

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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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

**EVERYONE WHO BELONGS TO
THE TRUTH LISTENS TO MY VOICE.**

IN 1837



Feast of Christ the King + November 22, 2009

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

This weekend our Parish has the blessed pleasure of welcoming Bishop Paul Bootkoski. He will be the main celebrant at today's (Sunday) 11am Mass. Bishop Bootkoski's presence at our 150th Anniversary Mass is a special grace for our Parish.

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to join our good bishop as he blesses the more than 400 food baskets that will be distributed to the poor of our community. This great act of charity is a fine example of the Christian charity that has marked the 150 years of our Parish's life. It is also a great witness to the faith of you, me, and all the people who make Sts. Philip and James such a vibrant community of faith!

Fr. James, Leo (our seminarian), and I spent a good part of last Saturday watching our Parish soccer teams in their respective playoffs. The weather was horrible – but it was nice to be with so many families from our Parish. Congratulations to the coaches, parents, and – most of all – the kids for a great season! Now – on to basketball!

Speaking of people to be congratulated, Billy Lambert – a member of our Parish scout troop – recently completed a beautiful Prayer Garden at the Interfaith Hospitality Network home in Oxford. Billy organized and led the building of the Prayer Garden as his Eagle Project – a requirement for achieving the rank of Eagle. I had the pleasure of seeing the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the garden following the Masses last Sunday and can tell you that it is truly first rate. Congratulations to Billy and all the scouts who worked with him on this project.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving this Thursday. I'll be spending the day at the home of my sister, Natalie and her husband, Phil. My mom and the rest of the family will be there, too. I look forward to spending the day with them and hope you also have the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with your loved ones.

For those who like to attend Mass on Thanksgiving, it will be offered in our Church that day at 6:45, 8 and 9am. Attending Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day is the best way we have to thank God for all the blessings He gives us. If you can get to Mass that day, it's a good thing to do!

Please say a Hail Mary for me today – and for our Parish as well. Know that you are always in my prayers.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

11/24 – K. Fulse, C. Franceschino, E. Gill, F. Fulse, T. Glackin;
11/26 – No Bingo; 11/28 – 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 Sr. Mary Assisium, RSM, Mary Wardlow, 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: KENNY R. OSORIO, son of M/M Joaquin Osorio; JONATHAN D. GONZALEZ, son of Miguel Gonzales; MARCO A. GARCIA, JR., son of Marco A. Garcia, Sr. & Rosa Gonzalez

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry reaches out to teenagers as well as those in their 20's and 30's through special programs and activities, such as, Justiceworx, Diocesan Youth Day, and Theology on Tap. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PHILIPPINES

As you are probably aware, four typhoons recently swept across Luzon and northern rural islands in the Philippines, claiming the lives of more than 900 people and leaving many more homeless. Catholic Relief Services, in partnership with Caritas Philippines, is providing thousands of families with immediate food aid, as well as such emergency supplies as blankets, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, soap and more. The Bishop is asking us to take up a special collection for the flooding victims in the Philippines. This free-will collection will be taken on the weekend of November 21/22. Please be as generous as you always are. All monies collected will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS FOR THE DECEASED

The annual Mass that normally is said for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus on Thanksgiving morning has been changed to Mon., November 23, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Church. This is a special Mass for all of our deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

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 on Roseberry Street. Cost is \$75.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer of the Church 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

Sign-up forms for the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Pageant are available in the vestibule. Children in Grade 1 and above may participate. Complete details are on the form. Please return to the same basket by Sun., November 22. Questions? Call Maureen Speer at 213-2080.

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

A Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009 from 12:00-1:30pm in Mercy Hall. Reserve your seating by calling Colleen at 454-9880.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree Committee will meet in the Parish Meeting Room on Tues., November 24, 2009 at 6:00pm to make the ornaments that will be used on this year's Giving Tree, which will take place November 28/29. Please bring your holiday spirit and a single hole puncher if you have one. This year, the ornaments will contain the child's gender, age, and size, but no "wish list". Parishioners are asked to select what they consider to be an age-appropriate gift. Please bring your gifts to Mass on the weekend of December 12/13, 2009 and place them before the first pew in front of the statues. Remember – please do not wrap the gifts. Also remember to attach the ornament. Thank you for your participation in this program.

SSPJ FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT FRIENDLY'S

Saints Philip & James Elementary School is holding a Family Fun Night at Friendly's Restaurant, Rt. 22 in the Phillipsburg Mall, on Mon., November 23, 2009 from 5-8pm. Visit with beloved kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Morris and Family! Eat in, take out – it all counts. Come, enjoy a meal with us and Friendly's will donate 10% of all proceeds to SSPJ. Your donations will create a scholarship fund for SSPJ students in economic need!

SSPJ BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Mark your calendars! Saints Philip & James Elementary School will be holding its annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Sat., December 5, 2009 from 7:30-11:30am. New this year – Santa's Workshop and Cookie/Cake Walk. For more information, please call the School at (908) 859-1244.

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.

FRUITCAKE SALE

Claxton Fruitcakes are here. Cost is \$4.00 per fruitcake. Anyone interested, please call Gloria at 859-4473. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Daughters Court Warren #389. Thank you for your support!

"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 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!

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 information, please call Linda at the Church Office.

