

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm (closed for lunch from 12-1:15pm);  
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**Priests:** Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407  
Fr. Leo Salvania, ext. 403

**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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**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



"Do not doubt but believe."  
Jn 20:27

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter + April 28, 2019**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

I had an absolutely wonderful Easter – and hope that you did, too. First and foremost, I was happy to celebrate Easter Mass with so many of you. The Easter Vigil and my Mass on Easter morning were the very heart of my Easter celebration. Concelebrating with Fr. Leo – who offered such a beautiful Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday – was another highlight of this Holy Week.

For many years, I have had a special place in my heart for the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM on Good Friday. This year – as always – I was deeply moved during that Liturgy. Watching so many people come forward to venerate the Cross was truly inspiring. I especially enjoyed watching so many parents, grandparents, and even big brothers and sisters showing little ones how to kiss the Cross. This is how we pass on our Faith – and I'm glad that so many of you do so!

After the Easter Masses I went to the homes of both of my sisters! As I told you last week, Natalie was having an open house due to her children's schedules (having to get back to college, etc.). I went to her home for lunch (a very big lunch!) Then I went to my sister Christine's home near the shore, and had dinner with her family and in-laws. While it was a bit crazy, it was good to be able to see nearly all of my nieces and nephews, my mom, both of my sisters and brothers-in-law – and some good friends, too!

I'm happy to see that so many families are signing up to take one of the Our Lady of Guadalupe kits home for a week. During the month of May – which is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother – we will present those kits to families during the 9 AM Mass. My hope is that doing so will remind all of us to spend some time honoring and praying to our Blessed Mother during her special month.

Our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion on the next two Saturday mornings. Please pray for the children and their families. First Communion is always one of my favorite days of the year, and I am really looking forward to it!

As part of our celebration of Mary's Month of May, we will have a May Crowning in Church on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 AM Mass. All of our First Communicants are invited to attend and take part. I hope that many of you will be there that morning as we honor the Mother of God – who is the Mother of All Christians – on Mother's Day morning.

Please say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. I always keep you in my prayers. The help God grants in answer to our prayers helps us truly become the people He wants us to be.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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### **Saint Update:**

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter vacation! There are still a number of exciting things happening in the remainder of the school year. We are looking forward to our upcoming Walk-A-Thon, taking place May 16<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to order your T-shirt for the event! This will be a fun event for students and faculty alike. We wish our Junior High students the best of luck as they begin their final exams in the upcoming weeks. We are also very excited for our first ever Food Truck Festival, taking place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and, of course, our Annual Carnival. We look forward to sharing the remainder of the school year with you.

### ***BINGO***

**5/2** – S. Freeman, F., Romero-Zelada, A. Burns, B./M. Derr, J. Troxell, D./J. Soto; **5/4** – S. Oluwole, J. Byrne, J. Chamberlin, J. Lopez, S. Easley

### ***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 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm, Divine Mercy Sunday, for a special Holy Hour, recitation of The Chaplet of Mercy, confession and Benediction.

### ***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 May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

### ***FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION***

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Sat., May 4<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.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION**

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of May 4/5, 2019. May's needs are: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, canned soups, canned meat, canned fruit, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent and deodorant. Life Choices is in need of diapers, formula, and children's items. Perishable items should not be left at the Church, but they can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. 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!

### **"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.

### **STEBENVILLE NYC 2019 YOUTH RETREAT**

Can three days change everything? We think so. We believe that Jesus wants your child to encounter the power of His love and mercy in such a way that your child's life will never be the same. Join Deacon Rob, Sharon Hillhouse, and Cindy DePillo at the **Parent Information Session on Sun., May 5, 2019 in Mercy Hall after the 9am Mass.** Learn about the relevant music, inspiring talks, and prayerful moments with God your child will encounter on July 19-21 at St. John's University Campus in Queens, NYC. Contact Deacon Rob at 908-319-1917 with any questions or to sign up for the Parent Information Session.

### **CAMP STS. PHILIP AND JAMES NEWS**

As we gear up to prepare for July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> for Camp Sts. Philip and James, we would like to remind you to register your children and/or grandchildren as soon as possible. Also, beginning May 18/19 we will be asking you to make simple donations: paper cups and dishes, water bottles and similar items which are needed. We want you to be part of this great time for the children of the parish. A donation board will be posted in the back of the Church. Please drop off any donations in the "Camp" box in the foyer of the Church on the weekend of June 1/2. Please pray for the Campers and all those who will be serving the Camp.

### **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.

### **HAPPY 160<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Our parish will mark her 160<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **K. OF C. MEMORIAL GRAVE MARKERS**

The Knights of Columbus are offering memorial grave markers with the K. of C. emblem to be mounted on the grave stone or mausoleum of deceased Knights. If you are interested, forms will be in the back of the Church on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The markers can then be picked up after Mass on May 19, 2019.

