

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 Berluche, Deacon Larry Bevilacqua,
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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



3rd Sunday of Easter + May 5, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

May is, of course, the Month of Mary. With that in mind, try to do some little things to honor Mary this month. If you don't already pray the Rosary daily, this would be a good time to start. If you can't pray a whole Rosary, why not pray at least a decade of it a day? It is a powerful prayer – one of my favorites – and is recommended by countless saints.

As a parish, we will honor Mary by setting up a special statue of her near the side Altar. This statue will be crowned by our First Communion children at the 11 AM Mass next Sunday. It will be left in place throughout the month of May. My hope is that it will inspire us to think of Mary's good example and strive to follow it in our lives.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day! It is so appropriate that we honor our own mothers in this month dedicated to the Holy Mother of God. We will include a special prayer for mothers at Mass next weekend.

Additionally, Mother's Day envelopes have been placed in your packets and in the Church. You can list the names of your mother and grandmothers on them if you like. They will be placed near the Altar for the remainder of May – and the names on them will be included in all the Masses offered. These prayers will be a special spiritual gift to all our mothers and grandmothers – living and deceased!

Our parish is blessed to have several organizations dedicated to our Blessed Mother. One is the Legion of Mary, which is a small but very dedicated group that meets weekly for prayer, spiritual reading, and good works. Those interested in joining can contact the parish office. We will be happy to put you in touch with them.

The Blue Army Prayer Group is another wonderful group of people who love our Blessed Mother and are dedicated to the message she brought to the world at Fatima. This group has met and prayed in our parish chapel for 40 years. They will celebrate their anniversary at the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, May 19. It will be yet another way that we honor our Blessed Mother during her special month.

I had a very nice time with many of our parish Cub Scouts and Webelos at their Blue and Gold Brunch last Sunday morning. Having been a scout, it brought back many fond memories. It was great to see the scout's accomplishments and to spend time with them and their families.

As always, I would ask you to pray for me today and every day. I know many of you take very seriously my request to pray a Hail Mary for me each day – and I thank you. You are all in my daily prayers – especially my Rosary. Let's also pray for our mothers and for peace.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

We are looking forward to our upcoming Walk-A-Thon, taking place on May 16th. 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 1st, and, of course, our Annual Carnival. We look forward to sharing the remainder of the school year with you.

BINGO

5/9 – S. Behme, K. Tichy, R. Lazier, L. Zellers, T. Weadock, S.J. Kugelman; **5/11** – D. Kassick, M. Miles, M. Lombardi, E. Prolog, C. Allmer

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: EMMA GRACE ROSS, daughter of M/M Joseph Ross

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 5th!**

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!

"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.

CAMP STS. PHILIP AND JAMES NEWS

As we gear up to prepare for July 8th-11th 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.

CAMP CORNER

Coming to Camp Sts. Philip & James? We are looking for students of Grade 7-8 or High School who can play the keyboard and/or drums, we need both. Please contact Sr. Clare at sisterclareyosco@sistersofjesusourhope.org or call (908) 454-0112 as soon as possible. We would love to have you join us – July 8-11, 8am to 12:15pm.

LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE AS OUR LADY TRAVELS

In February, Our Lady of Guadalupe traveling kits were introduced to our parish. We are thankful for the Duran, Joseph and Weadock Families who graciously hosted Our Lady in their homes during April. If you would like to acquire a kit, please look for sign-up forms in the foyer of the church.

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Legion of Mary Library has a wonderful selection of books and videos for the entire family to choose from. Open Sundays (excluding holidays) in Mercy Hall from after 9am Mass to 10:45am.

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.

NATIVE SONS CALLED TO PRIESTHOOD

I am happy to announce that the Reverend Mr. Matthew Marinelli and the Reverend Mr. Joseph Illes, native sons of St. Philip and St. James, have been called by the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Priesthood. They will be ordained on Sat., June 22, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ. Please keep them in your prayers.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the first four winners in our calendar raffle: Mrs. Siano, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Perna, and Mr. Dean. We cannot wait to see who the next round of winners will be!

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.

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. 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., 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. 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 1st. 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 29th, and First Responders Day will be June 30th.

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. 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.

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 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.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Please give that much. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

May 11/12, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolytes: Vince Bedoya & Christopher Hill
Ministers: Dorothy Kays & Ronald Rossini; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Frances Ludwig, C4 – Eileen Dean
Lector: Louis Moyer
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Luciana Perna & Joshua Romero

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Sofia Grimshaw & Dominic Russo

9:00am

Acolyte: Mark-Luke Gural & Stephen Gural
Ministers: Maria Gural & Kelly Perna; C1 – Eileen Kerrigan, C2 – Rosemary Carnali, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Donna Kucinski
Lector: Yvonne Montague
Servers: Gavin Hayes & Aiden Hayes & Riley Perna

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia
Ministers: Elizabeth Divinagracia & Carol Bevilacqua; C1 – Pat James, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Barbara Shaneberger, C4 – Gloria Cervasi
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Logan Shoudt & Allan Palos & Lillie Chismar

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Yakubu Miles
Lector: Aidan Lavigne
Servers: Matthew Erz & Vincent DeMaisip & Isaiah Miles

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

5/5/19 – Elizabeth Divinagracia & Barbara Shaneberger
5/12/19 – No Service (Mother's Day)

Brakeley Care Center

5/5/19 – Paul & Karen Juliano
5/12/19 – No Service (Mother's Day)

Phillipsburg Care Center

5/5/19 – Pat James & Allison Frasca
5/12/19 – No Service (Mother's Day)

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

6:45 – Frances Lane by John Christopher Betz
 8:00 – Emil Pergoskiy by Niece, Barbara
 12:10 – Giuseppe Viscomi by Mario & Sandra Ferraro

TUESDAY, MAY 7

6:45 – Charles McGuire by Family
 8:00 – Richard Kirby by Family
 12:10 – Barbara Farmer by Margaret Pavkovic

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:45 – Queenie Jabbour Shumar by Bob & Dee Ellwood
 8:00 – Dominick & Julia Romano & Family by Gloria & Jennie
 12:10 – Patricia Stewart Steele by Mom & Susan

THURSDAY, MAY 9

6:45 – William & Mary Easterly by Karen Hoffman
 8:00 – Frank & Virginia Rossnagle by Son, Patrick Rossnagle
 12:10 – Louis Turdo by Lucy Haney & Family

FRIDAY, MAY 10

6:45 – Anthony & Jennie Bladies & Sons (A)
 8:00 – Robert Luke by Family
 12:10 – John J. Natisin, Sr. by Wife

SATURDAY, MAY 11

7:00 – Alayna Sulick by Family
 8:00 – Anna & Michael Figura by Margaret Skears
 4:30pm – Helen Casey by Bob & Dee Ellwood

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:00 – Bill & Jean Duaine by Son, Bill
 9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Gino Angelozzi
 11:00 – For the Mothers of the Parish, Living and Deceased
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Alfonso Giordano by Tony & Dolly Loiacono

● CALENDAR ●

5 - 3rd 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

6 - Monday

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

7 - Tuesday

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 - Hispanic Ministry
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

8 - Wednesday

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

9 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - MH - Consecration Class for Our Lady of Guadalupe
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

10 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00-7:00 - CH - First Communion Practice

11 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - CH - First Communion Mass
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

12- 4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

11:00 - CH - May Crowning
 1:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

April 28, 2019: \$10,180.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$298.00
 Easter 2019: \$33,766.00
 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 11/12, 2019

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