

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

## MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

**Bookkeeper:** Linda McGuire

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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 5:30pm (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.

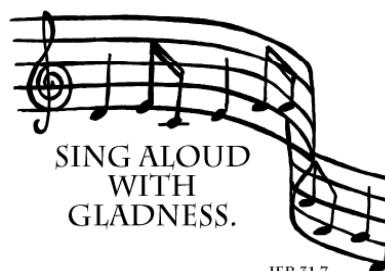
### **HOLY MASS**

*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



**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + October 25, 2009**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

I don't know about you, but it's hard for me to believe this is the last weekend in October! With November comes two days that are very sacred for us as Catholics: All Saints and All Souls Day. Next Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is All Saints Day – a day on which we honor all the saints in Heaven. The following day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day – a day to remember and pray for those who have died.

All Souls Day is closely linked to our Catholic belief in purgatory – a period of purification for those on their way to Heaven. Purgatory is where God's mercy and justice come together in a very special way. Because God is merciful, He is always willing to forgive our sins so that they will not keep us out of Heaven. But being just, God demands that we do penance to show sorrow for our sins and our desire to repair the damage they caused to our friendship with Him. Those who leave this world with their sins forgiven, but not having done adequate penance for them, complete that penance in purgatory.

Of what does that penance consist? It's hard to say. Perhaps it's simply the knowledge that Heaven is just beyond our grasp – but you're not yet ready to go inside. One sixth grader I knew explained it this way. He said it's like being on your way to your friend's birthday party. All your other friends are there, and you can't wait to join the fun. But – when you're almost there, you realize that you forgot to bring your gift – and have to go all the way home to get it! Purgatory is like that. You're almost at the party in Heaven – but you're not yet ready to go inside.

The Good News is that, in His mercy, God allows us to pray for the souls in purgatory. He even uses our prayers to help them get to Heaven more quickly. That's why we pray for the dead at every Mass, and why we get Mass cards to have Masses offered for them. We do these things knowing that God will use our prayers to help our loved ones into Heaven. If they are in Heaven already – He'll use those prayers for a soul that needs them.

With all this in mind, I call your attention to the All Souls envelopes that are in your packet and those that have been placed around the Church. Please write on them the names of any deceased loved ones you wish to have included in the All Souls Novena – a series of Masses offered for all the souls in purgatory. Any offerings are strictly optional – and are traditionally used to support the priests who offer the All Souls Masses. The envelopes will be kept at the altar for the month of November.

Those who can should attend Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to the usual 6:45 and 8am and 12:10pm Masses, there will be a special Mass in the Church at 7pm. It will be offered for all our deceased loved ones – especially those who died this past year. Light refreshments will be served afterward. Come and pray for those who went before us – helping them on their way to Heaven!

Our Parish will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 15, 2009. In your charity, please consider donating blood. It is a great kindness to those who depend on blood emergencies. More information can be found on the flyer in this week's Bulletin, or you can call the Parish Office.

Finally, I want to thank the Catholic Daughters for their lovely brunch on Sunday morning. It was nice to be with such a great group of faith-filled women. I encourage all the women of our Parish to join them! I also want to thank the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus for their Priest Appreciation Dinner. I appreciate all your efforts on behalf of the Church!

Have a great week!

Fr. John

### **BINGO WORKERS**

**10/27** – K. Fulse, C. Franceschino, J. Misiag, E. Gill, F. Fulse, T. Glackin; **10/29** – V. Halm, P. McLoughlin, L. Bloeser, L. Ayala, T./D. Shoudt; **10/31** – E. Dean, D. Anmol Singh, 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 Kathleen Kopach and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

### **WEDDING BANNES**

FIRST TIME – Alisha Auchenbach & Brendan Shelly; THIRD TIME – Michelle M. Lavoie & Eric S. Gomez

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MICHAEL JEROME PECORA, son of M/M Anthony Pecora

### **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**

Many companies have Matching Gift programs for charity or educational purposes. If your company participates, the Diocese of Metuchen or one of the designated entities may be the recipient of these funds. The company match will increase the dollar amount received at no extra cost to you. For information, contact the Department of Stewardship & Development by phone at (732) 562-2429 or e-mail [MatchingGift@diometuchen.org](mailto:MatchingGift@diometuchen.org).

