

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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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



3rd Sunday of Lent + March 24, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

This Friday our parish will host 24 Hours for the Lord. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in our Church (rather than the chapel) from 9 AM Friday until 9 AM Saturday. People are invited to come and spend some quiet time with our Lord that day and night. You may come and stay for as long or as little as you like. It would be great if you could spend at least an hour with Jesus.

There will be some special prayer services during this time. A special Holy Hour at 9 PM Friday evening, and prayers at 8:30 AM Saturday morning. Confessions will be heard after Stations of the Cross Friday evening and at 9 AM Saturday morning. Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 and 7 PM Friday, and the Daily Masses will be offered as usual.

Spending extra time in prayer is a great thing to do during Lent. To make a special effort to come at an "inconvenient" hour in the middle of the night is a special sacrifice to make for Jesus. It can even be offered as a special prayer for yourself, your family, or others. I hope many of you will take advantage of the opportunity!

Remember that we will have our parish Lenten Penance Service on Monday, April 1 at 7 PM. As usual, we will have about ten priests available to hear Confessions that evening. I am happy to announce that Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, a Missionary of Mercy, will preach at the brief service at 7 PM.

For those who may not know, a Missionary of Mercy is a priest who, after special training in Rome, has been commissioned by Pope Francis to preach the message of God's great mercy. He is also empowered by the Holy Father to forgive "reserved" sins (ones that normally require forgiveness from the Pope – such as desecration of the Blessed Sacrament). It should be a grace-filled evening – and I look forward to celebrating it with you.

Next week I will place Examinations of Conscience in the bulletin to help people prepare for Confession. You can also find pamphlets on *"How to Make a Good Confession"* around the Church. Please be sure to go to Confession before Lent is over, so you can celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a truly pure and grace-filled soul.

Finally, I want to remind everyone to give us a call when a family member is in the hospital. Current privacy regulations prevent the hospital from giving us a "list" of Catholic patients. Without a regular Catholic chaplain at St. Luke's Warren, it is very easy for someone to be missed.

A priest is on call for emergencies every day. Fr. James Tucker from St. Mary's is covering such emergencies on Mondays and Tuesdays, Fr. Burt Coruna of Annunciation in Bloomsbury is covering Wednesdays, and Fr. Leo and I cover Thursday thru Sunday. The hospital will call these priests if you request Anointing of the Sick, etc.

My hope is that a new priest chaplain will be assigned this spring. Until that time, please be sure to let us know if

a family member is in the hospital and would like one of us to visit. Fr. Leo and I are always glad to do this. It is one of the reasons we became priests!

Say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day – and have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

Please remember to turn in your registration forms if you have not already done so! Some classes are filling up quickly, and we would like to reserve spots for all of our current families.

We have so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We have begun preparations for our Annual Walk-a-Thon, which will take place on May 16th. We also will be hosting our first ever Food Truck Festival on June 1st. In addition, our Annual Carnival will be June 26th-30th.

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 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

3/28 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, A. Matlock, G. Mino; **3/30** – G. Siano, E. Bott, L. Phillips, S. Guikema, W. Emmanuel, C. Allmer, C. Barlieb

24 HOURS OF ADORATION FOR THE LORD

From Fri., March 29 at 9am to Sat., March 30 at 9am, we are going to have 24 Hours of Adoration for the Lord as part of our Lenten activities. You are all invited to sign up, especially for the hours between 11pm and 6am. We ask you to join us also on Friday evening at 9pm for Evening Prayer. Fr. John and Fr. Leo will both hear Confessions after Stations of the Cross that night from 7:30-9:00pm, and on Saturday morning from 9am-10am. Join us also for Morning Prayer and Benediction on Saturday morning at 8:30am.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS FOR THE CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Please pick up your Consecration Booklet to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the back of the church. We will be having group discussion on the Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sundays at noon in Mercy Hall starting March 24th, and Thursdays at 7pm in the Youth Group Room on the second floor of the Parish Center starting March 28th. We will discuss each day of the Consecration for nine weeks to give us more time to fully incorporate the Consecration into our lives. For more information, call (908) 454-9880.

"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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage & Religious Liberty will be held on Sat., March 30th 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.

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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED AT SSPJ SCHOOL

Substitute teachers needed. Clearances and certifications required. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at (908) 859-1244 to apply.

PRE-K TEACHER NEEDED AT SSPJ SCHOOL

A Pre-K teacher is needed. Early education certification and clearance 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 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 tour our facility, meet some of our awesome teachers, learn more about financial aid, and more.

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.

INDIVIDUALS WITH ADVANCEMENT AND/OR MARKETING EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Saints Philip and James School is looking for individuals with Advancement and/or Marketing experience to join our Advisory Council Committee. If interested, please contact Mrs. Kucinski at kucinski.donna@spsj.org to further discuss the committee and requirements.

