

# 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



*Celebrate  
with all the  
bounty the  
Lord has  
given.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent + March 10, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. My favorite analogy for Lent is Spring Training. Just as baseball players get in shape during Spring Training, Catholics use Lent to get in better "spiritual shape". The traditional ways to do this are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are encouraged to do a little more praying, fast as a penance for our sins, and be generous to the poor. What follows are some suggestions for doing this.

Try to get to Daily Mass during Lent. If you can't get there every day, at least try to get to Daily Mass at least once a week. The Mass is the most powerful prayer we have, and we do well to make good use of it. Another good way to pray this Lent would be to attend the Parish Lenten Mission on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Each evening will include time for prayer, as well as a Lenten homily, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. I would especially encourage families to come to these evenings – at least once this Lent – just to expose your children to the beautiful practice of Benediction.

If at all possible, come to the Night of Spiritual Awakening on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a night of adoration, prayer, and praise. A special preacher will be here to speak, a few priests will be here to hear Confessions, and the evening will end with Benediction. I had the pleasure of attending a Night of Awakening in another parish a few weeks ago – and found it very inspiring and uplifting. I'm sure you will, too!

Stations of the Cross will begin this Friday at 3 and 7 PM. These meditations, which help us reflect on all that Jesus did for us on that first Good Friday, are a tried and true way to pray during Lent. I hope that every family in our parish will get to the Stations of the Cross as many Friday's as possible this Lent. (Stations will be prayed in Spanish on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM.)

To assist people in almsgiving, our parish will participate in the Rice Bowl again this year. I would ask every family to take a Rice Bowl and fill it with change this Lent. This money is given to Catholic agencies that serve the poor. Many families make a practice of having a very simple meal once a week during Lent – and donating the savings to the Rice Bowl. Others place spare change in it each day. These are a just a few ways you can easily be good to the poor this Lent.

Most of all, I encourage everyone to make a good Confession this Lent. Confessions are heard every Saturday at 9-9:30 AM and 3:15-4:15 PM. Additionally, there will be a Penance Service on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. Many priests will be available to hear Confessions that evening. Whether you go to the Penance Service or regular Confessions, be sure to get to Confession this Lent.

Our Church takes on a somber tone during Lent. Most of the images are covered, and there are no flowers. Simple Latin chants are used for the Mass parts. The idea is to help us enter into this holy season on many different levels

– as a reminder of our need to get into better spiritual shape this Lent.

Please remember to pray a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. I pray for all of you daily. Let's also pray for the grace to make a good Lent – and to use this holy season to really get in good spiritual shape for Easter.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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### Saint Update:

Congratulations to the students who are progressing in the National History Competition. The National History Day Regional Contest was held March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rutgers-Camden. We have three students who are state qualifiers for SSPJ and will be moving on to state competition May 4<sup>th</sup> at William Paterson University. Congratulations to the following students: Chad Bruckman, individual website, "Tragedy and Triumph at Wounded Knee", Catherine Mahoney, individual website, "Triumph and Tragedy in New Jersey: Selachophobia and the Real-Life 'Jaws'", and Camilla Zelada, Madison Calaman, Isabella Perez, group website, "The Triumph and Tragedy of Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton". We are so proud of all of your hard work!

Please remember we have our brand new referral program for those who introduce new families to our school.

### 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**

**3/14** – S. Freeman, K. Tichy, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock, S./J. Kugelman, A. Wayne; **3/16** – D. Kassick, M. Miles, M. Lombardi, E. Prolog, A. Wayne, S. Good, C. Allmer

## **"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, 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.

## **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.

## **PART-TIME ORGANIST/KEYBOARDIST NEEDED**

SPSJ is looking for a part-time organist/keyboardist to cover the 5:30pm Masses and possibly some evening Masses for some Holy Days of Obligation. Please call the Church Office (908-454-0112) and leave your contact information for the Music Director, Paul Kucinski.

## **YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS CANCELLED**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the parish youth group will not be meeting for the time being. Please continue to check back for updates on new meeting dates and times.

## **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.

## **SCAPULAR INVESTITURE**

Scapular Investiture, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will be on Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass. *On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying "Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire...it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace."*

## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT SSPJ SCHOOL**

•Substitute teachers needed. 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. Please contact Margie Markus to reserve your spot: [markus.margie06@gmail.com](mailto:markus.margie06@gmail.com) or (908) 859-1244.

