

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, Tuesday & Thursday - 5pm-8pm

Priests: Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor, ext. 407
Fr. Tom Ganley, ext. 402
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Deacons: Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Jack Sheridan, Deacon Enock Berluche,
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Saints Philip and James School
(908) 859-1244
Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal

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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)
Charismatic Prayer: Wednesday at 7:30pm (Parish Meeting Room)
Legion of Mary: Tuesday at 9:00am & Thursday at 6:00pm (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: 7am & 8am in the Church



4th Sunday of Easter + April 22, 2018

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I had a nice time at a couple of parish events last weekend. The Knights of Columbus and others put together a Pasta Dinner last Sunday afternoon. I want to thank them for a job well done. Throughout the afternoon a steady flow of people enjoyed dinner and conversation – and a good crowd showed up for the last hour or so.

Last Saturday I had the pleasure to attend the Annual Faith and Service Dinner at Flynn's. This event is organized by our School Advisory Council as a way to honor various individuals who make a contribution to our school. This year's honorees – Dr. James Finegan and Mr. John Stana – were particularly deserving. I was especially touched to hear so many people speaking of all the good things these gentlemen have done for our school, parish, and the community at large.

I'm sure many of you have noticed that our Confessionals have gotten quite a make-over. Mitchell Frasca, who is both an acolyte and Boy Scout in our parish, has been doing this work as an Eagle Scout project. I am especially happy with the "new" kneelers he used. I put new in quotation marks because they are not new at all – but old ones that once were in our Church but have been stored in a garage since before I arrived in Phillipsburg! I'm glad that these pieces of parish history are back in service!

Over the next two Saturdays our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion. I always enjoy those Masses. Please pray for the children as they celebrate this milestone in their relationship with Jesus. My own First Holy Communion is – to this day – one of my fondest memories. I hope the same is true for these children.

Remember that our Parish Carnival is coming soon. It will run from Wednesday, May 2 through Sunday, May 6. The carnival is lots of fun, and I always look forward to seeing families have a good time at it!

Our carnival is also one of our more important fund raisers of the year. Tickets for the annual Carnival 50/50 Raffle have been sent to our families. If you can purchase them, that's great. It's a good way to support the parish – and I really appreciate it.

This weekend our parish welcomes Greg Zanetti – a seminarian of our diocese. Greg is studying for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary (Seton Hall). He will speak about his vocation to the priesthood – and ask us to pray for vocations.

Greg's visit is part of our celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called this because the Gospel at Mass comes from the section where Jesus speaks about Himself as the Good Shepherd – and about what it means to be a good shepherd. It is a good day to pray that God will raise up many fine young men to serve as good shepherds for His people.

Our parish has a long history of vocations. We are all looking forward to the ordination of Matt Marinelli and Joe Illes next month – even as we enjoy the weekend ministry of Fr. Pat Boyle, OFM, who, likewise, grew up in our parish. Add to these the many other men of our parish who currently serve as priests – and the parish daughters in religious life – and it is clear that people have long heard God's call in this

community. May that always be the case – and may each of us do our best to help others hear and answer God's call.

Please say a Hail Mary for me today – and be assured of my prayers for you.

Have a great week!

Fr. John



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Saint Update:

It is hard to believe that the 3rd marking period has come to an end, and that we are approaching the end of the 2017-2018 school year. As the school year winds down, we still have a number of great things to look forward to. We look forward to Carnival and the Walk-a-Thon, two of the school's largest events. This past weekend, we welcomed alumni of the school to visit at a meet and greet, and celebrated the history of our school at our Faith and Service Dinner.

Congratulations to all those who worked so hard on the school's production of *"The Little Mermaid"*. It truly was yet another amazing performance.

There are so many great things happening in the classrooms of our school. We look forward to spring, and completing this school year on a high note. Keep in mind we will have care available again this summer. More information coming soon! It is great to be a Saint!

BINGO

4/24 – S. Oluwole, K. Tichy, H. Minchin, D. Walter, L. McKenna, A. Szczepanski; **4/26** – S. Behme, D. Anmolsingh, L. DeGerolamo, M. Bigelli, D. Lein; **4/28** – E. Lavigne, D. Hasara, B. Miller, S. Dileo, T. Jerusalmi Pladevall

RICE BOWLS

Please remember to turn in your rice bowls this weekend. After every Mass there will be a large basket located in the front entrance of the Church for the rice bowls.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up at the Church Office during regular office hours.

