

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)
Divine Mercy Prayer Group: 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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 27, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

When I was first asked to become a pastor back in 1996, I was very hesitant to do so. I had been a priest for about 9 years and loved being a priest. But I was afraid that becoming a pastor – and taking on all the administrative and managerial tasks that are part of running a parish – would give me less time for more spiritual parts of the priesthood that I enjoyed so very much.

Bishop Edward Hughes, of blessed memory, gave me some very good advice. He told me that the best way to avoid that was to make sure I kept doing the things I loved about being a priest. I knew that he meant what he said, because even when he was our bishop, he used to teach 8th grade religion at the cathedral's parish school.

Since, like Bishop Hughes, I always loved to teach about the Faith, I decided that – no matter how much else I had to do as a pastor – I would always make time to teach in my parish school and CCD Program. As most of you know, I currently enjoy teaching both 8th and 4th grade religion in our parish school each week, as well as 5th grade CCD.

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week in our country. It is a time to think about the role our Catholic Schools play in teaching the faith and many other things. The following facts come from Notre Dame University, which does a lot of excellent research about and support work for parish schools like our own:

- Catholic Schools in America educate about 2 million students – making them the largest non-public school system in the country. By educating that many children, Catholic Schools collectively save U.S. taxpayers about \$20 billion – yes, billion – annually.
- Catholic Schools do this with a low teacher to student ratio – currently 1:13, and with an emphasis not only on religion, but on strong academics, too. For this reason, about 99% of Catholic School students finish and graduate high school, with nearly 90% going on to four-year colleges. That they are schooled to be concerned and active about the world in which they live is demonstrated by the fact the several surveys show that graduates of Catholic Schools are much more likely than others to vote in elections when they reach adulthood!
- Most importantly, Catholic School students not only learn about our Faith in religion classes, but spend each school day in an environment permeated by the Gospel. In addition to regular school Masses, students in our own parish school attend Adoration monthly – where they learn the beautiful art of silent prayer. They go to Confession monthly, pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent, and even attend Benediction throughout the Church year. Doing all this allows them to experience the culture of Catholicism – reinforcing and greatly deepening the Faith their parents first shared with them at home.

Another contribution that our schools make to our society is subtle, but no less important. The existence of our Catholic Schools gives people an alternative choice for their children's education. History has shown us, time and again, that having a variety of good educational options is a great guardian of democracy and freedom, since it prevents any one person or group from having a monopoly on the formation of the next generation.

You can find more information about Catholic Schools Week elsewhere in this bulletin, and on the parish and school website. I know I'm looking forward to the celebrations, and to enjoying

this week with our students, their dedicated teachers, and the hardworking administrators and school support staff. To them we all owe a great debt of thanks.

Please say a Hail Mary for me today, and every day – and have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

Happy Catholic Schools Week. We look forward to celebrating all of the reasons it is great to be a Saint. There will be a wide range of STREAM activities happening daily, fun service activities, and some creative daily themes. Most importantly, we can celebrate the fact that we are able to share God's message daily with our students. 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.

We are so proud of our students who traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the March for Life.

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

1/31 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, A. Matlock, G. Mino, E. Suansing; **2/2** – G. Siano, E. Bott, L. Phillips, S. Guikema, W. Emmanuel, K. Dorcley

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.

REGARDING FR. TOM

I want to thank everyone who came to the Parish Meeting in Mercy Hall this past Wednesday. If you missed the statement from the Bishop that was read at Mass last week, you can get a copy from the parish office. Also, I will gladly make time to meet with anyone who wants to talk with me about this sad matter. Finally, I can never adequately thank all those who attended extra Masses and hours of adoration to pray for our parish last week, and all who reached out to Fr. Leo and me with their support and prayers. You are truly a blessing to us and our Church!

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 February 3rd!

"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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., February 2nd after the 8am Mass in the Chapel with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to Her Immaculate Heart for five first Saturdays by attending Mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Confession is in the church at 9am and 3:15pm. A Holy Hour for Life will be held in the Chapel at 11:00am.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of February 2/3, 2019. February's needs are: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, canned soups, canned meat, canned fruit, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent and deodorant. Life Choices is in need of diapers, formula, and children's items. Perishable items should not be left at the Church, but they can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. 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!

