

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 5:30pm (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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 18, 2009

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

It was a blessed privilege for me to be formally installed as pastor of Sts. Philip and James Church last Sunday. I am grateful to everyone who came out for the Mass – and to everyone who was with us in prayer. A special thank you to the choir, the folks who baked and organized the reception in Mercy Hall, the Knights of Columbus, and the ushers who kept things running so smoothly. I really appreciate all you did!

My family loved our Church. They especially enjoyed meeting and talking with so many people from our Parish. My mother commented on how friendly everyone was – which is a beautiful compliment for our Parish.

Thanks to all of you who have done so much to make me feel so welcome here. I am very happy to be with you, and look forward to many years of serving God together with you.

Following the 11am Mass, the Knights of Columbus laid a wreath at the statue of Christopher Columbus. Today (Sunday), the Knights are having their monthly Pancake Breakfast from 8-11am. I always enjoy visiting and talking with parishioners and visitors at these breakfasts – and thank the Knights for that opportunity. I also commend the Knights for all they do for the Church – and encourage all the men of our Parish to consider joining the Knights and sharing in their good works.

Today is also Catholic Daughters Sunday. As such, the Catholic Daughters will attend the 11am Mass together. For those who may not know, the Catholic Daughters are a group of Catholic women dedicated to assisting the work of the Church. Among other things, the local Catholic Daughters supports mission work, provides rosaries to chaplains and missionary priests, and provides scholarships. They are a wonderful group!

Please remember to pray for me today – and every day. I continue to ask each of you to pray at least one Hail Mary a day for me – asking God to make me the priest He wants me to be. Please also pray for our Parish and for peace, and be assured of my prayers for you.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

10/20 – D. Varga, C. Franceschino, J. Krupski, E. Hooper, C. Ross, C. Stallings; 10/22 – C. Torrey, J./M. Forder, H. Goncalves, G. Fraccaroli; 10/24 – 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 the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

WEDDING BANNS

SECOND TIME – Michelle M. Lavoie & Eric S. Gomez; THIRD TIME – Marissa K. Podgorski & Christopher E. Gosk

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MORGAN OLESIA CLARKE, daughter of M/M Otis Clarke

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Effective immediately, the new Church Office hours will be Monday through Friday from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm; Mondays and Wednesdays from 5pm to 8pm; and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

From the Pastor's Desk... This week I mailed a follow-up letter to parishioners who have yet to respond to Bishop Bootkoski's request to support the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If this letter arrived after you made your gift, please accept my apologies and my thanks for your generosity. Otherwise, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2009 Bishop's Appeal. Thank you.

SWINE FLU CONCERNS

In light of the recent health concerns that have arisen about the potential spread of "swine flu", it is important to recall Bishop Bootkoski's previous instruction about liturgical practices and the risk of contagion at Mass. If you are sick (and this holds true at all times, not just flu season), you should refrain from drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice, receiving the Body of Christ on the tongue, and exchanging the Sign of Peace by shaking hands. It is the responsibility of the individual to make this judgment. These practices should never be suspended unilaterally by the priest celebrant or across the board for an entire parish. Of course, the wisest course of action, out of consideration for our fellow parishioners, is to stay home when we are sick. In the event that an epidemic is declared by the health officials responsible for making such a decision, the bishop will judge which liturgical practices should be suspended throughout the diocese and issue instructions accordingly.

PANCAKE AND EGG BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Pancake and Egg Breakfast on Sun., October 18 from 8:00-11:00am in Mercy Hall. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of our parishioners.

K. OF C. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a membership drive after all Masses on the weekend of October 24/25.

SPECIAL ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

On Mon., November 2, 2009, at 7:00pm, there will be a special Mass celebrated in the Church for the repose of all of our parishioners who passed into eternal life during the last 12 months. If you had a friend or family member who passed away since last All Souls' Day, then please join us for this special Liturgy in which we will pray for them and all the faithful departed.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. INFORMATIONAL MTG.

Bethlehem Catholic High School invites all parents of 8th grade students to an informational meeting about the high school and its academics on the following dates: Tues., October 20 at 7pm; Thurs., October 29 at 7pm; Tues., October 27 at 9am; and Tues., November 3 at 9am all in the school library. If interested, please contact the BCHS Advancement Office (610-866-0791, ext. 21) to register for a meeting. Freshman Registration—Sun., November 15 from 2:00-4:00pm.

BINGO!

A committee is being formed to run Bingo. The proceeds from Bingo go towards our Elementary School. Bingo is in need of people to help with food, phone calls, and scheduling. The meeting will be held on Mon., October 19 at 7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Please join us as we work to make Bingo even more successful. Please call Sharon Hillhouse at (610) 253-9861 if you have any questions.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Anyone who had a person deceased this year, please arrange for the Anniversary Mass before the opening of the Mass Book, which will be held on Sat., October 31, 2009 from 9:30-11:00am in Mercy Hall. Please pick up forms at the exits and return them to the Church Office as soon as possible.

150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

St. Philip and St. James 150th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held on Sat., December 5, 2009 at Saints Philip and James School Hall on Roseberry Street. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses from now through November 21/22. Please reserve early for this very festive celebration. For further information, call 454-1736 or 859-5256.

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

On the weekend of October 17/18, raffle tickets for a 2010 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV will be sold for \$10 each in the rear of the Church after all Masses. Proceeds benefit NJ Right to Life.

