

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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**Sacred Music**  
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**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



## Baptism of the Lord + January 13, 2019

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

This weekend we finally bring the Christmas Season to a close as we remember the Baptism of Jesus. While many of us remember when Epiphany marked the end of this season, the Church – since Vatican II – has extended her celebration of Christmas to today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Ending the Christmas Season with this celebration reminds us that the same Jesus Who was born as a Child in the manger chose to be Baptized and to make Baptism one of His holy sacraments.

Last Saturday evening a whole lot of my family came to the 4:30 Mass at our Church. Afterward they visited with me and the other priests in the rectory. I've told you before that my family enjoys coming to Mass at our Church – and I thank each of you for making them feel welcome. Gathering with my family made me think of how, at our own Baptism, we became part of Christ's family – the Church. This is yet another aspect of today's Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

I can think of no better way to end this Christmas Season than to offer you some words from our Holy Father, Pope Francis. These remarks were taken from a talk about Christmas that he gave to a crowd in St. Peter's Square in Rome. "Thinking about Christmas," the pope said, "teaches us two things about God."

"The first is that if God reveals Himself not as One who remains on high and dominates the universe, but as One who bends down, descends to the little and poor earth, it means that, to be like Him, we should not put ourselves above others, but indeed lower ourselves at the service of others, become small with the small and poor with the poor. It is regrettable to see a Christian who does not want to serve. A Christian who struts about is ugly: this is not Christian, it is pagan. The Christian serves, he lowers himself. Let us be sure that our brothers and sisters do not ever feel alone!"

"The second is: if God, through Jesus, involved Himself with man to the point of becoming one of us, it means that whatever we have done to a brother or sister, we have done to Him. Jesus Himself reminded us of this: whoever has fed, welcomed, visited, loved one of the least and poorest of men will have done it to the Son of God."

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's as much as I did mine. Not only did I get to see and celebrate with so much of my family, I also enjoyed celebrating with so many of you at the various Masses for Christmas, New Year's, and the Epiphany! Your joyful presence at these Masses is a beautiful testimony to your faith!

As the New Year unfolds, let's take the Holy Father's words to heart and make ourselves true

servants of the poor and weak people in our community. Let's also keep praying for each other – that we may be devoted followers of Him Whose birth we have celebrated with such devotion and joy in this Christmas Season.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

P.S. Please pray for me and the people of our parish who will be on the March for Life in Washington this Friday! I'll tell you about it next week!



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### Saint Update:

We are so excited for 2019 and what the second half of the school year will bring. 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. There will also be a sweetheart dance for students in grades Pre-K through 5. The dance will be taking place on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be hosted by our amazing HSA. In addition, we are proud to share that our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will once again be participating in the March for Life in Washington, DC.

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**

**1/17** – C. Giacalone, N. Harris, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock, S./J. Kugelman, E. Suansing; **1/19** – D. Kassick, G. Tickle, M. Miles, C. DiCapua, E. Prolog

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

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MATEO LUCAS KUNKEL, son of Michael Kunkel & Karina Ferrer

**"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 7pm & 9pm, Wednesdays at 7pm, Fridays at Noon, 2pm, 5pm & 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.

**K. OF C. BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sun., January 20, 2019 from 8am-11am in Mercy Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please support their efforts.

**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 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month from 6-7:30pm. The next meetings will be January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**COLUMBIETTE COLLECTION FOR THE POSTULANTS AND SEMINARIANS**

The Columbiettes will be holding their annual monetary donation collection for our postulants and seminarians on the weekend of January 26/27, 2019 after all Masses (including Spanish and 5:30pm). Will you help us with a small donation to support those called to serve the Lord? Thanking you in advance. Judy Leone, President.

**SPSJ PASTA DINNER**

Save the date! This year's Pasta Dinner will be held on Sun., March 3, 2019, from Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip and James School on Roseberry Street. More details to follow.

**THANK YOU!**

The Blessing in a Bag Ministry wishes to extend their heartfelt thank you to the Student Council members and advisors at SSPJ for their collection of items for the homeless. Over 40 Christmas bags filled with items collected were distributed to the homeless. What delight was seen in their eyes. Thank you and may our Good Lord be pleased with your efforts.

**THANK YOU FROM THE COLUMBIETTES!**

The Columbiettes wish to extend their thanks for the Angel Jewelry sale from November. All proceeds benefit the Postulants and Seminarians and the less fortunate.

**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. Also, substitute teaching position available. All clearances and certifications required. Please contact (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.

