

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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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



*Celebrate
with all the
bounty the
Lord has
given.*

1st Sunday of Lent + February 21, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Last week I asked all our parishioners to take up my Lenten Challenge by attending an extra Mass each week during Lent, going to Confession during Lent, and attending the Stations of the Cross at least once this Lent. Today, I'd like to speak about two other Lenten activities.

The first is the Rice Bowl. As its name suggests, the Rice Bowl is a means of feeding hungry people around the world. It is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services – a Catholic organization that provides help to victims of poverty and disaster around the world.

We can participate in the Rice Bowl by taking home one of the cardboard “rice bowls” found near the Rice Bowl display in the back of the Church. During Lent, we can place loose change in the rice bowl, which is to be returned before Easter. A good practice is to have a very simple meal once a week during Lent, and place the money you saved on that meal in the rice bowl. What seems like so little to us goes a very long way for a poor family. Helping them in this way is a wonderful act of Lenten charity.

The second Lenten activity I want to mention is a special series of talks on the Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7pm. I will offer reflections on the Passion Narrative – that part of the Gospel of John that tells the story of the first Good Friday – on February 24, March 3, and March 17. On March 10, there will be a Lenten Holy Hour. All of these will take place in the Chapel. I look forward to speaking with many of you about all that Jesus did for us on that first Good Friday.

On March 24, there will be a special Penance Service in Church at 7pm. As at our Advent Penance Service, there will be a number of priests available to facilitate the hearing of Confessions – and to provide a “fresh” priest for those who prefer to confess to a priest they don't know. Every Catholic should make a good Confession during Lent – and I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to do so.

Remember that all the Daily Masses will be offered in the Church during Lent – so there'll be plenty of room for those who wish to come. With Daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, the Wednesday evening Bible reflections, the Rice Bowl, the Penance Service and regular Confessions, and all the other things that go on in our Parish, we'll have plenty of opportunities to do something extra to strengthen our faith and friendship with God this Lent. Let's be sure to make the most of it!

Have a great week!
Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

2/23 – S. Pincus, C. Franceschino, J. Pike, G. Tirpok, M. O'Sullivan;
2/25 – C. Sumner, S. Gerhardt, M. DeMonti, D. Cathro, K./P. Juliano; 2/27 – D. Kassick, R. MacDonald, M. Miles, P. Madawela,

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 Frances Murphy 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: EAMON OLIVER BERMINGHAM, son of M/M Thomas Bermingham

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Jesus' Temptation...In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus, we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday at 6:45am, 7am, and 12:10pm, and Saturday at 7am and 8am all in the Church; Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 3pm and 7pm; Bible Reflections on the Passion of Jesus: February 24, March 3, and March 17 at 7pm in the Chapel; Penance Service: March 24 at 7pm.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Cemetery personnel will initiate their clean-up operation beginning March 1, 2010. Anyone wishing to obtain any decorations presently on the graves should do so by February 28. Any decorations left on the graves after this date will be discarded.

COLLECTING OF PALMS

We will be collecting any Palms you might have from last Palm Sunday. Please place your Palms in the baskets located in the Church foyer and the Holy Family Chapel foyer.

LOST AND FOUND

We have various items that were found in the Church. If you think you may have lost something, please stop by the Church Office by the end of the month to see if we have your item.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BINGO!

Looking for a fun-filled night out and a way to help our Parish School at the same time? We are looking for a few parishioners who would like to volunteer to work Bingo. Bingo is held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights from 7pm until approximately 9:30. Our teams work every 4 weeks. Please contact Tina Glackin at 859-1550 or mjtglackin@enter.net. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saints Philip and James Elementary School is holding a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Sat., March 20, 2010 at Flynn's-on-the Hill from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person. More details to follow.

“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!

FAMILY LENTEN FISH DINNER

The Holy Name members of SS Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church and St. Mary Church, and the Knights of Columbus Council #474 are sponsoring a Family Lenten Fish Dinner at SS Peter & Paul Byzantine Church, 723 South Main Street, on Fri., February 19 between 4:00-7:30pm (take-outs available from 4-7pm); at St. Philip and St. James Mercy Hall, 430 South Main Street, on Fri., March 5 from 4:00-7:30pm (take-outs available from 4-7pm); and at St. Mary Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha from 4:00-6:30pm (take-outs available from 4-6pm). Dinner includes White Fish, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Vegetable Medley, Applesauce, Roll & Butter, Dessert & Beverage or Pizza (\$2 per slice). Price is \$10.00 per platter for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old, Children under 6 are free.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES

All 2009 First Communicants are invited to join the procession for the Legion of Mary Acies event on Sat., March 20, 2010 at 11:00am, followed by Holy Mass. If interested, please call Camille at (908) 387-0001 for details.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS

Cheerleading try-outs for incoming freshmen at Bethlehem Catholic High School will be held on March 2, 3 and 4 in the gymnasium from 6pm-8pm. Any 8th grader who is planning to attend BECA is invited to try-out for the 2010-2011 season. Call Mrs. Teri Bishop at (610) 905-2716 if you have any questions.

