

# Saints Philip and James Parish

Exton, PA

March 16, 2025



## Sunday Mass Schedule

Vigil: 4:00 pm

8:30, 10:30AM, 12N & 5:30PM

Monday through Saturday

Holy Mass 8:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation Monday - Friday

7 PM Vigil,

6:30, 8:30 AM, 12 Noon, 5:30, 7:30 PM

## 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

*Business Manager*

Mrs. Carmel Kropp

*Coordinator of Liturgy Services*

## Saints Philip & James Rectory

107 North Ship Road Exton, PA 19341

Phone: 610 363 6536 • [www.sspj.net](http://www.sspj.net)

Rectory Hours Monday thru Thursday 9AM—5PM

Closed 12N - 1PM

## 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](http://cyo.sspj.net)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My heart has prompted me to seek your face; I seek it, Lord; do not hide from me.

**COMMUNION:** This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight; listen to him.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday March 15, 2025**  
4:00 PM Valentino Marana Salvatori (L)

**Sunday March 16, 2025**  
8:30 AM Special Intention (L)  
10:30 AM Michael Beattie  
12:00 PM Daniel Spaziani  
5:30 PM Mary Ellen Mara

**Monday March 17, 2025**  
6:30 AM Jennifer Morrison  
8:30 AM Patricia Griest "Happy Birthday"

**Tuesday March 18, 2025**  
6:30 AM Valentino Vaidino  
8:30 AM Joseph Cady 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday March 19, 2025**  
6:30 AM Ginger Simon  
**2:15 PM Stations of the Cross**  
8:30 AM Josephine Spino

**Thursday March 20, 2025**  
6:30 AM Franklin D. Leslie, Sr.  
8:30 AM Eleanor Slavin

**Friday March 21, 2025**  
6:30 AM Steve Pimer  
8:30 AM Martha Kushner

**Saturday March 22, 2025**  
8:30 AM Jerry Murphy  
4:00 PM Robert DeMeno

**Sunday March 23, 2025**  
8:30 AM David LaPrise  
10:30 AM Ruggeri/Piasecki Families  
12:00 PM Daniel Spaziani  
5:30 PM Salem & Widad Kash



**St. Mary's Chapel is open for adoration of the Exposed Most Blessed Sacrament. Monday through Friday 9-7**  
*Sign up sheets are available at the entrance to the chapel.*

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

**March 16, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

*Please  
pray for  
the sick*

Thomas Melvin, Baby Calvin, Richard Brane, Edward Gaudreau, Martin Flaherty, Mary Dennison, Linda, Lily Walker, Joseph McCormick, MaryAnn Harkins, Tracy Peacock, John Ganski, John Coyne, Bridget Dougherty, Debbie Blazewski, Sherri Lane, Bill Oxenford, Mason Ellingsworth, Lori Mergen, Kellen Leister, Terry & Linda Gardner, Dante Danilshenko, Susan Mousley, Gregory L., Bernadette Fattal, Kristin Schmitz, Deborah Elliott, Brandon Wack, Karen Wack, Jeff Wack, Ryan Wack, a friend, Kate, Michael Maguire, Gina Massimo, Karen Mary Portella, Fredericka DeFlaviis, Bradley Gramling, Arthur Romano, Debbie Ludwig.



**Pray for the safety of those serving Our Country:** Matthew Kleponis, Brent Grafmuller, Cole Iannarino, Connor Iannarino, Christopher Iannarino, Timothy Iannarino, Matthew Boland, Liam Hansen, Daniel DiLuigi, Matthew Green, James Green, Michael Gorr, Andrew Gorr, Nick Lusi, Erik Salem Reed.

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 in **October, 2025**. For more info or to register call 610-363-6536.



**Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated the Second & Fourth Sundays of most months at **1:00 PM** in the Church. **NO BAPTISMS ON MARCH 23.**

**Baptismal Instruction** The next scheduled class is **May 18, 2025** at 10:00 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Call Rectory to register 610-363-6536.