**SPSJ 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!

### **BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If anyone is interested in learning how to become a Bingo Caller or would like to help out at Bingo in any other way, please contact our Bingo Coordinator at [bingo4spsj@gmail.com](mailto:bingo4spsj@gmail.com).

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Please join us on April 6<sup>th</sup>, at our Annual Faith and Service Dinner at Flynn's on the Hill. This will be a great evening honoring Mr. Frank Stettner and Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott. Tickets are \$55. This is always an amazing evening to reconnect with old friends, and celebrate these important members of our Saints Philip and James family.

### **ST. MARY YOUTH GROUP PASTA SUPPER**

St. Mary Youth Group Pasta Supper will be held on Sun., January 27, 2019 from 12pm to 6pm. Tickets: \$7.00; Family \$20.00; Under 5: Free. Tickets on sale after Masses at St. Mary on January 12/13 and 19/20, during Religious Education hours, and at the door on the 27<sup>th</sup>. For information, please call (908) 454-5264.

### **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!

### **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**

"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth yours is the world to serve with the joy of compassion." – St. Teresa of Avila. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**January 19/20, 2019**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick  
Ministers: Judy Leone & Edward Socci; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Denise Kassick, C3 – Kevin Kassick, C4 – Dorothy Kays  
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan  
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Mathias Gahles & Nicholas Socci

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara  
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Mary Duaine  
Lector: Geraldine Bowie  
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada  
Ministers: Matthew Markus & Lynn Markus; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Anne Coyle, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Eileen Catalli  
Lector: Theresa Duaine  
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brooke Troxell

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo & Michael Juliano  
Ministers: Theresa Richey & Robert Hopkins; C1 – Pat James, C2 – Karen Juliano, C3 – Paul Juliano, C4 – Patricia Palazzo  
Lector: Aidan Lavigne  
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Lillie Chismar & Robby Basel

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Michael Clark  
Lector: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

1/13/19 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone  
1/20/19 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo

### **Brakeley Care Center**

1/13/19 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta  
1/20/19 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

1/13/19 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini  
1/20/19 – Michael & Ruth Clark

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

6:45 – William Finlan by Jan & Bob Hopkins  
 8:00 – Betty Haviland by Cecile Franceschino  
 12:10 – Elfrieda Pergosky (A) by Theresa & Al Richey

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:45 – Aunts Mary, Jennie & Timi by Mirena  
 8:00 – Kay Volpe by Pat & Tom O'Neil  
 12:10 – Janet Byrne by Ed & Dolly Duffy

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:45 – Mary Holjes by Bob & Linda McGuire  
 8:00 – Deacon John Fitzsimmons by Deacon John & Florence Flynn  
 12:10 – Rose Presutti by John Dellavedova

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

6:45 – DJ Valmont by Mia Valmont, Jermaine Knight, Wendy Emanuel & Family  
 8:00 – Rosalie Drago by Mary Brogan  
 12:10 – Millie Piperata by Kay & Jim Lennon

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

6:45 – Percy Brighenti by Priests of SPSJ Church  
 8:00 – Ultima Reda (A) by Family  
 12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini, Children, Nephew & Grandsons by Jean Pasquini

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 – Mark Tickle by Judy Francisco  
 8:00 – Clayton Tigar by Family  
 4:30pm – Betty Hummell by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 – Robert Reider by Family  
 9:00 – James K. Haney by Wife, Lucy  
 11:00 – Monique Lorin by Patricia Tan  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Anthony Tan & Doris Pursell by Delphine Redden

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

December 30, 2018: \$11,190.00  
 December's On-line Contributions: \$8,572.50  
 New Year's Day: \$5,410.00  
 January 6, 2019: \$13,605.50  
 Together in Charity: \$2,914.50  
 Initial Offering: \$1,674.00  
 Christmas 2018: \$46,876.85

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

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 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

### 14 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:30 - MH - Catholic Daughters Mtg.  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)

### 15 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7  
 6:00 - CH/Flynn's - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.  
 6:30 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 16 - Wednesday

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

### 17 - Thursday - St. Anthony

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

### 18 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 March for Life bus trip to Washington, DC

### 19 - Saturday

#### Blessing in a Bag Coat Collection

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary Curia  
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 20 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Foundation for Catholic Education) - Adopt-A-Missionary Collection - Blessing in a Bag Coat Collection

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast  
 10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class  
 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 19/20, 2019**

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