

# ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865



## 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

## ALL SAINTS • NOVEMBER 1, 2020

**Fr. John J. Barbella**----- *Pastor / ext. 407*  
**Fr. Gilbert Z. Starcher** *Parochial Vicar / ext. 403*  
**Deacon John Flynn**  
**Deacon Enoch Berluche**  
**Deacon Larry Bevilacqua**  
**Deacon Rob Fisher**  
**Nancy Ensley** ----- *Parish Secretary*  
**Maria DeSapio** ----- *Bookkeeper*  
**Mr. Paul Kucinski**----- *Sacred Music*  
**Mr. Michael Clark**----- *Parish Cemetery Superintendent*

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**Website:** spsj.org

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am -  
4:00 pm (*closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:15 pm*)  
Also, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 pm

### Saints Philip & James School

908-859-1244

*Mrs. Donna Kucinski, Principal*

### Religious Education (CCD)

908-859-1244, option 9

*Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director*

## BAPTISM

Infants should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## CONFESSON

*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*)

**Alienta 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.

## **October 31–November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Imitation is the highest form of flattery!**

It's said that imitation is the highest form of flattery. That old saying, which many of us have heard over the years, makes a lot of sense. If we really think highly of someone, we tend to want to follow their example. While we know we have to live our own life—we are well aware that we can learn a lot from many good people.

The saints are just such people. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a holy monk who was one of the best preachers of the 12<sup>th</sup> century, said that ‘the honor we show the saints does nothing for them, but inspires us to follow their good example.’ On All Saints Day, let’s remember that the best way to honor the saints is to do what they did.

The saints worshipped God, prayed, and did their best to lead holy lives—we do well to do the same. The saints helped the poor, forgave those who persecuted them, and challenged people to live as God wills—we do well to do the same. When the saints failed at these things, they didn’t make excuses for themselves. Instead, they humbly went to Confession, did penance, and tried to do better. We do well to do the same.

I want to apologize to those who could not find last Sunday’s 9 AM Mass on our website. I’m not sure what happened, but will speak to our technologist, who will no doubt have it resolved by the time you read this! We will keep streaming that Mass for the foreseeable future for everyone who is unable to come in person at this time. Please spread the word, and let me know if you encounter a problem in the future.

I would be remiss if I did not address the questions that so many people raised after hearing the story about Pope Francis’ remarks on Civil Unions. These remarks were not in any kind of official teaching document issued by the Holy Father—such as an encyclical. Instead they were part of a documentary which has all kinds of official and off the cuff remarks by His Holiness—arranged by the producer of the film.

The Archbishop of San Francisco offered an excellent explanation which I will include here. His comments are far more concise than I can possibly be. I hope you find them helpful.

“It was reported that in a new documentary, Francesco, Pope Francis stated, ‘Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They are children of God. You can’t kick someone out of a family, nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered.’”

Archbishop Cordileone explains: “In our ad limina visit (the visit diocesan bishops make every five years to the Vatican), the topic of civil unions came up in conversation. The Holy Father clearly differentiated between a civil arrangement which accords mutual benefits to two people, and marriage.

The former, he said, can in no way be equated with marriage, which remains unique.”

“I would add that a civil union of this type (one which is not equated to marriage) should be as inclusive as possible and not be restricted to two people of the same sex presumed sexual relationship. There is no reason, for instance, why a brother and a sister, both of whom are unmarried and support each other, should not have access to these kinds of benefits” (i.e. health care, etc.). “Marriage is unique because it is the only institution that connects children to their mothers and fathers, and therefore is presumed to be a sexual relationship. The nature of marriage, the place of sex within a virtuous life, these great teachings of the Church come to us from God, are illuminated by reason, and do not change.”

In closing, let me say that we should know from experience that most media outlets and the like frequently quote the Holy Father out of context—often making it sound as if he is saying nearly the opposite of what he intends. That’s why I felt it important to clarify this. You can also look to the Catholic Spirit – our diocesan newspaper – and even the Vatican Website (which is very accessible and can be read in several languages). Here you can read the Holy Father’s many beautiful statements and homilies – in their entirety!

Please say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. Let’s also pray for our nation as we elect our leaders. Finally, in this month of All Souls, let’s remember to pray for our deceased loved ones – and for peace.