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION**

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of October 31/November 1, 2009. November's needs are: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, canned soups, canned meat, canned fruit, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, and deodorant. Life Choices is in need of diapers, formula, and children's items. Did you forget your offering? Were you away from our Parish? If you would like to make a monetary offering, there are envelopes at the exits labeled: "FOOD FOR THE NEEDY DONATION". You may place your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!!!

### **K. OF C. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a membership drive after all Masses this weekend.

### **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.

### **SANCTUARY GUILD NEEDS HELP!**

The Sanctuary Guild is in urgent need of workers! The duties include dusting and vacuuming the area around the altar, the sacristy, and the chapel. We work in groups of three. Each group works once a month and it takes an hour and a half. We usually meet Thursday mornings. To inquire, please call Betty Lilly (454-0637) or the Church Office (454-0112).

### **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**

St. Philip and St. James 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER

Please support our Market Day fundraiser, which supports our Parish Elementary School. Order forms can be found at the back of the Church. For more information, please call Linda at the Church Office (454-0112).

### "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!

### 2009 SCOUTING FOR FOOD PROGRAM

Members of Cub Scout Pack 50 and Boy Scout Troop 50 will distribute information packets and shopping bags to homes in the Phillipsburg area on Sat., November 7. The boys will return on Sat., November 14 to pick up food donations left on your porch or curbside. All donations will be delivered to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Phillipsburg. Special needs for the food pantry are peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned meats, pasta sauce with meat, tuna, soups, pasta, juice, personal products, and brown paper grocery bags. Thank you in advance from Pack 50 and Troop 50 for "doing a good turn" for our community. Please contact Ed Socci (859-6064) or Charlene Hummell (859-4374) for more information or to arrange pick-up on an alternate date.

### BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. INFORMATIONAL MTG.

Bethlehem Catholic High School invites all parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to an informational meeting about the high school and its academics on the following dates: Thurs., October 29 at 7pm and 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.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Men of the Holy Name of SS Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, 723 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner in the Church Hall on Sun., November 8 from 2-6pm. Cost is \$8 per person – all you can eat/buffet style. Children under 8 are free. Come and join us for a day of food and fun!

### CRAFT SHOW

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. Mary Church, located at 830 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Alpha, is sponsoring a Craft Show on Sat., November 14 from 9am-3pm in the basement of the Church. Crafters, please contact: Mary @ (908) 995-7919 after 5pm.

### ST. ANTHONY'S BUS TRIP

St. Anthony of Padua Church in Easton presents St. Francis Cabrini Shrine trip in Manhattan on Sat., November 14, 2009. Bus departs from Hillcrest Shopping Center at 8:15am. Trip includes: free time, Mass at 11:00 at the altar where Mother Cabrini lies in repose, a reception with coffee and cookies, and a video presentation at noon. Early dinner at Snuffy's Restaurant. Cost is \$72 and includes bus, dinner, all tips, and taxes, as well as driver gratuity. For information, call Joanne Donofrio (610-559-9590) or Joan Gonzalez (610-258-1570). Full payment due upon reservation. Deadline is November 3.

### DIOCESE OF METUCHEN RED MASS

The Diocese of Metuchen 2009 Red Mass will be held on Sun., November 1, 2009 at 11am at St. Bartholomew, East Brunswick. The Mass honors individuals in the judicial system and the legal profession. Following Mass, there will be a brunch at the East Brunswick Chateau. Tickets are \$50 per adult. All are invited. For more information, call (732) 562-2461.

### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Do a good deed – help those in need! Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

## ● MINISTRY ●

October 24/25, 2009  
SATURDAY EVENING

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

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek  
Ministers: Melody Talpas & Camilla Jebran; C1 – Thomas Casey, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo, C4 – Dorothy Kays  
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Commentator: Rosemary Carnali  
Servers: Maria Talpas & Luke Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING

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

Acolyte: Molly Zgoda  
Ministers: Barbara Balas & Patricia Flynn  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Commentator: John Brunns  
Servers: Ellie Zgoda & Mark Zgoda

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

Acolyte: Paul Kucinski  
Ministers: Anne Coyle & Donna Kucinski; C1 – Eileen Kerrigan, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Edward Flynn, C4 – Stephanie Flynn  
Lector: Dit Mosco  
Commentator: Christy Krouse  
Servers: Victoria Gural & Catherine Gural

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

Acolyte: Roger Acuna  
Ministers: Bud Lilly & Irene Argentati; C1 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – Theresa Richey, C4 – Pat James  
Lector: Paul Lanning  
Commentator: Mike James  
Servers: Andrew Lotter & Justin Mourt

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

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco  
Minister: Ellen Piperata  
Lector/Commentator: Mark Pincus  
Servers: Colin Shoudt & Tyler Pincus

## NURSING HOME TEAMS

### Lopatcong Care Center

10/25/09 – Eileen Catalli & Peg Skears  
11/1/09 – No Service

### Brakeley Care Center

10/25/09 – Thomas Casey & Edward Socci  
11/1/09 – No Service

### Phillipsburg Care Center

10/25/09 – William & Mary Ann Harper  
11/1/09 – No Service

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:45 – Magdalen Rooney by Children  
 8:00 – Frank Contuzzi by Family  
 12:10 – Mario Baldascino (A) by Fermina Baldascino

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:45 – Irene V. Horvath by Gabor J. Horvath  
 8:00 – Michael & Anna Figura & Family by M/M Ed Skears  
 12:10 (WH) – Bernard E. Brotzman, Sr. by Wife & Family

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:45 – Sarah DiBilio by Ann Teleky  
 8:00 – Mary Mamrak by Family  
 12:10 – Derek Kehoe by Enzo & Yola Marinelli

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:45 – Lenora Jenny Celia by M/M Pat Sharr  
 8:00 – Jack Hofschild by Wife, Tommy  
 12:10 – Augusto Pasquini by Jean Pasquini

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:45 – Jacob Pergosky by Elfrieda Pergosky  
 8:00 – William Hummell by Wife & Daughters  
 12:10 – Russell “Russ” Johnson by Sisters, Margaret, Joan & Kay

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 – Stanley Krutsick by Pat & Mike James  
 8:00 – Millard Barlieb by SPSJ Blue Army Prayer Group  
 4:30pm – Vincent Grier by Niece, Mirena Cole

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 – Nicholas A. Viscomi by Jim McDevitt  
 9:00 – Elizabeth Hornbaker by Keith & Susan Zwicker  
 11:00 – Regina & Louie Guidi by Andrea Wyant  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Deceased Legionnaires by Legion of Mary

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 25 - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### 26 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - SSPJ - Family PREP Session  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)

### 27 - Tuesday

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

### 28 - Wednesday - St. Simon & St. Jude

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

### 29 - Thursday

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

### 30 - Friday

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

### 31 - Saturday - Eve of All Saints

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

### 1 - NOVEMBER - All Saints Day

#### Food for the Needy Collection

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:00-4:00 - MH - K. of C. Over 50 Member Reception  
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

## Stewardship of Treasure

### St. Philip and St. James

October 18, 2009: \$11,219.00  
 Last Year: \$10,625.00  
 World Mission Sunday: \$2,972.00

### St. Christopher

October 18, 2009: \$210.00  
 World Mission Sunday: \$85.00

*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 31/NOVEMBER 1, 2009:

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