"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 11am and Fridays at 8pm. 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!

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL SENIOR CLUB TRIP

St. Peter & St. Paul Church Senior Club is holding a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes-Barre, PA on Mon., October 26, 2009. Cost is \$25.00 (return--\$20.00 and \$10.00 for food). For reservations, please call Sadie Dellatore at 454-3801.

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

On Sat., October 24, 2009, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring the "2009 Critical Life Issues Conference" at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway, from 8:00am-3:30pm. Registration is \$25.00. This fee includes lunch and handouts. To register, call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1629 or 1543.

STATEWIDE CITIZENS RALLY

Is the protection of marriage worth a Sunday afternoon to you? A Statewide Citizens Rally is being held on Sun., October 25, 2009 from 2:00-3:30pm at the Statehouse Steps, 121 West State Street, Trenton, NJ. This may be the last chance we have to show our legislators just how important it is for us, as Catholics, to maintain the definition of marriage: one man and one woman. Endorsing organizations: NJ Knights of Columbus, NJ Catholic Conference, NJ Family Policy Council.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

Beginning Experience Weekend—a weekend away for a lifetime of change—will be held October 23-25, 2009 at Stella Maris Retreat House in Elberon, NJ. Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense, and positive experience of hope and peace and is open to person's of all faiths. The specially trained team members are "wounded healers" who have suffered the loss of a spouse. For detailed information, please call Vivian at (732) 441-7070 or Rich at (609) 333-9868.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Count your blessings. Share your food. *Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

October 17/18, 2009
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Mallory Glackin
Ministers: Linda McGuire & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Margie Markus, C3 – Joseph Merlo, C4 – Josephine DeMonti
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Commentator: Jack Kocsis
Servers: Emma Glackin & Joseph Glackin

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Justin Marigliano
Ministers: Matilda Fatta & Judy Leone
Lector: Carol Koop
Commentator: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Emily Halm & Timothy Halm

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & James Bramick; C1 – Samuel Fatta, C2 – Judy Francisco, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Ann Foose
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo
Commentator: Henrietta Schupper
Servers: Julia DePillo & Daniel DePillo

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Natalie Lotter
Ministers: Peg Skears & Maureen Speer; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Ines Berluche, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Mary Brogan
Lector: Lisa Weadock
Commentator: Karen Llanos
Servers: Stephanie Lotter & Joseph Kelly

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Kevin Hillhouse
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector/Commentator: Ruth Clark
Servers: Megan Hillhouse & Emily Hillhouse

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

10/18/09 – Paul Kucinski & Donna Kucinski

10/25/09 – Eileen Catalli & Peg Skears

Brakeley Care Center

10/18/09 – Frances Ludwig & Irene Argentati

10/25/09 – Thomas Casey & Edward Soggi

Phillipsburg Care Center

10/18/09 – Beth Decker & Rosemary Carnali

10/25/09 – William & Mary Ann Harzer

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 – Catherine E. Vaughn by Herb
 9:00 – Francis Souders, Jr. by Family
 11:00 – Santo & Theresa Sciabica by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:45 – James E. Tarpey, Sr. by PPHS Class of 1940
 8:00 – Sarah & Tony John by Nina Todaro
 12:10 – Robert Giannotta by Mary Brogan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:45 – Mary Attinello by Halley Family
 8:00 – Tumulty Family by Nellie Tumulty
 12:10 (WH) – Jack Kays by Peg Brotzman & Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:45 – Stanley Decker, Jr. by Kucinski Family
 8:00 – James J. Flynn by Sis & Bob Gebhard
 12:10 – Jack Bachman by Ed & Dolly Duffy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:45 – Elizabeth Reda by Jennie Reda
 8:00 – Sebastian “Charlie” Fatta by Vince & Eileen Catalli & Family
 12:10 – Living & Deceased Priests, Sisters & Laity of SPSJ by C. W. Carhart, Jr.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:45 – Lillian O’Gorman by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 8:00 – David Hoagland by Rona McKenzie
 12:10 – Helen Pasquini by Jean Pasquini

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00 – William Opdyke by Tommy Hofschild
 8:00 – Deceased of Charles Lilly Family by Lilly Family
 4:30pm – Evelyn R. Carnali by Rosemary Carnali

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 – Grace Fortino by Joseph Fortino Family
 9:00 – Antoinette Reda by Aunt Mary Zwicker
 11:00 – Dorothy Leichliter by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Kriemhilda Madlangbayan by Leica Rotersos

● CALENDAR ●

18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Special 2nd Collection--World Mission Sunday)

8:00-11:00 - MH - Pancake & Egg Breakfast
 11:00 - CH - Catholic Daughters Day followed
 by Communion Breakfast
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

19 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)
 7:00 - MH - Bingo Committee Mtg.
 7:30 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

20 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 4:00 - SSPJ - PREP 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.

21 - Wednesday

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

22 - Thursday

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

23 - Friday - St. John of Capistrano

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

24 - Saturday - St. Anthony Claret

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

25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 - MH - Conf. Candidate Learning Session
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James
 October 11, 2009: \$11,200.00
 Last Year: \$11,667.00

St. Christopher
 October 11, 2009: \$195.00

To help our Parish reduce her debt, our diocese has generously promised to match any increase over last year’s collection—dollar for dollar! Thanks both to our diocese—and our good people here at SPSJ for their generous support!

MASS CELEBRANTS ON OCTOBER 24/25, 2009:

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