**Amplification for hearing—set your transistor radio to 105.7 FM in church**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

As we prepare for the upcoming season of Lent, there are booklets, “Renewing our Hope”, with daily readings/reflections for each day during Lent. The “Pilgrims of Hope 2025 Jubilee Year Prayer” is on the back of the booklet. There is also a beautiful “Stations of the Cross” hand-out which can be used as a bookmark, kept in your car, or conveniently with you for prayer and reflection at any time. Blessings on your Lenten journey. Both will be in the Narthex, please take one of each.

**Saints Peter & Paul Parish Lenten Confessions -Tuesday, April 8 at 7 PM**  
**Saint Agnes Parish Lenten Confessions -Thursday, April 10 at 7 PM**  
**Saint Elizabeth Parish Lenten Confessions -Thursday, April 10 at 7 PM**  
**Saint Joseph Parish Lenten -Tuesday, April 15 at 7 PM**  
**SS. Philip & James Parish Lenten Penance Service – Wednesday, April 16**

**Palm Sunday April 13**

Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 12 - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, & 5:30 PM

Incense will be used at 4 PM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon and 5:30 PM Masses

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

**There will be no Confessions on Monday, April 14 and April 21**

**Parish Lenten Penance Service – Wednesday, April 16**

Brief Parish Penance Service with Confessions - 7:00 PM

N.B. This will be the last opportunity for confession until after Easter

No confessions on Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday or Easter Monday

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

***HOLY THURSDAY - April 17***

8:30 AM Mass for those unable to attend 7:00 PM Liturgy

Incense will be used at 7:00 PM Mass

Solemn Mass of The Last Supper - 7:00 PM followed by

Procession to, and Adoration in St. Mary's Chapel until 10:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 18**

Visits start in St. Mary's Chapel at 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Solemn Liturgy of Our Lords Passion in church - 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

***HOLY SATURDAY– April 19***

No morning Mass

Chapel Blessing of Easter Meals 10:30 AM

(N.B. NO 4:00 Mass)

Easter Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM

Incense will be used at the Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY - April 20**

8:30 AM- 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon & 5:30 PM

Incense will be used at the 10:30 AM, and 12 Noon Masses

## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE 2025

March 22/23

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

### Stewardship Update 37 Weeks through March 9, 2025

	Sunday	Christmas
Budget	1,067,117	85,000
Actual	<u>1,035,613</u>	<u>83,203</u>
Variance	<b>-31,504</b> <b>-3.0%</b>	<b>-1,798</b> <b>-2.1%</b>

Thank you for your generous Support of SSPJ Parish



### 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 Joe Mayo 484-341-3007 . 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.

# BINGO

**Every Monday**

**From 11:30 AM Until 3:00 PM**

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Contact Mike Reitman  
genereitman@gmail.com



Contact Jim Evans  
jim8646@comcast.net



### Registration for New Families

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.

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

### Christian Initiation of Adults

#### “Thirsting for God?”

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but, who has not yet received Confirmation & Eucharist? They may be searching also!

Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly sessions will begin again in September. Please contact Marie Romano (mromano@sspj.net) 484-433-9401.

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

**Bulletin Announcements for the April 6, 13, 20 Bulletin need to be to the Rectory by March 26.**



## **Saints Philip and James School - Positions Needed 2024-2025**

### **Technology Teacher (part-time) - 2 days per week (Tuesday and Wednesday)**

SS. Philip and James Catholic School is accepting applications for computer teacher for grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 8. Interested and qualified candidates must possess a bachelor's degree with a concentration in Elementary Education or Technology.

**CARES (After school Program)** – 2 adults, college students or older, needed to help supervise students after school – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Contact Person:** Sister Teresa Ballisty, IHM, Principal (steresa@sspj.net)

For more information, call 610-363-6530, ext. 151



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.

