

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
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Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluche, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,
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Saints Philip and James School
(908) 859-1244
Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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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.

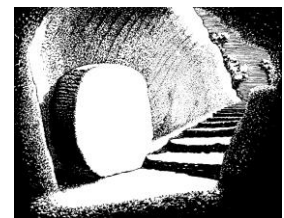
HOLY MASS

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



Easter Sunday + April 21, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I want to begin by wishing each and every one of you a blessed and happy Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus stands at the very heart of everything we believe as Catholics. It is my favorite day of the year, and I am always happy to celebrate it with you.

Easter is so important to us that we celebrate it not just for a day – but for a season of fifty days. The Easter Season is longer than Lent because the joy of the Resurrection is greater than penance of Lent. As part of our celebration of this joyful season, our Church will be decorated throughout the Easter Season. The new Paschal (Easter) Candle will stand near the pulpit, rising high into the air as a symbol of Christ's glorious Resurrection.

The Rite of Sprinkling with Holy Water will replace the Penitential Rite at most Sunday Masses during the Easter Season. This is to remind us that the New Life Christ gave us in Baptism has as its goal our Resurrection and Eternal Life in Heaven. Additionally, the Gloria will be sung as a joyful hymn. May these beautiful ceremonies fill us with the joy that the first disciples felt when they saw the Risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday.

We really need that joy in today's world. We hear so much sad news about violence and the opioid crisis. We know that Christians are being persecuted in many places – and that violence and tragedy touches too many people right here in our own country. But the Good News of Easter reminds us that Christ has ultimately triumphed over death and sin. United with Him – through Baptism and by living as He taught – we will triumph and rise with Him to Everlasting Life.

I want to say a special "thank you" to everyone who made this Lent so wonderful. It was great to see so many people at Daily Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, 24 Hours for the Lord, the Evening of Spiritual Awakening, and the Parish Lenten Mission on Wednesday evenings this Lent. Seeing people use Lent as a time for spiritual growth was very rewarding for me, and I'm sure for them, too.

After Mass on Easter I'm going to my sister, Natalie's home. Family and friends will be stopping in and eating all day – which is right up my alley! I hope that many of you also have a chance to spend Easter with family and friends.

On Monday morning, I'm going to head out to Altoona for a few days of rest and train watching – as I often do after Easter. I'll be back for next weekend's Masses, though. I look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Easter!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

As the year progresses, we are so proud of all of the amazing things our students are accomplishing. It is hard to believe preparations have already begun for graduation and final exams. This past week, our younger students received a visit from both the Easter Bunny as well as an author! The students were also able to attend weekly Stations of the Cross throughout Lent.

We would also like to thank HSA for hosting a wonderful Bunny Brunch that was enjoyed by everyone who attended. In addition, congratulations to Mrs. Cicalese, Mr. Yesenosky, the students and everyone who worked so hard for an amazing performance this past week. Walk-A-Thon is almost here, and we are so excited for what is always a fun-filled day for students and teachers alike. We cannot wait for all that the remainder of this school year has to bring.

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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

The Mass schedule for Easter is as follows: **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.

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.

BINGO

4/25 – S. Behme, K., Tichy, L. DeGerolamo, C. Piccolo, A. Matlock, G. Mino, A., Carver; **4/27** – G. Siano, E. Bott, L. Phillips, S. Guikema, W. Emanuel, A. Carver, S. Mahoney, A. Szczepanski

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday *"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* Please join us on Sun., April 28th, at 3:30pm, Divine Mercy Sunday, for a special Holy Hour, recitation of The Chaplet of Mercy, confession and Benediction.

"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., April 27th 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.

HAPPY 160TH BIRTHDAY

Our parish will mark her 160th birthday this year. We will hold a little celebration on Sun., November 17, 2019 at the 11am Mass that day, followed by a simple continental breakfast in Mercy Hall. All are welcome. Please mark the date and watch for details as the date gets closer. We will have a little ad booklet and program for that day. Anyone interested in placing an ad in the book should call the parish office for details.