### **HOPE'S CLOSET**

We recently received donations of beautiful new and gently used Communion clothing. We have a few dresses, suits, and shoes in a variety of sizes. If you are interested in looking through our collection, please stop by the Church Office during office hours. Also, if you wish to donate to *Hope's Closet* after your child celebrates their Communion, we will gladly accept clean Communion clothing at the Church Office.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

SSPJ School will be hosting our first ever Food Truck Festival on Sat., June 1<sup>st</sup>. The event will feature 15 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 29<sup>th</sup>, and First Responders Day will be June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sandy Spence via email: [sandraspence@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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 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!

## **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**"Help Build a Civilization of Love"...** On Divine Mercy Sunday, we turn to our faith in God who is ready to embrace us and forgive us for all our wrongdoings. In exchange for our humanity, God offers His divinity and even though we have sinned against God, He never forgets that what He made is good and always shows mercy. Mercy is a sign of a strong church. We need to be merciful, and we need mercy upon us to carry out the mission of the Church to make the Risen Lord's Way, Truth, and Life known. With a few weeks remaining in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have reached over 39.8% of our parish goal, and together we can reach our full potential in the upcoming weeks. The ministries that the Bishop's Annual Appeal funds provides us the opportunity to attend to our people, serve our Church, and makes the priorities of the Gospel known. All the funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal go towards the ministries and programs outlined in the appeal brochure. 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

## **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Jesus said: "Feed the hungry." (It wasn't just a suggestion.) Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**Mary 4/5, 2019**  
SATURDAY EVENING

### **4:30pm**

Acolytes: Joey Socci & KJ Kassick  
Ministers: Edward Socci & Margie Markus; C1 – Judy Leone, C2 – Denise Kassick, C3 – Kevin Kassick, C4 – Keith Gallagher  
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan  
Servers: Nicholas Socci & Joshua Romero & Anthony Ventura

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

### **7:00am**

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara  
Ministers: Mary Duaine & Barbara Balas  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Julian Mendoza & Steven Fulse

### **9:00am**

Acolyte: Zackary Payran  
Ministers: Joseph Lusardi & Valerie Lusardi; C1 – Eileen Catalli, C2 – William Hillhouse, C3 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C4 – Donna Kucinski  
Lector: Henrietta Schupper  
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Paxton Payran

### **11:00am**

Acolyte: Michael Juliano & Gabriel Adams  
Ministers: Mary Brogan & Pat James; C1 – Karen Juliano, C2 – Karen Llanos, C3 – Samuel Fatta, C4 – Paul Juliano  
Lector: Gerard Llanos  
Servers: Jack Juliano & Hannah Adams & Alexander Brahm

### **5:30pm**

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

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

4/28/19 – Michael & Ruth Clark  
5/5/19 – Elizabeth Divinagracia & Barbara Shaneberger

### **Brakeley Care Center**

4/28/19 – Geraldine Lagrimas & Patricia Palazzo  
5/5/19 – Paul & Karen Juliano

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

4/28/19 – Roger DiVittorio & Keith Gallagher  
5/5/19 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

6:45 – Ben Gurczynski by Family  
 8:00 – Danny Lilly by Family  
 12:10 – Marie Mastronardi by David Macrni

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:45 – Michael Jabbour by Bob & Dee Ellwood  
 8:00 – Harold & Mary Bellis by Family  
 12:10 – Jean Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

6:45 – Mary Jarrell by Bud & Family  
 8:00 – Dawn Ferrigno by Barry & Lorna Rossnagle  
 12:10 – Emily Sampson by Catalli Family

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:45 – Salvatore A. Napoli by Ginny & Micky Olivi  
 8:00 – Gildo DePaolis by Frank & Helen Jiorle  
 12:10 – Carol Lampasone by Bess Boos

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

6:45 – Michael Chipaloski by PPHS Class of 1961  
 8:00 – John & Elizabeth Pologruto (A)  
 12:10 – Grace Barna by Frances Fulse & Family

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

7:00 – Shannon Starosciak by Family  
 8:00 – William & Anna Carnali Berg by Rosemary Carnali  
 4:30pm – Deceased Members of the Parochial H.S. Class of 1961 by Bill Casey

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:00 – Domenick Suppo by Zecchino Family  
 9:00 – Clarence Dalrymple by Carol, Vic & Melissa  
 11:00 – Santo & Theresa Sciabica by Frank Sciabica  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – M/M Joseph Kupcha by Granddaughters

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 28 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### 29 - Monday - St. Catherine of Siena

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 6)

### 30 - Tuesday - St. Pius V

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.

### 1 - MAY - Wednesday - St. Joseph the Worker

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

### 2 - Thursday - St. Athanasius

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

### 3 - Friday - St. Philip & St. James

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00-2:00 - MH - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat  
 6:00-7:00 - CH - First Communion Practice

### 4 - Saturday

8:30 - HFC - First Saturday Devotion  
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study  
 11:00 - CH - First Communion Mass  
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 6:00 - CH - Filipino Mass  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Food for the Needy Collection

10:00 - MH - Fellowship Sunday  
 10:00 - MH - Steubenville NYC Parent Information Session  
 1:00pm - HFC - Adoration

### Stewardship of Treasure

Holy Thursday: \$2,119.00  
 Good Friday: \$2,599.00  
 Easter 2019: \$31,226.00  
 Easter Decorations: \$2,107.00

### 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 MAY 4/5, 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