

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Saints Philip and James School

(908) 859-1244

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(908) 454-4225

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 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)
Charismatic Prayer: Wednesday at 7pm (Chapel)
Legion of Mary: Wednesday at 9:00am (Mercy Hall) & Thursday at 7:30pm (Parish Meeting Room)

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.

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; Saturday: 7am & 8am in the Church



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 5, 2012

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Last Saturday, our parish was blessed to have 102 children receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. These children – most of whom are in the second grade – are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this spring. It is wonderful to see so many lively children growing in our faith. Many thanks are due to their parents – and to the teachers in our CCD program and Catholic School for all they are doing to help the children on their way.

I also want to thank everyone who took part in last Sunday's Catholic Schools Week Mass. It was great to see students read the Scriptures and participate in Mass together. The gathering in Mercy Hall following the Mass was very enjoyable, with lots of people socializing and enjoying each other's company.

This Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday. As such, a number of Cub and Boy Scouts will be receiving their religious badges and medals at the 9 AM Mass. I am always happy to see some of the boys earn these medals, because doing so requires a good deal of learning about and practicing the faith. I am grateful to the scout leaders and parents who encouraged and helped these boys along the way. Girl Scouts have similar programs, and will have a special Mass next month.

Please note that our annual Parish Town Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19th, following the 9 AM Mass. As usual, I will make a presentation about our parish finances and entertain any questions you may have. It is my hope that this meeting will help all our parishioners have an accurate understanding of parish resources. As always, I thank each and every one of you upon whose support St. Philip and St. James Parish depends.

Please keep me in your prayers this week. As always, I ask each of you to kindly pray at least one Hail Mary for me daily. Know that you are always in my prayers! Please keep our parish – especially her sick and homebound members – in your prayers as well. Let's also keep praying for peace.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Town Meeting – Sunday, February 19, 2012 in Mercy Hall after the 9:00am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

BINGO WORKERS

2/7 – P. McLoughlin, E. Hooper, C. Franceschino, T. Cocchiola, M. Perna, E. Vidal; **2/9** – C. Torrey, J. Forder, L. DeGerolamo, A. Carver, C. Schwino, C. Kuzmiak; **2/11** – E. Lavigne, J. Riotto, B. Hillhouse, A./B. Miller

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please remember to pray for the sick and for all who have died, especially the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

8TH GRADE BAKE SALE

Saints Philip & James School's 8th grade class will be holding their monthly bake sale after the 9am and 11am Masses this weekend. Please support their efforts.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES--SCHOOL & CCD

Please mark your calendars! Confirmation will be celebrated on Sat., May 19, 2012 at 12:00pm. Practice will take place on Fri., May 18 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Church.



Saints Philip and James School
137 Roseberry Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
(908) 859-1244 – www.spsj.org/school

● Saints Philip and James School would like to thank everyone at St. Philip and St. James Parish for their on-going support of Catholic education and of Saints Philip and James School. We invite everyone to come visit us, to see all the wonderful things that our children learn at our school.

● A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the annual Free Throw Competition held at Saints Philip and James School on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

● Congratulations to the Saints Philip and James School National History Day Competition Winners! This year's theme is Revolution, Reaction, and Reform. The following students will be going to the regional competition at Princeton University on March 3, 2012:

Manuela Kom, Kristen Spence, Julie Park, Andy Shin, Tony Basil, Christian Swierc, Nicolas Mino, Gianni Fraccoroli, Katie McLoughlin, and Mariana Aversa

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

A Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James Parish on Sun., February 12, 2012 from 8:00-11:00am in Mercy Hall. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Come out and support their efforts and have a great meal at the same time.

ANNIVERSARY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

All are invited to come to celebrate our 9th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish on Sun., February 12 at 3pm, with a special Holy Hour starting at 3pm in the Church with refreshments afterwards in Mercy Hall. Eucharistic Adoration will close at 4pm for the remainder of the day.

K. of C. ROAST BEEF DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Sun., February 19, 2012 from 12 Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip and James Elementary School on Roseberry Street. Cost: Adults - \$10.00; Children 5-12 - \$5.00; Children Under 5 - Free. Menu includes Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, String Beans, Desserts, Coffee, Tea, and Soda. Take-outs available. For more information, call Jim Martin at (610) 559-1356.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held this weekend. Did you forget your offering? Were you away from our parish? If you would like to make a monetary offering, there are envelopes at the exits labeled: FOOD FOR THE NEEDY DONATION. You may place your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

The Catholic Daughters of America will be selling Stanley products at the February 13th meeting. Come prepared to buy to help our organization.

“COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?”

“Every hour you spend with Jesus will be recorded in heaven and retold throughout eternity”—Mother Teresa. **Adorers are urgently needed for Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 4pm.** Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001 for these times or any other time you are able to commit to on a weekly basis. Substitutes are also needed!

SAINTS ATHLETIC SIGN-UPS

Saints Athletics tee-ball, baseball, and softball registration is now underway. Registration forms are available in the SSPJ School newsletter, in the SPSJ Church vestibule, and on-line at www.catholic-church.org/sspj/pdf/sportreg.pdf. Please check concessions, coaching or assistant coaching if you are interested in learning more about these fun and rewarding positions. Thanks! Please include the appropriate registration fee or fees if registering multiple children. Payment by check is preferred. Send completed forms and checks (payable to Church of St. Philip & St. James), to the SSPJ School Office c/o Matt Oppenheimer, or to St. Philip and St. James Church Office c/o Dave Oppenheimer. Please send softball forms to the attention of Dan Soto. Addresses for both locations are given on the registration form. Thanks and Go Saints!