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.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

During this holiest season of our Church year, we give thanks for our outstanding Saints Philip and James School, where the love of the risen Christ is celebrated every day! The tradition of Catholic education is rooted in living Gospel values while providing an academically excellent education! Can you help us continue to live this mission? Please consider supporting us...information and donation cards will be available in the pews during Easter.

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.

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.

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!

MEN'S LENTEN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER WITH COACH SHURMUR

St. James Parish in Basking Ridge will be hosting a Men's Lenten Afternoon of Prayer featuring Coach Pat Shurmur, head coach of the NY Giants, as the guest speaker. The event will take place on Sat., March 30, 2019. The program will start at 2pm in the Church. A closing Mass will be held at 4pm, celebrated by Bishop James Checchio. The event is free; however, registration is required. To register visit: <http://diometuchen.org/mens-groups/> or call (732) 562-1543.

FR. KEN KOLIBAS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Kenneth Kolibas, an associate at SPSJ during the year 1996, will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on May 19, 2019. The Celebration Committee is looking for photos during his time at St. Philip and St. James. If anyone has photos they can share with us, we would greatly appreciate receiving them no later than April 5, 2019. Please forward them to St. Joseph's Parish, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869-2012 or upload a copy to parishoffice@sjraritan.org. We regrettably cannot return any photos mailed to us. Any questions, please call the parish office at (908) 725-0163, x10.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THOSE TOUCHED BY THE PAIN OF ADDICTION OR LOSS

Many of us struggle to comfort and support our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of addiction and/or loss of a family member to an overdose. In an effort to offer spiritual support, a special Stations of the Cross Service will be held on Fri., March 29th at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 18 South Street, Spotswood, NJ. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Pastoral ministers will be present at the service to listen to and speak with participants and to offer healing resources. All are welcome. Call (732) 243-4574 for more information.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Help Build a Civilization of Love"... Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Remember in the Gospel when Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat?" He still means it. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

March 30/31, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Vince Bedoya
Ministers: Ronald Rossini & Judy Leone; C1 – Keith Gallagher, C2 – Eileen Catalli, C3 – Ines Berluche, C4 – Robert Ellwood
Lector: Louis Moyer
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Patricia Palazzo
Lector: Geraldine Bowie
Servers: Isabella McKenna & Steven Fulse

9:00am

Acolyte: Lauren Rautenberg
Ministers: Mario Madawela & Eileen Kerrigan; C1 – Sharon Hillhouse, C2 – Anne Coyle, C3 – Eileen Catalli, C4 – William Hillhouse
Lector: Rynne Bigelli
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Cole Rautenberg

11:00am

Acolyte: Michael Juliano
Ministers: Mary Brogan & Gloria Cervasi; C1 – Paul Juliano, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Maureen Speer, C4 – Karen Juliano
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Joseph Cruz & Jack Juliano & Allan Palos

5:30pm

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

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

3/24/19 – Kyle & Brittany Allen

3/31/19 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna

Brakeley Care Center

3/24/19 – Donna Kucinski & Eileen Dean

3/31/19 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci

Phillipsburg Care Center

3/24/19 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

3/31/19 – Frances Ludwig & William Casey

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:45 – Special Intention of Margaret Phillips by Pat & Prima Mattingly
 8:00 – Annabelle Lazzara by Gary & Connie Sartini
 12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini, Children, Nephew & Grandsons by Jean Pasquini

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:45 – Dick Farrell by Delatola Family
 8:00 – Geri Farley & Pat Thompson by Camille Rapinesi
 12:10 – Julius Marci by Wife

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:45 – Souls of Purgatory by Magnolia
 8:00 – Salvatore Napoli by Mary Ann, Lou & Michael Graziosi
 12:10 – Matthew Kingfield by Kingfield Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:45 – In Honor of Padre Pio by Magnolia
 8:00 – Joe Flynn by Sisters & Brothers
 12:10 – Eugene Horvath (A) by Karen Hoffman

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

6:45 – In Honor of St. Benedict by Magnolia
 8:00 – Judy Pierce (A) by Paul Pierce
 12:10 – Margaret Bruns by Joan Shafer & Kay Lennon

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 – Bishop Vincent de Paul Breen (A)
 8:00 – Vincent Cortezno by Rosemary Carnali
 4:30pm – Special Intention of Nelly Espinal by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 – Sal Bartolotta by Tony & Dolly Loiacono
 9:00 – Frank Manasseri by Family
 11:00 – Edith Sciascia by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Bud Ceremsak by Merrie Mulrine

● CALENDAR ●

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

25 - Monday - Annunciation of the Lord

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program
 7:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Merciful Love Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)

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

27 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Mission
 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

29 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

30 - Saturday

8:30 - HFC - Eucharistic Holy Hour
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

31 - 4th Sunday of Lent

10:00 - MH - 7th Grade Confirmation Mtg.
 10:00 - Conf. Room - RCIA Mtg.
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

March 17, 2019: \$11,179.50
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$799.00

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 30/31, 2019

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