

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
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Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluche, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,
Deacon Rob Fisher

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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



Palm/Passion Sunday + April 14, 2019

● **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Last Saturday evening I had the real pleasure of attending the parish Faith and Service Dinner at Flynn's. This dinner is held annually to celebrate our school, its alumni, and people who have made significant contributions to our parish and school community. This year's honorees were Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, our long-time Religious Education Director, and Frank Stettner, a life-long member of our parish and graduate of our parish school. I was especially moved to hear both of them speak about the role their family, parish, and community plays in their lives. A special thank you is owed to everyone who made this event such a good time and a success.


As we begin Holy Week, I want to encourage everyone to make a real effort to come to Church on both Holy Thursday (7 PM) and Good Friday (3 PM). Our church really should be filled on those most holy days. They are the days on which Jesus gave us His greatest gift – His Body and Blood, offered on the Cross to take away our sins so we can have eternal life in Heaven! Our presence in church on Holy Thursday and Good Friday are a token of our appreciation of all that He did.

Please remember that Mass on Holy Saturday is at 7 PM – rather than the usual 4:30 PM. This is due to the Catholic Church's ancient tradition of offering Holy Mass after dusk on Holy Saturday. Doing this makes that Mass a true vigil for the Resurrection. While that Easter Vigil Mass is a good deal longer than an ordinary Mass, it is also very beautiful, inspiring, and well worth attending. (I promise to move it along prayerfully and reverently – as best as I can!)

I really want to thank all of you for making this Lent such a good one in our parish. It was great to see so many people at our parish mission on Wednesday evenings – and especially at our Evening of Awakening and 24 Hours for the Lord. Stations of the Cross, Daily Mass, and Confession were also very well attended. Many people took Rice Bowls, which can be returned to the basket in the back of the Church over the next few weeks. I'm sure God will bless our observance of Lent with a renewal of our faith in Him and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Finally, please be sure to check this bulletin carefully for the schedule for Holy Week and Easter. I look forward to worshipping and praying with all of you at this most holy time of year. May our good God bless us with a truly joyous and blessed Easter!

Happy Palm Sunday!
Fr. John



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Saint Update:
Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on the "Into the Woods, Jr." performance! We are so proud of all of your hard work! It is hard to believe that Spring is here, and the end of the school year is rapidly approaching. The students are hard at work for the upcoming Walk-A-Thon. We are so excited for what will be a fun-filled day for students and staff alike. We are also selling T-shirts for the event. Please contact (908) 859-1244 to order. Thank you to HSA for hosting a wonderful Bunny Brunch at Flynn's. It was such a great morning!

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 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

4/18 – C. Sumner, B. Falvey, C. Corona, A. Armango, K. Juliano, J. Bayrasli; **4/20** – E. Dean, D. Hasara, K. Basel, S. Price, K., Dorcely

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.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: NOAH GABRIEL CARTAGENA, son of Geovanni Cartagena & Carmen Hughes

THANK YOU FROM GIFT MINISTRY

The G.I.F.T. Ministry would like to thank everyone who came to enjoy coffee and donuts at Fellowship Sunday on April 7th. Please watch for our upcoming Fellowship Sunday on May 5th. We'd love to have more parishioners join us!

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and will reopen on Mon., April 22nd.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will be closed beginning Holy Thursday and will reopen again for regular hours on Mon., April 22nd.

"UP ALL NIGHT WITH JESUS"

Please join GIFT Ministry on Holy Thursday as they participate in the **Visita Iglesia** or the **Seven Churches Visitation**, following the 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. During the Seven Churches Visitation, we visit several churches to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Please see the narthex (foyer) of the church for the schedule and for more details. Meet us in the Mercy Hall parking lot to join the caravan. Looking forward to seeing you and your family or friends!

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.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be hosting a Lenten Fish Dinner on Good Friday, April 19th 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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Sun., April 28th, is Divine Mercy Sunday, where all your sins and the punishment due to those sins will be washed away in God's Divine Mercy. Pick up your Divine Mercy Novenas in the Church and start praying on Good Friday. Then on Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a Divine Mercy celebration at 3:30pm in the Church. Make sure you make a good Confession beforehand.

"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/keyboardsist 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.

SUMMER CARE AT SSPJ SCHOOL

Looking for summer care? Look no further! SSPJ will be offering summer care from June 10-August 9. The cost will be \$8.00 an hour, and will run Monday through Friday, 7:00am-6:00pm. Our qualified staff will supervise daily activities, games, crafts, water fun, and more! Pre-registration is required. Please contact (908) 895-1244 to learn more.