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

LIFE = Noise, deadlines, demands & confusion;
ADORATION = God's love and peace, holding you in His arms; **GOD COMES TO US IN THE SILENCE!** Eucharistic Adoration hours currently in need: Mondays at 8pm, Wednesdays at 1pm & 5pm, Fridays at Noon, 4pm & 10pm, Saturdays at 10am, and Sundays at 2pm, 3pm & 4pm...or an hour of your choice and/or on our Substitute List. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

A Charismatic Healing Mass will be held at St. Philip and St. James Church at 7pm on Wed., April 25, 2018. Fr. Cliff Bishop will be our Celebrant. For further details, call DM Healing at 732-514-7160 or email dmhealing@aol.com or contact Nancy Ensley at Enensley@aol.com or at (908) 200-6763.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty will be held on Sat., April 28th at 8:30am in the Chapel. Please join us to pray for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, the preservation of marriage, and for our nation that it will remain "one nation under God" with Godly principles and morals.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come Renew in the Holy Spirit. The Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held on June 9/10, 2018. Pre-register at lsspsj@gmail.com or email Nancy at Enensley@aol.com for more information.

CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Learn to see the spiritual way through life's circumstances in family, individual, and marriage. You're never alone. As we journey through life, we journey in communion with others. For help discerning God's path for you, please make an appointment with Dr. Tim Gahles by calling the Church Office (908-454-0112).

BIBLE STUDY

Stay after the 12:10pm Mass on Tuesday afternoons in the sanctuary for an exciting tour of the Scriptures: Listen to the Prophets, walk with Jesus through the Gospels, travel with the Apostles to the early Churches, and learn to live the faith through the Word of life!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

The Catholic Daughters would like to wish everyone a happy Easter season! We'd also like to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Kumi's quick recovery. If anyone still has gift certificates they purchased from the CDA last year, Kumi will continue honoring them at Kumi's Cakes & Pastries, LLC (908-454-6486). Thank you for your support!

ALL VOLUNTEERS / ALL EMPLOYEES: CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Virtus® Protecting God's Children class for adults is the education part of the parish and diocesan Safe Environment Program. The policy requires any adult who has contact with children or vulnerable adults and all employees to attend this awareness training. With the start of baseball and the preparation for summer programs, there are always new employees and volunteers for athletics and the school, religious education, and many other ministries that will need this training. Please go to www.virtusonline.org to register for an upcoming class. Locally, we will be holding a class on Tues., April 24th at SSPJ School from 6pm-9pm. Log-on today to register or to find a course that fits your schedule! Thank you to all our volunteers and employees for your time and dedication to our parish ministries!

LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY

Legion of Mary Library will be open every Sunday in Mercy Hall from after the 9am Mass to 10:45am with a selection of religious books and videos.

SPSJ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! St. Philip and St. James Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-29, 2018 from 9am to 12 noon at Saints Philip and James School on Roseberry Street. There is no cost for the program. Registration forms are available in the Church and at the Church Office and must be returned by June 17th.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who came to our Alumni get-together at the school, and to the Faith and Service Dinner. It was a fantastic weekend, and we had a great time seeing you all. Thank you also to SAC for coordinating these events.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Two of SSPJ's largest fundraisers are upon us. We have sponsorship opportunities available for both Walk-a-Thon as well as Carnival. These events are not only great ways to support our school and students, but also fantastic publicity for your company. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for either event, please contact (908) 859-1244 or fenton.sierra@spsj.org.

SSPJ ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Come one and all to our Annual Carnival. This year's Carnival will take place May 2nd-6th. The committee has been hard at work to make this year the best year yet. This year we will have a number of live bands, an alumni night, unlimited ride wristbands, great food and so much more. Alumni Night will be taking place May 5th, starting at 5:30pm. Come reconnect with old friends, hear Uncle Rocco's Band, enjoy great food and drink specials. We hope to see you, and your family, there.

"HELLO DOLLY" BUS TRIP

There will be a bus trip to see "Hello Dolly" in New York City on Sun., May 27th. For details, contact Camille at (908) 387-0001. PCHS students – in 1973 this was your school musical. You can also call Fr. Tom at (908) 454-0112, ext. 402...he was one of the singing waiters.

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!

ST. MARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Mary Parish, Alpha, NJ, is holding their 22nd Annual Golf Tournament on Fri., May 4, 2018 at the Southmoore Golf Course, Bath, PA. Shotgun start at 8:30am. Tournament registration fee: \$90.00 per golfer and includes Greens Fee and Cart; Refreshments on course; opportunities for prizes and awards. Luncheon Buffet and Awards following golf at Flynn's on the Hill in Phillipsburg. Luncheon reservation only: \$25.00 per guest. For more information and reservations, please call Steve Lombardi at (610) 509-6283.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER

Come to a Holy Hour of Prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 22, 2018, at 3:00pm at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Fellowship and refreshments following the Holy Hour. Please call (732) 562-1990 for more information. Co-sponsored by The Office of Religious and The Office of Vocations/Diocese of Metuchen.

