

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

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Saints Philip and James School
(908) 859-1244
Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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(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



I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

5th Sunday of Lent + April 7, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

It was nice to see so many people take time to be with Jesus during last week's 24 Hours for the Lord. I made a holy hour between midnight and 1 AM – and counted about 15 other people who remained in the Church for that hour. Even more came in and out for brief visits with our precious Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Spending quiet time like that with Jesus is such a beautiful thing to do!

Believe it or not, next Sunday is Palm Sunday – which means that Lent is almost over! If you have not yet been to Confession this Lent, please do so this Saturday. Fr. Leo and I will be in the Confessionals this Saturday from 9 – 9:30 AM and 3:15 – 4:15 PM. If those times don't work, you can call one of us for an appointment.

Right now, I'd like to share some answers that Pope Francis gave to people who asked him questions about Confession.

- Why do we have to go to Confession?
 - “When I go to Confession, it is in order to be healed - to heal my soul, to heal my heart, and to be healed of some wrongdoing.”
- But why do we have to Confess to a priest?
 - “First, forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves. I cannot say: I forgive my sins. Forgiveness is asked of another, and in Confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus.”
- Then why can't I just ask Jesus privately to forgive my sins – without going to a priest in Confession?
 - “Because our sins are committed not only against God, but also against our brothers and sisters and against the Church. That is why it is necessary to ask pardon of the Church in the person of the priest.”
- But I feel ashamed when I tell my sins to the priest. Why would Jesus want me to feel ashamed?
 - “It is healthy to feel a little shame. When a person feels no shame, we say they are 'shameless'. Shame does some good because it makes us more humble.”

Reflecting on the pope's words, I think his comment about our sins affecting not only God, but also our neighbors and the Church are especially important. Many of our sins are committed against other people (lies, gossip, anger, impatience, etc. – not to mention the good deeds we don't do for others). All of our sins weaken the Church – because the Church is ultimately the sum total of her members. When one of us sins, the Church is less holy. Just as each of our good works builds up the Church, each of our sins weakens her. Hence the priest, representing not only Christ, but also His Church, forgives us in the name of God and His Church.

If it's been a while since you've been to Confession, and you aren't sure what to do, just ask me and I'll be happy to help you. I'm sure any of our priests would say the same thing.

Please say a Hail Mary for me today and every day – and be assured of my prayers for you.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

Congratulations to our U9 Boys' Basketball team on winning their league championship! We are so proud of your hard work. We would also like to thank everyone who supported our calendar raffle...we look forward to the weekly winners! In addition, our theatre students have been working very hard on their upcoming performance of "Into the Woods, Jr.". We are so excited to see their shows on the weekend of April 11-13.

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!

Have you heard about our referral incentive program? Refer a family, and if they register and complete the 2019-2020 school year, you will receive \$500 tuition credit! This is a great and easy way to introduce new families to our Saints community, while also earning funds to defray the cost of your own tuition.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2019

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Exposition, Readings and Homily, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday	Celebrant & Preacher	Topic
April 10	Deacon Larry	Prayer
April 17	Deacon Enock	How to Trust God

Stations of the Cross:

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

BINGO

4/11 – C. Giacalone, B. Falvey, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock, S./J. Kugelman, S. Good; 4/13 – D. Kassick, M. Miles, M. Lombardi, E. Prolog, C. Allmer, M. Bondarenko

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

The Mass schedule for Holy Week and Easter is as follows: **Holy Thursday** – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration until 11:00pm; **Good Friday** – No Adoration; Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 12:00pm in Spanish and at 3:00pm in English; Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm; **Holy Saturday** – No morning or afternoon Confessions and no Adoration – Blessing of Food at 12:30pm in Church; Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm; **Easter Sunday** – No Adoration; Masses will be celebrated at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm (Spanish). There will be no 5:30pm Mass.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

G.I.F.T. Ministry is inviting everyone is 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 7th!

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

Please remember that the monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held this weekend. If you would like to make a monetary offering, there are envelopes at the exits labeled: FOOD FOR THE NEEDY DONATION. You may place your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

Come join us on Easter Sunday, April 21st, at 3:00pm in Mercy Hall for an Easter Dinner for those who are alone or without family. Call (908) 454-9880 to make reservations and leave your name and phone number.

"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.

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

April is the month of The Blessed Sacrament. 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.

