

# 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,  
Deacon Rob Fisher

**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

**Bookkeeper:** Maria DeSapio

**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



**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + March 3, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

Believe it or not, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Masses will be offered in our Church that day at 6:45 and 8 AM and at 12:10, 5, and 7 PM. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all those Masses.

There are several ways of looking at Lent. Some people see it simply as a time of penance. We give up treats we like to show that we are sorry for our sins and want to do better in the future. This is a good way of looking at Lent.

Other people look at Lent as a time to do something extra for God. They go to Daily Mass or practice extra charity as a way of going the extra mile for God during this holy season. This is also a good way of looking at Lent.

I personally think that it's best to see Lent as a little of both. It is indeed a time of penance – but also a time for spiritual growth. This means that we make the most of Lent by both repenting of sin and doing something extra for God!

To help you do this, our parish is doing several things this Lent. We will hold a series called Lenten Wednesdays on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7 PM. Every Wednesday a different priest or deacon will expose the Blessed Sacrament, preach a Lenten homily, and give Benediction. The schedule of celebrants and topics can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. I encourage everyone to attend at least one – if not all – of these evenings.

The Lenten Wednesday on March 20<sup>th</sup> will be a special Parish Night of Awakening. It will include special preachers from the diocese, music, Confession, and Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. I'll give you more details as it gets closer. For now, I'd ask you to make plans to attend!

We will – of course – pray the Stations of the Cross in Church every Friday of Lent at 3 and 7 PM. Stations will also be prayed in the Church at 7 PM on Tuesdays in Spanish. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a great way to remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday – and to do something extra for Him!

Next Sunday we will distribute a book called *Signs of Life*. Written by a well-known convert to Catholicism, this book will give you a deeper understanding of many things we do and use as Catholics – from Holy Water to candles to Sacraments. It is easy to read, too. I hope every family will take and read it this Lent.

Rice Bowls will be distributed as a means of helping us practice charity this Lent. As usual, I encourage every family to take one and fill it up this Lent. A good way to do this is to put spare change in it each day – or to eat a simple meal once a week this Lent and put the money saved in the Rice Bowl for the poor.

Confessions will be heard every Saturday during Lent – and extra Confessors will be assigned to help hear them. Additionally, we will have a Lenten Penance Service on Monday, April 1 at 7 PM. At least 10 priests will be here to help hear Confessions that evening, making it a good time to repent of your sins this Lent.

My hope is that everyone will take advantage of these opportunities to repent of our sins and do something extra for God this Lent. Indeed, let's all resolve to make this the best

Lent of our lives – so that we can celebrate Jesus' resurrection this Easter with our faith renewed and re-energized!!

Have a great week!

Fr. John

P.S. Next week I will introduce a special program for those who wish to make a personal consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe this Lent – which I hope many of us will!



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### Saint Update:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on Winterfest! We are so proud of our students and their efforts to join the fight against Pediatric Cancer. We had a great week complete with a bowling trip and a celebration of Dr. Seuss and his work. We are looking forward to spring and warmer weather. The Walk-A-Thon will be upon us shortly, as well as our first ever Food Truck Festival, and our Annual Carnival. Please remember we have our brand new referral program in place for those who introduce new families to our school. We also have calendar raffles now for sale. We hope you will support this worthwhile fundraiser!

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2019

#### Wednesday evenings at 7pm

#### Exposition, Readings and Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday	Celebrant & Preacher	Topic
March 13	Fr. John	Characters of the Cross
March 20	Parish Night of Awakening / Main Speaker: Fr. Tim Christy	
March 27	Deacon Enock	Suffering
April 3	Deacon Rob	Lenten Topic
April 10	Deacon Larry	Prayer
April 17	TBA	

#### Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 3 PM and 7 PM; Spanish Stations at 7 PM on Tuesdays

## **BINGO**

**3/7** – S. Freeman, F. Romero-Zelada, L. Zellers, J. Troxell, E. Suansing, M. Ott, K. Higgins; **3/9** – S. Oluwole, E. Bott, J. Byrne, H. Chamberlin, J. Lopez

## **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: SOPHIA QUINN MARAVENTANO, daughter of M/M Richard Maraventano

## **LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE AS OUR LADY TRAVELS**

In February, Our Lady of Guadalupe traveling kits were introduced to our parish. We are thankful for the following families who graciously hosted Our Lady in their homes: Lopez, Clark, Mitzak, Mino, Roeder, Clarke, Giacalone, Brogan, Foye. If you would like to acquire a kit, please look for sign-up forms in the foyer of the church.

## **"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 2pm, 3pm, 7pm & 8pm, Tuesdays at 9pm,**  
**Fridays at Noon, 2pm, 6pm & 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.

## **LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be hosting Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays, March 8, March 22, April 5 and Good Friday, April 19, from 4:00-7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Adults: \$8.00, Children 7 & Older: \$4.00, Children under 7: Free. Pizza: \$2.00 per slice. All proceeds will be donated to SPSJ and St. Mary Churches.

