

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

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

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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: 8am in the Church



IT PLEASURES GOD
TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 18, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

This weekend our parish is happy to welcome Pam DiMartile, who will speak at most of our Masses. She will give us more information about the Walking Pilgrimage that will take place on Saturday, September 21. The pilgrimage is part of the Year of Spiritual Awakening that is being observed throughout our diocese.

Bishop Checchio decreed this Year of Spiritual Awakening as a year of spiritual preparation for his consecration of our diocese to our Blessed Mother under her title of "Our Lady of Guadalupe." The Evening of Spiritual Awakening – which was so well attended in our Church – was one of the events in this year. So is the personal consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe that so many of us did this past Lent.

With the Walking Pilgrimage approaching, I want to invite anyone who did not yet make the personal consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe to do so. I have placed consecration booklets in the back of the Church for those who wish to take and use one. I have a few at the office, too. It's a simple – but very beautiful process – of spending just a few minutes each day reading and praying with the consecration booklet. I really encourage everyone to do so!

Remember that we will have a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 8th, following the 9AM Mass. It will be held in Mercy Hall to honor our Blessed Mother and celebrate her birthday (which the Church celebrates on September 8th). Tickets are cheap – just \$1 a person or \$5 for the whole family – so that everyone has a chance to attend. Tickets will also be sold after Mass next Sunday morning.

As August rushes by, we are fast approaching the beginning of the new school year. That being the case, please be sure your children are registered for our parish school or CCD program. We want to be sure that every school aged child in our parish is learning about the Lord Jesus, His plan for each one of us, and how much He loves us. Our parish school and CCD program for those students in public school exist to help our families pass their faith in Jesus on to the next generation.

The craziness in our world reminds us of just how much we need Jesus. A world in which so many people experience despair, a lack of direction, or a feeling of meaningless needs what only God can give. In the midst of life's troubles, He gives us hope that following Him and living as He taught makes things better for us and others. His teachings are our directions for the journey of life – showing us how to get to Heaven by the way we live here and now. The fact that He gives each of us a mission in life - especially the mission of being holy and helping our neighbor – tells that our life has a great deal of meaning and purpose.

Be sure to teach these things to your children. For that matter, help them experience and live their Catholic Faith – perhaps by going as a family on the Walking Pilgrimage or to the Communion Breakfast. That would be a great thing to do!

Finally, please say a Hail Mary for me today and every day. Pray also that God will raise up many new priests from among the young men of our parish – and new sisters from among our young women. Finally, pray that we will all do our best to follow Jesus, and lead all people to Him.

Have a great week!
Fr. John



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Saint Update:

It is hard to believe the 2019-2020 school year is nearly upon us. We are eager to start another fantastic school year with our amazing students, faculty, and staff. We have a number of great things planned, and look forward to sharing this new school year with you. The school year will begin on August 28th. If you have not already done so, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to see all of the awesome things happening daily in our school.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Substitute teachers are needed. Certification and clearances are required. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at 908-859-1244 to apply.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Saints Philip & James School Yard Sale. Thank you also to everyone who worked so hard on the event.

TRICKY TRAY

Planning has begun for the SSPJ School Annual Tricky Tray. If you are interested in donating prizes for the event, or you would like to volunteer, please contact Sierra Fenton at fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a beautiful, visible reminder of Our Blessed Mother who constantly intercedes for us. Legion of Mary invites you to welcome her into your home for one week. Please contact Mary Ann at (732) 539-4592 or Camille at (908) 319-2719.

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of 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.

TRICKY TRAY GIFT AUCTION

St. Cecelia's Church in Iselin is hosting a Tricky Tray Gift Auction on Saturday, September 21. Doors open at 6:00pm. For tickets, please contact Kathy at (732) 283-2300 or kbeglan@stcecelia.com. Pay by cash or check made payable to St. Cecelia Church.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

G.I.F.T. Ministry will again be hosting Fellowship Sunday's beginning in September. At the request of some parishioners, we will try to regularly have fellowship after *BOTH* the 9am and 11am Masses once a month. We are looking for a few adults to assist us after the 9am and 11am Masses for about 45 minutes. Duties will include serving coffee and donuts with light clean-up. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please reach out to Cindy DePillo at cdepillo@spsj.org or call her at the Church office at ext. 406. Thanks for considering!