SSPJ DRAMA CLUB

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our play "Into the Woods, Jr.". Everyone worked so hard to make the show the amazing performance that it was. Thank you again for your support!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & PRE-K TEACHER NEEDED

Substitute teachers needed at SSPJ School. Clearances and certifications required. A Pre-K teacher is also 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

SSPJ School will be hosting our first ever Food Truck Festival on Sat., June 1st. The event will feature 20 gourmet food trucks, live music, drinks, and more. Entrance into the event is \$5.00, with children 10 and under attending for free!

SSPJ CARNIVAL

Our Annual Carnival will now be taking place on a new summer date!! Carnival will be held from Wed., June 26 to Sun., June 30. We will again be offering wristband days, as well as pre-sale discounted tickets. There will also be live music, brand new games, fantastic rides, and delicious food. Alumni Night will be June 29th, and First Responders Day will be June 30th.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR SPANISH-SPEAKERS

Free English classes for Spanish-speakers meet on Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00am. Registration will close on April 30th. No new students will be admitted after that date. In this class, students will learn English vocabulary and pronunciation, and they will develop confidence in their ability to communicate in English, through basic conversation, reading and writing. Please contact Sandy Spence via email: sandraspence@hotmail.com or (908) 329-5528 to register for this class.

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!

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

The Lord hears the cries of the poor. And answers them through your generosity. Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

April 20/21, 2019
HOLY SATURDAY

7:00pm

Acolytes: Joey Socci & Nicholas Socci & Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada & Logan Shoudt
Ministers: Priests & Deacons
Lectors: Judy Leone & Aidan Lavigne & Geraldine Lagrimas

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda
Ministers: Mary Duaime & Patricia Flynn
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Zackary Payran
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Anne Coyle; C1 – Lynn Markus, C2 – Eileen Kerrigan, C3 – Rosemary Carnali, C4 – Matthew Markus
Lector: Ryanne Bigelli
Servers: Peter Diaz & Anthony Diaz & Paxton Payran

11:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: Pat James & Robert Hopkins; C1 – Sara Greene, C2 – Mario Madawela, C3 – Samuel Fatta, C4 – Mary Brogan
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Ricky Krouse & Allan Palos & Andrew Sretenovic

5:30pm

No Mass

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/14/19 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

4/21/19 – No Service (Easter)

Brakeley Care Center

4/14/19 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

4/21/19 – No Service (Easter)

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/14/19 – Roger DiVittorio & Keith Gallagher

4/21/19 – No Service (Easter)

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15

6:45 – Maria DiVittorio by Roger DiVittorio
8:00 – Elfrieda & Jacob Pergosky by Theresa & Al Richey
12:10 – Vincenzo Colatriano by Daughter & Grandchildren

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:45 – Elizabeth Heil by Frances DiVittorio
8:00 – John Murray by Barbara Murray
12:10 – Peg & Bernie Brotzman, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:45 – Carol Brancale by DeFuria Family
8:00 – William Gaal by Carol, Vic & Melissa
12:10 – Elizabeth & John Pologruto (A)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper – For the Deceased Priests of St. Philip & St. James

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

12:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy (Spanish)
3:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy (English)
7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

HOLY SATURDAY

12:30pm (CH) – Blessing of Food
7:00pm – Solemn Easter Vigil Mass – For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 – Jimmy Richline by Mother
9:00 – Bernard A. Bladies
11:00 – Derek Kehoe by Nana & Pop Pop O'Neil
1:00 (SP) – For the People
5:30pm – No Mass

● CALENDAR ●

14 - Palm Sunday (Palm distributed at all Masses)

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

15 - Monday of Holy Week

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
7:00 - MH - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.
7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 4)
7:30 - MH - K. of C. Mtg.

16 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
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.

17 - Wednesday of Holy Week

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.

18 - Holy Thursday

No Adoration
7:00 - CH - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration until 11pm
7:00 - MH - No Bingo

19 - Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

No Adoration
9:00-9:30 - CH - Altar Server Practice for Good Friday
12:00 - CH - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)
3:00 - CH - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (English)
4:00-7:00 - MH - K. of C. Good Friday Fish Dinner
7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

20 - Holy Saturday

No Adoration or Confession
9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary Curia
11:30-12:00 - CH - Altar Server Practice for Holy Saturday
12:30 - CH - Blessing of Food
7:00 - CH - Solemn Easter Vigil Mass (RCIA Elect & Candidates receive the Sacraments)
7:00 - MH - No Bingo

21 - Easter Sunday

No Adoration
2:30 - CH - No Baptisms
3:00 - MH - Parish Easter Dinner
No 5:30pm Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

April 7, 2019: \$12,752.00
March's On-Line Contributions: \$8,890.50

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 APRIL 20/21, 2019

7:00pm (Easter Vigil) – Fr. John
7:00am – Fr. John
9:00am – Fr. Leo
11:00am – Fr. Pat
1:00pm (SP) – Fr. Leo
5:30pm – No Mass