

# Saints Philip and James Parish

Exton, PA

March 30, 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:** Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

**COMMUNION:** The Lord rubbed my eyes: I went away and washed; then I could see, and I believed in God.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday March 29, 2025**

4:00 PM Frank Reinert

**Sunday March 30, 2025**

8:30 AM Guy J. Battle

10:30 AM Joseph Dougherty

12:00 PM Karl Pomeroy

5:30 PM Roberta Murphy

**Monday March 31, 2025**

6:30 AM Bonnie Karabin

8:30 AM Kathryn B. Coogan

**Tuesday April 1, 2025**

6:30 AM Bonnie Karabin

8:30 AM James C. Fallon

**Wednesday April 2, 2025**

6:30 AM Charles Hurchalla

**2:15 PM Stations of the Cross**

8:30 AM Kelly Ann Gillespie

**Thursday April 3, 2025**

6:30 AM Karie Fleck

8:30 AM Hildegard Schmeiss

**Friday April 4, 2025**

6:30 AM Hildegard Schmeiss

8:30 AM Patrick McHugh

**Saturday April 5, 2025**

8:30 AM Margaret M. Clair

4:00 PM P. Dermot O'Neill

**Sunday April 6, 2025**

8:30 AM Joseph & Carmen Podziomek

10:30 AM Bridget Todd

12:00 PM John Berta

5:30 PM Dorothy Goleash



**March 30, 2025**  
**Fourth 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, Eric Elken, Patrick Baker.



**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.

**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.



**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



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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,



## Disciple Maker Index SURVEY

SS. Philip & James Parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ as a parish community. The first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities. In order to do this, we will be conducting a special survey called the "Disciple Maker Index" (DMI) by the Catholic Leadership Institute in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at SS. Philip & James Parish. All adult parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in this survey. **The survey is accessible online now through April 13.**



Your input is extremely valuable. We hope that you will share your perspective by participating in this survey to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future as we strive to understand what would help you in your faith journey. To take the survey please scan the QR code or visit our website, [sspj.net](http://sspj.net).

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**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 EasterNo confessions on Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday or Easter Monday



## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE 2025

April 5/6

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

### Stewardship Update 39 Weeks through March 23, 2025

|          | Sunday           | Christmas       |
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| Budget   | 1,124,799        | 85,000          |
| Actual   | 1,092,230        | 83,203          |
| Variance | -32,570<br>-2.9% | -1,798<br>-2.1% |

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### 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.

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### 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  
Bulletins 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.

### PreK 4 Aide (3 days per week – Monday, Tuesday, Friday)

SS. Philip and James Catholic School is accepting applications for a Pre-K 4 Aide for three days per week. Interested and qualified candidates must possess an Associates or Bachelors Degree with a concentration in Early Childhood and have experience working with young children.

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



by CHRISTINA FANTINI IS NEEDS

### 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.

| BINGO |    |    |    |    |  |
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### ADULT GROUP

WEDNESDAY, April 9  
11:30 AM

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



**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.

### Prayer Around the Cross Invitation:

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. the Sisters of IHM will be hosting a Taize style **PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS** in Sacred Heart Chapel, Villa Maria House of Studies, 1 Our Lady Circle, Malvern, PA 19355. This invitation was extended to 94 churches in our surrounding area.

Please join us as we gather with our Christian brothers and sisters, hearts united in reverence, around the enduring symbol of our faith – the cross. For our world, we seek solace, strength, and the boundless love that Christ so freely offered. May our prayer together be a source of strength as we carry the cross's radiant message of hope into the world.

### 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!



### 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

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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.

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



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

### 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:

Tuesday: 2-3

Wednesday: 12-1 and 2-3

Thursday: 12 -1

Friday: 11-12 and 12-1

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



Saints Philip and James Prayer Shawl group will meet on **Friday, April 11 @ 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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### CONTACT US

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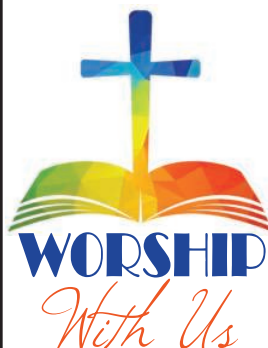
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