QUO VADIS DAYS

Quo Vadis Days – June 25-27, 2018. Young men ages 14-17! You're invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Poor people are hungry in Phillipsburg. Next time, bring as much as you can carry. Remember – "Food for the Needy" Collection – First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

April 28/29, 2018
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30pm

Acolyte: Colin Lavigne & William Haussman
Ministers: Frances Ludwig & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Robert Ellwood, C2 – Eileen Dean, C3 – Keith Gallagher, C4 – Thomas Casey
Lector: RYANNE BIGELLI
Servers: Brett Bruckman & Aidan Lavigne & Joshua Romero

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00am

Acolyte: Timothy Halm
Ministers: Patricia Flynn & Joseph Gourniak
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Lucas Anmolsingh & Brady Carver

9:00am

Acolyte: Yaledy Charleus
Ministers: Kelly Perna & Donna Kucinski; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Eileen Kerrigan, C3 – Mario Madawela, C4 – Eileen Catalli
Lector: SSPJ Student
Servers: SSPJ Students

11:00am

Acolyte: Jason Divinagracia
Ministers: Mary Brogan & Theresa Richey; C1 – Geraldine Lagrimas, C2 – Karen Llanos, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Gloria Cervasi
Lector: Barbara Shaneberger
Servers: Cael Troxell & Grace Troxell & Alexander Brahm

5:30pm

Acolyte: Blaise Erz
Minister: Cecilia Plante
Lector: Natalie Pecht
Servers: Jason Erz & Matthew Erz & Vincent Demaisip

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/22/18 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos

4/29/18 – Sara Greene & Anne Coyle

Brakeley Care Center

4/22/18 – Pat Flynn & Carol Bevilacqua

4/29/18 – William & Sharon Hillhouse

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/22/18 – Karen & Paul Juliano

4/29/18 – Joseph & Valerie Lusardi

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 – Amy Plevyak by Szumiloski Family
 9:00 – Joan Kucinski by Caprio Family
 11:00 – Bernadette Pavkovic by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Carl Ganz by Wife

MONDAY, APRIL 23

6:45 – Helen Casey by Dicker Family
 8:00 – Barbara Aiello by Graziosi Family
 12:10 – Helen I. Flynn by Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

6:45 – Jimmy Richline (A) by Mom
 8:00 – Jack Lilly by Family
 12:10 – Joseph Flynn by SPSJ Blue Army Prayer Cell

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

6:45 – Frank & Joyce Gasparovic by Ayala Family
 8:00 – Henry R. "Hank" Bernier, Jr. by Bob & Geri Bowie
 12:10 – Jim Lucas by Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

6:45 – Maria Ignacia Lozano by Sara Mislán Lotter
 8:00 – Harold & Mary Bellis by Family
 12:10 – Elizabeth Dicker Romagnoli by Kay & Jim Lennon

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

6:45 – Luis Espinal by Family
 8:00 – Nancy Mauer by Edward Mennona
 12:10 – Richard Shaneberger by Richard & Kathleen Hoag

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 – William Schumm, Sr. by Keith Gallagher
 8:00 – Ben Gurczynski by Children
 4:30pm – Joseph Adamitis by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 – Danny Lilly by Family
 9:00 – Mary Napoli by Lucy Haney
 11:00 – Joseph Petchonka, Sr. by Debbie Varga & Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Joseph Fulse by Wife

Stewardship of Treasure

April 15, 2018: \$11,460.00
 Adopt-a-Missionary: \$700.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$1,366.00
 Easter 2018: \$35,260.50

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

● CALENDAR ●

22 - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 - MH - Scouting Blue/Gold Banquet
 10:30 - PMR - Pre-Cana Program
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

23 - Monday - St. George & St. Adalbert

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Marian Consecration Class
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 3)

24 - Tuesday - St. Fidelis

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 6:00-9:00 - SSPJ - Protecting God's Children Class
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 730 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

25 - Wednesday - St. Mark

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 10:15 - MH - Prayer Shawl Ministry
 7:00 - HFC - Flame of Love Devotions (Holy Rosary)
 7:00 - CH - Charismatic Healing Mass

26 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

27 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:30-7:00 - CH - First Communion Practice
 6:30-8:30 - OUR - Youth Group Mtg.

28 - Saturday - St. Peter Chanel

8:30 - HFC - Eucharistic Holy Hour
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - PMR - Spanish Bible Study
 11:00 - CH - First Communion Mass
 11:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 - CH - SSPJ School Mass
 1:00pm-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR APRIL 28/29, 2018

4:30pm – Fr. Pat
 7:00am – Fr. Tom
 9:00am – Fr. John
 11:00am – Fr. Leo
 1:00pm (SP) – Fr. Leo
 5:30pm – Fr. John