Happy All Saints Day!

Fr. John

### **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.

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Mia-Isabella Rosa Poladian, daughter of Keith Poladian and JoAnna Morell, Anahi Zuniga-Herrera daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Agusto Zuniga Medina, Everleigh Rose Zrinski daughter of Ms. Tiffany Zrinski, Ezra’ree Isabella Marie Morgan daughter of Mr. William Charles Morgan and Precious Dennis.

### **VOTING REGISTRATION**

We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidates, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

### **CLEANING AFTER MASSES**

We are in need of cleaners for after the **9am** and the **5:30pm** mass please call the church office at 908-454-0112. It only takes about 10 minutes.

## **LEGION OF MARY LIBRARY**

November is the month of the Souls in Purgatory. 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.

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." – Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

## **COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call 800-655-9491.

## **GIVING TREE**

This year, due to the pandemic, the Giving Tree will only be accepting monetary donations. The money will then be converted into gift cards to be distributed to the families in need. Your donations can be placed in the collection basket, in an envelope marked GIVING TREE, or mailed to the church office. All checks should be made payable to Lisa DeGerolamo, the chairperson of the Giving Tree Committee. All donations should be at the church by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your kindness and continued support of our children.

## **PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM OVERDOSE OR SUICIDE**

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Church, there will be a Prayer Service for those who have died from overdose or suicide. It is a special time to remember your family member or friend. Bring a picture to memorialize them. For more information please call 908-454-9880

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

We will be sponsoring a Sausage Sandwich Sale at the Mercy Hall parking lot on November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-5:00pm. The cost will be \$6.00 and is take out only.

Come on out and enjoy a delicious sandwich while supporting a great cause.

## **COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL #474**

We will be hosting a religious items sale on November 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> after all masses. This is a great time to start shopping for a Christmas gift. Please help support our charities.

## **THE PROPHECY OF THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH**

Dawid our Seminarian heartfully invites you to join in a Biblical Study on The Prophecy of the Birth of the Messiah from the Old Testament. This will be a six week presentation for the preparation of the Christmas Season. It will begin on Thursday November 12, from 7-8:00pm in Mercy Hall. Please call the church office at 908-454-0112 ext. 404 to reserve your seat



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## **SAINTS UPDATE:**

Enrolling now! Considering a change? We still have some space for the 2020-2021 school year. Saints Philip & James School is rich in tradition and academic excellence. We educate students in Pre-K through grade 8. We offer small, safe class sizes, where your student will receive individual attention. Our classes are taught by dedicated, compassionate, certified teachers. In addition, we are pleased to offer the St. Bernadette Program for students who need additional help in reading and/or math. To learn more about the Saints difference, please email Mrs. Kucinski at [Kucinski.donna@spsj.org](mailto:Kucinski.donna@spsj.org).

## **SKI CLUB**

We encourage anyone in the SSPJ family who has ever had a desire to learn to ski or snowboard, or who just wants some great family skiing/boarding time at significantly reduced prices, to sign up. We need a minimum of 20 members in order to qualify. Please review the attached information carefully. Here is the link for our group portal: <https://group.shopskibluemt.com/group/register/f8cdc436-c7a4-4758-9a45-e82f53379c20>.

## **MASK LANYARDS FOR SALE**

Here is an easy way for students to keep from losing masks and to keep them clean! SSPJ Mask lanyards are now for sale for \$5.00 each. Please send your payment to the school and the lanyard will be sent to you.

## **WREATH, GRAVE BLANKET SALE**

Our wreath sale is officially underway. Available this year are wreaths, grave blankets, cemetery logs, roping and poinsettias. All orders are due by Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, and can be picked up on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-6:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Cicalese at [macicalese3@gmail.com](mailto:macicalese3@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## **READ-A-THON**

Our Read-A-Thon is officially underway. Help encourage a lifetime love of reading in our students. To learn more, visit [https://www.read-a-thon.com/saint-phillips-and-saint-james\\_3605](https://www.read-a-thon.com/saint-phillips-and-saint-james_3605).

## **MONSIGNOR SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP:**

Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions to the fund are awarded each July to families that otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To contribute, simply put your donation in an envelope marked for the scholarship and place it in the collection basket. Do online donation? Consider adding a scholarship fund to your monthly donations.

