

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

## MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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**Deacons:** Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluce, Deacon George Frank

**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

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### **Saints Philip and James School**

(908) 859-1244

Mrs. Judith Francisco, Principal

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(908) 454-7620

Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

### **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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 24, 2010**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

### **FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...**

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the annual Basketball Free-Throw Contest last Sunday afternoon. A number of local young basketball players enjoyed a nice, healthy competition and the opportunity to showcase their skills. It was especially nice to hear the crowd at the school gym cheering and encouraging all the kids!

After the Free-Throw Contest, I had the blessed privilege of leading a Holy Hour in Church. It was held to celebrate the anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish. I was so happy to see so many people gather to pray, worship, and spend time with Jesus and each other. It was a prayerful and inspiring event, and I sincerely want to thank everyone who came to pray, provided refreshments, or helped in any other way!

Catholic Schools Week will begin at next Sunday's 9am Mass. Some of the school students will be present to greet and take part in that Mass. A number of special events have been planned for the week, including an Open House at the School on Tuesday, February 2 from 7-8:30pm. Please see the rest of the bulletin for more information on this and the other events of Catholic Schools Week.

As always, I ask each of you to pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. Please pray also for the other priests and deacons of our Parish, and for the whole Parish Family. Our prayers are a great gift to each other!

Have a great week!

Fr. John

### **BINGO WORKERS**

1/26 – S. Pincus, C. Franceschino, J. Pike, G. Tirpok, M. O'Sullivan; 1/28 – C. Sumner, S. Gerhardt, M. DeMonti, D. Cathro, K./P. Juliano; 1/30 – D. Kassick, R. MacDonald, M. Miles, P. Madawela, N. Harper

**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 Adam Skrzenski, Josephine Baker, and 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: KIRA MARIE DEFOUR, daughter of M/M Chet DeFour; ERIN ISABELLA GIACALONE, daughter of M/M Cary Giacalone

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*Because We Are Church...* Thank you to the parish families who made a gift or pledge to the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift makes a difference and every gift is appreciated.

### **CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you have not done so already, 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 this 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!

### **BLESSING OF THROATS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BLASÉ**

St. Blasé was a 4<sup>th</sup> century bishop who was martyred for his Catholic Faith. A boy who had stopped breathing due to an obstruction in his throat was cured when blessed by St. Blasé. For this reason, it is customary for Catholics to have their throats blessed on his feast day (February 3) as a sign of our faith in God's power over sickness and death. Accordingly, throats will be blessed at the 6:45am, 8am, and 12:10pm Masses that day, and at a brief Prayer Service at 7pm in the Church. Everyone is encouraged to have their throats blessed that day!

### **SSPJ YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**

Saints Philip & James Elementary School has begun its Yankee Candle fundraiser. 40% of all purchases will be returned to the School to benefit its many programs. You can order candles and accessories at the Church Office from now until January 29<sup>th</sup> or you can stop by our table at the back of the Church this weekend after the 9am, 11am, and 5:30pm Masses. We greatly appreciate your kind and generous support. Thank you and God bless you.

### **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.

### **SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, Saints Philip & James Elementary School will be hosting an Open House from 7:00-8:30pm on Tues., February 2, 2010. Serving families in Warren and Hunterdon counties, as well as nearby communities in Pennsylvania, the School offers a comprehensive Pre-K 3 & 4 year old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. An after-school program is also available. The School is located at 137 Roseberry Street in Phillipsburg. During the Open House, families and their children will have the opportunity to tour our facility and meet with members of our administration and staff. Registration and busing information will also be available. For more information or to request literature by mail, please contact our School at (908) 859-1244.

### **"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!

### **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 31<sup>st</sup>, or by calling 454-5264.

### **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE**

A Valentine's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Sat., February 13, 2010 from 6:00-11:00pm at St. Mary Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha. Music will be provided by the big band sound of the 17-piece Dave Neith Orchestra. Cost is \$35 per person. BYOB (mixers provided). For reservations, please call Tony Turdo at 454-4926.

### **LEGION OF MARY BOOK BARROW**

Religious book and tape donations are needed for Legion of Mary Book Barrow to open this spring in Mercy Hall after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses. Contact Camille at (908) 387-0001 or Helen Soto at 454-5114.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is in need of volunteers for the food pantry on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Duties include preparing bags of groceries and stocking shelves. You can volunteer for either a ½ or full day on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule. We also have an opening for a van driver to pick up food weekly at a local distributor. If interested, please call 859-5447 for an application.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

Applications for financial aid through the Diocese of Metuchen Tuition Assistance Program for the 2010-2011 school year are now available at all diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Completed applications must be received by Private School Aid Service by no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010. To obtain an application form, please contact the Principal or main office of the school where the student is registering. A printable version of the form, both English and Spanish, is also available on the diocesan website at [www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/](http://www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/).