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/.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

Diocesan Youth Day is an exciting day of faith, skits, music, presentations, workshops, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Bootkoski. Open to all 8th-12th graders! Teens from all over the diocese will meet each other at Mount St. Mary Academy, Rt. 22 W, Watchung, on Sat., February 27, 2010! Come and see John Angotti, national musician and youth speaker and others from 11am-7pm. If interested, please call the Church Office (454-0112).

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

The annual subscription drive for our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, Catholic Press Month. The Catholic Spirit is now beginning its 15th year of publishing and has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to subscribe by using the envelope in your collection packet, or by calling The Catholic Spirit directly at (732) 562-2424.

GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

Q&A articles will be printed during the next several months in preparation for the recruitment of men into the Class of 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Diaconate at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1710 or ext. 1711. **Question #1:** Just who and what is a deacon anyway? A Catholic deacon is a member of the clergy. In the Catholic Church, "the clergy" consists of three groups of ordained ministers: bishops, deacons, and priests. While all members of the Church are called to minister to others by virtue of their baptism, some Catholics are also ordained to specific forms of ministry to the rest of the Church. We refer to these ordained Catholics as "clerics" or "clergy". The title "deacon" comes from the Greek word diakonos, which means "servant". A deacon is permanently and publicly configured to Christ the Servant, he shares in the overall pastoral responsibility of the bishop to care for all of the people in the diocese, and he becomes an integral part of the clerical structure of the Church, in partnership with priests, serving the needs of entire diocese.

BREAD & ROSES BALL

Save the date! The 20th Annual Bread & Roses Ball will take place on Sat., April 17, 2010 at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ. The proceeds benefit Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen in Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren Counties. The event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, 50/50 raffle and, by popular demand, Monte Carlo-style gaming. For any questions or details on underwriting and sponsorships or to order dinner tickets or raffle tickets, please call (732) 562-2438.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Poor people are hungry in Phillipsburg. Next time, bring as much as you can carry. Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

February 20/21, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

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

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Justin Marigliano
Ministers: Matilda Fatta & Judy Leone
Lector: Robert Brennan
Servers: Emily Halm & Timothy Halm

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: Samuel Fatta & Judy Francisco; C1 – Eileen Kerrigan, C2 – Ann Foose, C3 – Eileen Catalli, C4 – James Bramick
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Seamus O'Brien & Emily Lauer

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Natalie Lotter
Ministers: Anna Marie Cervasi & Gloria Cervasi; C1 – Theresa Richey, C2 – Pat James, C3 – Bud Lilly, C4 – Irene Argentati
Lector: Mike James
Servers: Stephanie Lotter & Joseph Kelly

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Mark Pincus
Servers: Jessica Torrey & Tyler Pincus

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

2/21/10 – Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
2/28/10 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

Brakeley Care Center

2/21/10 – Mary Duaiame & Maureen Speer
2/28/10 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/21/10 – Eileen Catalli & Peg Skears
2/28/10 – Roger DiVittorio & James Bramick

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:00 – Rose Scalfaro by Sister, Martha Richline
 9:00 – Conor Patrick Babula by Dr. Robert Emery
 11:00 – Magdalena Chen by Mary & Anne Brogan
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Amadeo Goretti by Mario Goretti

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:45 – Harold Scott, Jr. by Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 8:00 – Muriel & Christopher Gilluly by Sue & Family
 12:10 – John “Jack” Kays by Gene Mondzak

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:45 – Deacon Antonio Bezares by Fr. John Barbella
 8:00 – Teresa Gigliotti by Antonio & Mary Celia
 12:10 (WH) – Special Intention by M/M Charles Hajdu

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:45 – Grace Young by Ed & Dolly Duffy
 8:00 – Mary Jarrell by Uncle Dan Flynn
 12:10 – Mariano Goretti (A) by Fermina Baldascino

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 – Stanley Krutsick by Jack & Trudy Bacho
 8:00 – James Tracey by A Friend
 12:10 – Maria & Antonio Caccese by Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:45 – Michael Payran by Sue & Nick Angelozzi
 8:00 – Sebastian “Charlie” Fatta by Mary Brogan
 12:10 – Sarah E. DiBilio by Joseph Dagon II

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 – Joseph Jiorle by Mary Lilly
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Paul & Nancy Weiss
 4:30pm – William J. Casey, Sr. by Helen Casey & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 – Yasuharu Shinjo by Sister
 9:00 – Dominic Bottone by Fr. John Barbella & Priests of the Parish
 11:00 – Leo Mulrine by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Msgr. Joseph Sheehan

● CALENDAR ●

21 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

22 - Monday - Chair of St. Peter

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

23 - Tuesday

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

24 - 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

25 - Thursday

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

26 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross
 6:00 - CH - Practice for First Penance
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

27 - Saturday

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

28 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure

February 14, 2010: \$10,831.00

MASS CELEBRANTS ON FEBRUARY 27/28, 2010:

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