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with JESUS in the BLESSED SACRAMENT."... St. Padre Pio

Eucharistic Adoration hours currently in need:

Mondays at 9am, 2pm, 3pm & 8pm, Tuesdays at 3pm & 10pm, Fridays at Noon, 2pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 8am & 3pm, and Sundays at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm...or an hour of your choice and/or on our substitute list. Phone Camille at (908) 319-2719.

ANNUAL SILVER & GOLD ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

SPSJ parishioners are cordially invited to celebrate their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries with the Church of Metuchen and renew their marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00pm. Registration is required. Please register online at diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at (732) 562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or by calling (732) 562-1543.

CATHOLIC CATHRITIES FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed immediately for the food pantry. If you have three hours a week, ONLY three hours, please Prayerfully consider volunteering to package food for the hungry. Perform one of the corporal works of mercy which is pleasing to God our heavenly father. Please call 908-859-5447 for an application.

"The Way of St. Juan Diego"

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all youth, families and people of faith are invited to participate in a Walking Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 21st, from 10am to 8pm. The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Parish, 316 Old Allerton Rd., Annandale. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. The cost is \$20 by August 30th or \$25 thereafter. The walk will take place rain or shine. Registration is required. For details or to register, visit www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage. Registration deadline is September 13th.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – *"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* (Luke 12:51) Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

CCD CORNER

We are now registering students for our CCD program for the 2019-2020 school year. All children attending public school grades 1-8 must attend CCD in order to receive First Communion and Confirmation at the proper time. If you have a child who needs to be registered, please pick up a form in the back of the Church or at the Church Office, and return it as soon as possible. Please call if you'd like a form mailed to you home.

- † We are in need of CCD Teachers, Substitutes and Hall Monitors for our upcoming CCD school year. There are positions for both the Family (monthly) and Traditional (weekly) programs. The CCD registration fees are waived for volunteers who teach in the program. If interested, please call Jo-Ann Scott at (908) 454-0112.
- † There will be a mandatory Confirmation *Student and Parent* meeting in Mercy Hall on Sunday, September 15th after the 9am Mass. If you and your child did not attend the Confirmation meeting in the spring, you must attend this meeting. This meeting is required for all students who desire to receive Confirmation during this school year. This requirement is for students attending our parish school as well as those attending public school.

STS. PHILIP & JAMES YOUTH GROUP

We are starting up SPSJ Youth Groups again. We will concentrate on two separate age groups: Grades 5-8 and Grades 9-12. Our grade 5-8 program will meet in the Upper Room of Mercy Hall twice monthly on a Friday from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Grade 9-12 will meet twice monthly after the 5:30 Mass on Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm. Both programs will focus on three main pillars:

1. SPIRITUALITY (investigating the various ways in which Catholics live out their Baptismal promise through prayer and action.
2. SOCIALIZATION Fun group activities to build long lasting friendship.
3. SERVICE – Volunteering under supervision at community service events. We are looking for STUDENTS (grades 5-8 and grades 9-12) interested in the program and VOLUNTEERS to assist in supervision of student events. All Youth Clearances from the Diocese of Metuchen must be obtained before volunteers begin. Contact Deacon Rob or Nancy Ensley at (908) 454-0112 if you'd like to volunteer OR want to sign up your child up for SPSJ Youth Group!

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE RETREAT

The Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May is hosting a Celebration of Marriage Retreat from September 27-29. The weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. There will be a deliberate balance between participation/ reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of "couple time" for walks on nearby beaches. The cost is \$280 per couple (includes all meals, room, and program.) Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call (609) 884-3829 for more information.

SACRED HEART GOLF OUTING

Sacred Heart’s 10th Annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, September 9 at the Fox Hollow Country Club in Branchburg. Visit the Golf webpage at www.churchofsacredheart.net for updates and registration information.

SAN GENNARO BUS TRIP

A bus trip to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Januarius in New York City will take place on Thursday, September 19th. The cost is \$45, and the bus will depart at noon. The trip includes visits to Chelsea Market, High Line Park and Little Italy, Holy Mass, and the Annual Parade. The bus departs again at 8:30pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact Camille at (908) 319-2719.

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!

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

"A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9. *Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

COMMUNION BREAKFAST TICKETS

Family Name: _____

Number of Persons: _____

Telephone/Contact: _____

Donation: \$1 per person, or \$5 for the whole family, no matter how many!

