

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
Fr. Leo Salvania, ext. 403

Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluce, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,
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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)
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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 10, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Last Monday I had the honor of celebrating a Funeral Mass for Sr. Helen Rado, MPF, who passed away after 77 years of religious life. She had been the Religious Education Director in my previous parish, and was a wonderful example of a person who did an awful lot for God in her life. While her 77 years as a religious sister are her most obvious gift to God, Sr. Helen never rested on that. She was a teacher, principal, Director of Religious Education, RCIA Director, and parish visitor of the sick who also made a life-long effort to grow in prayer and good works every day of her life.

Her service to God over the years made me think of the ways that we can serve God. All of us are called to serve God by living our faith and growing in holiness each day. Like Sr. Helen, we do this by making the effort to grow in prayer and good works each day. But we also do it by finding things we can do for God.

With that in mind, I'd like to offer some suggestions of things you might consider doing for God – right here in our own parish.

Our parish could use a few more Lectors – people to do the readings at Holy Mass. We have a number of very dedicated persons who do this, but they could use some help – especially at the 7 AM and 5:30 PM Mass. Could you do that?

There will be a Marriage Encounter Weekend in our diocese the weekend of March 22-24. I personally know couples who tell me their marriage was saved by going on a Marriage Encounter – and others who told me that their good marriage got a lot better! This is because Marriage Encounter helps couples improve the communication and skills that truly enhance a marriage. Taking part in a Marriage Encounter Weekend is a great thing a couple can do for God – and themselves.

We have many groups in our parish that do really good work. The Knights of Columbus for men, the Catholic Daughters and Columbiettes for women. The Serra Club – which is open to both men and women – is a small group of really nice people who meet twice a month to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and enjoy dinner and a talk together. Joining one of these groups is a good thing to do for God and yourself.

Additionally, we have groups that meet to pray in the Chapel each week, before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. The Blue Army Prayer Cell, which was formed in response to our Blessed Mothers' requests at Fatima, meets on Thursdays from 7-8 PM. Cenacles for Life meet and pray for increased respect for human life on Tuesdays from 7-8 PM and Saturdays from 11:10-12:30 PM. These are essentially prayer groups that are open to anyone who wants to pray!

Finally, please mark Wednesday, March 20th, on your calendar. We will have a special Evening of Spiritual Awakening in our Church that day. There will be prayer, music, and speakers. It will be a time for spiritual

enrichment and renewal – and is part of the Year of Spiritual Awakening being observed in our diocese. More information will appear in the bulletin as the date gets closer.

In the meantime, please say a Hail Mary for me today and every day – and be assured of my daily prayers for you. Praying for each other is one of the best things we can do for God – and each other – every day!

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

It is hard to believe that we are more than halfway through the school year. What a great year it has been thus far! We are so excited for the upcoming Winterfest! This event will take place on Thurs., February 28, 2019, and will be a great time with many crafts, games and prizes, food, and the basketball tournament. Much of the profit from this event benefits the fight against Pediatric Cancer. We look forward to all that Spring will bring, including a food truck festival and our annual Carnival. 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

2/14 – No Bingo; **2/16** – D. Kassick, M. Miles, M. Lombardi, E. Prolog, S. good, D. Esteves

K. OF C. BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sun., February 17th from 8am to 11am in Mercy Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please support their efforts.

BAKE SALE

Warren Council 474 Columbiettes are holding their annual Loaf Cake Sale after Masses on February 16/17. Monies from this bake sale will assist the less fortunate and those neighbors in need. Thank you, and God bless you in advance. – Judy Leone, President.

"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.

THANK YOU FROM THE COLUMBIETTES

The Warren Council 474 Columbiettes wish to thank you for your donations to the Postulants and Seminarians. The monies collected will help defray the cost of their education. Thank you once again. – Judy Leone, President.

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 Holy Family. 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.

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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Substitute teachers needed at Saints Philip & James School. Clearances and certifications required. 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: 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!

COAT DRIVE THANK YOU

We wish to thank you for your very generous donations of winter jackets that were provided for students in need at the Phillipsburg Elementary School through the "Blessing in a Bag" campaign. The students were very appreciative when they received a warm jacket, especially since the weather has been so cold. Thank you again for supporting the students and families in Phillipsburg. – John Finken, Principal

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 GMKZAQ (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!

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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Help Build a Civilization of Love"... Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent, and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over. Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest – the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our Cultural Diversity Ministries and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Valentine's Day is every day. No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held March 22-24, 2019. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

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

● MINISTRY ●

February 16/17, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas
Ministers: Margie Markus & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Edward Socci, C2 – Thomas Casey, C3 – Keith Gallagher, C4 – Melody Talpas
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Servers: Sofia Grimshaw & Luciana Perna & Mark Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Patricia Flynn
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Mark-Luke Gural & Stephen Gural
Ministers: Kelly Perna & Maria Gural; C1 – Sharon Hillhouse, C2 – Valerie Lusardi, C3 – Joseph Lusardi, C4 – William Hillhouse
Lector: Ryanne Bigelli
Servers: Riley Perna & Kiernan Lopez & Lillie Chismar

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Gloria Cervasi & Samuel Fatta; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Theresa Richey, C4 – Maureen Spear
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua
Servers: Vincent Demaisip & Ricky Krouse & Allan Palos

5:30pm

Acolyte: KJ Kassick
Minister: Kevin Kassick
Lector: Denise Kassick
Servers: Blake Sweigert & Tiago Aversa

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

2/10/19 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell
2/17/19 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua

Brakeley Care Center

2/10/19 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos
2/17/19 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/10/19 & 2/17/19 –
Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 – Manny Francisco by Frasca Family
8:00 – Marian Manasserri by Family
12:10 – Duane Sbriscia by John & Camille Dellavedova

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:45 – Special Intention of Sherry Farmer by Pat & Prima Mattingly
8:00 – Valeria Mitzak by Mitzak Family
12:10 – Helen Lilly by Lilly Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:45 – Helen Casey (A) by Sons & Daughters
8:00 – Donna Rossini by Ron Rossini
12:10 – Margaret R. Janci by Janci Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:45 – Frank Gasparovic by Ayala Family
8:00 – Joseph F. Tolotta by Wife, Gloria
12:10 – John Murray by Barbara Murray

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:45 – Salvatore Napoli by M/M Roger DiVittorio
8:00 – Ellen Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly
12:10 – William Opdyke by Vance & Elaine Opdyke

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 – Albert Meglic by Family
8:00 – Francis T. Flynn, Jr. by Sisters & Brothers
4:30pm – Catherine V. McCann by Nieces & Nephews

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 – Jack Nehila by Gino Angelozzi
9:00 – Al & Edna Bevins by Betty Bevins
11:00 – Carmen Colatriano by Sister, Mary
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – Joeann Cebzanov by Dave & Julie Oppenheimer

Stewardship of Treasure

February 3, 2019: \$13,285.00

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 ●

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

11 - Monday - Our Lady of Lourdes

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 5)

12 - 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.

13 - Wednesday

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

14 - Thursday - Sts. Cyril & Methodius

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

15 - Friday

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

16 - Saturday

Columbiettes Loaf Cake Sale

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
9:00 - CH - Confession
11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
7:00 - MH - Bingo

17 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

Columbiettes Loaf Cake Sale

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast
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 FEBRUARY 16/17, 2019

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