

Saints Philip and James Parish

Exton, PA

May 4, 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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy; praise the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise, alleluia.

COMMUNION: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took the bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday May 3, 2025
4:00 PM Margaret Judge

Sunday May 4, 2025
8:30 AM Joseph & Carmen Podziomek
10:30 AM Lorraine Ruggeri
12:00 PM James Pacana
5:30 PM Salem & Widad Kash

Monday May 5, 2025
6:30 AM Kathy Greco
8:30 AM Martha Kushner

Tuesday May 6, 2025
6:30 AM Carole Louise Monkress
8:30 AM Tom Harkins

Wednesday May 7, 2025
6:30 AM Roberto V. Limon
8:30 AM Eleanor Slavin

Thursday May 8, 2025
6:30 AM Thanh Ha Tran
8:30 AM Joseph Gothie

Friday May 9, 2025
6:30 AM Francis & Dominic D'sa (L)
8:30 AM Guy J. Battle

Saturday May 10, 2025
8:30 AM Vincent DiGregorio
4:00 PM Joseph & Annie Miranda & Families (L) and
Special Intention (L)

Sunday May 11, 2025
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM
All Mother's Listed on Envelopes



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

**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, Linda Gardner, Dante Danilshenko, Susan Mousley, Gregory L., Bernadette Fattal, Kristin Schmitz, Deborah Elliott, Brandon Wack, Karen Wack, Jeff Wack, Ryan Wack, Michael Maguire, Karen Mary Portella, Fredericka DeFlaviis, Bradley Gramling, Arthur Romano, Debbie Ludwig, Erik Elken, Patrick Baker, Jim Santoro, Friend.



Pray for the safety of those serving Our Country: Matthew Kleponis, Brent Grafmuller, Cole Iannarino, Connor Iannarino, Christopher Iannarino, Timothy Iannarino, Matthew Bolland, 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 especially Catherine Giunta, Virginia Palski.

"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 your transistor radio to 105.7 FM in church

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

The Cardinals of the Church have announced that the Conclave during which they will discern and elect a new Pope begins on Wednesday, May 7.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Class '25, their parents and teachers for a wonderful celebration of this Sacrament on Saturday, May 3.

We honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May. On **May 4**, after the noon Mass we will have our Parish May Procession from Church to the Grotto. Everyone is welcome, and our First Communion students from PREP and SSPJ School are encouraged to come and wear their First Communion clothing. Please join us, and of course, you can bring flowers to leave at the grotto.



ROSES AND CARNATIONS will be available at all Masses on Mothers Day, May 11. All donations will go to **Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home**. The Guiding Star Maternity Home is administered through a partnership between the Pro Life Union and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The home provides housing, counseling, training and a range of other services to pregnant women who would otherwise be homeless and abortion vulnerable. Housed at the former rectory at St. Benedict Parish in Germantown. Thank You!

Exton Knights Birthright Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, May 4th, 4-6PM. Once again, we are doing all TAKE-OUT ORDERS. \$13.00 for adults, 7.00 for children. **We have raised and contributed more than 150K** (including this years contribution), to Birthright! The sign-up link will be on the Knights home page. **Exton Knights of Columbus Council #5671 | Catholic Charity.**

Please join us at the men's Mid-May Retreat the weekend of May 16-18 at the Malvern Retreat House. The Retreat starts at 5 pm on Friday with Dinner and ends on Sunday after Mass at Noon. Among the activities offered are Mass, Confession, Conferences from a world renowned Retreat Director, as well as the reciting of the Rosary.

The Retreat Director is Father Simeon Gallagher, who has given several Retreats, both in the US and Internationally. Our guest speaker is Phil Martelli, former basketball coach at St Joseph's and Michigan Universities. We all can welcome a closer relation with the Lord, and what better way to spend it with friends at a special place known as the Malvern Retreat House. For additional info contact Jack 484-288-0209 or jdonkewicz@gmail.com

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE 2025

May 10/11

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

Stewardship Update 44 Weeks through April 27, 2025

	Sunday	Easter
Budget	1,240,162	75,000
Actual	1,207,105	68,259
Variance	-33,058 -2.7%	-6,741 -9.0%

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.

