

# ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JULY 19, 2020

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am -  
4:00 pm (closed for lunch  
from 12:00 - 1:15 pm)

Also, Monday, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

#### Saints Philip & James School

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*Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal*

#### Religious Education (CCD)

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*Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director*

## HOLY MASS

*Every Catholic who is able has a serious obligation to worship God at Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.*

### Saturday Evening

4:30 pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)

### Sunday

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (Spanish)  
& 5:30 pm

### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday: 6:45, 8:00 am &  
12:10 pm in the Church

Serra Club Mass: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at  
6:00 pm

Tuesday: 7:00 pm (Spanish) in the Church  
(2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

Saturday: 8:00 am in the Church

## 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, 9:00 - 9:30 am and from 3:15 - 4:15 pm or by appointment with one of the priests.*

## FOR MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please call the Church Office.

## DEVOTIONS

**Adoration:** Monday - Saturday, 8:30 am-11:00 pm; Sunday, 12:00 pm-11:00 pm (Chapel)

**Novena (Miraculous Medal):** Monday at 7:00 pm (Chapel)

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group:** Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Parish Meeting Room)

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday at 9:00 am & 6:30 pm (Mercy Hall)

**Alimenta de Vida RCC:** Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (Church)

**Blue Army Prayer Group:** Thursday at 7:00 pm (Chapel)

**Cenacles of Life:** Tuesday at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 11:00 am in the Chapel

## 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 are Mondays only from 1:30 - 7:00 pm. Services are provided in English and Spanish. For information, please call 908-777-3730.

July 18 – 19, 2020 We are all missionaries!

I am happy to announce that our parish will participate in the annual Mission Co-op Appeal the weekend of August 1–2. Fr. John Tigatiga, SDS will visit our parish and preach at all of our Masses that weekend. He is a Salvatorian Father.

The Salvatorian Fathers were founded by Fr. Francis Jordan in the late 1800's. He was a German priest who was concerned about the effects of the Kulturkampf that was occurring in Germany at that time. The Kulturkampf – as some of you history buffs out there may know – was an attempt by the German chancellor at the time, Bismark, to secularize Germany. This led to harsh restrictions being placed on Churches and their ministries and pastoral activities.

The Salvatorians were formed at that time to pump some new life into the faith and life of the Church. They seek to be apostles who make the savior known to all people through their preaching and good works. Today they are a world-wide religious order.

Fr. Tigatiga represents the Salvatorian missions in Tanzania – a country in Africa. The missionaries in Tanzania work at parishes and schools. They also run things like health clinics, clean drinking water projects, and Catholic radio stations. Like so many missionaries who went before them over the years, Fr. Tigatiga and his fellow Salvatorians bring the message of Jesus Christ and His Church to people through their teachings and actions!

The Mission Co-op Appeal is taken each year in every US parish. Unlike the regular Mission Sunday Collection–which happens in the fall and serves the world wide missionary efforts of the universal Church–the Mission Co-op allows each parish to hear from and support a specific missionary effort. Fr. Wojciech and I were talking about how we look forward to the Mission Co-op each year because it gives us a chance to meet and hear from a missionary in the field. Hosting them at the rectory for the weekend has–over the years–truly broadened my understanding of the catholicity of the Church–and her missionary efforts!

We will take a second collection at Mass for Mission Co-op Appeal. Those who send in donations–as so many do these day–can support it by simply writing Mission Co-op on their check or the envelope they include. We will make sure it gets where it should!

Thanks in advance for your support of the Mission Co-op Appeal. This parish is always very good to missionaries. I've seen that–and been impressed by that–since I first arrived in this parish. It shows that our community truly understands that Jesus' command to teach all nations means that we our all missionaries!

Parents of children whose First Holy Communion was postponed due to the pandemic should receive–or have just received–information about rescheduling First Holy Communion. This would include all the families who had children in the second grade of our CCD program or Parish School last year. If you did not get this information, please call the Parish Office so we can get it to you. First Communion is always my favorite day of the year in our parish–and I look forward to finally celebrating it with the beautiful children and their families!

Please keep me in your prayers–at least one Hail Mary a day. I really appreciate your prayers for me–and assure you of my prayers for you! Let's also pray for the missions–and especially for Fr. Tigatiga and the rest of the Salvatorian missionaries. Finally, let's keep praying for peace and healing and a return to a good kind of normal!

Have a great week!

Fr. John

### ***THE PRAYER CORNER***

#### ***A CHRISTIAN PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR TIME***

O God, author and giver of peace, in whose image and likeness each of us has been created with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth and destined for eternal glory. Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth, from our human family torn by violent conflict. Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God, that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us and as we have experienced in these days, is a peace which the world cannot give. To world leaders, grant the wisdom to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation so that common humanity that makes us all your children and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge or even in the cause of justice grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror, especially the frightened children, be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.

And to those who have already lost their lives as victims of human cruelty and chemical warfare, open wide your arms and enfold them all in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us. Amen.