## **POSITION AVAILABLE:**

Part time, 12-15 hours per week, school bookkeeper position available. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at [Kucinski.donna@spsj.org](mailto:Kucinski.donna@spsj.org) or at 908-859-1244 to apply.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To our cash raffle winners: Vincent Sciascia, Lisa Hummell and Anthony Estephan. Thank you for supporting our school and this fundraiser!

## **COMING SOON:**

We will once again be selling Calendar Raffles for the spring. These make excellent stocking stuffers, and give you chances to win weekly cash prizes.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteers are vital to the ministry of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen as they continue to offer assistance and create hope for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Social Service Center, 387 So. Main St., Phillipsburg is seeking volunteers to be salespersons in the Thrift Store. The main components of the job description include service to customers and sorting and arranging donated items for sale. Help is needed Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The day and time you are able to serve as a Thrift Store Volunteer are flexible. Safety precautions recommended by New Jersey & the CDC for retail businesses have been implemented for the Thrift Store. Please call 908-859-5447, if you require more information or wish an application.

## **COVID-19 SCHOOL-AGE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING FAMILIES**

Families can now apply for child care tuition assistance to help with care for children who have remote learning schedules due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. To apply go to [www.ChildCareNJ.gov](http://www.ChildCareNJ.gov) and complete the online application. You will need proof of income & a notice or announcement from your child's school of a remote learning schedule. To be Eligible you must be a NJ resident with a school-age child 5-13 years old. Your household income does not exceed \$75,000 a year. Your child is attending school with either a part-time or full-time remote learning schedule. For more information visit [www.ChildCareNJ.gov](http://www.ChildCareNJ.gov).

## **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](https://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.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF A NAME**

In today's first reading, Isaiah tells us that God know us so intimately that he calls us by name. Isaiah's prophesy is "I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me." Do you know someone who would like to know more about our God, Jesus, or the Catholic faith? Invite that person to call about an RCIA Inquiry Session. Participation in a session does not require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith Family. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into a non-catholic Christian denomination. Or baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation, is invited to inquire about the God who calls us by name and the Community of faith that can help us to "hear" God's call. During the Pandemic the RCIA Inquiry sessions might be virtual. For more information, please reach out to our parish office.

## **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Please join us on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am in the church. We will have our First Saturday Devotion, which includes Rosary, reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, some pro-life prayers, & Confessions at 9am. Our Blessed Mother promises that those who do the First Saturday Devotions for 5 Consecutive months will be granted the grace of eternal salvation.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #474**

On November 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> after all masses the Knights of Columbus will be selling our Christmas Magnets and our Christmas Cards. Please stop by our table to check out our selection.

## **SAINT PETER'S GIANNA CENTER**

We are very pleased to introduce you to the Saint Peter's Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ. The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolific women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Service. Please visit <http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/> or contact us at 732-565-5490 for more information.

## **ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE**

We need your help! People with the Coronavirus need your blood donations. The Parish Blood Drive will be held on November 29, 2020 from 7:45am – 12:45pm. Please contact the Church Office at 908-454-0112 to register and set-up a time to donate by November 9, 2020. It has been hard to contact people with cell phones. We have your home phone numbers. Remember, the life you save may be your own or someone in your family. Please consider giving blood in November. Thank you, The Blood Drive Committee.

## **SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS AWARD**

We are happy that life-long parishioner Lisa Hummell has received the Spirit of St. Francis Award from the Diocese of Metuchen. This award, named for St. Francis of Assisi, recognizes Lisa's work among the poor in our area. It is given in conjunction with the annual Catholic Charities Champions for Charity Dinner-which was held virtually this year. You can watch the virtual gala at [www.diometuchen.org/champions](http://www.diometuchen.org/champions). There will also be a recognition in an upcoming edition of the Catholic Spirit.

On being informed that she was chosen for the Spirit of St. Francis, Lisa was quick to point out the many other people who work together to provide food and clothes and so much else for the poor of our area. It is indeed a joint effort, of which she is blessed to be a part.

