

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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(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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 8, 2019

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

It has come to my attention that some of our parishioners have begun taking steps to prepare for the Walking Pilgrimage on September 21st! Specifically, they have been walking each day to build up their stamina for the pilgrimage. Their efforts remind me that we all have to work at getting our soul in shape each day.

St. Paul used this analogy in his First Letter to the Corinthians. "While all the athletes in the arena compete, the award goes only to one. Therefore, compete so as to win!" (1 Cor. 9:24). His point is that – as Christians – we should work as hard at getting to Heaven as athletes do at winning games. We do this best by regular prayer, works of charity, and frequent Confession and Holy Communion.

Speaking of pilgrimages, I am glad that our parish has gotten into the habit of making a regular one – day pilgrimage over the past several years. These have taken the form of bus trips to shrines – such as our visit to the Shrine of St. John Neumann last year. This year's trip will be held on Saturday, October 12th. We will visit the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia for a tour, Mass, Confession, and prayer. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

I want to thank everyone who supported the Christians from the Holy Land who visited our parish last week. It was a pleasure for me to bless so many beautiful religious articles. Knowing it was for such a good cause made it all the better.

Please remember that there will be a Confirmation Meeting for anyone in 8th grade who wants to receive that Sacrament in our parish this year. High school aged parishioners who have never been Confirmed and would like to be may also attend this meeting. Please bring a parent or guardian, too. (If you went to the Confirmation Meeting held for 7th graders last year, you do not have to attend this one, too!)

We have received word that Confirmation will be celebrated in our Church on February 7th at 7PM. We will have a rehearsal on February 6th. While that seems far away, it will be here before you know it! Those preparing for Confirmation this year should mark these dates on their calendar.

Fr. Wojciech, the priest who will be joining our parish on October 1st, recently sent me a photo and brief biography of himself. I will put it on our parish website this week. He is looking forward to joining us and getting involved in parish life. Please pray for him as he makes this transition – and welcome him when he arrives.

Please also keep praying for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. I truly believe that your prayers are a great blessing to me – and the source of many graces for our parish. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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SAINT UPDATE:

We have had a fantastic first week of school! It was so great to see both old and new faces alike. The halls are alive with learning. We are looking forward to all of the exciting things we have planned this school year. On September 9th we will host our first Back to School Night for parents in students in grades K-5. We will then host a second Back to School Night the following Monday, September 16th, for grades 6-8. These evenings are very informational, a great way to learn about all of the things we have planned for the year, and the perfect time to meet your student's teachers.

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 James Mondzak and donated by Eileen Mondzak.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PICTURES

First Communion and Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up in the Church Office. If you haven't done so already, please remember to pick them up during regular office hours.

"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, 5pm & 8pm, Tuesdays at 3pm, 5pm & 10pm, Wednesdays at Noon. Fridays at 10am, 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.

11th ANNIVERSARY OF "ALIENTO DE VIDA"

The Charismatic Prayers Group "Aliento de Vida" will celebrate its 11th anniversary on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Come celebrate with us: Prayers, The Gospel, Music and much more. Join us from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

There is a mandatory Confirmation Parent/Student meeting in Mercy Hall on Sunday, September 15th after 9am Mass in Mercy Hall. This meeting is for all Confirmation candidates and their parents who did not attend the parent meeting in the spring. Refreshments will be provided.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

G.I.F.T. Ministry welcomes everyone to attend the first Fellowship Sunday of the school year on Sunday, September 15th after the 9am and 11am masses. Please come to enjoy a donut, some coffee, and spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you!

“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!

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.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH in ALPHA

Miller Keystone Blood Drive on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at St. Mary's Church, 5th Ave., Alpha, NJ in the Parish Center from 8:30am – 12:30pm. Anyone in good health: 17 years of age, may donate. Bring ID. Online Registration Sponsor Code 2531 at GIVEaPINT.org.

