

Saints Philip and James Parish

Exton, PA

December 10, 2023



Sunday Mass Schedule

<u>Vigil: 4:00 pm</u>
8:30, 10:30AM, 12N & 5:30PM

Monday through Saturday

Holy Mass 8:30AM

Parish Clergy

Rev. Joseph C. Dieckhaus, J.C.L., Pastor Rev. James W. Cassidy, O.S.A., in residence

Weekend Assistance

Rev. Christopher J. Drennen, O.S.A. Malvern Prep Rev. Francis J. Sabatini, Pastor Emeritus St. Lucy Parish, Phila.

Parish Staff

Mrs. Barbara A. Doyle
Parish Office Manager
Mr. Michael McCafferty
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Rectory Hours Monday thru Thursday 9AM—5PM
Closed 12N - 1PM

Sunday 9 AM—1 PM

Saints Philip & James School Pre-K, K, Grades 1–8: 610 363 6530 Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM, *Principal*

Parish Religious Education Sister Marie Garman, IHM, *Director* Office: 610 363 1307

Christian Initiation (formerly RCIA)

Mrs. Marie Romano
610-363 6530 X 152

CYO Information cyo.sspj.net

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

COMMUNION: Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.



Saturday December 9, 2023 4:00 PM Roe Rambo & Bob Siter

Sunday December 10, 2023

8:30 AM Joseph & Carmen Podziomek

10:30 AM Thanksgiving 12:00 PM Special Intention

5:30 PM Jane Cameron Reynolds

Monday B:30 AM December 11, 2023
Francis Duma D'sa

Tuesday December 12, 2023 8:30 AM Gregory Walsh

Wednesday December 13, 2023 8:30 AM Judy McAnally

Thursday December 14, 2023 8:30 AM Charles Heid

Friday December 15, 2023

8:30 AM Marino & LeeAnne Kaminski (L)

Happy Anniversary

Saturday December 16, 2023

8:30 AM Rev. Anthony W. Dieckhaus

4:00 PM Kathleen Kane

Sunday December 17, 2023

8:30 AM Joseph & Margaret Varzaly

10:30 AM Bridget Todd 12:00 PM Jimmy Hanlon 5:30 PM Betty Evich





We are happy to announce beginning December 11 St. Mary's Chapel will again be open for adoration of the Exposed Most Blessed Sacrament.

Monday through Friday 9-7

Sign ups will be in the Narthex beginning today.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday 7 PM to 8PM, Saturday 3PM to 4PM Sunday 8 AM—8:30AM

December 10, 2023, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent



Thomas Melvin, Baby Calvin, Cathy Motznik, Richard Brane, Edward Gaudreau, Martin Flaherty, Mary Dennison, Linda, Lily Walker, Joseph McCormick, MaryAnn Harkins, Tracy Peacock, John Ganski, John Coyne,

Bridget Dougherty. Debbie Blazeywski, Sherri Lane, Bill Oxenford, Mason Ellingsworth, Lori Mergen, Kellen Leister, Tom Henson, Terry & Linda Gardner, Daniel R., Dante Danilshenko, Susan Mousley, Gregory L., Bernadette Fattal, Peggy Gawley, Kristin Schmitz, Deborah Elliott.



Pray for the safety of those serving Our Country: Matthew Kleponis, Brent Grafmuller, Cole Iannarino, Connor Iannarino, Matthew Boland, Liam Hansen, Daniel DiLuigi, Matthew Green, James Green, Michael Gorr, Andrew Gorr.

Please call the rectory if you would like a family members name added/removed to either list. Thank you.



Please remember all our deceased benefactors in your prayers.

"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."

St John Chrysostom



Sacrament of Matrimony Couples must make arrangements to meet with a priest at least six months in advance. The next Pre-Cana will be **Spring of 2024**. For more info or to register call 610-363-6536.

Holy m Baptism <u>B</u>

<u>Sacrament of *Baptism*</u> is celebrated the Second & Fourth Sundays of most months at 1:00 PM in the Church.

Baptismal Instruction The next scheduled class is January 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Call Rectory to register 610-363-6536.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and Reach Out Groups for helping Barbara Doyle on Hospitality Sunday. Thank you to everyone who stayed after mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, juice and donut. We hope to do it again in the near future.