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

February is the month of the Passion of our Lord. Legion of Mary Library has a wonderful selection of books & videos for the whole family to choose from. Open Sundays (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am.

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. Clare, 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.

SSPJ 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!

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) 323-5661 or fxbigelli@msn.com.

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!

THANK YOU!

"Dear Friends, It is with great honor I write this note of sincere thanks for all your overwhelming support throughout the years. I have served at Lopatcong Care Center for over 16 years, and St. Philip and St. James Church has been such a great support to our facility. Your dedication and spiritual commitment to the community never ceases to amaze me. We are ever so grateful for your Church. Sincere thanks, Jayne Neffue, Director of Guest Services and Recreation, Lopatcong Care Center.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2019**. Applications are available in English or Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2-4pm, and from 6-8pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

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

It's winter. People are hungry. Please give generously. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

February 2/3, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya & Brianna Moyer
Ministers: Keith Gallagher & Eileen Dean; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Ronald Rossini, C4 – Judy Leone
Lector: Louis Moyer
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Patricia Palazzo
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Isabella McKenna & Steven Fulse

9:00am

Acolyte: Lauren Rautenberg
Ministers: William Hillhouse & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Anne Coyle, C2 – Eileen Catalli, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Eileen Kerrigan
Lector: RYANNE Bigelli
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Colin Rautenberg

11:00am

Acolyte: Michael Juliano
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Sara Greene, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Mary Brogan, C4 – Gloria Cervasi
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Joseph Cruz & Jack Juliano & Allan Palos

5:30pm

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte
Minister: Allison Frasca
Lector: Rosemary Carnali
Servers: Tiago Aversa & Blake Sweigert

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

1/27/19 – Elizabeth Divinagracia & Barbara Shaneberger

2/3/19 – No Service

Brakeley Care Center

1/27/19 – Karen & Paul Juliano

2/3/19 – No Service

Phillipsburg Care Center

1/27/19 – Michael & Ruth Clark

2/3/19 – No Service

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

6:45 – Susan Allanson by Jo-Ann Scott
 8:00 – Duane Sbriscia by Sue & Nick Angelozzi
 12:10 – Rita Cicchetti by Jim Sciascia

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:45 – Louis David Lopez by Debra & Melissa Malave
 8:00 – Special Intention by Friends
 12:10 – Margaret & Arthur Rooney by Daughter, Maria

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:45 – Daria Ksak by Merrie Mulrine
 8:00 – Anne Harrison by Deacon John & Florence Flynn
 12:10 – Dominic Suppo by Betty Bevins

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

6:45 – Deceased Mount Priests by Fr. John Barbella
 8:00 – Louis Reda by Family
 12:10 – John Havas by Barbara Murray

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:45 – Alayna Sulick by A Friend
 8:00 – Mary Lukachek by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi
 12:10 – Nilda Argentati Musiker & Deceased Members of Argentati Family by Irene Argentati

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 – Isabel Ameden by DePillo Family
 8:00 – Frank Rosnagle by Son, Barry Rosnagle
 4:30pm – James (Jim) McDevitt by Halley & Vanya Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 – John & Anna Hurst by Albert & Ann Reider
 9:00 – Mary & Carmine Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – Deceased Members of Emery & Frederick Families by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Atilio Carnali & Sister, Lena Ricci by Rosemary Carnali

Stewardship of Treasure

January 20, 2019: \$9,227.50
 Foundation for Catholic Education: \$2,472.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$413.00

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 ●

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

28 - Monday - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program/Confirmation Class
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 3)

29 - 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.

30 - Wednesday

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

31 - Thursday - St. John Bosco

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

1 - FEBRUARY - Friday - Conversion of St. Paul

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

2 - Saturday - Presentation of the Lord

8:30 - HFC - First Saturday Devotion
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study
 11:00 - CH - First Penance
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 6:00 - CH - Filipino Mass
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

3 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food for the Needy Collection - Boy Scout Sunday Blessing of Throats after all Masses

10:00 - MH - Fellowship Sunday
 10:00 - MH - RCIA Mtg.
 12:00 - Conf. Room - "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Series
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2/3, 2019

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