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.

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!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Substitute teachers needed at SSPJ School. 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.

SUMMER CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

Summer custodian position available at SSPJ School. Perfect summer job for either a high school or college student. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at (908) 859-1244 to apply.

SSPJ OPEN HOUSE/INFORMATION SESSION

Saints Philip & James School will be hosting Open House and Information Session 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.

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.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR SPANISH-SPEAKERS

St. Philip & St. James Church is offering English classes for beginners. Beginning April 2nd, this class will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon in Mercy Hall. This class is free, but you must register before April 20th. In this class, students will learn English vocabulary and pronunciation. 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. 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!

CHRISM MASS

On Mon., April 15, 2019, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00pm.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Now that Spring is finally here, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held July 26-28, 2019. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. For further information, visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill. Please give generously. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

April 13/14, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Elisabeth Talpas & Vince Bedoya
Ministers: William Casey & Ines Berluche; C1 – Edward Socci, C2 – Thomas Casey, C3 – Margie Markus, C4 – Melody Talpas
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Servers: Sofia Grimshaw & Luciana Perna & Mark Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Patricia Palazzo
Lector: Geraldine Lagrimas
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Mark-Luke Gural & Stephen Gural
Ministers: Joseph Lusardi & Valerie Lusardi; C1 – Kelly Perna, C2 – William Hillhouse, C3 – Sharon Hillhouse, C4 – Maria Gural
Lector: Ryanne Bigelli
Servers: Riley Perna & Kiernan Lopez & Lillie Chismar

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Robert Hopkins & Theresa Richey; C1 – Gloria Cervasi, C2 – Mario Madawela, C3 – Barbara Shaneberger, C4 – Maureen Speer
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua
Servers: Chiazam Odinna & Ricky Krouse & Allan Palos

5:30pm

Acolyte: KJ Kassick
Minister: Kevin Kassick
Lector: Denise Kassick
Servers: Blake Sweigert & Tiago Aversa

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/7/19 – Robert Hopkins & Ronald Rossini
4/14/19 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

Brakeley Care Center

4/7/19 – Mary Duaiame & Yakubu Miles
4/14/19 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/7/19 – Frances Ludwig & William Casey
4/14/19 – Roger DiVittorio & Keith Gallagher

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6:45 – Kazimierz & Joanna Malopolski by Family
 8:00 – Leona Lisinichia by Theresa & Al Richey
 12:10 – John & Marie Brower by Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

6:45 – Tarquinio Rossini by Family
 8:00 – Glenda Lawler by Tom & Mary Jiorle
 12:10 – Special Intention of Richard & Arlene Piatt by Marianne & Steven Gage

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:45 – Deceased Mount Priests by Fr. John Barbella
 8:00 – Deceased of Guido & Alesci Families by Peter & Patricia Clarke
 12:10 – James Tomaino by Nena Moyer & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

6:45 – Louise & Steven Brancale by DeFuria Family
 8:00 – Glenda Lawler by Judith Martyak
 12:10 – Stephen Marinaccio by Ed & Margaret Connolly

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

6:45 – Salvatore A. Napoli by Carol & Frank Wismer
 8:00 – Paul Lanning by Barbara Shaneberger
 12:10 – John J. Natisin, Sr. by Wife

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

7:00 – Alfonso Hernandez by Espinal Family
 8:00 – Carmella Fisher by Deacon John & Florence Flynn
 4:30pm – Louise Kuzma by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 (Palm Sunday)

7:00 – Jack Nehila by Gino Angelozzi
 9:00 – Pauline Smith by Tom & Marion Smith & Family
 11:00 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Margaret Pavkovic
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Salvatore Napoli by Terri Tolosko

Stewardship of Treasure

March 31, 2019: \$11,492.00

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 ●

7 - 5th 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

8 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family CCD Program
 6:30 - MH - Catholic Daughters Mtg.
 7:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Merciful Love Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 3)

9 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7 (last day of CCD)
 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.

10 - Wednesday

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

11 - Thursday - St. Stanislaus

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

12 - Friday

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

13 - Saturday - St. Martin I

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 10:00 - Conf. Room - Baptism Prep Class
 10:00-12:30 - SSPJ - Bunny Brunch
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - SSPJ - Drama Club
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

14 - Palm Sunday (Palm distributed at all Masses)

1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR APRIL 13/14, 2019

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