

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);  
Also, Monday - 5pm-8pm

**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

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(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

"The Lord rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness."



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 24, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

This is one of those times when I had to write my article earlier than I like, due to the President's Day holiday. I hope you had a good one!

By the time you read this, about 75 young men and women – mostly eighth graders – will have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since I had to write this before the ceremony, I can't tell you much about it. But I can tell you how much I have enjoyed working with these candidates as they prepared for this great day.

I especially enjoyed giving their Confirmation Retreat, and seeing them grow in their understanding of what it means to be a witness for Jesus Christ. Teaching some make-up classes for those in CCD was a pleasure, as was teaching the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our school each week. Reading what they admired about the saints whose names they chose for Confirmation was very inspiring – as many of the young people clearly put a lot of thought into their choices.

Please pray for these young men and women. Our parish is truly blessed to have so many fine young people among her members. They are a tribute to their families and all who prepared them for this special day. I pray that, with the Holy Spirit's help, they will follow Jesus closely and make a difference for good in our troubled world.

Speaking of Confirmation, we will soon start working with this year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders – to give them a head start on their Confirmation preparation. We're doing this because, with the Bishop coming for Confirmation much earlier than in the past, a number of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders felt somewhat rushed in their preparations. Starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade will give everyone ample time to complete everything.

On Sunday, March 31, there will be a meeting for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders who want to be Confirmed next year (in 8<sup>th</sup> grade), along with their parents. It will be held in Mercy Hall at 10 AM. Please watch the bulletin for more details!

Included in this week's bulletin is our Annual Parish Financial Statement. A letter on the reverse side lends some context to it. Please read over both the statement and the letter.

Please also come to a Parish Meeting in Mercy Hall following next Sunday's 9 AM Mass. There will, of course, be coffee, juice, and donuts. I will speak very briefly about the Financial Statement, and entertain questions you may have. I hope to see you there!

In the meantime, please say a Hail Mary for me today, and every day. I really appreciate your prayers – and the many other kindnesses shown to me by so many of you. It really is a pleasure to be your priest!

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>.

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.

Congratulations to our Saints Basketball teams who worked so hard this season. We are so proud of all of your hard work.

### **BINGO**

2/28 – S. Behme, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, A. Matlock, G. Mino; 3/2 – G. Siano, E. Bott, L. Phillips, B./M. Derr, W. Emanuel, L. Machado, C. Russo, C. Allmer

### **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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**"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.

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION**

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of March 2/3, 2019. March'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!

**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.

**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.

**BASEBALL, TEE-BALL AND SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS**

To sign up for Saints baseball, tee-ball and softball, please visit <https://spjs.sportngin.com/register/form/631167535>. Softball is open to grades 1-9 and baseball/tee-ball for grades PK-3 through grade 10. We participate in Stateliner Youth Softball and Baseball, Greater Easton Area Baseball and Bushkill Valley Baseball. For more information, please contact Brian O'Hare for baseball/tee-ball at (908) 283-9902, Dan Soto for softball at (908) 763-0726 or Ed Socci at (908) 235-8800. God Bless our Saints!

**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.

**CALENDAR RAFFLES NOW FOR SALE!**

Saints Philip and James School Calendar Raffles are now for sale! Raffles are \$10, and there will be weekly chances to win starting in April through the end of June. You can win multiple times, and there will be prizes as large as \$250.00. Please contact (908) 859-1244 to order your raffle.

**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 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 [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. 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/>.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Kelly Wahlquist, wife and mother, Catholic evangelist and speaker, will give the keynote address at the Annual Retreat for Women held by the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope, on Sat., April 27, 2019, from 8:30am to 1:30pm at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church, 105 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ. The Day includes Mass, quiet prayer, inspirational workshops, the Rosary, refreshments and fellowship. Registration forms for the retreat will be available after March 1 at [www.sistersofjesusourhope.org](http://www.sistersofjesusourhope.org).

### **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**

Do a good deed – help those in need. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**March 2/3, 2019**  
SATURDAY EVENING

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick  
Ministers: Judy Leone & Keith Gallagher; C1 – Denise Kassick, C2 – Edward Socci, C3 – Margie Markus, C4 – Kevin Kassick  
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan  
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Anthony Ventura & Brady Carver

SUNDAY MORNING

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara  
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Barbara Balas  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Zackary Payran  
Ministers: William Hillhouse & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Valerie Lusardi, C2 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C3 – Donna Kucinski, C4 – Joseph Lusardi  
Lector: Henrietta Schupper  
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Paxton Payran

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Michael Juliano  
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Karen Llanos, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Samuel Fatta  
Lector: Gerard Llanos  
Servers: Jack Juliano & Luciana Perna & Alexander Brahm

### **5:30pm**

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

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

2/24/19 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

3/3/19 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood

### **Brakeley Care Center**

2/24/19 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawela

3/3/19 – Melody Talpas & Diane Volk

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

2/24/19 & 3/3/19 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 – Carmella Fisher by Camille Rapinesi  
 8:00 – Timothy J. Balas by Family  
 12:10 – Marie & Antonio Caccese by Family

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:45 – Anne Harrison by Martha Richline  
 8:00 – Vince Catali by Debbie & Joe Stefano  
 12:10 – Salvatore Bartolotta by Lucy Jiorle

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:45 – Mary DeMatto by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluce  
 8:00 – Jack Kocsis (A) by Wife & Family  
 12:10 – Laura McDonald by Mom & Dad & Family

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:45 – Msgr. Joseph Francis Sheehan (A)  
 8:00 – Frank "Whitey" Spirik by Son-in-law, Barry Rosnagle  
 12:10 – Charlie Stanfield by Allen Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

6:45 – Richard Rosnagle by Brother, Barry Rosnagle  
 8:00 – Mame Crosby by Ann Marie & Girls  
 12:10 – Theresa & Peter Schiro (A)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 – Francis T. Flynn, Sr. by Family  
 8:00 – Frank Rosnagle by Son, Patrick Rosnagle  
 4:30pm – Martin Family by Jim & Ruthie

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:00 – Timothy J. Balas by Family  
 9:00 – Joseph Fortino by Yola & Enzo Marinelli  
 11:00 – Vincenza & Gregory Fodero & Son, Frank by Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Charles & Betty Haviland by Family

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

February 17, 2019: \$10,163.00  
 Adopt-a-Missionary: \$594.00

### **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>

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 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

### 25 - Monday

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

### 26 - 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.

### 27 - 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.

### 28 - Thursday

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

### 1 - MARCH - Friday

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

### 2 - Saturday

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

### 3 - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Food for the Needy Collection

10:00 - MH - Parish Meeting & Fellowship Sunday  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 12:00 - Conf. Room - "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" Series  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30-5:00 - PMR - Spanish Pre-Cana

### **MASS CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 2/3, 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