

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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Sacred Music

Mr. Paul Kucinski

Parish Cemetery

Mr. Mark Sandt, Superintendent

BAPTISM: *Infants should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.*

CONFESSION: *Pope John Paul II, of blessed memory, said: "Anyone who goes frequently to Communion, must also go frequently to Confession."* **Saturdays: 9am-9:30am and from 3:15pm-4:15pm or by appointment with one of the priests.**

FOR MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: *Please call the Church Office.*

DEVOTIONS: Adoration: Monday-Saturday: 8:30am-11:00pm; Sunday: 1:00-11:00pm (Chapel)
Novena (Miraculous Medal): Monday at 7pm (Chapel)
Charismatic Prayer: Wednesday at 7pm (Chapel)
Legion of Mary: Wednesday at 5:15pm (Mercy Hall)

RCIA: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Deacon George Frank directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this regard.

HOLY MASS

Every Catholic who is able has a serious obligation to worship God at Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening: 4:30pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), and 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday: 6:45 & 8am & 12:10pm
in Holy Family Chapel (Tuesday 12:10pm in Warren Hospital);
Saturday: 7am & 8am in Holy Family Chapel



Baptism of the Lord + January 10, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Today, Catholics around the world celebrate Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Since the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, this celebration marks the end of the Christmas Season. As such, my mind is filled with the good memories of the recent holidays as I write these words.

Among those good memories was seeing so many good people fill our Church on Christmas Eve. Another was watching the lovely children's Christmas Pageant prior to the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. The prayerful Midnight Mass was probably the highlight of my entire holiday celebration, and I want to thank all those who were part of it.

After the Masses on Christmas Day, I stopped briefly at Mercy Hall for the beginning of the Parish Christmas Dinner. I am extremely grateful to those good people who took time to prepare and serve a meal for those who came that day – and on New Year's Day as well. Such charity is the mark of a good Christian.

I then went to celebrate with my family at the home of my sister, Natalie, in Hillsborough. It was a very nice day. The meal was great, as was the time with so many relatives and in-laws. After Holy Mass, it was the next highlight of my Christmas Season.

The Friday before Christmas, I had the pleasure of attending the Christmas Show at our Parish School. The students obviously worked very hard to prepare for the show, and did a great job performing it. It was nice to be there, and I want to thank all the teachers and parents who did so much to make the show happen.

As this New Year begins to unfold, please remember to pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. Please also pray for our Parish, for the sick, and for peace. May each of us be all that God wants in the coming year.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

1/12 – D. Varga, C. Franceschino, J. Krupski, E. Hooper, C. Ross, C. Stallings; **1/14** – V. Halm, P. McLoughlin, L. Bloeser, L. Ayala, T./D. Shoudt; **1/16** – E. Socci, E. Rush, G. Harding, J./B. Roeder, K. Rush

PLEASE REMEMBER...In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely—visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the faith and all who have died, especially and Margaret Kostolanci and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Because We Are Church... Our goal is to have 100% participation in the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

"IN MEMORY OF"

The large poinsettia plant in front of the manger was given to St. Philip and St. James in memory of Dawne Cicero.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to come to celebrate our 7th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish on Sun., January 17, 2010 with a special Holy Hour starting at 3:00pm in the Church, with refreshments afterwards in Mercy Hall. Eucharistic Adoration will close at 4:00pm for the remainder of the day.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you are in need of a 2009 contribution statement, please put your request in writing with your name, address and envelope number, or you can call the Church Office with the information.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

In an effort to save money, we would appreciate it if our parishioners could pick up their 2010 Church offering envelopes in Mercy Hall after all Masses this weekend, or stop by the Church Office during regular business hours.

PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST

A Pancake & Egg Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James Parish on Sun., January 10, 2010 from 8:00-11:00am in Mercy Hall.

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

This weekend, the annual "Together in Charity Collection" will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection help to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Program, which provides 24-hour/seven days a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing, or medical needs. To date this year, two-thirds of the parishes in the Diocese have availed themselves of this program, and \$221,000 in emergency aid has been disbursed. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a grace-filled new year for a family or individual in crisis.