THANK YOU!

The Food for the Needy Committee would like to thank all who participated in our Lenten food collection. We collected 100 bags of food that was sent to Catholic Charities. We would also like to thank all those who made monetary donations as well.

EMPANADA AND TAMALES SALE

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee will be selling empanadas and tamales outside the front of the church on Sun., April 28 and Sun., May 19 after the 11am and 1pm Masses. All proceeds will benefit the Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee.

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.

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.

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! 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!

PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug.7, Sept.4, Oct.2, Nov.6, and Dec.4. Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

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

"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth yours is the world to serve with the joy of compassion." – St. Teresa of Avila. *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

April 27/28, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolytes: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick
Ministers: Kevin Kassick & Denise Kassick; C1 – William Casey, C2 – Edward Socci, C3 – Frances Ludwig, C4 – Thomas Casey
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Joshua Romero & Brady Carver

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Mark Zgoda
Ministers: Mary Duaime & Barbara Balas
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Sebastian Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte: Lianna Krouse
Ministers: William Hillhouse & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Valerie Lusardi, C2 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C3 – Donna Kucinski, C4 – Joseph Lusardi
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Ricky Krouse

11:00am

Acolyte: Michael Juliano
Ministers: Paul Juliano & Karen Juliano; C1 – Carol Bevilacqua, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Samuel Fatta
Lector: Yvonne Montague
Servers: Jack Juliano & Luciana Perna & Allan Palos

5:30pm

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte
Minister: Allison Frasca
Lector: Aidan Lavigne
Servers: Tiago Aversa & Blake Sweigert

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/21/19 – No Service (Easter)

4/28/19 – Michael & Ruth Clark

Brakeley Care Center

4/21/19 – No Service (Easter)

4/28/19 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/21/19 – No Service (Easter)

4/28/19 – Roger DiVittorio & Keith Gallagher

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:45 – Lois Loper by Joan McCaffrey
 8:00 – Kay Volpe by Bess Boos & Anne Teeter
 12:10 – Bonny Beidelman by Camille Rapinesi

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:45 – Jimmy Richline (A) by Mother
 8:00 – Helen I. Flynn by Betty Lilly
 12:10 – Arpad Marczi by Lillian

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:45 – Americo DePillo by DePillo Family
 8:00 – Jack Lilly by Family
 12:10 – Salvatore Napoli by Betty Bevins

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:45 – Frank & Joyce Gasparovic by Daughter, Lori Ayala & Family
 8:00 – Jim Lucas by Family
 12:10 – Larry Nagy by SPSJ Class of 1955

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:45 – Michael Chipaloski by Adrianna
 8:00 – Giovanni Todaro by Joseph Todaro
 12:10 – Louise Lounsbury by Florence Cranmer

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 – Kenny Dwyer by Redden Family
 8:00 – Lucius "Bud" Lilly by Debbie & Joe Stefano
 4:30pm – James (Jim) McDevitt by Vanya & Halley Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 – Al & Julia Madden by Daughter, Mary
 9:00 – Sam & Frances Todaro by Lucy Haney
 11:00 – Joseph Petchonka by Children
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Carl & Marie Ganz by Children

● CALENDAR ●

21 - Easter Sunday

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

22 - Easter Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - Conf. Room - 33 Days to Merciful Love Series
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 5)

23 - Easter Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 6:30 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

24 - Easter Wednesday

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

25 - Easter Thursday

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

26 - Easter Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

27 - Easter Saturday

8:30 - HFC - Eucharistic Holy Hour
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

28 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 - MH - Scouting Blue/Gold Banquet
 10:30 - PMR - Pre-Cana Program
 1:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 3:30 - CH - Divine Mercy Sunday

Stewardship of Treasure

April 14, 2019: \$13,062.00
 Retired Priest Collection: \$2,337.50
 Debt Reduction: \$3217.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 4/5/19: \$1,490,545.90
 Total Collected as of 4/5/19: \$756,527.93

*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 27/28, 2019

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