

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

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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 1, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

This Monday is Labor Day – a day to honor all those who work for a living. As Catholics we believe that work is part of God's plan for us. St. Paul – in one of his letters – tells us to "earn the food we eat by working quietly." He also admonishes those "who do not keep busy – but act like busybodies." He even goes so far as to say that "those who do not work should not eat."

In this St. Paul is certainly not putting down those who cannot work due to age, disability, or circumstance. Neither is he, who constantly commands us to practice charity, discouraging us from helping those who truly are in need. But St. Paul is reminding us that work has a place in God's plan – and we do well to reflect prayerfully on the good we can do by working according to His will.

St. Joseph is our model in this. The different kinds of work he did are an example to each and every of us. He worked as a carpenter to provide a home for Jesus and Mary – reminding us that working to support a family is pleasing in God's sight. He worked at being a faithful husband and loving foster father to Jesus – a vitally important kind of work that is all too often overlooked. Finally, St. Joseph worked at his own faith (remember how he and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple, and things like that?) On this Labor Day, let's look to the example of St. Joseph and follow it as best as we can.

Today we welcome our friends from the Holy Land. Every year they visit us with an enormous collection of beautiful olive wood religious articles made by Christians in the Holy Land. The sale of these articles is an important means of support for the Christian community in the land where Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose from the dead.

If you follow the news, you are well aware that our Christian brothers and sisters in that part of the world do not have an easy time these days. Consider the following numbers. Around 1950, nearly 80% of the people living in and around Bethlehem were Christian. Today, that number is 12%. In that same period, the number of Christians living throughout the Holy Land has gone from 18% to 2% of the population!

This drop is due largely to emigration – Christians migrated that part of the world because of the problems they face living there. Those problems come from many places. While we are often aware of things like Church burnings and the kidnapping and killing of Christians in that part of the world, there are other problems as well.

Jeffery Abboud is a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher – a group of Catholics who are committed to helping the Christians in the Holy Land. In a recent interview he explained how freedom of movement – something we take for granted – is a big problem for some Christians living in areas occupied by Israel due to the many security checkpoints. Passage through these checkpoints is very slow – even for children going to school. It can take children hours to get to school – making what is a normal part of life for us a chore in that part of the world. The ongoing hostility between Israel and its neighbors has caused things like land seizures and the collateral damage that comes from living in a war zone.

Reading these things reminds me – and I hope reminds you – of the blessings we enjoy in America. While we certainly have our problems – and should do our best to address them – we enjoy a degree of security and freedom unknown to Christians living in the Holy Land. With that in mind, let's be sure to keep them in our prayers and if you can – buy some of their beautiful handworks.

Remember to say a Hail Mary for me today and to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Let's also pray for peace and for all in need.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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SAINT UPDATE:

The 2019-2020 school year is officially underway. Thank you all of the faculty and staff who worked so hard this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. We have so many wonderful things planned for this school year, and we cannot wait to share the school year with you. Like us on Facebook, so you can keep up with all of the amazing things our Saints are doing.

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, our goal is to accommodate your student's individual needs. Call 908-859-1244 to learn more about the program!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED!

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

TRICKY TRAY

We need your help! 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.

FLOWER MEMORIUM

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Carmella Piperata and donated by Ellen and Al Piperata.

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

September is the month of the Our Lady of Sorrows. 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.

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 and leave your name & phone number.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, September 7th, for the First Saturday Devotion in the Chapel at 8:30am. Prayers for life will be included with the reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Confessions follow at 9am in the church.

"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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY

Fr. David Kosmoski is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, including Sicily and Rome with a papal audience from November 2-13, 2020. The trip includes superior hotels, most meals, professional guides and tour escort, and daily Mass. Call St. Andrew Church, Avenel rectory for a full color brochure at (732) 634-4355.

TRICKY TRAY GIFT AUCTION

St. Cecelia's Church in Iselin is hosting a Tricky Tray Gift Auction on Saturday, September 21, 2019. 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.

108th ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL AT HOLY CROSS PARK

Come and 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 September 6th from 6-10pm, Saturday, September 7th from 5-10pm, and Sunday, September 8th from 3-8pm. Spectacular Firework display is scheduled for Saturday at 10pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STATION

- † 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

The SPSJ Youth Group will be starting on 9/13 at 6:30pm in The Upper Room for Grades 5-8. The High School Group will be starting on 9/15 at 6:30pm in The Upper Room for Grades 9-12. For information and to sign up please call Deacon Rob or Nancy Ensley at 908-454-0112.

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.

PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

With an opportunity to venerate and be blessed by St. Padre Pio's glove on Sunday September 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.

“THE WAY OF ST. JOHN 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 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.