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. THEATER PERFORMANCE

Bethlehem Catholic High School Theater Group presents, “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” on Fri., February 17 and Sat., February 18 at 7pm, and Sun., February 19 at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors and are available in the school’s main office (7:30am-4pm) or at the door.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day, which is held each year on the second Sunday in February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. The commandment given to us by Jesus in John 15:12 is to love one another. Loving one another as husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other. For helpful insights and suggestions on how to love one another more fully, log on to the Catholic Bishops (USCCB) marriage resource website: www.foryourmarriage.org.

LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR CATHOLIC SINGLE WOMEN

“Walking with Jesus through Lent” – Prepare for your journey by joining us for a Lenten Retreat Day on Sat., February 18, 2012 from 10am-3pm at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope, 376 Bellis Road, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804. This Retreat is for Catholic single women (18-35). Day includes reflections by the Sisters, time for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and communal prayer. Lunch is provided. There is no fee, but donations would be appreciated. E-mail sisterjudith@sistersofjesusourhope.org or phone (908) 995-7261 to register by February 12th.

2011 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

“In Faith, With Hope”... Your contribution to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps to sustain the ministry of the *Office of the Diaconate*, which extends its efforts in the recruitment, selection, and training of men who, through prayer and discernment, have recognized their calling to the permanent diaconate. Please consider making a gift today.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Children learn by example. Teach yours to be generous to the poor. Let the kids help carry the bags. *Remember – “Food for the Needy” Collection – First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

February 11/12, 2012
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m.

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek
Ministers: Ronald Rossini & Donna Rossini; C1 – Rosemary Carnali, C2 – Melody Talpas, C3 – Robert Ellwood, C4 – Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Maria Talpas & Elisabeth Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING/EVENING

7:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Kayla Krouse
Ministers: Judy Leone & Mary Duaime
Lector: Christy Krouse
Servers: Lianna Krouse & Timothy Halm

9:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Victoria Gural
Ministers: Eileen Kerrigan & Judy Francisco; C1 – Anne Coyle, C2 – Donna Kucinski, C3 – James Bramick, C4 – Eileen Catalli
Lector: Jeanne Hagen
Servers: Mark-Luke Gural & Catherine Gural

11:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Adrian Llanos
Ministers: Samuel Fatta & Peg Skears; C1 – Theresa Richey, C2 – Maureen Speer, C3 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C4 – Gloria Cervasi
Lector: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Nelson Castanheira & Matthew Oppenheimer

5:30 p.m.

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy
Minister: Barbara Shaneberger
Lector: Michael Boylan
Servers: Colin Lavigne & Aidan Lavigne

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

2/5/12 – Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi
2/12/12 – Stephanie & Edward Flynn

Brakeley Care Center

2/5/12 – Judy Francisco & Jackie Smith
2/12/12 – Patricia & Emil Brisson

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/5/12 & 2/12/12 –
Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 – Caroline Faraci by Ann & Al Reider
 9:00 – Mary & Carmine Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – Helen F. Flynn by Betty & Bud Lilly
 1:00 (SP) – Miguel Collazos by Son, Walter Collazos & Family
 5:30pm – Louise Pasquarelli by Debbie Pasquarelli

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:45 – For the People
 8:00 – Concetta LaDuca Drago by Jo DeMonti
 12:10 – Gloria Maguire McCluskey by Ron & Marcella Snyder & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:45 – Donald P. Featherstone by Mary Brogan
 8:00 – M/M Nicolo Reda by Daughter, Mirena
 12:10 (CH) – Angela Hajdu by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:45 – Thomas Wallace by Eleanor Moran
 8:00 – Irma Zaro by Sis & Bob Gebhard
 12:10 – Jeffrey Wojcik by Mother, Mary Wojcik

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:45 – Jennie Reda by John P. Murphy, Jr.
 8:00 – Peter Penyak (A) by Wife
 12:10 – Special Intention for Clarence Sager by Theodore Sager

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:45 – Betty Sharkey by Soggi Family
 8:00 – Elizabeth Opdyke by Martha Richline
 12:10 – Harold F. Mathews by Ron & Donna Rossini

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 – Judy Ann LaFerrara by Karen Kosar & Family
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Family
 4:30pm – Lena Ricci & Claudio Carnali by Brother, Atilio Carnali

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 – Rose Scalfaro by Sister, Martha Richline
 9:00 – Richard Terrance Murphy (A) by Dalrymple Family
 11:00 – Helen Lilly by Lilly Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – James Cuomo by Veronica Switzer

Stewardship of Treasure

January 29, 2012: \$11,493.50

January's On-Line Contributions: \$3,444.84

Thanks everyone!

● CALENDAR ●

5 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food for the Needy Collection - Scout Sunday - 8th Grade Bake Sale after 9am & 11am Masses (Special 2nd Collection - Church in Latin America & Campaign for Human Development)
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

6 - Monday - St. Paul Miki

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)
 7:30 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

7 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-7
 6:00 - Flynn's - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

8 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - PMR - Legion of Mary
 10:15 - PMR - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Columbiettes Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

9 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - PMR - Legion of Mary

10 - Friday - St. Scholastica

8:30am-11:00pm - Adoration
 6:30-8:00 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.

11 - Saturday - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 8:30 - CH - Youth Choir Rehearsal
 8:30-10:30 - MH - Bible Study Course
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00-11:00 - PMR - Baptism Prep Class
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

12 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

8:00-11:00 - MH - K. of C. Breakfast
 10:00 - MH - Confirmation Class
 1:00-4:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms
 3:00 - CH - Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall

MASS CELEBRANTS ON FEBRUARY 11/12, 2012

4:30pm – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. John
 9:00am – Fr. Chen
 11:00am – Fr. Mark
 1:00pm (SP) – Fr. Mark
 5:30pm – Fr. James