

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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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

There are varieties
of gifts, but the
same spirit.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 17, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

With the Christmas Season behind us, we enter the Season called Ordinary Time. As its name suggests, Ordinary Time is that part of the Church year when we are not celebrating or preparing one of the major feasts like Christmas or Easter. It is a time to remember that, more often than not, we grow in holiness and live our faith in the ordinary events of every day life.

Among the ordinary events of life are things like children's sports – and I had a great time watching three of our Parish/School Basketball teams last Saturday afternoon. It was nice to watch the teamwork and effort – and to see the kids having a good time. I want to thank all the parents who coach and do all kinds of things to make such things happen for our children. Thanks also to the young cheerleaders – who also did a great job!

This Friday, January 22nd, is a sad one in our nation's history. It is the 37th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade – the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand in the United States. Since that time:

- More than 48 million abortions have been performed in our country.
- 3700 abortions are performed daily.
- Only a very small percentage of these abortions are done to protect the life of the mother – contrary to what is often reported in the media.
- Many of these abortions are done in clinics that – shockingly – are not required to meet the same sanitary standards as a doctor's office or hospital.

Sadly, things can actually get worse! Lobbyists are placing enormous pressure on Congress to include coverage for "elective" abortion in whatever Health Care Plan may be passed. Additionally, there are voices calling for the elimination of "conscience clauses" for doctors and health care workers, meaning that even those who are morally opposed to abortion may be forced to perform or assist at them.

For all these reasons, I will be going to Washington, DC this Friday for the Annual March for Life. I will be joining other parishioners and millions of people from around the nation. It will be a peaceful, prayerful statement of our belief in the God given right to life of all people – born and unborn.

The Bishops of the United States have declared January 22nd a Day of Prayer and Penance. In other words, it is a day to say some prayers and do some kind of penance (fasting, giving something up, doing an extra act of kindness, etc.) to pray for an increased respect for human life and ask God's forgiveness for the many sins that are committed against human life each day. Please say a special prayer for that purpose this Friday!

As always, I ask a special prayer for me, too. I know many of you say a Hail Mary for me each day, and I am very thankful that you do!

Have a great week!
Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

1/19 – K. Fulse, C. Franceschino, J. Misiag, E. Gill, F. Fulse, T. Glackin; **1/21** – C./R. DePillo, T. Neeraj, M. Frey, S. Sutton; **1/23** – E. Dean, D. Anmolsingh, P. Lepore, R. Guardabasco, C. Nixon

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 the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: ISABELLA KEILEY MCKENNA, daughter of William McKenna & Brianna Pogorzelski; OWEN EDWARD SCHAPPERT, son of M/M Luke Schappert

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Because We Are Church... If you have yet to make your gift, please do so today! Your gift should be based on your means and circumstances – a private decision between you and God. This past year, thousands of local Catholics received services through Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Without the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, these programs would have to be reduced or, in some cases, eliminated.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

The Church Office will be closed on Mon., January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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.

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.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The second collection next weekend, January 23/24, is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a Diocesan endowment fund which was established in 1991. Your generosity to the Foundation collection provides tuition assistance grants to students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Please be as generous as your means allow! *Save the Date:* Please join us on May 19, 2010 for the *Students to Leaders Dinner*, which also benefits the Foundation for Catholic Education. Watch the bulletin for details.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

A new "Guidelines for Lectors" booklet has been printed and is available at the Church Office or in the Sacristy after Mass. Please pick one up at your earliest convenience.

"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 Fridays at Noon.** 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 – **only 10 seats left.** 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.

PASTA SUPPER

St. Mary Youth Group is holding a Pasta Supper on Sun., January 31, 2010 from 12:00-6:00pm at St. Mary Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha. Adults: \$7.00; Children 5-12: \$5.00; Children under 5: Free; Family: \$20.00. BYOB. 50/50 every hour. Tickets available at the door on the 31st, or by calling 454-5264.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS

All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sun., January 24, 2010 at 12 Noon at the St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen. The Bishop will present the 2010 Pro-Vita awards at this time. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs. Please call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1629 or 1543 for more information.

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. Tickets are \$40 pp in advance, \$50 at the door. 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.

CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF MARIA ESPERANZA MEDRANO de BIANCHINI

The Church of Metuchen will soon be celebrating an unprecedented and historical event: the official opening of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Maria Esperanza Medrano de Bianchini, a wife and mother of seven children from Venezuela who traveled the world carrying a message of family reconciliation and fraternal unity. Our Lady appeared numerous times to Maria Esperanza at a farm in Venezuela. The Diocese of Metuchen was granted competence to conduct this canonical process since Maria Esperanza died in New Jersey. Bishop Bootkoski invites all the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to share the joy of the Diocese and that of the Bianchini Family and the Betania Foundation, especially by participating in a Solemn Mass to be celebrated in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi on Sun., January 31, 2010 at 3:00pm. Please note that because of space consideration, there will be no reserved seating. Together we shall implore the Holy Spirit for the success of the Diocesan Inquiry.

STRESSED?

Retrouvaille (Rediscovery), sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are bored, disillusioned or angry in their marriage. This can lead to coldness and conflict. Retrouvaille can give you the tools needed to find the means to renew and heal your marriage, so, why not give the Retrouvaille program a try? The next program begins the weekend of February 5-7, 2010. All inquiries are confidential. For more information, call the Family Life Office (days) at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624, or Tom & Pat McTague at (732) 583-4468.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

"They gave from their surplus, she gave from her need." – Jesus praising the poor widow's gift. Give 'til it hurts. Remember—*"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

January 16/17, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Michael O'Sullivan
Ministers: Stephanie Flynn & Robert Ellwood; C1 – Dorothy Kays, C2 – Frances Ludwig, C3 – Beth Decker, C4 – Camilla Jebran
Lector: Lisa Weadock
Servers: Julia DePillo & Daniel DePillo

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Justin Marigliano
Ministers: Larry Bevilacqua & Mary Brogan
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua
Servers: Ellie Zgoda & Mark Zgoda

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Joseph Schupper
Ministers: Emil Brisson & Patricia Brisson; C1 – Reenie Miller, C2 – Earl Miller, C3 – Sharon Hillhouse, C4 – Irene Argentati
Lector: Carol Koop
Servers: Victoria Gural & Catherine Gural

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Natalie Lotter
Ministers: William Harzer & Karen Llanos; C1 – Ellen Piperata, C2 – Maureen Speer, C3 – Peg Skears, C4 – Bud Lilly
Lector: Cassie Apgar
Servers: Stephanie Lotter & Joseph Kelly

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Cameau Charleus & Yaledy Charleus

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

1/17/10 – Emil & Patricia Brisson

1/24/10 – Elaine Opdyke & Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo

Brakeley Care Center

1/17/10 – Camilla Jebran & Joseph Merlo

1/24/10 – Josephine DeMonti & Immaculata Durnin

Phillipsburg Care Center

1/17/10 & 1/24/10 – Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta

● **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ●

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

6:45 – Michael Payran by Pat & Mike James
 8:00 – Magdalena Chen by Mary Brogan & Anne Harrison
 12:10 – M/M Frank Traina by Gay & Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:45 – Msgr. Michael Alliegro by Priests & Parishioners of SPSJ
 8:00 – Austin W. Ricker by Paul J. Lanning
 12:10 (WH) – James Magini by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:45 – Carmen J. Loiacono by Dolores Loiacono & Children
 8:00 – James Tracey by Dan Flynn
 12:10 – Silvio Morganti by Jean Pasquini

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

6:45 – Marie Schembri by Catherine & Gene Savin
 8:00 – Donald R. Gretta (A) by Wife & Family
 12:10 – John F. O'Donnell by Lilly Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:45 – Patrick Joseph Calabria by Theresa Beard
 8:00 – Salvatore Todaro Family by Family
 12:10 – Audrey J. Wilson by Office Staff at Phillipsburg-Easton Honda

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 – Theresa Macaluso by Henry & Mary Ann Bisco
 8:00 – Brendan Opdycke by Soggi Family
 4:30pm – Jennifer Lynn by Mom, Dad & Rob

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 – Nicholas Viscomi by Joan Sciascia
 9:00 – Harry Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – Stella Giambattistini by Lydia Reppert
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Grace Young by Anthony C. Franco

● **CALENDAR** ●

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

18 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 3)
 7:30 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

19 - Tuesday

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

20 - 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

21 - Thursday - St. Agnes

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - PMR - Boy Scout Religious Medal Class
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

22 - Friday - St. Vincent

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

23 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 8:30 - CH - Youth Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Special 2nd Collection - Foundation for Catholic Education)

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:00 - MH - Food for the Needy Get-Together
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James

January 10, 2010: \$11,638.00
 Together in Charity: \$1,957.00

**MASS CELEBRANTS ON
 JANUARY 23/24, 2010:**

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