

# 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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**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

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



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 17, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

Our parish honored several religious sisters at last Sunday's 11 AM Mass. Their good work is a blessing to many people in our community. Sister Clare, SJH, teaches a "make up" class in our CCD program – where she gets children who did not receive First Communion at the usual time ready for that Blessed Sacrament. Sr. Ellen, SJH, and Sr. Megan, SJH, both teach religion in our parish school. Sr. Michaelita, RSM -- who once was principal of our parish elementary school, now runs the local Catholic Charities, and helps many local families by her work.

Students from our parish school and CCD program presented the sisters with flowers, as the assembly at Mass gave them a grateful ovation. It was especially inspiring to me to see so many of our people stop to say a word of thanks to the sisters after Mass that day.

After Mass, I had occasion to speak with Sr. Michaelita about some of the homeless people in our community. The topic held a special relevance, as the newspaper that morning had an article about homeless people who have died in the recent cold. At least one of them was well-known to many of us, since he often spent nights in our Church (with my permission).

Many of you know that I often allow homeless people to spend the night in our Church, and they have never been a problem. But that is far from a perfect solution to the problem. Our parish participates in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which provides temporary housing for families who become homeless. I am thankful for those of you who support this effort, and encourage others to join their good efforts. The recent Blessing in a Bag collection was another effort by good-hearted parishioners to help the homeless in our area. Once again, I am thankful to all who lent a hand.

While I am well aware that no one of us can serve the needs of every homeless person in our community, it is important that we all do our part. Jesus said that He came that all people might have "life, and have it to the full." While He was no doubt speaking also about the Eternal Life in Heaven that only He can give, He clearly did his part to help people live a full life here on earth. His healing miracles helped people live a fuller life, and His teaching that His disciples help the poor in His Name shows that He wants us to help people have and enjoy the life He gave them here on earth.

Sadly, the recent news has been full of things that are directly opposed to helping people live life fully. The first was the new abortion law in New York State, which allows abortions to be performed literally until the moment the child is to be born – and even permits an abortionist to deny life-saving treatment to a baby born in a "botched" abortion.

The next is the fact that an increasing number of representatives in our own New Jersey State Legislature are supporting an Assisted Suicide Bill. I have written – and included inserts in our bulletin – about this before. States where this has passed have seen situations where insurance companies were willing to pay for low cost suicide drugs – but not life-saving treatments.

All three of these issues demand better, more life-giving answers. As Christians, we have to offer the homeless, expectant mothers, and long-suffering sick people better

options than death – regardless of what form it takes. Please spend some time thinking and praying about this, and doing what you can to help all the people in our world live life – and live it fully.

On this weekend, when our country honors George Washington – whose work gave life to the modern world's first democracy – and Abraham Lincoln – who made sure that all of its members were free to live life fully – let's be sure to do our part, too.

Please say a Hail Mary for me today, and every day. Please also pray for the local poor and homeless, and anyone whose ability to live life fully is in danger.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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### **Saint Update:**

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 28<sup>th</sup>.

Saints Philip and James is proud to announce that the students listed below will be moving on to the Regional Competition of the National History Day Project. This year's theme is "Triumph and Tragedy in History". We congratulate our students and wish them all the best at the competition, which will be held on March 2, 2019 at Rutgers University in Camden, NJ. Congratulations: Camilla Zelada, Madison Calaman, Isabella Perez, Catherine Mahoney, Emma Soergel, and Chad Bruckman.

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**

2/21 – No Bingo; 2/23 – E. Dean, D. Hasara, K. Basel, S. Price, K. Dorcley, J. Dolinski, J. Molesky

## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY**

The Church Office will be closed on Mon., February 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.

## **K. OF C. BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sun., February 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE & RELIOUS LIBERTY**

A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage & Religious Liberty will be held on Sat., February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am in the Chapel. Please join us to pray for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, the preservation of marriage, and for our nation that it will remain “one nation under God” with Godly principles and morals.

## **"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.

## **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Cemetery personnel will start their clean-up operation beginning March 1, 2019. Anyone wishing to obtain any decorations presently on the graves should do so by February 28. Any decorations left on the graves after this date will be discarded.

## **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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please watch for our upcoming Fellowship Sunday on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'd love to have more parishioners join us!

