March 20 2016
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30am - 5:30 pm

ANTIPHON: Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out; Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory! He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

COMMUNION: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drink it, you will be done..

Palm Sunday

...the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road...

Matthew 21
**Mass Times**

**Saturday**  March 19, 2016
4:00 PM  People of the Parish
5:30 PM  Stephen C. Patrizio, Jr.

**Sunday**  March 20, 2016
7:30 AM  Joseph & Carmen Podziomek
9:00 AM  Bridget Todd
10:30 AM  Connie Gooley
12 Noon  Dawn & Mark Semerad
5:30 PM  Patrick Curran
7:00 PM  Living Stations (Church)

**Monday**  March 21, 2016
6:30 AM  Angeline S. Hacka
8:30 AM  Harry McManus

**Tuesday**  March 22, 2016
6:30 AM  Frances Ginty
8:30 AM  Joann Patrone

**Wednesday**  March 23, 2016
6:30 AM  Gregorio & Gloria Reyes
8:30 AM  Joanne DiGregorio
No Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00 PM  Lent Penance Service

**Holy Thursday**  March 24, 2016
6:30 AM  No Intentions
7:30 PM  Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by a procession to and adoration in St. Mary’s Chapel.

**Good Friday**  March 25, 2016
6:30 AM  No AM Mass
Visits start in St. Mary’s Chapel at 9:00 AM
3:00 PM  Solemn Liturgy of our Lord’s Passion
7:30 PM  Solemn Liturgy of our Lord’s Passion

**Holy Saturday**  March 26, 2016
No AM Masses
10:30 AM  Blessing of Easter Meals (Chapel)
NO 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM MASS
7:30 PM  Easter Vigil—Intentions of those present

**Easter Sunday**  March 27, 2016
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon  5:30 PM
Intentions of those present

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Monday 7PM to 8PM, Saturday, from 3PM to 4PM
Sunday before 7:30AM & 9:00AM Holy Mass.

**Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament**—St. Mary’s Chapel Monday thru Friday 9AM-7 PM.

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**Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated the Second & Fourth Sunday of most months at 1:30 PM in the Church.

**Baptismal Instruction**  The next scheduled class is Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Rectory Meeting Room.  Call Rectory to register 610-363-6536.

**March 27, no Baptisms due to Easter Sunday.**

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**Sacrament of Matrimony**
Couples must make arrangements to meet with a priest at least six months in advance.  The next Pre-Cana meeting is scheduled for October (date tbd), 2016.  Call the Rectory for more information or to register 610-363-6536.

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**Are You Called to Be a Deacon?**  Archdiocese of Philadelphia Minister of the Word · Minister at the Altar · Minister of Charity

While all of the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A deacon’s ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God’s Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership in the Church.  A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.  Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.

Learn More… 2016 Permanent Diaconate Information Night Thursday, April 21, 2016.  To register or for more information, email Laura Nimmons at lnimmons@archphila.org

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**SSPJ Bulletin Schedule**  For SSPJ’s weekly Bulletins, please send all Bulletin request no later than Monday of each week by Email to  bdoyle@sspjjparish.net & reception@sspjjparish.net.  Thank you

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**E-MAIL ALERTS**  If you would like to receive e-mail alerts from the Parish, please go to the website below and fill-in the required information.  http://tinyurl.com/SSPJAlert.
LENT 2016
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES PARISH
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Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Palm Sunday – March 20th
Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 19 - 4:00 & 5:30 PM
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, & 5:30 PM
Palm will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
7:00 PM SSPJ 8th grade students will present the Stations of the Cross as seen by Christ’s mother in Church

Wednesday – March 23rd
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 Easter Sunday or Monday

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY – March 24th
9:00 AM Mass for those unable to attend 7:30 PM Liturgy
Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 PM followed by
Procession to, and Adoration in St. Mary’s Chapel until - 10:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY – March 25th
Visits start in St. Mary’s Chapel at 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord’s Passion in church - 3:00 & 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY – March 26th
No morning Mass
Chapel – Blessing of Easter Meals 10:30 AM
(N.B. NO 4:00 or 5:30 PM Masses)
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – March 27th
7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon & 5:30 PM

Area Penance Services & Confessions Schedule: Spring, 2016
Monday, March 21, 7:00 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe
Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM St. Joseph

