

# 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



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent + March 31, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Evening of Spiritual Awakening! Many people commented not only on the good crowd, but also on the evening itself. It was a prayerful and inspiring experience – and a good thing to do for Lent.

I want to thank the choir members and music ministers who provided such inspiring music for the evening. It really helped to set a prayerful tone. Thanks also to all the people who took time out of their normal schedule to spend extra time in prayer.

Remember that we will have our parish Lenten Penance Service this Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7 PM in Church. Many priests will be on hand to hear Confessions and help you experience God's loving mercy. While a lot of people went to Confession at the Evening of Awakening, I know that a lot more still need to make a good Confession this Lent. Coming to the Penance Service is another good thing to do for Lent.

To help you prepare for Confession, Examinations of Conscience have been placed in this week's bulletin. You may also look for the pamphlets entitled "How to make a Good Confession" that are around the Church. Taking time to prayerfully examine your conscience not only prepares you for Confession – but helps you get the most out of it.

If you cannot make the Penance Service, remember that Confessions are held every Saturday from 9 – 9:30 AM and 3:15 – 4:15 PM. Two priests will be on duty at those times from now until Holy Week. Making a good Confession is one of the best things you can do for Lent!

We will continue our Lenten Wednesdays this week. It has been nice to see so many people at them up to this point. Each evening includes exposition, prayers and singing, a Lenten Homily, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Coming to the Lenten Wednesdays is yet another good thing to do for Lent!

Special thanks are due to everyone who made a visit to the Church during 24 Hours for the Lord this past Friday. Since I had to write this before that date, I can't say too much about how it went. I do know that a good number of people signed up for adoration at the late night and early morning hours – and I want to thank them for doing so. Spending quiet time with our Lord is a great way to grow in friendship with Him – and to speak with Him about everything on your mind.

While you're speaking with our Lord, please remember to say a prayer for me. I really appreciate that so many of you say a Hail Mary for me daily! Our prayers are a great gift we can give each other, and are always pleasing to God. Let's also pray for the converts who are getting ready to enter the Church this Easter, for those Christians who are being persecuted for their faith, and for all victims of violence and tragedy. Finally, let's all say a prayer for peace!

Have a great week!  
Fr. John



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### Saint Update:

It is hard to believe spring is finally upon us! The students have been working so hard this year academically. In addition, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students recently prepared lunches for Habitat for Humanity volunteers. Our students are also reflecting on the meaning of Lent with weekly Stations of the Cross. We look forward to the remainder of the year with our Saints Family.

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
April 3	Fr. John	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**

**4/4** – S. Freeman, F. Romero-Zelada, B. O'Hare, L. Zellers, J. Troxell, A., Burns; **4/6** – S. Oluwole, J. Byrne, H. Chamberlin, J. Lopez, C. Russo, M. Lombardi, S. Mahoney

#### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: EMILY RAE SBRISCIJA, daughter of M/M David Sbriscia; LIAM LORENZO JOHNSON-PADILLA, son of M/M Tyson Johnson, Jr.

### **PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE, LIBERTY & MARRIAGE**

The Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Liberty & Marriage will be postponed to Sun., March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Please join us for an hour of prayers for our country.

### **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 April 7<sup>th</sup>!

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., April 6<sup>th</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.

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

In March, 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: Fisk, Notaroberto, Vega, Hoffman, DiVittorio, Rapinesi. 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 & 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.

### **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 call Mrs. Kucinski at (908) 859-1244 to apply.

### **CONFIRMATION PICTURES**

Confirmation pictures have arrived! All purchased photo packages are available for pick-up in the Church Office during regular office hours. Also, Father John has gifted all of the students a sacramental picture of them receiving Confirmation from Bishop Checchio. Please stop by the office to pick up your beautiful photo!

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### **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](mailto: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.

**SSPJ DRAMA CLUB**

Please join us for our students' performance of "Into the Woods, Jr.". The show is sure to be an unforgettable experience! There will be three performances taking place at 7pm on April 11, 12 & 13. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER**

Attention Eucharistic Ministers...Those of you who serve Brakeley Park Center, Lopatcong, and Phillipsburg Center, you are cordially invited to a Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Tues., April 9, 2019 at 5:00pm at Brakeley Park Center, 290 Red School Lane, Phillipsburg, NJ. Please RSVP by April 5 to (908) 859-2800.