## **RETIREMENT COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN CLERGY**

Our retired brothers rely on the generosity of our people to help provide for them after a life of service to our local church of Metuchen. Unfortunately, because of the suspension of Masses due to the COVID pandemic, the annual Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy, normally scheduled for Palm Sunday, was not taken this year. This collection for our retired brothers is an important one and, for this reason, has been rescheduled to the weekend of November 28-29, 2020 the First Sunday of Advent. Please be as generous as you can.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

Oct. 25, 2020: \$7,567.00

All Souls Day: \$848.00

September Online Contributions: \$13,852.50

### **Parish Capital Campaign**

Total Pledged as of 10/2/2020 \$1,523,904.22

Total Collected as of 10/2/2020: \$1,197,616.40

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

**+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +**

**SUNDAY, Nov. 1st**

7:00 - Carl & Marie Ganz by Kids  
9:00 - Ludevina Angelozzi by Gino Angelozzi  
11:00 – Grace & Joseph Consentino by Family  
1:00 (SP) – For the People of the Parish  
5:30pm – Ted Hucklenbroich by Jeannine Riotto

**MONDAY, Nov 2nd**

6:45 – Luis Espinal by Sonnya Morales  
8:00 – Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament by Legion of Mary Praesidium  
12:10 – Beverly Koogler by Rick & Denise Elliott  
7:00pm – All Soul's Mass

**TUESDAY, Nov. 3rd**

6:45 – All Souls Novena  
8:00 – Donna Kowalchuk by Ro & Bill Kowalchuk  
12:10pm – Paul Lanning by Jim & Ruthie Martin

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4th**

6:45 – John Carroll by Socci Family  
8:00 – All Souls Novena  
12:10pm – Mary Coyle by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ellwood, Jr.

**THURSDAY, Nov. 5th**

6:45 – All Souls Novena  
8:00 – Jack Lilly by Family  
12:10 – Ben Gurczynski by Family

**FRIDAY, Nov. 6th**

6:45 – Jean E. Vanderhoof by Talpas Family  
8:00 – All Souls Novena  
12:10 – Michael Rossetti by Jennie Rossetti  
7:00pm – All Souls Mass

**SATURDAY, Nov. 7th**

8:00 – All Souls Novena  
4:30 – Dawn Ferrigno by Mom & Dad Rossnagle

**SUNDAY, Nov. 8th**

7:00 – All Souls Novena  
9:00 – Ludevina Angelozzi by Yola  
11:00 – Geraldine & Norman Rossnagle, Jr. by Norman Rossnagle, Sr.  
1:00 (SP) – For the People of the Parish  
5:30 – Daniel Foley by Szczepanski Family

**+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +**

**Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

All Souls Mass at 7pm

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Nov. 7th – Nov. 8th**

**Saturday Nov. 7th**

|        |          |                   |
|--------|----------|-------------------|
| 4:30pm | Acolyte  | Chisomaga Acholou |
|        | Lector   | Lisa DeGerolamo   |
|        | Minister | William Casey     |
|        | Server   | Brady Carver      |
|        | Server   | Jeremy Carver     |

**Sunday Nov. 8th**

|         |          |                    |
|---------|----------|--------------------|
| 7:00am  | Acolyte  | Steven Fulse, Jr.  |
|         | Lector   | Kathy Fulse        |
|         | Minister | Eileen Dean        |
|         | Server   | Sofia Grimshaw     |
|         | Serer    | Joey Grimshaw      |
| 9:00am  | Acolyte  | Gabriel Adams      |
|         | Lector   | Henrietta Schupper |
|         | Minister | Donna Kucinski     |
|         | Server   | Kiernan Lopez      |
|         | Server   | Andrew Sretenovic  |
| 11:00am | Acolyte  | Peter Diaz         |
|         | Lector   | Aidan Lavigne      |
|         | Minister | Eileen Catalli     |
|         | Server   | Anthony Diaz       |
| 5:30pm  | Lector   | Susan Gerhardt     |

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

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

**Mass Celebrants for Nov. 7th and Nov. 8th**

**4:30pm – Fr. John**  
**7:00am – Fr. John**  
**9:00am – Fr. Pat**  
**11:00am – Fr. Pat**  
**1:00pm – Fr. Gilbert**  
**5:30pm – Fr. Gilbert**

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