

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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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



2nd Sunday of Lent + February 28, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

After Mass last Sunday, I joined my family to celebrate the birthday of my niece, Rebecca. We had a nice dinner at my sister Christine's home, followed by birthday cake and dessert. My mother was there, of course, as were my other sister, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephew – with a few in-laws, too.

After dinner and dessert, most of us watched the US Olympic Hockey Team defeat Canada. It was great fun enjoying the game with my family – a perfect end to a fine weekend!

I hope your Lent is off to as good a start as mine! Seeing so many people at Mass on Ash Wednesday was very inspiring, as was the number of folks at Stations of the Cross last Friday. It is also great to see some extra souls at Daily Mass – a very good thing to do for Lent! As I said last week, I hope everyone tries to get to Daily Mass – or at least an extra Mass each week – this Lent.

Please pray for a couple of groups of young people in our Parish. First, our Confirmation students – most of whom are in the eighth grade – made a retreat last Saturday as part of their preparation for this Sacrament. It was a pleasure to pray and reflect with them. Please pray that they will truly open their hearts to the Spirit Who will strengthen them in Confirmation.

Please also pray for our second grade school and CCD children who made their First Confessions yesterday (Saturday). They have been working hard to learn their prayers and get ready, and deserve lots of credit! Pray that their First Confession will fill them with a sense of God's love and mercy as they continue to get ready for their First Holy Communion this Spring!

While you're at it, please also say a prayer for me. As always, I ask every one who is able to kindly pray a Hail Mary for me each day. Pray that God will make me the kind of priest He wants me to be for our Parish – and know that I pray for you daily.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday at 6:45am, 8am, 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: March 3, and March 17 at 7pm in the Chapel; Penance Service: March 24 at 7pm.

BINGO WORKERS

3/2 – T. Reilly, C. Franceschino, N. Mathias, M. Whitehouse, M. Oviedo; **3/4** – C. Torrey, J./M. Forder, H. Goncalves, G. Fraccaroli; **3/6** – E. Hickey, J. Riotto, T. Tomlinson, M. Lawver, S. Spence, J. Sosa

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 Lester Neale, Agnes Garbaccio, 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: LOGAN DANIEL TWISLER, son of M/M Daniel Twisler

OPERATION RICE BOWL

*The Transfiguration...*Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

The monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held on the weekend of March 6/7, 2010. March'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!

IRISH SODA BREAD SALE

Irish Soda Bread (plain, raisin, or caraway) will be sold in Mercy Hall after all Masses on the weekend of March 13/14. Cost is \$5.00. For advance orders, call Gay at 454-2428 or Gloria at 859-4473.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Prayer Vigil for Life will be held on Sat., March 6 after the 8am Mass with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary for Life at 9:15am and 10:15am across from the Abortuary on South Main Street.

GARDEN OF HOPE

This will be a project to help feed the people of Phillipsburg by supplying the food pantry, the soup kitchen, and the priests of the Parish with fresh vegetables and fruit. Anyone wishing to help with this project, please join us on Mon., March 15 at 7:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please bring all ideas you may have for the garden. If there are any questions, please call Nancy at 859-3007.

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. Reservation forms are available at the Church Office. For more information, please call the Elementary School at 859-1244.

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 on Fri., March 19 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.

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. MARY'S

Fr. Thomas F. X. Hoar, SSE, will be conducting a Lenten Mission at St. Mary Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, March 6-10. The theme will be: "The Mysteries of the Rosary: A Parish Mission". Fr. Tom will preach at the 5:00pm Mass on Sat., March 6; the 8am, 9:30am, and 11am Masses on Sun., March 7; and will also celebrate Mass and give the homily on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (March 8, 9, 10). A shorter version of the retreat will be offered at the 8:00am Mass on those mornings as well. All are welcome to attend!

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!

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.

2009 BISHOP'S APPEAL TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN

In an effort to secure funding which is critical to sustaining our pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries, the Diocese of Metuchen is embarking on a telephone campaign for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made from March 1-25 (excluding Sundays) to those who have not yet made a gift to the 2009 Appeal. Please note that callers will not ask for your credit card information. Callers have been instructed to honor the National "Do Not Call" list even though as a religious institution, we are exempt. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Very Rev. Sylvester J. Cronin, Executive Director, Stewardship & Development by phone at (732) 562- 2431 or by e-mail to scronin@diometuchen.org.

EVENING LENTEN REFLECTION

An Evening Lenten Reflection will be held on Fri., March 5, 2010 at the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, 50 West Somerset St., Raritan, NJ. 7:00pm – Guest Speaker: Raymond De Souza; 7:45pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. For information, contact the Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Evangelization at (732) 562-2469.

