Saints Philip and James Parish

Exton, PA

June 1, 2025



Sunday Mass Schedule <u>Vigil: 4:00 pm</u> 8:30, 10:30AM, 12N & 5:30PM Monday through Saturday Holy Mass 8:30AM <u>Holy Days of Obligation Monday - Friday</u> 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 484-433-9401

CYO Information cyo.sspj.net

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.

COMMUNION: I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.



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May 31, 2025 y Λ Jerry Murphy

Sunday June 1, 2025 8:30 AM Ellen Syder 10:30 AM Larraine Ruggeri 12:00 PM Mary Dillon 5:30 PM Norman St Onge

Monday June 2, 2025 6:30 AM Ruth Ann Gulliford 8:30 AM Evelyn Canavatti

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Tuesday June 3, 2025 6:30 AM Joseph A. Gadman 8:30 AM Theresa M. Bachinsky (DiLello)

Wednesday June 4, 2025

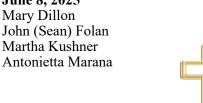
6:30 AM Robert Leonard 8:30 AM Bonnie Karabin

Thursday June 5, 2025 6:30 AM Joseph A. Ryan 8:30 AM Matt & Melissa Weber

Fridav June 6, 2025 Booker T. Johnson 6:30 AM 8:30 AM Maureen Miller

Saturday June 7, 2025 8:30 AM Dominic Barbato & Mary Theresa Judge 4:00 PM Stephen Pellicciotta

June 8, 2025 Sunday Mary Dillon 8:30 AM 10:30 AM John (Sean) Folan 12:00 PM Martha Kushner 5:30 PM





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

June 1, 2025 The Ascension of the Lord



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, 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, Kole Sample, Pat, Len, Catherine.



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 especially Mark Kiczek, Barbara Wilson.

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



Sacrament of Matrímony

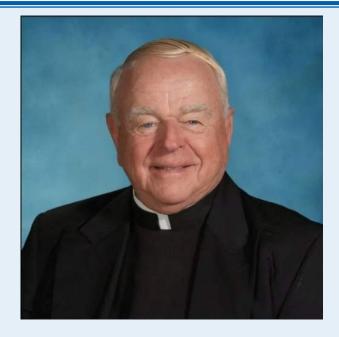
Couples must make arrangements to meet with a priest at least six months in advance. The next Pre-Cana will be

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 aptism Church.

Baptismal Instruction The next scheduled class is July 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Call Rectory to register 610-363-6536.



Dear Father Dieckhaus,

As you prepare to enter this well deserved retirement, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your 17 years of faithful service to SSPJ parish.

Your presence has been a guiding light through your sermons, sacraments and sincere care. You have touched countless lives. You have shared in our joys and sorrows, offered wisdom in our struggles, and led us ever closer to the heart of Jesus. Your compassion, humility, and unwavering faith have been a powerful witness to the love of God in action.

Though we will miss seeing you at the altar (in the office), we are comforted knowing that your legacy will remain in the lives you've shaped and the faith you've nurtured. We prayed that this next chapter brings you peace, renewal, and the same joy you have brought to so many.

Thank you, Father Dieckhaus for everything. May God continue to bless and guide you in the days ahead.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Rectory Staff, and SSPJ Parish





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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Congratulations to all our SSPJ parishioners who graduated this year. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." [Jeremiah 29:11]

Congratulations to SSPJ Class of 2025 - Graduating Tuesday, June 3.



CELEBRANT SCHEDULE 2025 May 31/June 1

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

Stewardship Update 47 Weeks through May 18, 2025

Budget	1,
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 Easter

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 - 8,3%

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.

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 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 <u>Monday -12 noon</u> for the upcoming weekend.

<u> Saínts Phílip and James School – Positions Needed 2025-2026</u>

<u> Teacher – Grade 4 (Full-time)</u>

Candidate must possess a bachelor's degree with a concentration in Elementary Education and state certification.

<u>Teacher – Pre-K 4 (full-time)</u>

Candidate must possess a bachelor's degree with a concentration in Early Childhood or Elementary Education and state certification.

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

This position includes 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. **Resource Teacher – Reading Support (part-time) – Monday – Wednesday**

Candidate must possess a Bachelor's or Master's degree with concentration as a Reading

Specialist and state certification and experience teaching reading across elementary and middle school.

Administrative Assistant (part-time)

We are seeking a friendly, organized, and tech-savvy Administrative Assistant to join our Catholic elementary school team. The ideal candidate will have strong computer skills, excellent interpersonal abilities, and a genuine love for working with children. As the first point of contact for many students, families, and staff, you must be a team player who can multi-task in a dynamic environment. A willingness to learn our student information system is essential. Join us in supporting a faith-filled, nurturing educational community!

Accounting Associate (part-time)

We are seeking a detail-oriented Accounting Associate to handle vendor payments, bank reconciliations, and financial reporting. The ideal candidate has a strong grasp of accounting principles, proficiency in Microsoft Office, and excellent problem-solving skills. Experience with QuickBooks, FACTS, or other SIS systems is a plus. This onsite role requires clear communication and a drive to improve processes.

Admissions Associate (part-time)

We are looking for a friendly, outgoing, organized, and enthusiastic Admissions Associate to join our Advancement office. This onsite role involves raising awareness and helping recruit new students to our elementary school and guiding families through the application and enrollment process. As the first point of contact for many prospective families, you'll represent our school and its achievements. Experience with FACTS or similar student information systems is a plus as we work to further enhance our admissions process.

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.

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 info.

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 music group will be on summer break from June through August 2025. Please check back in September for an updated fall schedule. Thank you to all our members and have a safe and relaxing summer break! <u>https://school.sspj.net/</u> and click on the Wee Panthers tab. For assistance, call Dorothy 610-733-3976.



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, June 11 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



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Eucharistic Adoration - Come to Me

Often we crowd out the opportunity to be victorious for Christ. We allow "My schedule", "My time", "My life" to come before the voice of Christ which says "Come to Me."

When we permit this, temptation wins. Think about it! Jesus calls us today and everyday, "Come to Me!"

There are several open hours in need of a weekly adorer. These hours are noted at the entrance to St. Mary's Chapel. For further information, contact Patty Callan at 484-467-8807 or 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 Thank you.

610-363-6530 x560

Thank you to the members of Saints Philip and James that supported Operation Easter Outfit. Everyone at Partners In Outreach is grateful for your generosity. Whether you provided an outfit for a specific child or family or made a monetary contribution, each was equally important to fulfilling clothing for the 1,816 children that received a brand new Easter outfit. Our recipient organizations are right here in Chester County. This years recipient organizations were: Abbas Safe Haven, Inc., Bridge Academy, Chester County Connect Care (Kennett, Coatesville, West Chester), CYWA, En Familia, Friends Association, GRANDfamilies, Mighty Writers, North Star, Shar's Hands, St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, St. Agnes Day Room, St. Rocco Parish, YoungMoms.

Faith Formation and Agape Love

BIKING F() R BABIES Renewing the culture of life, one young adult and one pregnancy resource center at s 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.





Saints Philip and James Prayer Shawl group will meet on Friday, June 13@ 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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