### **Pray the Stations of the Cross**

Join us as the Exton Knights of Columbus will be Praying the Stations of the Cross on the first Sunday of each month at Saints Philip and James (next April 6). We will be gathering in the front of the church on the Mary's side after the 8:30 Mass to remember the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us as walk through all 14 Stations and remember Christ's Passion and his love for us.

### **Jesus is calling YOU!**

Grow in your faith through **FORMED** - a great resource to access powerful and informative religious programming!

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph with a focus on The Solemnity of St. Joseph celebrated on March 19. This feast day honors his life and virtues and recognizes his role as protector of the Holy Family. Access FORMED for relevant programming such as *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* which features interviews with leading experts and theologians that shed light on his holy life.

Lent began on March 5 and is a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving that leads up to Easter. Learn more about these pillars of Lent through *How to Lent*. This new series from the Augustine Institute will help bring the faithful into a more purposeful Lenten season. Get the whole family involved by watching *Living Lent as a Family* - a 4-part series with discussions on liturgical living during Lent to help grow in holiness.

To register: Enter FORMED.org in your browser; select FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION; enter the Zip Code 19341; select SSPJ, then enter your name and email address. Your login is your email address; no password is needed.

### **ADULT GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY, March 26  
11:30 AM**

BINGO					
10	18	40	53	74	
3	23	37	55	70	
15	24	★	51	62	
5	30	43	54	65	
1	28	33	58	67	

**RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
Bring a Bag Lunch**

**COME FOR FELLOWSHIP,  
BINGO, CANASTA, BRIDGE,  
PINOCHLE, etc.**

**Feel free to bring a friend!  
2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month**



### **Bishop Shanahan High School Admissions Events**

7th Grade Visit Day | March 20  
Spring Personal Tour Day | April 12

See [shanahan.org/whybshs](http://shanahan.org/whybshs) for details.

**Wee Panthers sing-along** is where music comes to life for toddlers, Mom's, Dad's, and caretakers! Come dance, sing, and laugh like never before! Our interactive sessions foster the joy of connection, rhythm and movement, exploration of instruments and inspires a love for music! Led by our board-certified musician, crafted to nurture, and captivate energetic toddlers, it is the perfect parent child duo! Learn to the beat and create memories that will last a lifetime! Classes held 2x/month on Wednesday's at 9:15. Please visit [school.sspj.net](http://school.sspj.net) and look for the Wee Panthers tab for registration. Next class begins Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:15. Questions call/text Dorothy 610-733-3976.

## Enrich Your Lent: Help Partners In Outreach with Operation Easter Outfit 2025

Partner with us to provide Easter outfits for children in need in Chester County!  
Sign up on **Sign-Up Genius** by scanning the QR code

or by visiting [www.partnersinoutreach.org/signup](http://www.partnersinoutreach.org/signup)

There will be a display in the Narthex During mass times the weekend of March 8-9



Once on the site, select a child/family, provide your contact info, and submit. You'll receive an email confirmation.

*(If you would like to consider helping an entire family, the first three digits designate a family and the second numbers indicate the individual children in the family.*

*For instance a family of four might be 100 1/1 100 2/4 100 3/4 and 100 4/4)*

Please return clothes (on hangers, labeled with child name and ID code) to the narthex the weekend of **March 22-23**, before the last mass.

Recommended items: dresses for girls, khaki pants and collared shirts for boys. No accessories, please.

If you prefer to donate, mail your contribution to Partners in Outreach, P.O. Box 21, Chester Springs, PA 19425, or donate online at [www.partnersinoutreach.org](http://www.partnersinoutreach.org).

For questions, contact Susan Lamb at [susanlamb310@gmail.com](mailto:susanlamb310@gmail.com)

## An Invitation to Celebrate the Gift of Life!

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**  
**2:00-4:00pm**

Saints Philip & James Parish  
723 E Lincoln Hwy, Exton, PA 19341  
School Cafeteria under the Church



Support pregnant women, babies and families in need.