● **MINISTRY** ●

Sept. 14/15, 2019

SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolytes: Luciana Perna & Chisomaga Acholonu

Ministers: Judy Leone & Margie Markus; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Immaculata Durnin, C4 – Robert Ellwood

Lector: Mary O'Sullivan

Servers: Chiazam Odimma & Michelangela Perna

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Brendan Hasara

Ministers: Joe Gourniak & William Hillhouse

Lector: Susan Gerhardt

Servers: Isabella McKenna & Oliver McKenna

9:00am

Acolytes: Mark Luke Gural & Stephen Gural

Ministers: Eileen Catali & Eileen Kerrigan; C1 – Matthew Markus, C2 – Anne Coyle, C3 – Ines Berluche, C4 – Lynn Markus

Lector: Theresa Duaimé

Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Brook Troxell

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Palazzo

Ministers: Karen Llanos & Robert Hopkins; C1 – Kevin Kassick, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Patricia Palazzo, C4 – Denise Kassick

Lector: Gerard Llanos

Servers: Logan Shoudt & Alexander Brahm

5:30pm

Acolyte: Lauran Rautenberg

Minister: Barbara Shaneberger

Lector: RYANNE Bigelli

Servers: Blake Sweigert & Steven Fulse, Jr.

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

9/15/19 – Joseph Gourniak & Mario Madawala

9/22/19 – Denise & Kevin Kassick

Brakeley Care Center

9/15/19 – Dorothy Kays & Robert Ellwood

9/22/19 – Lynn & Matthew Markus

Phillipsburg Care Center

9/15/19 – Valerie & Joseph Lusardi

9/22/19 – Melody Talpas & Diane Volk

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, SEPTMEBER 9

6:45 – Frank Bigelli by Frances Ludwig
 8:00 – Helen Flynn & Joanne Wilkins by Friend
 12:10 – Richard Van Benschoten by Ed & Margaret Connolly

TUESDAY, SEPTMEBER 10

6:45 – Elaine Fee by Fran O'Hanlon
 8:00 – Geraldine Rosznagle by Norman Rosznagle & Family
 12:10 – Adele Abbadessa Rivas by Jeannine Riotto

WEDNESDAY, SEPTMEBER 11

6:45 – Arthur & Louise Pasquarelli by Debbie Pasquarelli
 8:00 – Mary Louise Rosznagle by Husband Barry Rosznagle
 12:10 – Jorge Jelkh by Blanca Liliam Espinal

THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 12

6:45 – AnnMarie Shaneberger by Richard & Kathleen Hoag
 8:00 – Michael Beruta Jr. by Charlette & George Gazzana
 12:10 – Bernard A. Bladier

FRIDAY, SEPTMEBER 13

6:45 – Hank Fasanelli by DePillo Family
 8:00 – Irene & Bernard Fleming by AnnMarie & Daughters
 12:10 – Deceased Members of Simonetta Family by Tony & Dolly Loiacono

SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 14

8:00 – Paul & Elizabeth Opdyke by Vance Opdyke
 4:30pm – Patricia McMann by Patti & Bob Merlo

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 15

7:00 – Emma Holoham by Bill & Mary
 9:00 – Ludecina Angelozzi by Gino Angelozzi
 11:00 – Robert Counoyer (A) by Baron, Patti, Erica, & Emily
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Janice Lusardi by Lusardi Family

Stewardship of Treasure

September 1, 2019: Not available at time of printing.
 August On-Line Contributions: \$8,455.50

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>*

● CALENDAR ●

8- 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

9 – Monday St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30am-11:00pm – HFC – Adoration
 6-8:30pm – MH – Catholic Daughters
 7:00pm – HFC Novena
 7:00pm – School – Back to School Pre-K 5th grade

10 – Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00am – MH – Legion of Mary
 6-7:00pm CCD Teachers pick up books at SPSJ Café.
 6:30pm – CR – Legion of Mary
 7:00pm – HFC – Cenacles of Life
 7:00pm – CH – Hispanic Charismatic Ministry
 7:30pm - MH – Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

11 – Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00pm – CR - Marian Consecration Class
 7:00pm – MH - Columbiettes Mtg.
 7:00pm – HFC – Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00pm – Divine Mercy Prayer Group Mtg.

12 – Thursday – The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

13 – Friday – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:30-8:30pm – The Upper Room Youth Group Grades 5-8

14 – Saturday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00am - CH - Confession
 10:00am – CR Baptism Prep Class
 11:00am - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:00am-1:00pm – MH – SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15pm - CH - Confession
 6:00-9:00pm – PMR Hispanic Charismatic Ministry

15 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adopt A Missionary Collection

1:00pm-11:00pm – HFC - Adoration
 9:00am – MH – Fellowship Sunday
 10am – MH – Confirmation Parent Meeting
 11am – MH - Fellowship Sunday
 2:30pm – CH – Baptism Ceremony
 6:30 – 8:30pm The Upper Room High School Youth Group

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 14/15, 2019

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