Our Bambinelli Blessing will be on the weekend of December 16-17.

Christmas 2023 Schedule:

Parish Penance Service Wednesday, December 20 @ 7:00 PM (we will have approximately 24 priest to hear confessions)

Christmas Eve Masses Sunday, December 24 Vigil Masses *4:00 PM (tickets), 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 8:30 PM *Tickets are required for admission for the 4 PM Mass

Please be advised that **tickets** for the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Masse** will be distributed: two per person after the Vigil mass on December 7 and all masses on December 8th and the remaining Sundays of Advent.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets will not be given out in any other setting at any other times. Please <u>do not</u> stop at or call the Rectory, our limited staff cannot be involved with ticket distribution.

Christmas Day Monday, December 25 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON

New Years Eve Sunday, December 31 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:30 PM

New Years Day Monday, January 1 (not a Holy Day of Obligation) 8:30 AM

The following parishioners achieved academic honors at **Bishop Shanahan High School** for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 academic year :

Annemarie De Spirito, Alexandria McGowan, Charles Sherlock, Bradley Wheeler, Isabella Correa, Madelyn Gallagher, Audrey Hudecki, Justin Shank, Colin Graveley, Kathleen Halle, James Lavelle, Steven Todd, Caroline Aaronson, Dean Carangan, Nicholas Ocampo, Samantha Singley.

From Your Reach Out Team

During the Advent season, FORMED is a great resource to assist us in preparing for Christ's coming. Two new Advent series can be found on FORMED at daily formed org/advent.

Rooted is a series which guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model. Episodes begin on December 3rd. **Drawing Closer to God** is a Catholic art show for kids, teaching children to draw different Christmas story scenes, accompanied by story-telling including key details from Scripture and Catholic tradition.

Explore other great content on FORMED during the season of Advent and Christmas using the downloadable interactive calendar on FORMED.

December 8th was the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. FORMED offer dozens of resources to learn more about the Marian dogmas and devotions. Use the SEARCH tool to explore content.

To register: Enter FORMED.org in your browser; Select Signup as Parishioner; enter the Zip Code 19341; select SSPJ, then enter your email address. That's it! Your login is your email address. No password is needed.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE December 16/17, 2023

4:00 PM Fr. Cassidy 8:30 AM Fr. Sabatini 10:30 AM Fr. Drennen 12:00 PM Fr. Dieckhaus 5:30 PM Fr. Cassidy

Stewardship Update

Thank you for your generous Support of SSPJ Parish





We want you to be a part of our Parish Family! Whether you are a returning Catholic, a newcomer to the area, or someone with an interest in the Catholic faith, we want to welcome you to our Church home. Stop in our Rectory Office Monday thru Thursday 9-5 closed 12-1 or Sunday from 9-1.

Moving On? Please let the rectory know if you are moving out of SSPJ Parish, so we can remove you from our registry.



SSPJ Helping Hands Volunteers

A hand is here for the asking! We are a volunteer group and ready to help our fellow parishioners with temporary needs. We make meals, visit, drive for errands and doctor appointments, groceries, and church. Ask if you think we can lend a

helping hand or if you would like to join our volunteer group.

For more info contact LeeAnne Kaminski 610.524.9335. HelpingHands.sspj@gmail.com

Bethesda Project - A Social Outreach

The SS. Philip and James parish family continues to provide on-going support of the Bethesda Project. This is a program which provides emergency shelters, transitional and long-term housing for Philadelphia's homeless population.

By way of explanation, one ministry of the Bethesda Project is in constant need of useable towels, toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), men's new underwear (sizes M, L and XL) and twin flat white sheets. These items allow the homeless to shower, freshen up and change into clean undergarments. It gives them a fresh start and lends dignity to their person.

If you would like to participate, donations of the listed items can be placed in the designated container found in the church vestibule. Contact Lou Ruggeri (484-889-5239) for more info.

Saints Philip and James School - Positions Needed - Starting January 2024

Technology Teacher (part-time)

SS. Philip and James Catholic School is accepting applications for computer teacher for grades Pre-K3 to Grade 8. Interested and qualified candidates must possess a Bachelor's Degree with a



concentration in Elementary Education or Technology.

