

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

Parish Secretary: Nancy Ensley

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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: 8am in the Church

Therefore keep
watch, because
you do not know
on what day
your Lord
will come.

Matthew 24:42



21th Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 25, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

It was really good to see so many people at Mass for the Holy Day last week. It was a real testimony to your love of our Blessed Mother and faith in her Son, Jesus. I really enjoyed the Masses I celebrated on the Assumption with each and every person who took the time to be there.

It was also good to see the wonderful response to the Sneakers for Small Souls program. I just walked into Mercy Hall and saw several tables full of sneakers, socks, crayon and other school supplies. These will be distributed to children who need them as the new school year begins. Thanks to everyone who took part – and to those who organized this wonderful event. It is a great act of charity.

Believe it or not, this will be the last weekend that Tim Eck, our summer seminarian, will be with us. He will take a little time to visit his family before returning to Rome the beginning of September. Please keep him in your prayers as he does so.

While I'm sad to see him leave, I'm happy that he is drawing ever closer to the sacred priesthood. Time was a big help to me this summer. I am especially grateful to him for leading and giving reflections at the Novena on Monday nights and teaching a Bible Study on Wednesdays. Many people told me that they learned a lot from him – which is great!

Of course, Tim's departure coincides with the whole Back to School business here. Our parish school begins classes this year on Wednesday – around the same time as most of our local public schools. Let's pray that all our students and teachers have a year filled with both academic, personal, and spiritual growth.

This Monday, August 26th the teachers from our Parish School will attend the 8AM Daily Mass and to receive a special blessing in our Church. If you are able to do so, why not join them? It would be especially nice if some of our school parents – and students – could be at the Mass that morning to pray for and with the teachers as they get ready to start the new school year.

Next weekend our parish will be visited by our friends from the Holy Land, with the beautiful olive wood statues, rosaries, and religious articles they always bring. The sale of these things is an important way that we can support the Christian population of the Holy Land – which is facing tremendous challenges and great suffering these days. Churches are burned and looted, discrimination in getting jobs or houses, and even martyrdom are just a few sufferings faced by Christians who live in the places where Jesus lived, taught, died, and rose from the dead. Let's do what we can to help them.

As always, I close by asking you to pray at least one Hail Mary for me each day. Pray also that God will raise up many wonderful priests from our parish. Let's also be sure to pray for the Christians in the Holy Land, the teachers and students who are returning to school and for peace.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

The Church Office

The Church office will be closed on Friday Aug. 30th and on Monday Sept. 2nd.



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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.

St. Bernadette Program

We are thrilled to announce our St. Bernadette Program. Our brand new special curriculum program, which will be led by certified special education teachers, will assist students having difficulties with reading and/or math. This program will consist of both one on one as well as classroom assistance. Every student learns differently, and our goal is to accommodate your student's individual needs. Call 908-859-1244 to learn more about the program!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

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

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.

108th ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL AT HOLY CROSS PARK

Come & Enjoy the Italian Food & Entertainment at the 108th Annual Italian Food Festival at Holy Cross Park. The Italian Festival is scheduled, rain or shine, for Friday Sept. 6th from 6-10pm, Saturday Sept. 7th from 5-10pm, Sunday Sept. 8th from 3-8pm. Spectacular Firework display is scheduled for Saturday at 10pm.

Welcome to the Family!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism Anna Rose-May Johnson daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Austin Johnson.

PRAYERS FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE, & TO UPHOLD LIFE, LIBERTY & MARRIAGE

With the recent shootings, we need to continue to pray for peace in our country, and an end to violence. Please join us on Saturday morning, August 31st, at 8:30am in the Chapel to pray for an end of violence, to uphold the dignity of every person's life, the bond of married couples, and continued religious liberty for all.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Alone? Without family? Come to our Labor Day Picnic on Monday, Sept. 2nd at noon in Mercy Hall. To hold a seat, please call 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number.

"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 2pm, 3pm & 8pm, Tuesdays at 3pm, 5pm & 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.

CATHOLIC CATHRITIES FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed immediately for the food pantry. If you have three hours a week, 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.

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.

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!

PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

With an opportunity to venerate & be blessed by St. Padre Pio's glove on Sunday Sept. 22nd at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church. Fr. Pio Mandata, FMHJ will be celebrating 12 noon mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following mass. Confessions will be held 1:30 to 2:30pm. A talk and Healing Service at 2:30pm.

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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time "For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30). Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standard. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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.*

Parish Communion Breakfast

Please join us on Sept. 8th for our Parish Communion Breakfast in honor of Our Blessed Mother at 9am in Mercy Hall.

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 24/25, 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: Brett Bruckman & Joey Grimshaw

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh

Ministers: Immaculata Durin & 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 & Chizam Odinna

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: Adam Lavigne

Servers: Isaiah Miles & Mark Talpas

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

9/1/19 - No Service

9/8/19 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle

Brakeley Care Center

9/1/19 - No Service

9/8/19 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

Phillipsburg Care Center

9/1/19 – No Service

9/8/19 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

6:45 – Bruce Amore by Jim Sciascia
 8:00 – Anthony Barbary by Family
 12:10 – Virginia Tighe by Jim Sciascia

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:45 – Julia Fisher by Donna & Paul Kucinski
 8:00 – Janet Imdorato by Family
 12:10 – Augusto & Stella Pasquini, children, nephews & Grandsons by Jeann Pasquini

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:45 – Cathy Steigerwalt by Martha Richline
 8:00 – Betty Lilly by Tom & Mary Jiorle
 12:10 – Rose & Andrew McCluskey by Daughter Marcella & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

6:45 – Angela Bevilacqua by SPSJ Choir
 8:00 – Richard Barbadora by Don & Gail Barbadora
 12:10 – Vinnie Catalli by Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

6:45 – Special Intention Gilma Espinal by Family
 8:00 – Anna Marie Cervasi by Bonnie Albanese Piva
 12:10 – Louise Colatriano by Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 – Timothy J. Balas by Family
 4:30pm – James & Helen Franceschino by Daughters

SUNDAY, September 1

7:00 – Francis T. Flynn, Jr. by Sisters & Brothers
 9:00 – Barbara & Billy Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – Millie Piperata (A) by Al & Ellen Piperata
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Leslie Csontos by Susan Woolf

● CALENDAR ●

25 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Adopt-A-Missionary” Collection
 1:00pm-11:00pm – HFC - Adoration
 2:30 – CH – Baptism Ceremony

26 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm – HFC – Adoration
 7:00pm – HFC – Novena

27 – Tuesday – St. Monica

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

28 – Wednesday – St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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

29 – Thursday – The Passion of St. John The Baptist

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

30 - Friday

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

31 – Saturday –

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 8:30 HFC Prayers for Life, Liberty & Marriage
 9:00am - CH - Confession
 9:00am – PMR – Spanish Bible Study
 11:00am - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 4:30 – Gifts from Bethlehem after all Masses

1 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7AM – Gifts from Bethlehem after all Masses
 1:00pm-11:00pm – HFC - Adoration
 2:30 – CH – Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR AUGUST 31/Sept. 1, 2019

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

Stewardship of Treasure

August 18, 2019: \$12,270.00
 Adopt A Missionary – \$550.00
 Assumption Thursday - \$3191.00
 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

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 If interested in signing up for on-line giving, please go to:
<https://spsj.churchgiving.com>*