## **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.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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).

### **ENGLISH CLASSES FOR SPANISH-SPEAKERS**

St. Philip & St. James is offering English classes for beginners. This class will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. In this class, students will learn English vocabulary with an emphasis on pronunciation. In addition to improving conversation, students will also practice reading and writing in English. The goal of this class is to assist students to develop confidence in their ability to communicate in English, through basic conversation, reading and writing. If you are interested in learning more about this class, please come to an information meeting on Tues., March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Mercy Hall. For more information, please contact Sandy Spence via email: [sandraspence@hotmail.com](mailto:sandraspence@hotmail.com) or (908) 329-5528.

### **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!

### **WORD OF LIFE**

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living." – USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer, [www.usccb.org/worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/worth-living)

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**"Help Build a Civilization of Love"...** By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Philip and St. James. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization and Communication. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

There are people in Phillipsburg who are old, hungry and can't afford to buy food. Please help. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

## ● MINISTRY ●

**March 16/17, 2019**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30pm**

Acolyte: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick  
Ministers: Thomas Casey & Edward Socci; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Kevin Kassick, C3 – Denise Kassick, C4 – Ines Berluche  
Lector: Judy Leone  
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Mathias Gahles & Nicholas Socci

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara  
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Mary Duaime  
Lector: Geraldine Bowie  
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada  
Ministers: Kyle Allen & Brittany Allen; C1 – Lynn Markus, C2 – Eileen Kerrigan, C3 – Anne Coyle, C4 – Matthew Markus  
Lector: Theresa Duaime  
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brooke Troxell

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo & Michael Juliano  
Ministers: Samuel Fatta & Patricia Palazzo; C1 – Theresa Richey, C2 – Paul Juliano, C3 – Karen Juliano, C4 – Robert Hopkins  
Lector: Aidan Lavigne  
Servers: Alexander Brahm & Andrew Sretenovic & Robby Basel

### **5:30pm**

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte  
Minister: Michael Clark  
Lector: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Sebastian Mendoza & Julian Mendoza

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

3/10/19 – Lynn & Matthew Markus

3/17/19 – No Service

### **Brakeley Care Center**

3/10/19 – Rosemary Carnali & Maria Gural

3/17/19 – No Service

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

3/10/19 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

3/17/19 – No Service

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:45 – Carmella Fisher by Catholic Daughters Court Warren #389  
 8:00 – Salvatore Napoli by Tom & Pat O'Neil  
 12:10 – Janet Piatt Byrne by Bernie Rooney

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:45 – Special Intention of Natalie Piazza by Debbie & Pat  
 8:00 – Leona Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey  
 12:10 – Edith Sciascia by Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:45 – Deceased Members of Clarke Family by Peter & Patricia Clarke  
 8:00 – Virginia Rosnagle by Son, Patrick Rosnagle  
 12:10 – Deceased Speer & Carroll Families by Speer Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

6:45 – Deceased Mount Priests by Fr. John Barbella  
 8:00 – Elfrieda Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey  
 12:10 – John J. Natisin, Sr. by Wife

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:45 – Donna Lee Kowalchuk by SSPJ School  
 8:00 – Gildo DePaolis by Tom & Fran Bronico  
 12:10 – Adeline Mercadante by John & Camille Dellavedova

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 – Claudio Pengue by M/M Mike Smith  
 8:00 – Vincent Catalli by Eileen Catalli & Family  
 4:30pm – Gail N. Martin by Jim & Ruthie Martin

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 – Perine Family by Martha Perine Richline  
 9:00 – Edwin Vega by Wife & Family  
 11:00 – Nancy V. Delsaro by Janet & Phil  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Paddy Bracken by The Flynn's

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 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

### 11 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:30 - MH - Catholic Daughters Mtg.  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Merciful Love  
 Series  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 9)

### 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  
 7:00 - CH - Spanish Stations of the Cross  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 13 - Wednesday

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

### 14 - Thursday

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  
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

### 16 - Saturday

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

### 17 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

March 3, 2019: \$12,856.00

### **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 16/17, 2019**

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