Art Teacher (Part-time)

SS. Philip and James Catholic School is accepting applications for an Art teacher for grades Pre-K3 to Grade 8. Interested and qualified candidates must possess a Bachelor's Degree with a concentration in Elementary Education or Art.

Contact Person: Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM, Principal (steresa@sspj.net) Interested and qualified candidates please send resume, cover letter, three letters of recommendation, and updated clearances (FBI fingerprint, Child Abuse, and Criminal Background) to the e-mail address above.

Substitute Teachers and Aides Needed

Saints Philip and James School is forming a pool of substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year. Candidates are required to have a college degree and background clearances. If interested, please send a resume, clearances, and three references to Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM (steresa@sspj.net).



SSPJ CYO High School Basketball

We are looking for our High School Panthers SSPJ CYO Basketball Registration is open for our boys and girls in grades 9-12...reach out to your SSPJ friends and register for High School Basketball today. Registration will stay open until after your High School tryouts are completed. Registration can be found at cyo.sspj.net. And, we need coaches, so if you can help, please email cyo@sspjparish.net



Calling all Toddlers!!!!

Wee Panthers sing-along for toddlers ages 1-3 years. Wednesday's at 9:15 a.m. Register at school.sspj.net For questions call/text Dorothy 610-733-3976. Embark on an exciting journey where music comes to life for toddlers! Come sing, dance, and laugh while exploring rhythm and movement through music! Board-certified Music and Occupational Therapists design music sessions to develop learning skills, nurture, and captivate energetic toddlers. Guaranteed to make you laugh and want to dance!



Release

Date: 11/10/2023 **Genre:** Musical Rating: PG Playing at the Exton Movie Tavern. Run Time: 1hour 38 minutes

Family Movie

Live-action Christmas musical celebration for the entire family, weaves classic Christmas melodies into new pop songs in a music-infused retelling of the timeless story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. A unique new entry into the collection of holiday classic movies, this epic Christmas musical is unlike any before it.



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Saints Philip and James Prayer Shawl group will meet Ministry on Friday, December 22@ 9AM in the rectory meeting room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join the group. If you have any questions please call

Kathy at 610 363 1720 or kpenderghest@verizon.net (We are no longer accepting yarn and projects can be worked on at home)

All Bulletin Announcements need to be to the rectory by Monday—12 noon for the upcoming weekend.

Spiritual Adoption Program MONTH 2 "I'm dancina!"



Your baby is making progress developing all of her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days. Her mother can hear her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Babyteeth buds are present at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. The central nervous system is functioning and 40 muscle sets begin their first exercises. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body. But everything she needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. She is now called a "fetus" a Latin word meaning "little one". Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring, flip and jump - her first dance steps!

Saints Philip and James Parish Auto Debit Sunday Contributions

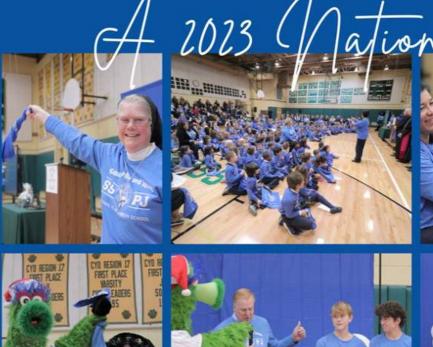
Saints Philip and James Parish is offering all Parishioners a safe and time saving way to contribute to the Parish in a consistent manner. All that is required is completion of the form below and the receipt of a void check. The form and void check may be mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the basket at any Sunday Mass.

Authorization and Enrollment Information

Please print all information

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Saints Philip and James School











What a "PHAN" tastic day! Our school community was joined by Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, members of the AOP Office of Catholic Education, the Foundation for Catholic Education, Sisters of the IHM and more to celebrate and raise the banner for being named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School. It was a momentous event and we can't thank everyone enough for attending! We even had a surprise appearance from the Phillie Phanatic!



Christian Christmas Word Search

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advent
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birth
candles
Carols
christ child
christmas day

emmanuel
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