Enjoy a fun social event with family, friends and neighbors.

Great food and refreshments.

Unwrapped gifts or monetary donations will be delivered to local organizations.

A list of needed items will be provided.

RSVP by Friday, March 21, 2025

to Fran Lisowski, [flisowski421@gmail.com](mailto:flisowski421@gmail.com) or 484.631.8224

The Respect Life Ministry is broadening the focus of the Baby Shower event to become, "Celebrate the Gift of Life" to support maternity houses, organizations that aid families in need in addition to pregnancy resource centers.

## Please join Share the Faith ministry for Stations of the Cross



**Every Friday evening  
during Lent  
7pm in the Church**

### Unused Gift Cards Wanted!!!!

Have any store or restaurant gift cards you are not using??? Donate them to a good cause! SSPJ School can use them at our Annual Spring Fundraiser event and will take any unused gift card donations. You can also purchase a gift card for SSPJ through RaiseRight. Sign up for a RaiseRight account using the SSPJ enrollment code.

**[www.raiseright.com/m/StartEarning](http://www.raiseright.com/m/StartEarning)**

**SSPJ's enrollment code:**

**AUA78L624JWQ**

Unused Gift Card donations can be dropped in the collection basket during Mass or sent to school through Sunday April 13th. Thank You!

### Record Breaking Podcasts

Ascension Press is breaking subscription records with free Podcast series that are wonderful educational aids deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.

The most recent Podcast is **Rosary in a Year** with Father Mark Mary Ames. 365 short daily reflections build a deeper love for the Rosary and help make it a habitual prayer. Check the Narthex for more information.

Two block-buster Podcasts: **Bible in a Year** and **Catechism in a Year** both presented by Father Mike Schmitz.

### Eucharistic Adoration - Adorers Needed

When Jesus called His apostles from their work to follow Him, He knew they heard Him, not only with their ears, but within their hearts. They heard Him. They listened to Him. They followed Him. They loved Him. They spread His word. Jesus calls to us today and everyday, "Come to Me!"

Specific Hours Needing Adorers:

Monday: 11-12, 12-1, 1-3, 3-4

Tuesday: 6-7

Wednesday: 10-11

Thursday: 10-11, 2-3

To capture one of these hours, please contact Patty Callan at 484-467-8807 or [pacallan@comcast.net](mailto:pacallan@comcast.net)



### SSPJ'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS

Thursday 3:30 to 7:00 pm  
Saturday – 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sunday—1:00 pm- 4:00 pm

### COME CHECK US OUT!

There's something for everyone!

Cash only  
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Saddle up & put your boots on for

## SSPJ's Western Father/Daughter Dance

MARCH 22, 2025  
6PM SSPJ CAFETERIA  
BUY TICKETS HERE:  
<https://buytickets.at/ssphilipandjames.schoolhsaevent/1584719>

Tickets are \$35 per couple,  
\$15 for each additional young lady.  
Includes: DJ with dancing and games,  
Selfie/picture station, delicious  
desserts/beverages, and favors.  
Dress is semi-formal.  
Purchase tickets by March 9, online or  
send check through school.



Saints Philip and James Prayer Shawl group will meet on **Friday, March 28 @ 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](mailto:kpenderghest@verizon.net) (We are no longer accepting yarn and projects can be worked on at home)





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## ENROLL TODAY!



**First in Math - March Madness!**



## READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish! Our Pre-K and Kindergarten celebrated Read Across America Week the best way they know how. With silly hats, counting crafts and a laugh or two!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

## CONTACT US

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MARCH

## Word Search

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.

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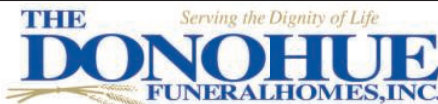
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