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### **TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR!**

Visit [sspjnj.org](http://sspjnj.org) and click on Virtual Open House to tour Saints Philip & James School. Interested in further discussing your student's education? We are now offering Zoom meetings to learn more about our school. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at [Kucinski.donna@spsj.org](mailto:Kucinski.donna@spsj.org) to schedule your meeting.

### **SCRIP!**

Scrip is still for sale! Looking for a way to effortlessly support the school while doing your everyday shopping? Purchasing SCRIP gift cards, at no additional cost to you, the school receives a percentage of funds back. To learn more, contact Diane Charnak at [charnak.diane@spsj.org](mailto:charnak.diane@spsj.org). She can assist you with getting your SCRIP account set up. Gift cards are available for hundreds of stores, and can even be purchased on your phone.

### **COMMUNITY SIDEWALK SALE!**

We are in the process of organizing a Community Sidewalk Sale for August 8th from 8:00am-1:00pm. Slots to sell items at the event will be \$25, and you may sell any items (with the exception of food) you like. We are still in the planning phases of this event. If you would like to learn more, or to reserve your spot, contact Sierra Fenton at [fenton.sierra@spsj.org](mailto:fenton.sierra@spsj.org).

### **FAITH AND SERVICE DINNER:**

It is with deepest regret, yet with the upmost concern for your well-being that the Saints Philip and James School Advisory Council has decided to postpone the upcoming Faith and Service Dinner previously scheduled for August 29, 2020. To ensure that everyone remains healthy and safe the Council has rescheduled the dinner honoring Mary Lilly and Paul Juliano to Saturday, April 17, 2021. For additional information regarding the event, please contact Margie Markus at [markus.margie06@gmail.com](mailto:markus.margie06@gmail.com).

### **WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**

The Food Pantry is Open & Curbside Pick-up is Available! 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am - 3pm Friday 1pm - 3pm. Please call 908-859-5447 before you plan to arrive.

### **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](http://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.

### **NATIVE SON CALLED TO THE ORDER OF DIACONATE**

We are happy to announce that Mr. Timothy Eck II, a native son of our parish, has been called by the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Deacon. He will be ordained on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38) As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill *Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection - First Sunday of each month.*

### **CLEANING AFTER MASSES**

Anyone who is interested in helping to clean the church after each mass please call the church office at 908-454-0112. It only takes about 10 minutes.

### **CEMETERY HELP WANTED**

We are currently seeking seasonal, part time help (twenty hours per week) for weed whacking at the cemetery. For further information please call Bill Casey at 908-454-0112 ext. 402.

## ***MARIAN CONSECRATION: 33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE***

Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Mother will bring you closer to Jesus. She wants to make us all into the image of Her Son, by helping us grow in holiness & grace. Since we are not meeting right now, you can do the Consecration to the Blessed Mother, 33 Days to Merciful Love, by going to Formed.org, & scrolling down to “Faith Formation.” Click on 33 Days to Merciful Love. You will access the weekly videos & if you scroll all the way down, you can use the Retreat Guide. If you need a book. Call the church office or buy it online. Then on the feast of the Assumption, August 15<sup>th</sup>, you can say the Consecration prayer after mass. For those who have already done the Consecration, remember to say it at least once a year to rededicate yourself to Jesus through Mary.

## ***PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE***

At Fatima during the First World War, Our Blessed Mother said that through the Rosary & Scapular, She will save the world. Remember to keep praying the Rosary every day, especially at this time when there is so much unrest in the world. Even if you can only say a decade (10 Hail Mary’s & 1 Our Father), in 5 days you will have said a whole Rosary. For Rosary meditations, go to: <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/meditations-on-the-rosary.html> or <https://catholicexchange.com/rosary-meditations-for-prayer-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>.

## ***LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY***

July is the month of the Precious Blood. Legion of Mary Library has a wonderful selection of books & videos for the entire family to choose from. Although the library is currently not opened, please see information on Formed.org where similar resources can be found.

## ***2020 CENSUS!***

A team from the 2020 Census will be at Mercy Hall on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30am – 2:30pm. The Census Response Representatives will have secure iPads to assist in completion of the 2020 Census questionnaires. If you have not completed your 2020 Census please stop by and be counted. Completing the 2020 Census takes less than 10 minutes.

## ***CONFIRMATION PICTURES:***

Confirmation pictures are ready for pickup at the Church Office. Please stop by during normal business hours to pick them up.

## ***MISSION APPEAL AUG. 1-2: SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR***

The Salvatorians were founded by Fr. Francis Jordan, a German priest, on December 8th, 1881. He had been ordained in July, 1878. At this time the move to separate State from Church had developed into a harsh restriction of the ministry and pastoral care activities of the Church in Germany. The Kulturkampf Laws were introduced to try and limit the power and influence of the Church in Germany, but Fr. Jordan wanted to establish a religious society that would work to mitigate the effects of these oppressive legal provisions. He developed an ambitious plan to grow a society that would have three degrees of membership, the first being that of the members who would be professed and who would maintain the three evangelical counsels, usually referred to as the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Salvatorian website describes the foundation of the order in the following manner: *On the 8th December 1881, in the Chapel of St Brigida in Rome, Father Jordan and three other priests took private vows as members of the Apostolic Teaching Society. It is this date which is kept as the foundation day of the Salvatorians.*

### **MISSION:**

The Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) proclaims and teaches by all ways and means the goodness and kindness of Jesus the Savior.