## **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.

## **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 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!

## **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.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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!

## **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 [bingo4spjs@gmail.com](mailto:bingo4spjs@gmail.com).

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

"Calling all Christians" – Join the upcoming global effort from March 6<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup> for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Make a stand for God and country proclaiming the value of life at this critical time in our nation. Offer time to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Main Street, Washington. There will be an opening rally on March 3<sup>rd</sup> between 2-4pm outside the Planned Parenthood. Please pledge to lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information, contact Jennifer English at [amjadopt@comcast.net](mailto:amjadopt@comcast.net) or (973) 525-6692, or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>.

## **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.

## **PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP CHECCHIO**

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop James F. Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico on October 20-24, 2019. Information meetings will be held on Tues., February 19 at 7:30pm as well as Sat., February 23 at 10am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. All are welcome!

## **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**

Count your blessings – share your food. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**February 23/24, 2019**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya & Christopher Hill  
Ministers: Melody Talpas & Thomas Casey; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Eileen Dean, C3 – Robert Ellwood, C4 – Keith Gallagher  
Lector: Judy Leone  
Servers: Brady Carver & Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh  
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Mary Duaine  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Steven Fulse & Isabella McKenna

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Daniel Perez & Lauren Rautenberg  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Charlene Hummell; C1 – Rosemary Carnali, C2 – Anne Coyle, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Eileen Kerrigan  
Lector: Theresa Duaine  
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Chiazam Odimma

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: KJ Kassick & Jason Divinagracia  
Ministers: Elizabeth Divinagracia & Barbara Shaneberger; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Carol Bevilacqua, C4 – Denise Kassick  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Servers: Andrew Sretenovic & Alexander Brahm & Logan Shoudt

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Yakubu Miles  
Lector: Aidan Lavigne  
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza & Isaiah Miles

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

2/17/19 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua  
2/24/19 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

### **Brakeley Care Center**

2/17/19 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi  
2/24/19 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawela

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

2/17/19 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus  
2/24/19 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (President's Day)

6:45 – Nellie Tumulty by Tony & Mary Celia  
 8:00 – Daniel R. Boyle by Boyle Family  
 9:00 – Mark Tickle by Merrie Mulrine  
 12:10 – No Mass

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:45 – John Stress by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche  
 8:00 – Frank Romeo by Family  
 12:10 – Ben Tedesco by Jim Sciascia

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:45 – Walter Da Roche by Bernie Rooney  
 8:00 – Darren Washbourne by Talpas Family  
 12:10 – Janet Piatt Byrne by Kathy & Tom Farina

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:45 – Louis David Lopez by Byrne Family  
 8:00 – Kazimierz & Joanna Malopolski by Family  
 12:10 – Mary Catherine Daroche by Kay & Jim Lennon

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:45 – Theresa Merlo by M/M Pat Chillot  
 8:00 – Bernadette Regier by Karen & Gerry Llanos  
 12:10 – Leona J. Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 – Lena Postlethwait by Sister  
 8:00 – Alayna Sulick by Family  
 4:30pm – Helen Lewis by Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 – Rose Scalfaro by Sister, Martha Richline  
 9:00 – Deceased Members of Napoli & Haney Families by Lucy Haney  
 11:00 – Laura McDonald by Tom & Marion Smith & Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Alvera Pettinari by Ron Rossini

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 17 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### 18 - Monday - President's Day

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - MH - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K. of C. Mtg.  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Consoling the Heart of Jesus Series  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 6)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 19 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 4:00 - SSPJ - No CCD  
 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.

### 20 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:30-7:30 - CH - Confirmation Practice (Candidates/Sponsors)  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)  
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

### 21 - Thursday - St. Peter Damian

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - CH - Confirmation Mass  
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army  
 7:00 - MH - No Bingo

### 22 - Friday - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

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

### 23 - Saturday - St. Polycarp

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

### 24 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

February 10, 2019: \$11,387.50  
 Catholic Press Month: \$1,095.50  
 January's Online Contributions: \$7,980.50

### **Parish Capital Campaign**

Total Pledged as of 2/1/19: \$1,491,611.00  
 Total Collected as of 2/1/19: \$606,584.36

*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 23/24, 2019**

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