albert & Ann Reider  
 9:00 – Harry Angelozzi by Family  
 11:00 – Special Intention of Paul, Irene & Family by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Patricia Morello Gammino by Rosalie & John Spiller

### Stewardship of Treasure

December 23, 2018: \$13,831.00

Christmas 2018: \$42,758.85

Christmas Decorations: \$2,464.00

### Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 12/17/18: \$1,488,502.00

Total Collected as of 12/17/18: \$538,308.60

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

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 6 - Epiphany of the Lord

**Food for the Needy Collection - (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Together in Charity)**  
 10:00 - MH - Fellowship Sunday  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class  
 12:00 - Conf. Room - "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Series  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

### 7 - Monday - St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 8 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7  
 6:30 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 9 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 7:00 - MH - Columbiettes Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)  
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

### 10 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 11 - Friday

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

### 12 - Saturday

#### **Columbiettes Blessing in a Bag Collection**

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  
 6:00-7:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 13 - Baptism of the Lord

#### **Columbiettes Blessing in a Bag Collection**

10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 12:00 - Conf. Room - "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Series  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### MASS CELEBRANTS FOR JANUARY 12/13, 2019

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