### **VISION:**

Salvatorians seek to become apostles for our times in order to make the Savior known to all people.

### **APOSTOLATE:**

We are called to be apostles for the renewal of the Church and the world, and we invite others to discover and respond to their call to be apostles. We advocate for justice and peace, standing with the poor and marginalized. We are servant-leaders, involving others in our mission. We support one another through mutual love and service. We live a simple lifestyle, becoming one with those we serve, especially the poor.

### **UNIVERSALITY:**

We include as members of the Society people from every nation, and we are open to serve the people of any nation.

### **THE FOCUS FOR THIS MISSION APPEALS**

My focus is to serve our missions in Tanzania. Salvadorians have served in Tanzania for over 60 years. Today we Salvadorians are serving in parishes, schools, dispensaries for kids, catholic radio programs for evangelization and inter-religious dialogue, youth awareness ministries, farms, drinking water projects, and in the formation of priests and lay ministers. We mostly serve in the dioceses of Morogoro, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and Tunduru-Masasi where we have a big Islamic population.

The funds we earn from the missionary cooperative plan will help us sustain our missions and missionaries and train seminarians for the future leaders of the Church thus allow them to continue their important work of making the Savior known. For more information on the Salvatorians and our missions in Tanzania please visit our website at [www.salvatorians.com](http://www.salvatorians.com) and click on “Salvatorian Mission”. May God continue to bless you and the important work you do to support our missions.

Peace and Blessings,  
Fr. John Tigatiga,  
Mission Director – Salvatorians

**+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +**

**SUNDAY, JULY 19**

7:00 – Janet & Doug Jinks by Roger & Kathleen Jinks  
9:00 – Sr. Ann Marie Lafferty (A) by Eileen Catalli  
11:00 - Mary & Carmine Angelozzi Family  
1:00 (SP) – For the People  
5:30pm – Kay Weaver by Children & Grandchildren

**MONDAY, JULY 20**

6:45 – Samuel Indorato by Family  
8:00 – Monica Ozgar by Socci Family  
12:10 – Anne Harrison by Joseph & Babe Hoffmeier  
7:00pm – Mass Association

**TUESDAY, JULY 21**

6:45 – Louise Pasquarelli by Debbie Pasquarelli  
8:00 – Will David Perna by Perna Family  
12:10pm – Lawrence Murphy by Paul Lanning

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**

6:45 – Raymond Herman by Keith Gallagher  
8:00 – Joseph & Grace Brennan by Family  
12:10pm – James Stabp by Maureen Speer

**THURSDAY, JULY 23**

6:45 – Joseph H. Young (A) by Brother & Sisters  
8:00 – Bernice Stetler by Richard & Kathleen Hoag  
12:10 – Olive Mulrine by Mr. & Mrs. Roger DiVittorio

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

6:45 – Richard & Cheryl Rutt  
8:00 – Jenny Melhem by Lisa Rapsis  
12:10 – John J. Natisin, Sr. by Wife

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

8:00 – John Groller by Wife & Children  
4:30 – Kathleen Angelozzi by Betsy Boos

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**

7:00 – Lena M. Kiefer by Irene & Jack Cooke  
9:00 – Marjorie Dalrymple  
11:00 – Anthony C. Viscomi by Joyce Martin, Loren Ackerman, Nancy Tunis  
1:00 (SP) – For the People  
5:30 – David Hoagland by Gene & Sandy Dipple

**+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +**

**MONDAY, JULY 20 7:00pm**

Rosemarie & Ed Shakal by Family  
Rose Solt by Margaret Pavkovic & Family  
Catherine Savin by Volk Family  
Robert Peterson by Volk Family  
Catherine Savin by Marie & Charles King & Family  
Fr. Kevin Crowley by Fr. John Barbella  
Deceased members of the Loper Family by Joan McCaffrey  
Gerard Ferrari by Terri & Danny Starosciak  
Josephine Corpora by Roger & Frances DiVittorio  
Edward Tolosko by Terri & Danny Starosciak

**LECTORS**

**July 25 & July 26**

**Saturday, July 25**

**4:30pm Lisa DeGerolamo**

**Sunday, July 26**

**7:00am Lucas Anmolsingh**

**9:00am Denise Kassick**

**11:00am Aidan Lavigne**

**5:30pm Susan Gerhardt**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

July 12, 2020: \$9,408.50  
June Online Contributions: \$14,568.50

**Parish Capital Campaign**

Total Pledged as of 6/5/2020 \$1,522,431.22  
Total Collected as of 6/5/2020: \$1,150,686.74

*Have you considered online giving?*

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

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

**All Care Centers are currently under quarantine. No services will be held.**

**Mass Celebrants for July 25 & 26**

**4:30pm – Fr. John**

**7:00am – Fr. John**

**9:00am – Fr. Pat**

**11:00am – Fr. Pat**

**1:00pm – Fr. Wojciech**

**5:30pm – Fr. Wojciech**

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