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.*

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A Bereavement Support Program will be held here beginning Tuesday, September 10 and will meet for eight consecutive Tuesdays. Sessions are confidential and are held in Mary House, (lower level of the rectory) from 7-9pm. Weekly attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory. If you have lost a loved one to death and are in stages of grief, you may wish to consider being part of this program. If you wish to join us or for additional information please contact Chris Seitz, 908-627-3210 or parish office at 908-35-7319.

PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Please join us on September 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 ●

Sept. 7/8, 2019

SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolytes: William Haussman, & Andrew Haussman

Ministers: Keith Gallagher & Eileen Dean; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C3 – Ronald Rossini, C4 – Robert Ellwod

Lector: RYANNE BIGELLI

Servers: Brett Bruckman & Robby Basel

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Lucas Anmolsingh

Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak

Lector: Louis Moyer

Servers: Brady Carver & Jeremy Carver

9:00am

Acolytes: Luciana Perna

Ministers: Eileen Kerrigan & Charlene Hummell; C1 – Mario Madawala, C2 – Donna Kucinski, C3 – Eileen Catali, C4 – Kelly Perna

Lector: Rosemary Carnali

Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brook Troxell

11:00am

Acolyte: Gabriel Adams

Ministers: Geraldine Lagrimas & Karen Llanos; C1 – Pat James, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – Elizabeth Divinagracia, C4 – Ed Socci

Lector: Gerard Llanos

Servers: Alexander Brahm & Andrew Sretenovic

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz

Minister: Barbara Shaneberger

Lector: Judy Leone

Servers: Jason Erz & Lillie Chismar

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

9/8/19 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle

9/15/19 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawala

Brakeley Care Center

9/8/19 – Sharon & William Hillhouse

9/15/19 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood

Phillipsburg Care Center

9/8/19 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi

9/15/19 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi

● **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ●

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 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

MONDAY, SEPTMEBER 2

6:45 – Kenneth Harrison by Paul Kucinski
 8:00 – John Stana by JoAnn Scott

TUESDAY, SEPTMEBER 3

6:45 – Betty Fasanelli by DePillo Family
 8:00 – Guisepppe Viscomi by Gene & Theresa Lienhard
 12:10 – Thomas “Tiny” Houck (A) by Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTMEBER 4

6:45 – Helen Nicholas-Conti by Family
 8:00 – Dorothy Patti by Ben & Val Patti
 12:10 – Elizabeth Cervasi by Daughters

THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 5

6:45 – Catherine Smith by Chris & Denise Weber
 8:00 – Carole Hartman (A) by Patti, Baron, Erica & Emily Bissonnette
 12:10 – Jacob & Elfrieda Pargosky by Niece Barbara

FRIDAY, SEPTMEBER 6

6:45 – Theresa M. Merlo by Nicholas C. Merlo
 8:00 – Bessie Pacheco by Bev & Al Redondo
 12:10 – Ann Marie Cervasi by Betty Bevins

SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 7

8:00 – Vincent Catali by Peg Shears
 4:30pm – James M. Mondzak by Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 – Arthur Stannard by Children
 9:00 – Clelia & Oreste Marinelli by Yola & Enzo Marinelli
 11:00 – Sam Pesaresi by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Conor Babula by Family

● **CALENDAR** ●

1- 22th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1:00pm-11:00pm – HFC – Adoration
 Gifts from Bethlehem Olivewood Sale after all Masses

2 – Monday – Labor Day

8:30am-11:00pm – HFC – Adoration Closed
 12:00 – MH – Parish Labor Day Picnic

3 – Tuesday – St. Gregory the Great, Pope & 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 – CH – Hispanic Charismatic Ministry

4 – Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 1:00pm – MH Over 50’s
 7:00pm – Consoling the Heart of Jesus

5 – Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm – HFC - Adoration

6 – Friday – First Friday of the Month

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

7 – Saturday

8:30am – HFC – First Saturday Devotion
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00am - CH - Confession
 9:00am – PMR – Spanish Bible Study
 11:00am - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 Corona Self Help Group
 Food for the Needy Collection

8 – 23th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Food for the Needy” Collection
 1:00pm-11:00pm – HFC - Adoration
 9:00am – MH Parish Communion Breakfast
 Corona Self Help Group
 Food for the Needy

**MASS CELEBRANTS FOR
 SEPTEMBER 7/8, 2019**

4:30pm – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. John
 9:00am – Fr. John
 11:00am – Fr. Venditti
 1:00pm (SP) – Fr. Juan Carlos
 5:30pm – Fr. John

Stewardship of Treasure

August 25, 2019: \$9,901.50
 Debt Reduction: \$120.00
 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

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