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE
March 24—Holy Thursday
9:00 AM Fr. Dieckhaus
7:30 PM Fr. Drennen C. Polley

March 25—Good Friday
3:00 PM Fr. Erdlen C. Polley
7:30 PM Fr. Drennen

March 26—Easter Vigil
7:30 PM Fr. Welch C. Polley

Counting Team 8

Living Stations, March 20, 2016 at Malvern Preparatory School at 418 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA at 3:00 PM in the Duffy Center, located on our campus. There is no charge, all are welcome and play lasts 45 minutes.
Good Friday Collection
A Pontifical Collection
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

The Prayer Shawl Group All knitters and crocheters and those who would like to learn how are welcomed. Our next meeting is April 8 at 9AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. If you need a prayer shawl or info call Kathy @ 610-363-1720 or kpenderghest@verizon.net

Adult Club meets at 12:30 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month to enjoy guest speakers, light refreshments and sociability. Day trips are also arranged. For info, please call Ed 610-524-2592 or Mary 610-933-5989.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting: There is no meeting on Holy Thursday!! Come and revitalize your spiritual life. Begin to walk more closely with our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us for prayer, praise and a teaching. We meet Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. For more information please contact Larry Powers at letp@verizon.net or 610-363-2937.

Rectory Hours NOTE: Rectory will be closed Holy Thursday, 3/24, Good Friday, 3/25 and Easter Sunday, 3/27. Will reopen for regular hours on Monday, 3/28 Rectory regular hours are 9 AM til 5:00 PM with closing from Noon until 1PM Monday thru Friday Open Sunday—9 to 1.

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Current Week Contributions
Budget $31,200 100%
Actual $37,105 119%
Surplus $5,905 19%

Year-To-Date Contributions
Budget $1,154,400 100%
Actual $1,138,077 98%
Deficit -$16,323 -1%

Don’t let bad weather affect your giving to God. On occasion some parishioners are hindered from attending Mass due to inclement winter weather. The SSPJ Auto Debit Program provides an opportunity to sustain your offering through consistent, planned giving. Please consider joining close to 200 parishioners who already enrolled for automatic weekly or monthly Church contributions. The Auto Debit program is simple, secure and confidential. The enrollment form can be obtained at www.sspj.net or by contacting our Business Manager at mmccafferty@sspjparish.net or 610-363-6536, ext. 204.

SSPJ Mothers Group Meeting Children and new faces are always welcome. For more information, please contact Beth Shank (610-363-1916 or shanks404@verizon.net)

YPC Youth Group will meet on Saturday 16 April in the gym. Students grades 5-8 from all schools are welcome. Info Karen T. 610-363-1484.

DIRECTION FOR OUR TIMES PRAYER GROUP. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at St. Mary’s Chapel at 7pm. Call Kathy Dibrino, 484-888-1531 with any questions.

SSPJ’S Thrift Shop will be closed Wednesday March 23rd for the annual seasonal change-over will reopen Tuesday April 12th.

RCIA UPDATE: Men, women and teens who are not members of our Catholic Church but would like to learn more about our faith are invited to join SESSIONS NOW IN PROGRESS, any MONDAY EVENING at 7:30, in the rectory meeting room. This invitation is also extended to Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). If you wish to become part of this group, please speak to Father Dieckhaus or Sister Eunice Marie at 610-363-1307.
2016 VBS at SSP&J
(In Liguori’s BARNYARD ROUNDUP Jesus gathers His children and teaches them about His love.)

High School, College Students and adults are invited to join in the in the ground-level planning for our exciting Summer VBS, June 27-30: Liguori’s BARNYARD ROUNDUP.

Please contact the Religious Education Office (610-363-1307) or e-mail: seunice@sspj.net for the next planning meeting date, or your availability to participate in the VBS week.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Spring campaign will have its closing prayer on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2-3 PM in front of PP CLINIC in West Chester, S. Wayne & Market Streets. All are invited to attend and to stand for life as we will recall that Jesus died to give us life in praying the Stations of the Cross. Although this campaign is ending, please continue to pray for an end abortion. "Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life." Thank you to the pro-lifers Who supported our parish vigil on March 3rd.

SATURDAY MORNING RETREAT- APRIL 9 after the 8:30 AM Mass, from 9:15 until 12:00 noon. Fr. Chris Rogers will be our speaker and the theme is "Joy of the Gospel". Refreshments served. This is a popular annual event--Come and enjoy! There will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule on the weekend of April 2/3. Information: 610-363-7241 or fandmbiz@verizon.net.