PANCAKE AND HAM BREAKFAST

St. Francis Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA, is holding a Pancake and Ham Breakfast on Sun., November 29, 2009 from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Donation -- \$5.00 Adults/\$3.00 Children (12 & under). Photos with Santa 10:00am to Noon; Children -- \$5.00. Children getting a picture with Santa will receive a free breakfast. Sponsored by Secular Franciscans. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis Retreat House.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Education is a foundation of everlasting strength. Effort + Support + Opportunity = Success. Notre Dame High School, 3417 Church Road, Easton, PA, is now accepting applications for the 2010/2011 school year. For information, please call (610) 868-1431, ext. 108 or visit www.notredamehseastonpa.org.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE PETITION DRIVE UPDATE

We are nearing the final stages of our effort to maintain the definition of marriage in New Jersey as the union between one man and one woman. So far, our efforts have been successful, and a number of legislators have indicated they will not support a change in the definition. However, with the Lame Duck session of the State Legislature coming up later this month, it is imperative that we continue our efforts to make our voices heard, and to solidify this success. Many legislators have told us that personal phone calls and letters from constituents carry the greatest weight when they are considering an issue. We know that supporters of same-sex marriage are writing and calling, so it is necessary for our Catholic people to do the same. Listed are the names/addresses and phone numbers of our local legislators. Please take the time to either call or write and let them know you are opposed to changing the definition of marriage. Thank you. **District 23:** Senator Marcia Karrow, 1 Maple Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822 – (908) 782-5127; Assemblyman John Dimadio, 1001 County Road 517, Suite 3, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 – (908) 684-9550; Assemblyman Michael J. Doherty, 127 Belvidere Avenue, 2nd Floor, Washington, NJ 07882 – (908) 835-0552.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out."—Frank A. Clark. Be nice! Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

November 21/22, 2009
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

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

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

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

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Kevin Hillhouse
Ministers: Reenie Miller & Earl Miller; C1 – Sharon Hillhouse, C2 – Irene Argentati, C3 – Emil Brisson, C4 – Patricia Brisson
Lector: Jeanne Hagen
Commentator: Carol Koop
Servers: Cameau Charleus & Yaledy Charleus

11:00 a.m. (CH)

SPECIAL LITURGY WITH BISHOP BOOTKOSKI FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Minister: Immaculata Durnin
Lector/Commentator: Ruth Clark
Servers: Emily Halm & Timothy Halm

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

11/22/09 – Ellen Piperata & Dorothy Kays

11/29/09 – Camille Rapinesi

Brakeley Care Center

11/22/09 – Earl Miller & Reenie Miller

11/29/09 – Ines Berluche

Phillipsburg Care Center

11/22/09 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

11/29/09 – George Babula

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 – Richard “Dick” Lynch by Ken & Eileen Mondzak
 9:00 – Dr. Walter Ruszcz by Kucinski Family
 11:00 – For the Health of Blanca Lillian Espinal by Fabiola Espinal
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Anthony Piperata by M/M Paul McCluskey

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:45 – Stellato & Hunter Families by Family
 8:00 – James J. McDonald by Jane Pike & Family
 12:10 – James Albright

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:45 – Marian Manasseri by M/M Joseph Jiorle
 8:00 – Anthony J. & Perina O. Cerino by Daughter, Gloria C. Tolotta
 12:10 (WH) – Magdalena Chen by M/M Edward Skears

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:45 – Brendan Opdycke by Catali Family
 8:00 – Florence C. Maguire by Daughters
 12:10 – Edward J. Duffy, Sr. by Ed & Dolly Duffy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:45 (CH) – For the People of the Parish
 8:00 (CH) – John “Jack” Lilly by Tom & Marion Smith & Family
 9:00 (CH) – Jane Merlo by Rose Santora

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:45 – Joseph A. Noto by Dolly Corcoran
 8:00 – Mary Louise Rosznagle by Daughter, Tricia Penyak
 12:10 – Nick Mazzie, Jr. by Don, Faye, Michelle & Judy Merlo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00 – Mary Jarrell by Uncle Dan Flynn
 8:00 – Derek Kehoe by Frank & Grace Stettner
 4:30pm – Alicia Haffey Donegan by Mary Daroche

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00 – William J. Duaine, Sr. by Bill, Mary & Children
 9:00 – Anna & Daniel Flynn by Family
 11:00 – Kimberly Abbott by Hickey Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Mary Ganguzza by Charismatic Prayer Group

● CALENDAR ●

22 - Christ the King

(Special free-will collection for the Philippines)
Food for the Needy Bake Sale in Mercy Hall after morning Masses

7:00-200 - MH - Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection
 11:00 - CH - Special 150th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Bootkoski
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

23 - Monday

7:00-1:00 - MH - Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 5)

24 - Tuesday

7:00-2:00 - MH - Thanksgiving Food Drive Distribution
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 12:00 - MH - Legion of Mary
 4:00 - SSPJ - No CCD Classes
 6:00 - PMR - Giving Tree Committee Mtg.
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Liturgy Committee Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

25 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - No Charismatic Holy Hour

26 - Thursday - Thanksgiving Day

Mass Schedule: 6:45am, 8:00am, 9:00am in the Church
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 12:00-1:30 - MH - SPSJ Thanksgiving Dinner
 7:00 - MH - No Bingo

27 - Friday

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

28 - Saturday

Giving Tree Gift Selection

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

29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Giving Tree Gift Selection

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

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James

November 15, 2009: \$12,393.00
 Last Year: \$12,028.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$783.00

St. Christopher

November 15, 2009: \$230.00

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 NOVEMBER 28/29, 2009:

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