Please return this to the parish office or drop it in the collection next week.

● **MINISTRY** ●

August 17/18, 2019

SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolytes: Vince Bedoya & William Haussman

Ministers: Keith Gallagher & Thomas Casey; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Eileen Dean, C3 – Robert Ellwood, C4 – Dorothy Kays

Lector: Louis Moyer

Servers: Andrew Haussman & Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh

Ministers: Immaculata Durnin & Mary Duaima

Lector: Susan Gerhardt

Servers: Steven Fulse & Isabella McKenna

9:00am

Acolytes: Raymond Zelada & Franco Zelada

Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Ines Berluche; C1 – Donna Kucinski, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Anne Coyle

Lector: Theresa Duaima

Servers: Joseph Cruz & Joey Grimshaw & Chizam Odimma

11:00am

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams

Ministers: Kevin Kassick & Denise Kassick; C1 – Maureen Speer, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Gloria Cervasi, C4 – Mary Brogan

Lector: Karen Llanos

Servers: KJ Kassick & Hannah Adams & Blake Sweigert

5:30pm

Acolyte: Joseph Stolte

Minister: Yakubu Miles

Lector: Aidan Lavigne

Servers: Isaiah Miles & Mark Talpas

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

8/25/19 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos
9/1/19 - No Service

Brakeley Care Center

8/25/19 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua
9/1/19 - No Service

Phillipsburg Care Center

8/25/19 – Karen Juliano & Paul Juliano
9/1/19 – No Service

● **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ●

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00 – Marie Ganz by Grandkids
 9:00 – Anna Ostili by the Lusardi Family
 11:00 – Alfred P. Kaulius by Mary K. Kaulius
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Duane Sbriscia by Kevin & Mary Gosey

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

6:45 – Special Intention Sister Judith Andrews by Joanne Chesar
 8:00 – Jennie Colatnano by Daughter & Grandchildren
 12:10 – Guieseppe Viscomi by Korp Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Betty Bevins
 8:00 – Christian Napoli, Sr. by Napoli Family
 12:10 – Anna Marie Cervasi by Tony & Dolly Loiacono

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

6:45 – Mary Qurezynski by Family
 8:00 – Matthew P. Flynn by Betty Lilly
 12:10 – Anna Marie Cervasi by Mary Brogan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

6:45 – Jenny Sorvillo by DePillo Family
 8:00 – Jack Finegan by Family
 12:10 – Vinny Cataili by Robert & Laura Smith

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

6:45 – Frank B. Pologruto (A) by
 8:00 – Rosa Santoro by Anthony & Mary Celia
 12:10 – Lorraine by Ed & Dolly Duffy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 – Cecelia Kurpicki by Sandy Crusan
 4:30pm – Herman Boos by Bess & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 – Sally Patti by Tony & Dolly Loiacono
 9:00 – Mozelle Napoli by Lucy Haney
 11:00 – Thomas Bush by Deacon Rob & Malley Fisher
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Anthony Caccese by Loretta Adamitis

● **CALENDAR** ●

18- 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

19 – Monday –

St. John Eudes

8:30am-11:00pm – HFC – Adoration
 7:00pm – HFC – Novena
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

20 – Tuesday – St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00am – MH – Legion of Mary
 6:00pm – CH/Flynn’s – Serra Club Mass/Mtg.
 6:30pm – CR – Legion of Mary
 7:00pm – HFC – Cenacles of Life
 7:00pm – CH – Hispanic Ministry
 7:30pm – MH – Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

21 – Wednesday – St. Pius X, Pope

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00pm – HFC – Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00pm – PMR – Bible Study

22 – Thursday – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am-11:00pm – HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00pm – CR – Consoling the Heart of Jesus

23 – Friday – St. Rose of Lima

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

24 – Saturday – St. Bartholomew

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00am - CH - Confession
 9:00am – PMR – Spanish Bible Study
 9:00am – MH – Legion of Mary Curia
 11:00am - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:00 – 1:00 MH – SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession

**25 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 “Adopt-A-Missionary” Collection**

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

Stewardship of Treasure

August 11, 2019: \$10,272.50
 July On-Line Contributions: \$8,763.50

Parish Capital Campaign

Total Pledged as of 7/8/19: \$1,499,575.90
 Total Collected as of 7/8/19: \$806,817.51

*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
 AUGUST 24/25, 2019**

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