The Exton Knights of Columbus continue to collect baby bottles filled with change/cash/checks for Birthright. Please drop bottles off in the church vestibule or at the rectory. Please call Brian Clair 484-467-3084 with any questions.

The Exton Knights of Columbus will host the Birthright Spaghetti Dinner at Sts. Peter & Paul cafeteria on SUNDAY APRIL 3rd from 4PM-6PM. $5 kids, $10 adults. Prize drawings, music. Eat in and take-out available. Please call Brian Clair 484-467-3084 with any questions.

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 Drs. appointments, groceries and church. Ask if you think we can lend a helping hand, or you would like to join our volunteer group. For more info contact Sarah Hart 610-269-4689 HelpingHands.sspj@gmail.com

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES (SCC) - Newcomers welcome! These small faith sharing groups of 8 to 12 people are based on the Sunday Scriptures and meet bi-weekly. Anyone who is interested in more information or would like to try a group, may call Deacon Frank or Mary Kay Biral at 610-363-7241 or fandmbiz1@verizon.net.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group, of Chester County meets the 3rd Saturday of every month, at SS. Philip and James Church, Exton, beginning at 8 AM. All Chester County Parishes are welcome to attend. For information call 484-

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY HOSTS 10th ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY Keynote Speaker is Rev. James Martin, S.J. Immaculata University’s Spirituality Under the Dome series announces its 10th annual “Spirituality Day” on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments followed by the opening prayer and welcome at 9:15 a.m. in Alumnae Hall. The half-day event concludes at 12:00 p.m. The Rev. James Martin, S.J., a Jesuit priest, author and editor-at-large at America, the national Catholic magazine, will be the keynote speaker for the morning. For further information, please visit the website at www.immaculata.edu/spirituality or contact Sister Mary Henrich, IHM at 484-323-3434. The registration fee is $20.00 and participants are asked to register by April 4.

Young Adults: Prepare for Easter with Stations of the Cross!
If you are a young adult in your 20s or 30s, join CYACC this Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. You will experience the beautiful Stations of the Cross trails as we hold a candlelit procession to prayerfully reflection on the Passion of our Lord. We'll be meeting in the Memorial Hall Dining Room at the Retreat House at 7:15 PM and will begin our procession shortly after 7:30 PM. For more info check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

“Celebrate Fertility Care” A special program for women struggling with infertility or other gynecological issues will be presented on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 4:00 pm St. Peter Church, 2835 Manor Road, West Brandywine, PA 19320. Come view the film, A Quiet Revolution and meet Dr. Monique Ruberu, the only OB/GYN trained in NaPro Technology in the Philadelphia area. The film explains that there is a far superior treatment for infertility than in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and a viable alternative to birth control to treat women’s health problems. The film looks at the new women’s health science of Natural Procreative Technology, Dr. Monique Ruberu, OB/GYN, will share her conversion story and have a Q&A session that will provide an opportunity to ask questions on women and their fertility health care. Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee of St. Peter Parish. For more information visit: www.saintpeterchurch.net/respect_life.html or email:

CYO Spring Sports Registration is officially open. Please go to www.wagdogs.com to register for the following CYO sports. Any questions, please contact sspjcyo@gmail.com
Pre K Room 22 celebrated 100 Days of School!

It is time to register for next year!

Students for the 4-Year-Old Pre K Program must be 4 years old by August 31st.

Students for the Kindergarten Program must be 5 years old by August 31st.

Please call the school office (610-363-6530 x100) any time after 9:00am to make an appointment to register your child.
SSPJ is offering all Parishioners a safe and time saving way to contribute to the Parish in a consistent manner. All that is needed is to complete the form below, attach a voided check and place it in a sealed envelope that is labeled “Auto Debit”. This envelope can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory.

Authorization Agreement for Automatic Contribution Debits
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Thank you for your continuous support of Saints Philip and James Parish

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Used Eyeglass Collection
BSA Troop 105 is collecting eyeglasses for the Lions Club
Bring your used eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses even frames without lenses to the box in the vestibule of church between March 5th and April 2nd
The Scouts will get them to the Lions to be reconditioned and distributed in developing countries where they are needed the most.

Questions? Contact Sean Callan 484-872-8094

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