## **K. OF C. MONTHLY BREAKFASTS**

Until further notice, the Knights of Columbus breakfasts will be cancelled. A sincere thank you to the parishioners for their past support. – Al Redondo, Grand Knight.

## **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!

## **LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY**

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

## **33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE**

Join us in learning more about the Divine Mercy Message & St. Theresa, the Little Flower. We will be journeying for 33 Days with Fr. Michael Gaitley from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, with his DVD's and book, *33 Days to Merciful Love*. Come and join us on Mon., March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room to find out more about this series. To order the book, call (908) 454-9880 and leave your name and phone number.

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT SSPJ SCHOOL**

Substitute teachers needed at Saints Philip & James School. Clearances and certifications required. A Pre-K teacher is also needed. Early education certification and clearance required. Maintenance person needed. Hours 6:30am-3:00pm. Cleaning experience preferred. Clearances necessary. 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.

## **DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE**

A pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts will be held on Fri., May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is \$65. Board at 7am at Saints Philip & James School, 137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg. Contact Camille at (908) 319-2719 for reservations.

## **THANK YOU!**

The Columbiettes thank you for supporting them in the loaf cake sale. We are blessed to be part of a very giving parish. – Judy Leone, President.

## **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!

**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.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**"Help Build a Civilization of Love"...** Twenty-four percent -- \$1.7 million dollars -- of the funds raised by the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend of March 16/17, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Children learn by example. Teach yours to be generous to the poor. Let the kids help carry the bags. *Remember -- "Food for the Needy" Collection -- First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

**March 9/10, 2019**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

**4:30pm**

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya & Christopher Hill  
Ministers: Dorothy Kays & Ronald Rossini; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Keith Gallagher, C4 – Eileen Dean  
Lector: Louis Moyer  
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Luciana Perna

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**7:00am**

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh  
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak  
Lector: Geraldine Bowie  
Servers: Sofia Grimshaw & Steven Fulse

**9:00am**

Acolyte: Mark-Luke & Stephen Gural  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna; C1 – Maria Gural, C2 – Rosemary Carnali, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Donna Kucinski  
Lector: Yvonne Montigue  
Servers: Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes & Riley Perna

**11:00am**

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia & Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Elizabeth Divinagracia & Carol Bevilacqua; C1 – Pat James, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Judy Leone, C4 – Gloria Cervasi  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Hannah Adams & Lillee Chismar

**5:30pm**

Acolyte: Blaise Erz  
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger  
Lector: Aidan Lavigne  
Servers: Matthew Erz & Vincent Demaisip

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

**Lopatcong Care Center**

3/3/19 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood  
3/10/19 – Lynn & Matthew Markus

**Brakeley Care Center**

3/3/19 – Melody Talpas & Diane Volk  
3/10/19 – Rosemary Carnali & Maria Gural

**Phillipsburg Care Center**

3/3/19 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle  
3/10/19 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 4

6:45 – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family  
 8:00 – Harvey Rosznagle by Brother, Barry Rosznagle  
 12:10 – Millard Barlieb by The Flynn's

### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

6:45 – Barbara Ruda Ameden by DePillo Family  
 8:00 – Mary Louise Rosznagle by Daughters, Wendy Steckert & Jaclyn Rosznagle  
 12:10 – Ann Heller by Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

#### ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

6:45 – Fermina Rossini by Family  
 8:00 – Harold Smith, Jr. by Family  
 12:10 – James P. McDevitt, Sr. by Sisters & Brother  
 5:00pm – Richard Solt by Jim Sciascia  
 7:00pm – Alex Durand by Espinal Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

6:45 – Marie Anne Berluche by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche  
 8:00 – Alayna Sulick by A Friend  
 12:10 – Frank Bronico by Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

6:45 – Maria N. Echavarria by Family  
 8:00 – Petronella & Vincent Skears by Margaret Skears  
 12:10 – Ronald "Punk" Snyder (A) by Wife, Marcella & Family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 – Natalina Rodriguez by Jo-Ann Scott  
 8:00 – Charlie Farley by The Flynn's  
 4:30pm – William Casey by Sons & Daughters

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McFadden by Family  
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Gino Angelozzi  
 11:00 – Angela Bevilacqua by Volk Family  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Edward Hull by Eileen & Maureen Kerrigan

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 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

### 4 - Monday - St. Casimir

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 8)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 5 - Tuesday

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 - Ash Wednesday

#### (Day of Fast & Abstinence - Ashes distributed at all Masses)

#### Masses: 6:45am, 8am, 12:10pm, 5pm, 7pm

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 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

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

### 8 - Friday - St. John of God

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross  
 4:00-7:00 - MH - K. of C. Lenten Fish Dinner  
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

### 9 - Saturday - St. Frances of Rome

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

### 10 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 - CH - Girl Scout Mass  
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 11:00 - CH - Columbiettes Mass, followed by Communion Breakfast  
 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

### Stewardship of Treasure

February 24, 2019: \$10,931.00

### 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>

### MASS CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 9/10, 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. Pat