### **MARRIED COUPLE RETREAT**

Come on retreat with your spouse for a Married Couple Retreat, February 12-14, 2010 at St. Francis Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA. The theme is "God's Greatest Need: Our Prayer". Retreat Master is Fr. Leonard Cornelius, OFM, a Franciscan friar over forty years who has been involved with retreats and parish missions and serves in private spiritual direction. Offering is \$250.00 per couple. For reservations, please call (610) 258-3053, ext. 24. We can't think of a better way for you and your spouse to spend a weekend!

### **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**

Need to lose a few pounds? Give your food to the poor! Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**January 23/24, 2010**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

### **4:30 p.m. (CH)**

Acolyte: William O'Sullivan  
Ministers: Josephine DeMonti & Melody Talpas; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Beth Decker, C3 – Joseph Merlo, C4 – Elaine Opdyke  
Lector: Mary O'Sullivan  
Servers: Kieran O'Sullivan & Joseph O'Sullivan

**SUNDAY MORNING**

### **7:00 a.m. (CH)**

Acolyte: Justin Marigliano  
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Mary Duaine  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Emily Halm & Timothy Halm

### **9:00 a.m. (CH)**

Acolyte: Braydon Lauer  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Samuel Fatta; C1 – James Bramick, C2 – Judy Francisco, C3 – Anne Coyle, C4 – Allison Frasca  
Lector: Jeanne Hagen  
Servers: Sean Frasca & Mitchell Frasca

### **11:00 a.m. (CH)**

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton  
Ministers: Reenie Miller & Earl Miller; C1 – Theresa Richey, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C4 – Gloria Cervasi  
Lector: Mike James  
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Justin Mourt

### **5:30 p.m. (CH)**

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek  
Minister: Edward Socci  
Lector: Kyle Ohlandt  
Servers: Dominic Socci & Joey Socci

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### Lopatcong Care Center

1/24/10 – Elaine Opdyke & Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo  
1/31/10 – Beth Decker & Rosemary Carnali

### Brakeley Care Center

1/24/10 – Josephine DeMonti & Immaculata Durnin  
1/31/10 – George Babula & Robert Ellwood

### Phillipsburg Care Center

1/24/10 – Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta  
1/31/10 – Joseph Gourniak & Barbara Shaneberger

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

6:45 – Mary Jarrell by Shirley Templeton  
 8:00 – Thomas Ference by Sandra Ference  
 12:10 – Santa & Jacinto Pizzari by M/M Philip Pizzari

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

6:45 – Estelle Flynn by Fr. John Barbella  
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by M/M Stephen Mason  
 12:10 (WH) – Irene Horvath by Rose Marie & Ted Mohn, Mary Ann & Bob Shearer,  
 & John & Laura Mati

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:45 – Robert Marzuoli by Brother, Tom  
 8:00 – John “Jack” Lilly by John Lawler  
 12:10 – Jane Merlo by Joan Varone

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

6:45 – Harold Scott, Jr. by Larry & Carol Bevilacqua  
 8:00 – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. by Rosemarie Rounsaville  
 12:10 – Russell Johnson by Josie LaSaponara

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

6:45 – Devina “Lena” Van Arsdale by Sacconi & Billowitch Families  
 8:00 – Teresa Gigliotti by Helen & Frank Jiorle  
 12:10 – Special Intention

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 – Sebastian “Charlie” Fatta by Amelia Sparta  
 8:00 – Helen Magyar by Helen Patti  
 4:30pm – Bernard J. Rooney by Children

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 – Roland Bullock by The Flynn’s  
 9:00 – John “Jack” Kays by Enzo & Yola Marinelli  
 11:00 – Helen Miksits by Lou & Ann Marie Naumann  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – For the People

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 24 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Special 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### 25 - Monday - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00 - MH - Family PREP Session  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 4)

### 26 - Tuesday - St. Timothy & St. Titus

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

### 27- Wednesday - St. Angela Merici

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 10:00-4:00 - MH - Catholic Charities Project Homeless Connect NJ  
 5:15 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

### 28 - Thursday - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 29 - Friday

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

### 30 - Saturday

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

### 31 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

### Stewardship of Treasure

#### St. Philip and St. James

January 17, 2010: \$10,860.50

Adopt-A-Missionary: \$901.00

Catholic Relief Services for Haiti: \$4,106.00

### MASS CELEBRANTS ON JANUARY 30/31, 2010:

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