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

"Every hour you spend with Jesus will be recorded in heaven and retold throughout eternity"—Mother Teresa. **Adorers are urgently needed for Wednesdays at 5pm, Fridays at Noon and 8pm and Saturdays at 6pm.** Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001 for these times or any other time you are able to commit to on a weekly basis. Substitutes are also needed!

SAVE THE DATE!

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and 37th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC, will take place on Fri., January 22, 2010. Bus leaves the parking lot of Saints Philip & James School on Roseberry Street at 6am. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For reservations, please call Camille at (908) 387-0001.

CRIBS NEEDED!

Life Choices is in great need of cribs! Please consider sharing a gently used crib with an infant in need. Cribs can be dropped off at 411 South Main Street. Please call 454-2066 for more info and for drop-off times.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE-THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be holding a "Free-Throw" Basketball Contest on Sun., January 17, 2010 at Saints Philip and James School on Roseberry Street. Registration begins at 12:30pm; contest begins at 1:00pm. Open to boys and girls ages 10-14 (age as of 1/1/10). Birth certificate must be presented at time of registration. For more information, please call Tom Ruppe at (610) 252-4023 or Tom Casey at (610) 390-9183.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK HOLY HOUR

A Vocations Awareness Week Holy Hour will be held on Fri., January 15, 2010 at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale. All of us are being called by God to some life in the Church. Join us as we spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by an opportunity to talk to others who have

answered that call and share in some fellowship. All are welcome to attend and are encouraged to contact the Office of Vocations to confirm your attendance or for more information: vocations@diometuchen.org or (732) 562-2457.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

A Women's Retreat will be held January 15-17, 2010 at St. Francis Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA. Retreat Master: Fr. Nick Lohkamp, OFM, a friar of St. John the Baptist, who over the past 50 years has engaged in formation work, teaching, preaching retreats, missions, workshops, and writing. Suggested offering: \$150.00. Please call to register at (610) 258-3053, ext. 24. All women are welcome!

MASS FOR RACIAL HARMONY

The Diocese of Metuchen will celebrate a Mass for Racial Harmony on Sun., January 17, 2010 at 12 Noon in St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen. Bishop Emeritus Edward T. Hughes will be the principal celebrant at the Mass, and Bishop Martin D. Holley of the Archdiocese of Washington will be the guest homilist. For information, please call (732) 562-2461.

WINE TASTING SOCIAL

The Spartan Club of Immaculata High School in Somerville is hosting its 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Social, "La Nuit des Vins" (A Night of Wines) on Sat., January 23, 2010 from 7:00-10:00pm at the high school. This year's theme is "A Tour of Wine Country". Tickets are \$40 pp in advance, \$50 at the door. Your admission ticket includes the opportunity to sample a wide variety of wine, a souvenir wine glass, hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and dessert, live music and chances to win door prizes. Wines and expertise provided by Discover Wine, Somerville. For tickets, contact SpartanClubWineTasting@gmail.com. Reserve early! Must be 21 years old and over to attend.

WISDOM WALK

Wisdom Walk is a six-week spiritual journey for women involved in Church ministry desiring to deepen their spirituality. This faith sharing experience is designed to support women as they face the unique challenges and concerns of their ministry – volunteer or salaried. Participants receive a copy of Longing for the Holy, a new resource from RENEW International based on the gentle spiritual guidance and practical wisdom of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. Sponsored by the Department of Pastoral Life, the sessions will be held in the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, beginning February 11, 2010, 7:00-9:00pm. Registration fee of \$30.00 includes book and refreshments. For information or to register, please call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624.

