

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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

There are varieties
of gifts, but the
same spirit.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 20, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Many people are surprised to learn that my favorite pope of recent times is the retired pope, Pope Benedict XVI. Having said that, let me say unequivocally that I do not think that popes should be the subject of popularity contests! But we all find different people more or less to our liking for any number of reasons.

My personal reasons for finding Pope Benedict so likeable has a lot to do with the many books he authored – especially his series “*Jesus of Nazareth*” in which he offered an almost line-by-line reflection on the Gospel. My sister, Christine, read one of these books and told me it did a great deal to deepen her faith. I also was deeply affected by the humility Pope Benedict showed when he retired, believing the Church needed a younger and healthier leader at the time.

Although the secular (and sometimes even the religious) media often portray them as very different – and in some ways they are – Pope Francis clearly has great esteem for his predecessor. Anyone who reads Pope Francis’ statements will find that he frequently mentions and quotes Pope Benedict’s earlier writings. This is especially true when he speaks about the need for Christians to cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the environment, and the right to life of every human person.

A story from Pope Benedict’s childhood gives us a deep insight into how he came to understand the importance of protecting every human person’s right to life. When he was 14, the future Pope Benedict had a cousin of the same age who was born with Down’s Syndrome. The Nazi government took that child from his family home – as was their policy – for treatment. Shortly thereafter, the boy was reported as “dead” – killed by the Nazis because he did not fit in their vision for Germany.

By the time you read this, I will have gone with a busload of parishioners to the March for Life in Washington, DC. We will – God willing – have joined tens of thousands of others in a grand pep rally for life. Our message is simple: every human being is created by God with a right to life that no other person can take away. This includes the strong and powerful, the poor and weak, and the innocent unborn.

Tuesday, January 22, is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This day is chosen since it is the day when the Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand in this country, ending any serious protection for the life of unborn children. Since that day, more than 53,000,000 unborn children have been destroyed in the womb, where they should have been the safest. Everyone is asked to say an extra prayer or do an extra good work or an act of penance (like abstaining from meat or some other food you like) that day as a prayer for an end to the destruction of unborn children in our country.

Personally, I believe that this is the most important issue of our times. Maybe I’m naïve, but I honestly believe that if more people really believed in the God-

given dignity of every human person, they would treat each other a lot differently. Think about that today – and say a Hail Mary for me!

Have a great week!
Fr. John



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Saint Update:

It is hard to believe we are just about halfway through the school year. With Catholic Schools' Week rapidly approaching, we are so thrilled for the events that will take place that week. There will be a wide range of STREAM activities happening daily, fun service activities, and some creative daily themes. We are so excited to celebrate this week with all of our families. There will also be a sweetheart dance for students in grades Pre-K through 5. The dance will be taking place on February 1st, and will be hosted by our amazing HSA. In addition, we are proud to share that our 7th and 8th 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

1/24 – C. Sumner, B. Falvey, C. Corona, A. Armango, K. Juliano, J. Bayrasli; **1/26** – E. Dean, D. Hasara, K., Basel, S. Price, S. Loeffler

CHURCH OFFICE & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The Church Office will be closed on Mon., January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Eucharistic Adoration will also be closed this day.

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 this weekend. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope marked **COATS**. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The second collection this weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, which provides scholarships to financially-deserving children attending a Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school. Over 100 deserving children are enrolled in one of our school's today thanks to your generous support of last year's collection. Hundreds of families, hoping to give their children the gift of a Catholic education, will seek financial assistance from the FCE Scholarship Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Your gift will send a child to Catholic school, changing a life forever! Please be as generous as your means allow.

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

LIFE = Noise, deadlines, demands and confusion

ADORATION = God's love and peace, holding you in His arms. God comes to us in the silence!

Eucharistic Adoration hours currently in need: Mondays at 3pm, 7pm & 8pm, Tuesdays at 9pm, Fridays at Noon, 2pm & 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.

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 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 6-7:30pm. The next meetings will be January 12th and January 26th. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Munoz at spsj2017@hotmail.com.

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.

RELIGIOUS SISTERS BEING RECOGNIZED

On Sun., February 10, 2019, our parish will recognize some religious sisters who work in our Parish School, CCD Program, and local Catholic Charities at the 11am Mass. Our celebration is part of the Universal Church's recognition of the many ways in which the work of religious sisters and brothers has spread the Gospel and brought the Light of Christ into countless lives. Our parish is blessed to have Sr. Ellen, SJH, and Sr. Megan, SJH (Sisters of Jesus, Our Hope) teaching in our parish school, and Sr. Claire, SJH in our CCD Program. We are likewise blessed by the good work of Sr. Michaelita, RSM (Sisters of Mercy) at Catholic Charities. Please join us in praying with these good women and some of their sisters that day!

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 27th from 1-3pm; February 9th from 10am-1pm; March 10th from 1-3pm; April 7th 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!

