

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);
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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
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Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluce, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,
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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)
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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 3, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

My column in this week's bulletin is going to consist of a mish-mash of news about things that are happening in our parish. Today (Sunday), is ordinarily the Feast of St. Blaise – a bishop who lived in Armenia and was martyred for his faith. Because a boy – who was choking to death from something caught in his windpipe – was suddenly healed when Bishop Blaise blessed him, Catholics traditionally have their throats blessed on his Feast Day. This blessing of St. Blaise is an act of faith in God's power over illness, and a prayer for protection against illness and evil. Everyone is invited to remain after Mass today to have their throat blessed.

This Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday in our parish. For this reason, some of the Boy and Cub Scouts from our area will attend the 9 AM Mass together. A number of them will be recognized for earning their Catholic Religious Awards – and I want to offer each of them my sincere congratulations.

I would also like to recognize Mark Zgoda, a young man of our parish who received the St. Timothy Award from our bishop last Saturday evening. The St. Timothy Award is given to a high school junior or senior who not only lives the Catholic Faith, but shows leadership in doing so. Many of the "regulars" at the 7 AM Sunday Mass are familiar with Mark, who has faithfully served that Mass for 10 years! He is a Christian gentleman who takes his faith seriously, and often brings others to Church with him. I want to congratulate him and his family.

Our bishop has asked our entire diocese to observe a Year of Spiritual Awakening that will culminate in the consecration of our diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The consecration will happen on Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day in December. Until that time, we will do a whole bunch of things to deepen our faith and learn why such a consecration is a good thing to do.

Among other things, we will say a special Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the beginning of Holy Mass each week – just after the announcements and before the Entrance Procession. We will also have an Our Lady of Guadalupe Kit that families can take home for a week. The kit contains a DVD to be watched, prayers to be said, and a beautiful image of Our Blessed Mother to keep in your home for the week. When the week is over, you return the kit to the Church (or parish office) so that the next family can take it. It is my hope that every family will take a turn with the kit this year.

There is an insert in this week's bulletin with a lot more about Our Lady of Guadalupe. It includes a tear off "sign up" sheet that you can use to sign up for the kit. Please fill it out and return it in the collection next week – or drop it at the parish office. We will make a schedule and get the whole thing going within the next week or so.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came to the meeting with our Bishop in Mercy Hall last Wednesday. Many people had a chance to speak and ask questions about

the whole Fr. Tom situation. Some parents at the meeting asked for help in speaking about this with their children and teens. After doing some research, I found the following articles on line.

A website called Peanut Butter and Grace (www.pbgrace.com) has an excellent article entitled: "The Clerical Abuse Scandals: What Parents Can Do and How to Talk With Kids". Catholic News Agency (CNA) had an article called "How to Talk to Children about the Church Sex Abuse Scandal". I personally found both of them helpful – and the first one especially so. I offer them to parents and hope you find them helpful!

In the meantime, please say a Hail Mary for me today and every day. You are most certainly in my daily prayers.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

Thank you to all who made Catholic Schools Week such an amazing celebration. Each day's activities were fun and exciting. It is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. We look forward to all that Spring will bring. Registration forms have gone out, and we ask that you return them by February 28th.

Please be advised that the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment portal for our Diocese is now open, and families may begin to apply for financial aid from the Foundation for Catholic Education.

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

2/7 – S. Freeman, R. Calaman, S. Dileo, B./M. Derr, J. Troxell, F. Romero-Zelada, H. Gilrane; **2/9** – S. Oluwole, N. Harris, J. Byrne, H. Chamberlin, J. Lopez, S. Loeffler, K. Burgos

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

G.I.F.T. Ministry is pleased to announce that Fellowship Sunday will take place this Sunday after the 9am Mass. Everyone is invited to stop by, enjoy a donut, a cup of coffee, and spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: AVA MADILYN BLAZURE, daughter of M/M Trent Blazure

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?"