CONCERT IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DECEASED PRIESTS

The Diocesan Office of Liturgical Music, in collaboration with the Office for Priest Personnel, presents a "Concert in Remembrance of Our Deceased Priests" on Sun., March 7, 2010 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen. The concert is in observance of the "Year for Priests" as declared by the Holy Father. Please join us as we remember and celebrate our faithful servants who have gone before us. Tickets are not required.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

When a loved one dies, our world is forever changed. For the heart-broken, daily life is overwhelmed with sadness. The simplest of tasks becomes a monumental challenge as our minds and hearts are clouded with tears, loneliness, fear, and possibly anger. If you are suffering because someone you love has died, perhaps the afternoon Bereavement Group at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ, can help you during this painful time. Our experienced, caring, and trained facilitator will guide you on your Journey Through Grief. The Group will meet Wednesday afternoons for ten weeks starting March 10, 2010 from 1:00-3:00pm. These sessions are focused on the stages of grief and offer a safe haven during this difficult time. Although there is no fee, registration is required. To register, please call the Family Life Office at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624, or download the registration form online – www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/family-life.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Remember—*"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

(Beginning this week, we will now be putting in the schedule for the following week as a reminder.)

March 6/7, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek
Ministers: Elaine Opdyke & Dorothy Kays; C1 – Roger DiVittorio, C2 – Margie Markus, C3 – Beth Decker, C4 – Josephine DeMonti
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Servers: Emma Glackin & Andrew Glackin

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Roger Acuna
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Judy Leone
Lector: John Brunns
Servers: Andrew Acuna & Jessica Torrey

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & James Bramick; C1 – Charlene Hummell, C2 – Anne Coyle, C3 – Samuel Fatta, C4 – Jeanne Hagen
Lector: Thomas O'Neil
Servers: Marin Pike & Emily Lauer

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton
Ministers: Bud Lilly & Theresa Richey; C1 – Robert Hopkins, C2 – Ines Berluce, C3 – Peg Skears, C4 – Mary Brogan
Lector: Paul Lanning
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Colin Shoudt

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Mark Pincus
Servers: Carlo Aversa & Tyler Pincus

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

2/28/10 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

3/7/10 – Earl Miller & Reenie Miller

Brakeley Care Center

2/28/10 – Mary Brogan & Judy Leone

3/7/10 – Ellen Piperata & Dorothy Kays

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/28/10 & 3/7/10 –

Roger DiVittorio & James Bramick

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1

6:45 – Francis Flynn by Family
 8:00 – Richard Rosznagle by Patrick Rosznagle
 12:10 – Theresa & Peter Schiro (A)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

6:45 – James Magini by Merrie Mulrine
 8:00 – Frank Rosznagle by Son, Patrick Rosznagle
 12:10 (WH) – Austin W. Ricker by Jim & Kay Lennon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

6:45 – Mary Cavanaugh by Janet & Bill Klega
 8:00 – Daniel Flynn by Bernie & Marie Schaible
 12:10 – William & Petronella Skears & Family by M/M Ed Skears

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

6:45 – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Conti Family
 8:00 – Millard Barlieb by The Flynn's
 12:10 – Joseph F. Tolotta by Gloria C. Tolotta

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

6:45 – Michael DePalma by Maria Toth
 8:00 – Mary Louise Rosznagle by Daughter, Wendy Mesits
 12:10 – James Mondzak by Mary & Bill Duaine

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 – Giulia Morbidelli (A) by Fermina Baldascino
 8:00 – William Opdyke by Martha Richline
 4:30pm – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. by M/M Joseph Bacskai

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 – Gregory & Vincenza Fodero & Son, Frank by Family
 9:00 – Dora Vangeli by Sisters & Brother
 11:00 – Frank Bronico by Sandra Callery
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Kevin Mulrine by Mom & Merrie Mulrine

Stewardship of Treasure

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010: \$3,123.50
 February 21, 2010: \$12,827.00
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$730.00

● CALENDAR ●

28 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

1 - MARCH - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 9)
 7:30 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

2 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-5
 6:00 - Flynn's - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

3 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 1:00 - MH - Over 50's Club Bus./Social Mtg.
 5:15 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Lenten Bible Reflections
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

4 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - PMR - Boy Scout Religious Medal Class
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

5 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross
 4:00-7:30 - MH - Family Lenten Fish Dinner
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

6 - Saturday

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

7 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Food for the Needy Collection

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

MASS CELEBRANTS ON MARCH 6/7, 2010:

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