

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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For Emergencies, please call (908) 455-4346.

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



2nd Sunday of Lent + March 17, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of attending the Rite of Election at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral. It was a special prayer service in which our Bishop prayed with the catechumens and candidates of our diocese. Catechumens are unbaptized persons who are preparing for Baptism. Candidates may be baptized non-Catholics or Catholics who were Baptized, but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

Several catechumens and candidates from our parish took part in the Rite of Election. They are preparing to be received into Full Communion with our Holy Catholic Church this Easter. Please keep them in your prayers as that day draws near.

Remember that we will have a Spiritual Evening of Awakening in our Church this Wednesday, March 20, from 7-9pm. It will be a time for prayer and spiritual renewal. In these days – when so many things can weaken and test our faith – this special evening is exactly what many of us need. I hope that many of you will fill our Church this Wednesday. It's a great way to "re-charge" your spiritual batteries.

Speaking of spiritual renewal – the booklets for the Personal Consecration to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe have arrived. You can get one from any of our priests or deacons at Church, or at the Parish Office. Information on small group meeting for those who wish to make the consecration that way can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to re-dedicate yourself to Christ and His Blessed Mother.

By this time most – if not all – of us have received the mailing about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$78,000 -- of which more than \$19,000 has already been donated by some of our fellow parishioners. Remember that 50% of donations over our goal will be rebated to our parish to support our Youth Ministry.

Remember also that our diocese has been very good to our parish. They have been carrying our outstanding debt and paying our property and liability insurance for many years! A gift to the Bishop's Appeal – even a small one – is a nice way to say "thank you!"

I went to visit my mother after the Rite of Election last Sunday. My brother-in-law, Phil, and my Uncle Gene were there, too. We enjoyed a quick dinner and some nice conversation together. I hadn't been home in a long time – and it was nice to get there!

Please say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. Let's also be sure to pray for the catechumens and candidates who will be Baptized and Confirmed into the Catholic Church this Easter. Finally, let's all be sure to pray for peace and a deeper friendship with the Lord Jesus.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

P.S. – If you did not get a copy of the Lenten Book – *Signs of Life* – there are plenty in the Church lobby. Just take one!



Saints Philip and James School

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Saint Update:

We are proud of our students for working hard through an entire week of IOWA testing. The students are also hard at work preparing for their spring sports and activities, as well as for their upcoming theatre performance.

We have so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We have begun preparations for our Annual Walk-a-Thon. We also will be hosting our first ever Food Truck Festival on June 1st. In addition, our Annual Carnival will be June 26-30.

Bunny Brunch – Reserve your spot now! Saturday, April 13 from 10:00am-12:30pm at Flynn's on the Hill. Join us for an exciting morning complete with an egg hunt, delicious food, fun activities, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2019

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Exposition, Readings and Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

| Wednesday | Celebrant & Preacher | Topic |
|-----------|--|--------------|
| 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

3/21 – C. Sumner, B. Falvey, C. Corona, A. Armagno, K. Juliano, J. Bayrasli, J. Giraud-Soto; **3/23** – E. Dean, D. Hasara, K. Basel, S. Price, K. Dorcleay

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

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be hosting Lenten Fish Dinners on Fridays, 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.

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.

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 March 3rd. Please watch for our upcoming Fellowship Sunday on April 7th! We'd love to have more parishioners join us!

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.

SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

Scapular Investiture, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will be on Sun., March 24th 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. • Custodial 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 April 7th from 1-3pm. This is a great way 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 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. Please contact Margie Markus to reserve your spot: 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. You do not need to be present or local to participate in this fundraiser. These make excellent gifts! Please contact (908) 859-1244 to order your raffle. We will also be selling calendars after Masses on March 23/24.

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 3rd. Cost is \$65. Board at 7am at Saints Philip & James School, 137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg. Contact Camille at (908) 319-2719 for reservations.

A STUDY ON THE BLESSED MOTHER

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Mary Church, Alpha, beginning Tues., March 19 at 1:30pm and again at 7pm and continuing every Tuesday for eight weeks. For more information, call Fr. Jim at the Parish Office (908-454-0444) or email stmparishbiblestudy@gmail.com.

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.

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 26th at 10:00am in Mercy Hall. For more information, please contact Sandy Spence via email: 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. (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

"Maya discovered she was pregnant six months into her freshman year of college. When her son was born, she placed him with a very kind adoptive family; she "just knew they were the right choice." Now, years later, Maya emphasizes the importance of offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption." Learn how at www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption. – USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Help Build a Civilization of Love"... This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Please give that much. Remember – **"Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.**

● MINISTRY ●

March 23/24, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas & William Haussman
Ministers: Margie Markus & Melody Talpas; C1 – Ronald Rossini, C2 – Keith Gallagher, C3 – Edward Socci, C4 – Thomas Casey
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Mark Talpas & Andrew Haussman & Anthony Ventura

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Steven Fulse & Sofia Grimshaw

9:00am

Acolyte: Zackary Payran & Jason Divinagracia
Ministers: Donna Kucinski & Rosemary Carnali; C1 – Elizabeth Divinagracia, C2 – Kyle Allen, C3 – Brittany Allen, C4 – Mario Madawela
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Paxton Payran & Brett Bruckman & Joseph Cruz

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Pat James & Carol Bevilacqua; C1 – Barbara Shaneberger, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Gloria Cervasi, C4 – Samuel Fatta
Lector: Yvonne Montague
Servers: Ricky Krouse & Andrew Sretenovic & Lillee Chismar

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Yakubu Miles
Lector: Ryanne Bigelli
Servers: Lacey Allen & Zakery Allen & Isaiah Miles

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

3/17/19 – No Service

3/24/19 – Kyle & Brittany Allen

Brakeley Care Center

3/17/19 – No Service

3/24/19 – Donna Kucinski & Eileen Dean

Phillipsburg Care Center

3/17/19 – No Service

3/24/19 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18

6:45 – Special Intention of Jaime Rocha by Magnolia
 8:00 – William & Nancy Hughes by Vance Opdyke
 12:10 – Lisa Lounsbury by Florence Cranmer

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 – Joseph Heil by Frances DiVittorio
 8:00 – Geraldine Rossnagle by Norman Rossnagle & Family
 12:10 – John Mamrak, Sr. by Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:45 – Mass of Thanksgiving by Leah & Matthew Gugnon
 8:00 – Paul McCluskey by Luis Henao
 12:10 – Argentati Family by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:45 – Patricia Mary Elliott by Delatola Family
 8:00 – Thomas & Lena Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly
 12:10 – Janet Piatt Byrne by Sue & Joe LaGullo

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

6:45 – Mildred Carducci by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 8:00 – Ryan P. Snyder by Rosemary Patti
 12:10 – Dale Briggs by Mac Briggs

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 – Special Intention of Jose Roberto Dutra by Magnolia
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Family
 4:30pm – Carol McGuire by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 – Mary DeNicuoli by Daughter
 9:00 – Louis & Mary Napoli by Daughter, Lucy
 11:00 – Arthur Stannard by Children
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Rossini Family by Family

● CALENDAR ●

17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

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

18 - Monday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - MH - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.
 7:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Merciful Love Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

19 - Tuesday - St. Joseph

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

20 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Our Lady of Guadalupe Awakening Night
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

21 - Thursday

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

22 - Friday

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

23 - Saturday - St. Turobius of Mogrovejo

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

24 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure

March 10, 2019: \$12,086.00
 Ash Wednesday: \$3,953.50
 February's On-Line Contributions: \$8,182.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 3/1/19: \$1,490,164.90
 Total Collected as of 3/1/19: \$617,516.45

*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 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