BIBLE STUDY FOR MATURING CATHOLICS (55+)

Winter can be long and boring...why dread it? Attend the newly forming Bible Study Series geared just for Maturing Catholics. Meet some new friends while learning to love and deepen your understanding of the Gospel. Please journey with us on this unique trip through the Bible as we cover the New Testament, stressing the Passion Narratives. Sessions will take place Wednesdays, January 27-March 17, 2010, 10:30am-12:30pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Eight sessions – Fee: \$5.00 per session. Please bring your Bible. Sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen. To register, please call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Poor people are hungry in Phillipsburg. Next time, bring as much as you can carry. Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

January 9/10, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Mallory Glackin
Ministers: Roger DiVittorio & Margie Markus; C1 – Joseph Merlo, C2 – Josephine DeMonti, C3 – Elaine Opdyke, C4 – Dorothy Kays
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Servers: Emma Glackin & Andrew Glackin

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Roger Acuna
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Judy Leone
Lector: John Bruns
Servers: Andrew Acuna & Jessica Torrey

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: James Bramick & Anne Coyle; C1 – Samuel Fatta, C2 – Ann Foose, C3 – Eileen Catali, C4 –
Lector: Thomas O'Neil
Servers: Marin Pike & Emily Lauer

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton
Ministers: Robert Hopkins & Ines Berluche; C1 – Peg Skears, C2 – Mary Brogan, C3 – Bud Lilly, C4 – Theresa Richey
Lector: Paul Lanning
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Colin Shoudt

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Mark Pincus
Servers: Tyler Pincus & Joseph Kelly

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

1/10/10 – Judy Francisco & Sharon Hillhouse

1/17/10 – Emil & Patricia Brisson

Brakeley Care Center

1/10/10 – Anna Marie Cervasi & Gloria Cervasi

1/17/10 – Camilla Jebran & Joseph Merlo

Phillipsburg Care Center

1/10/10 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

1/17/10 – Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 – James Mondzak by Jill & Tom Brotzman
 9:00 – M/M Rosario Lipari & Family by Fortino Family
 11:00 – Shirley Armstrong by Natalie Barbella
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – James Martin by M/M Charles Hajdu

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:45 – Tina Graziosi by Connie Rinaldi
 8:00 – John “Jack” Lilly by Lillian Taborelli
 12:10 – Jane Merlo by Pat & Patti Chillot

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:45 – Harold Scott, Jr. by Mourt Family
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Dolores Loiacono
 12:10 (WH) – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. by Frank & Patty Pologruto

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:45 – Teresa Gigliotti by John & Margaret Bruns
 8:00 – Sebastian “Charlie” Fatta by Daughters
 12:10 – William Opdyke by Ellen Chokola

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

6:45 – Stanley Krutsick by Charismatic Prayer Group
 8:00 – Mary Betty Haviland by Ceil Franceschino
 12:10 – Mary Jarrell by Uncle Dan Flynn

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

6:45 – Sarah DiBilio by Mary Lilly
 8:00 – Rovi Family by Family
 12:10 – Andrew J. McCluskey, Sr. (A) by Ron & Marcella Snyder & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 – Joseph Jiorle by Merrie Mulrine
 8:00 – Derek Kehoe by Amy Slepetz
 4:30pm – John “Jack” Kays (A) by Wife, Kathryn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 – Gust Rovi by Greene Family
 9:00 – Eileen Perdoni by Dalrymple Family
 11:00 – Robert & Sarah Byrne by Barbara Schindler
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Ottioiel Gutierrez by Daughter

● CALENDAR ●

10 - Baptism of the Lord

(Special 2nd Collection – “Together in Charity”)

8:00-11:00 - MH - Pancake & Egg Breakfast
 10:15 - MH - Conf. Candidate Learning Session
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

11 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)
 7:00 - MH - CDA Mtg.

12 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-5
 6:00 - Conf. Room - Serra Club Board Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

13 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 5:15 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour &
 Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

14 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - HOME - 4th Degree K. of C. Mtg.

15 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life

16 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

1:00-4:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 1:00 - SSPJ - K. of C. Free-Throw Basketball
 Contest
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 3:00 - CH - Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
 followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James

Christmas 2009: \$46,023.23
 Christmas Decorations: \$3,358.36
 December 27, 2009: \$10,186.50
 New Year's Day: \$4,157.00
 January 4, 2010: \$14,429.89

December Electronic Giving: \$1,816.55

MASS CELEBRANTS ON JANUARY 16/17, 2010:

4:30pm – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. Chen
 9:00am – Fr. James
 11:00am – Fr. Pat
 1:30pm – Visitor
 5:30pm – Fr. John