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.



Every Monday
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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.

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) 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. 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 May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The faithful should seek her intercession as she shows us the face of God in her son and helps us grow closer to Him. Access FORMED to view Mary and the Month of May - this program provides detail as to how this dedication to Mary came to be and ways to honor the mother of God and model of faith.

As the world mourns the death of Pope Francis, learn more about his life by viewing Francis: The People's Pope. May Pope Francis rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

To register: Enter FORMED.org in your browser; select FIND YOUR PARISH SUBSCRIPTION; enter 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, May 14
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**

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	

2025 SSPJ CYO Scholarship Announced

ALL SSPJ 8th Grade Parishioners who have participated in CYO Sports at anytime during their elementary school years and are going to a Catholic High School are invited to apply.

Visit cyo.sspj.net for the application.



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 and look for the Wee Panthers tab for registration. Next class begins Wednesday March 12th at 9:15. Questions call/text Dorothy 610-733-3976.

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

Name _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

State, City, Zip Code _____

Daytime phone _____

Email Address _____

I hereby authorize Saints Philip and James Parish in Exton, PA to debit my Sunday contribution directly from my checking account, as indicated on the attached void check, for the following amount and frequency:

Please provide the following information:

Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount	Envelope #
_____	_____	_____
<p>Signature _____</p>		
<p>Date _____</p>		

Celebrate the Gift of Life

Thank you!!
SSPJ Parishioners and Students

From your generosity we distributed to 5 Pregnancy Resource Centers

Infant care seat
5 Pack n' Plays
3 Strollers
4 bathtubs
3,600 diapers
116 packs of wipes
294 baby outfits
24 handmade blankets
17 cans of formula
and much much more



SSPJ Men's Group

This is an open invitation to join us on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month. We strive to know God as a loving Father, and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, Catholic video content, and discussion. We meet in the Rectory meeting room from 7:00 to 8:30PM. About once each quarter, we gather at a local watering hole for fellowship. Contact Bob Lisowski, (610) 574-5131 or Nick Mattera, (248) 520-3214 for more information.

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

**COME CHECK
US OUT!**

There's
something for
everyone!

Cash only
Thank you.

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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

Exton/Lionville Ministerium Music Fest

Please join with the folks of our area as we celebrate the incredible musical gifts of our churches on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 104 S. Village Avenue, Exton. (Online at [YouTube.com/StPaulsLionville](https://www.youtube.com/StPaulsLionville)) The evening will feature a variety of music from our various local congregations followed by a time of fellowship with others!

Faith Formation and Agape Love

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Renewing the
culture of life,
one young adult
and one pregnancy
resource center at
a time.

The local Biking for Babies (B4B) Philly Ride will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from the parking lot of SS Philip & James church. Your family can join the fun biking on the Chester Valley trail or by donating directly. For more information check the QR code or enter the link in your browser. **Help us hit our local goal of \$20,000.**

Biking for Babies (B4B) is a National Organization with a two-fold mission. First is forming young adults age 18 – 39 into disciples of Jesus – experiencing agape love and sacrifice. Second, imbued in the first, is raising funds to directly support resource centers for pregnant women and mothers in need.

How Can You Help? Register/details/donate here

Chris Massaro | Director of Mission Advancement
(484) 639-3580
chris.massaro@bikingforbabies.com

or online at bikingforbabies.com/local-rides

[WWW.BIKINGFORBABIES.COM](https://www.bikingforbabies.com)



Saints Philip and James Prayer Shawl group will meet on **Friday, May 9 @ 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)

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COURT	MVP
ROOKIE	WALK OFF
DIME	BREAKAWAY
FULLBACK	PICK AND ROLL
SLAM DUNK	HANDICAP
CLUTCH	STRIKER
MULLIGAN	MARTIAL ARTS
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