**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.

**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!

**WORD OF LIFE**

"Because life is our first and most basic gift from an infinitely loving God, it deserves our utmost respect and protection. Direct attacks on innocent human life are always gravely wrong." – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops...*On Embryonic Stem Cell Research*

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out." – Frank A. Clark. Be Nice. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

**April 6/7, 2019**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

**4:30pm**

Acolyte: Joey Socci  
Ministers: Robert Ellwood & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Edward Socci, C3 – Eileen Dean, C4 – Margie Markus  
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan  
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**7:00am**

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda  
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Immaculata Durnin  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Dominic Russo & Isabella McKenna

**9:00am**

Acolyte: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada  
Ministers: Matthew Markus & Lynn Markus; C1 – Donna Kucinski, C2 – Brittany Allen, C3 – Kyle Allen, C4 – Geraldine Lagrimas  
Lector: Theresa Duaima  
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brooke Troxell

**11:00am**

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Maureen Speer & Samuel Fatta; C1 – Mary Brogan, C2 – Karen Llanos, C3 – Judy Leone, C4 – Pat James  
Lector: Gerard Llanos  
Servers: Kiernan Lopez & Hannah Adams & Vincent Demaisip

**5:30pm**

Acolyte: Blaise Erz  
Minister: Michael Clark  
Lector: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Matthew Erz

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

**Lopatcong Care Center**

3/31/19 – Eileen Catalli & Kelly Perna  
4/7/19 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini

**Brakeley Care Center**

3/31/19 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci  
4/7/19 – Mary Duaima & Yakubu Miles

**Phillipsburg Care Center**

3/31/19 – Frances Ludwig & William Casey  
4/7/19 – Frances Ludwig & William Casey

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

6:45 – Mary Ann Thorne by Family  
 8:00 – Ignacio Franco by Joseph Todaro  
 12:10 – Dominick Suppo by Rose Bladies

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

6:45 – Carlos Montezuma by Lydia, Melissa & Stacy  
 8:00 – Samuel Frinzi by Rick & LuAnne  
 12:10 – Eleanor Hufnagel by Jane Hanisek

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

6:45 – Joseph & Grace Brennan by Family  
 8:00 – Raul Duque by Deacon John & Florence Flynn  
 12:10 – John Vecchione by Eileen Catalli & Family

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

6:45 – Wanda DeLorenzo by Renata Pizzali & Family  
 8:00 – Gildo DePaolis by Tom & Mary Jiorle  
 12:10 – Janet Piatt Byrne by SPSJ Class of 1955

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

6:45 – Special Intention of Antonio Betancur by Espinal Family  
 8:00 – Peter Linsky by Anne Marie Linsky  
 12:10 – Salvatore Napoli by Lucy's Lunch Bunch

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 – Rose Lynn by Nieces & Nephews  
 8:00 – Margaret Brogan by Mary Brogan  
 4:30pm – Frank & Mary Piazza by Janelle Ajhar

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 – Msgr. Joseph V. Kozak (A)  
 9:00 – Gene Woolley by 9:00 Mass Ushers  
 11:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Jim Sciascia  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Grace Consentino by Family

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

March 24, 2019: \$11,537.00

### **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>*

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 31 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:00 - MH - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mtg.  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony  
 6:00 - HFC - Eucharistic Holy Hour

### 1 - APRIL - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Merciful Love Series  
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Penance Service  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)  
 7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

### 2 - Tuesday - St. Francis of Paola

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.

### 3 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 1:00 - MH - Over 50's Club Bus. Mtg./Social  
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Mission  
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)  
 7:00 - PMR - Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

### 4 - Thursday - St. Isidore

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

### 5 - Friday - St. Vincent Ferrer

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

### 6 - Saturday

8:30 - HFC - First Saturday Devotion  
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 6:00 - CH - Filipino Mass  
 6:00 - Flynn's - SSPJ Faith in Service Dinner  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 7 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Food for the Needy Collection

10:00 - MH - Fellowship Sunday  
 1:00-3:00 - SSPJ - Open House  
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

### **MASS CELEBRANTS FOR APRIL 6/7, 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