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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HEALING SERVICE

On Sat., February 9th, there will be a Healing Service in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Rosary & Divine Mercy will begin at 3:30pm. Confessions are at 3:15-4:00pm, followed by Mass at 4:30pm. Prayers for healing will be done by the priests of our parish after the Mass. Please sit near the front of the church. In order for you to receive the full benefit of the Anointing of the Sick, Confession is recommended.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS DUE TO WEATHER

Please be aware that if our Parish Elementary School is closed due to bad weather, the Church Office will also be closed, along with all activities, including Eucharistic Adoration and Bingo.

SPSJ PASTA DINNER

Please note that the Pasta Dinner that was scheduled for Sun., March 3, 2019, has been cancelled. Thank you.

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.

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!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

SSPJ OPEN HOUSE/INFORMATION SESSIONS

Saints Philip & James School will be hosting Open House and Information Sessions on the following dates: 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.

ST. MARY CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Miller-Keystone Blood Drive will take place on Sun., February 17th at St. Mary Church in Alpha (in the Parish Center) from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Online registration sponsor code 2531 (GIVEaPINT.org) or 1-800-B-A-Donor. Please give – there are those who need your help!

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) 319-3401 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!

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.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. Upcoming weekend: February 8-10, 2019. For more information, call the Family Life Office at (732) 243-4573. To register: call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at (732) 236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Need to lose a few pounds? Give your food to the poor! Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

February 9/10, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Joey Socci
Ministers: Robert Ellwood & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Edward Socci, C3 – Eileen Dean, C4 – Margie Markus
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Immaculata Durnin
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Dominic Russo & Isabella McKenna

9:00am

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada
Ministers: Kyle Allen & Brittany Allen; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Matthew Markus, C3 – Lynn Markus, C4 – Geraldine Lagrimas
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brooke Troxell

11:00am

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams
Ministers: Maureen Speer & Yakubu Miles; C1 – Mario Madawela, C2 – Karen Llanos, C3 – Judy Leone, C4 – Pat James
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Kiernan Lopez & Hannah Adams & Isaiah Miles

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Michael Clark
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Matthew Erz

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

2/3/19 – No Service

2/10/19 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua

Brakeley Care Center

2/3/19 – No Service

2/10/19 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/3/19 – No Service

2/10/19 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:45 – Theresa Merlo by George McBride
 8:00 – Salvatore A. Napoli by Mary Brogan
 12:10 – Janet Piatt Byrne by Robert & Anne Kearn

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:45 – Louise Pasquarelli by Debbie Pasquarelli
 8:00 – Gloria McCluskey by Luis Henao
 12:10 – Helen F. Flynn by Betty Lilly

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:45 – Joyce DeNora by Socci Family
 8:00 – Gertrude Mazza by William & Rose Spencer
 12:10 – Kenneth Dugan by Debbie & Joe Stefano

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:45 – Marie Zapata by Luis Henao
 8:00 – Margaret Smith by Camille & Frank Rapinesi
 12:10 – Elizabeth Hummell by Daughters

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:45 – John Stress by Fr. John Barbella
 8:00 – Katherine Verdon by Family
 12:10 – Elfrieda & Jacob Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 – Lillian Taborelli by Mary Lilly
 8:00 – John Caleca by Tony & Dolly Loiacono
 4:30pm – Joseph Fulse by Grandkids

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 – Robert Reider by Family
 9:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Rosemary & Bill Kowalchuk
 11:00 – Santo & Theresa Sciabica by Margaret Pavkovic
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Mom, Dad & Uncle Julio by Mirena

● CALENDAR ●

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

4 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 4)
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

5 - Tuesday - St. Agatha

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.

6 - Wednesday - St. Paul Miki

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 1:00 - MH - Over 50's Club Bus. Mtg./Social
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

7 - Thursday

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

8 - Friday - St. Jerome Emiliani

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

9 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 10:00 - Conf. Room - Baptism Prep Class
 10:00-1:00 - SSPJ - Open House
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:30 - CH - Prayers for Healing
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 6:00-7:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Stewardship of Treasure

January 27, 2019: \$12,433.00
 Foundation for Catholic Education: \$289.00

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>

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR **FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019**

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