"THANK YOU!" FROM G.I.F.T. MINISTRY

The G.I.F.T. Ministry would like to thank everyone who came to enjoy coffee and donuts at Fellowship Sunday on January 6th! Please watch for our upcoming Fellowship Sunday on February 3rd. We'd love to have more parishioners join us!

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on April 6th, 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.

K. OF C. ANNUAL BASEBALL OUTING

The Knights of Columbus Council 474 will be holding their annual outing at Coca Cola Park on Sat., April 27th at the PenTeleData Party Porch. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Price includes ticket to the game, and a 2-1/2 hour barbeque buffet, soda, and water. To order tickets, contact Frank Bigelli at (908) 323-5662 or fxbigelli@msn.com.

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 27th. 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. (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!

PRAYER & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Belvidere, NJ, on the following Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm: February 6th; March 13th; April-December: 1st Wednesday of the month. Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. For more information, please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities (732-765-6432) or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE TOUCHED BY THE PAIN OF ADDICTION OR LOSS

Many of us struggle to comfort and support our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of addiction and/or loss of a family member to an overdose. In an effort to offer spiritual support, a Prayer Service will be held on Wed., January 30th at 7pm at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Pastoral ministers will be present at the service to listen to and speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. Call (732) 243-4574 for more information.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Do you have to choose between paying the rent and buying food? If not, please give generously. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

January 26/27, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas & William Haussman
Ministers: Ronald Rossini & Melody Talpas; C1 – Margie Markus, C2 – Keith Gallagher, C3 – Edward Socci, C4 – Thomas Casey
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Mark Talpas & Luciana Perna & Anthony Ventura

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Steven Fulse & Sofia Grimshaw

9:00am

Acolyte: Zackary Payran
Ministers: Mario Madawela & Rosemary Carnali; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Kyle Allen, C3 – Brittany Allen, C4 – Donna Kucinski
Lector: Geraldine Bowie & SSPJ Student
Servers: SSPJ Students

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Gloria Cervasi & Carol Bevilacqua; C1 – Yakubu Miles, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C4 – Maureen Speer
Lector: Yvonne Montague
Servers: Ricky Krouse & Andrew Sretenovic & Isaiah Miles

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: Ryanne Bigelli
Servers: Lacey Allen & Zakery Allen

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

1/20/19 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo
1/27/19 – Elizabeth Divinagracia & Barbara Shaneberger

Brakeley Care Center

1/20/19 – Pat James & Allison Frasca
1/27/19 – Karen & Paul Juliano

Phillipsburg Care Center

1/20/19 & 1/27/19 – Michael & Ruth Clark

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

6:45 – Special Intention of Martha Richline by Pat Verdon
 8:00 – Donald R. Gretta by Wife & Children
 9:00 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey
 12:10 – No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

6:45 – Harold Smith III by Family
 8:00 – Salvatore Todaro Family by Family
 12:10 – Nilda Musiker by Godmother

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 – Maria Ayala by Ayala Family
 8:00 – Rosey Dantine by Mary & Bill Duaine
 12:10 – John F. O'Donnell by Lilly Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

6:45 – Anna Mazzella D. Bosco by Paul & Donna Kucinski
 8:00 – Isabela Rivera Duran by Nieces
 12:10 – Stella Giambattistini by Daughter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

6:45 – Nellie Tumulty by Catholic Daughters Court Warren 389
 8:00 – Thomas Ference by Sandra Ference
 12:10 – Theresa & Peter Schiro

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 – Marge Corona by Priests of SPSJ Church
 8:00 – Jozef Podgorski by Ted & Pat Larr
 4:30pm – Patricia Gammino by PPHS Class of 1961

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 – Jennifer Lynn McGuire by Mom, Dad & Rob
 9:00 – Helen Magyar by Helen Patti
 11:00 – Joseph Consentino by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Bill McCurley by Joan McCaffrey

Stewardship of Treasure

January 13, 2019: \$10,637.00

Christmas 2018: \$48,221.85

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 1/4/19: \$1,491,611.00

Total Collected as of 1/4/19: \$589,996.96

Have you considered on-line giving?

If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:

<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>

● CALENDAR ●

20 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(2nd 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

21 - Monday - St. Agnes

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No Adoration
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - MH - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

22 - Tuesday - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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.

23 - Wednesday - St. Vincent

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 8:00-2:00 - MH - Catholic Charities Project Homeless Connect
 10:15 - PMR - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

24 - Thursday - St. Francis de Sales

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

25 - Friday - Conversion of St. Paul

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

26 - Saturday - St. Timothy & St. Titus

Columbiettes Collection for Postulants/Seminarians

8:30 - HFC - Eucharistic Holy Hour
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study
 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

27 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Columbiettes Collection for Postulants/Seminarians

9:00 - CH - Catholic Schools Week Mass, followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall
 10:00 - MH - RCIA Mtg.
 12:00 - Conf. Room - "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Series
 1:00-3:00 - SSPJ - Open House
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR JANUARY 26/27, 2019

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