

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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**Deacons:** Deacon John Flynn, Deacon Enock Berluche, Deacon George Frank

**Parish Secretary:** Cathy Steigerwalt

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## **Saints Philip and James School**

(908) 859-1244

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 5:15pm (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



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + February 7, 2010**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week last Sunday. Christine Lepore – the Student Council President – spoke so beautifully about her experiences at Saints Philip and James School! Her words were a nice tribute to the education she, and so many others, received in our Parish School. I want to thank her for sharing her thoughts with us so nicely.

It was also nice to see a lot of people come to Mercy Hall for a little reception following the Mass. With all the children enjoying themselves, it was a noisy, happy gathering. I loved every minute of it!

After Mass last Sunday, Fr. James and I had the blessed opportunity to attend a very special Mass at the Cathedral in Metuchen. The Mass marked the opening of the Cause for the Canonization of Maria Esperanza – a wife, mother, grandmother, and fine Catholic woman who died in 2004. Our diocese has been appointed to oversee the process – called a “Cause” – which may well lead to her being officially canonized as a saint.

Both Fr. James and I were extremely moved by the Mass and subsequent ceremonies which officially opened the Cause. Maria's husband spoke briefly at the end, clearly moved by the occasion. The homily was given by a priest who knew her – and was very edifying. With all the bad news we hear all too often, it was very uplifting to hear about a very modern person who lived our faith so well that there is sufficient evidence to believe she is a saint! I will share more of Maria Esperanza's story with you over the coming year. I am sure you will find it as inspiring as I did!

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for putting in a lot of work at Mercy Hall last Saturday. They cleaned out a lot of “stuff” from the third floor, neatly arranging several rooms, and made things there a lot more manageable. It is my hope that this process will lead to our having several decent meeting rooms in Mercy Hall, to ease the “space crunch” we sometimes experience as a busy parish.

As for the Knights, I cannot say enough about how thankful I am for all they do. I encourage all the men of our Parish to consider joining them in the efforts to serve our Church.

Finally, today is Boy Scout Sunday. Several young scouts will be receiving religious medals at the 9am Mass. I want to congratulate them, their parents, and their leaders on this achievement. I also want to take this occasion to thank the Boy Scouts for all their work in taking down the Christmas decorations in the Church! I really appreciate it.

Please say a prayer for me – at least one Hail Mary each day. I make a point to pray for each of our parishioners daily, especially those who ask for special prayers. Our prayers are a great gift to each other, and bring us many blessings from our good God.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

### **BINGO WORKERS**

2/9 – D. Varga, C. Franceschino, J. Krupski, E. Hooper, C. Ross, C. Stallings; 2/11 – V. Halm, P. McLoughlin, L. Bloeser, L. Ayala, T./D. Shoudt; 2/13 – 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.

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*Because We Are Church...*Your gift to the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal supports diocesan-sponsored programs that promote Catholic values that enhance human life and spiritual growth, providing families with opportunities for enrichment, education, and healing. If

you have already made a gift to this year's appeal, thank you! If you haven't done so, your help is still very much needed. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is crucial to our Church's ability to serve God's people in need.

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

The monthly Food for the Needy collection will be held this weekend. February'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!

### **PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST**

A Pancake and Egg Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James Parish on Sun., February 14, 2010 from 8:00-11:00am in Mercy Hall. The menu includes pancakes and eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, and milk. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of our parishioners. The first 75 mothers will receive a flower for Valentine's Day.

### **2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you are in need of a 2009 contribution statement, please put your request in writing with your name, address and envelope number, or you can call the Church Office with the information.

### **PASTA SUPPER COMMITTEE MTG.**

The SPSJ Pasta Supper Committee is holding a meeting on Thurs., February 11, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Anyone wishing to help is invited!

### **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](mailto:mjtglackin@enter.net). Thank you!

### **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS**

SPSJ “Saints” will hold a sign-up session at Mercy Hall on Sun., February 14, 2010 from 10am to Noon. The program is open to all children in grades 1-8. Practices and games are on the School grounds on Roseberry Street. Fee varies from \$25 to \$45 based on grade. Come join our family-friendly, faith-based, youth sports program. Call Ed Hickey at (908) 213-1523 with questions.

### **“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!

### **THANK YOU!**

The New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, Warren Local Office, wishes to extend a sincere “Thank you!” for your generous donation. 2009 has been a remarkable year in many ways. We provided gifts to a record amount of families this holiday season. Many of the families we serve are feeling the pinch this year. All of your help this holiday season was greatly appreciated and we could not have done it without your support.

### **PRO-LIFE NEWS**

3,700+ abortions in the U.S. per day and who's counting? We have an abortion mill right here in Phillipsburg. Many have been asked to pray at the abortion site, but only a handful have responded. If you are uncomfortable doing that, then at least make a small sacrifice and come pray with the Cenacles of Life, which meets at St. Philip and St. James Chapel from 7-8pm every Tuesday. It is only through an avalanche of prayer and self-sacrifice that this slaughter will end.

### **LIFE CHOICES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

You are invited to attend Life Choices Resource Center's "Silver Anniversary Celebration" banquet on Sun., February 21, 2010 from 4-8pm at The Pines Manor, 2085 State Hwy. 27, Edison. Dinner & dancing. Keynote speaker: Father Scott Daniels, OP; Lifetime Achievement Award: Msgr. Richard A. Behl; Faithful Servant Award: Sam & Nancy Singer; Stewardship Award: Rev. Lauro C. Sedlmayer. Dinner tickets are \$50 per person. An opportunity to make a financial contribution will be extended. All proceeds from the banquet assist Life Choices ministries for client services. Sponsorships and ad opportunities are still available. For information and reservations, please call (732) 516-0911 or email: [lifechoices@optonline.net](mailto:lifechoices@optonline.net).

### **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/](http://www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/).

### **FISH ON FRIDAY**

Come join "Refresh & Renew", the new Fish on Friday for an evening of "Worship & Praise" at Our Lady of Lourdes/Sacred Heart Chapel, 390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ on February 19 at 7:30pm. Refreshments served at 9pm. Music Ministry: "Refuge". Bring family and friends. For more information, please call Robert Borghese at (908) 534-5354.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Women's Retreat will be held at St. Francis Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA on February 19-21, 2010. Theme is "God's Greatest Need: Our Prayer". Weekend includes an introductory program in Contemplative Prayer. There will be conference/discussion time, Communal Contemplative prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and the Liturgy of the Hour. Facilitator: Bro. Mark Liggett, OFM. Suggested offering: \$150.00. For reservations, please call (610) 258-3053, ext. 24.

### **"JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF"**

A Bereavement Support Program will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, beginning Mon., February 8, 2010 from 7:00-9:00pm and will meet for eight consecutive Mondays. Sessions are confidential and are held in the lower level of the rectory. Weekly attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory. If you have lost a loved one to death and are in the stages of grief, you may wish to consider being a part of this program. For information, please call Christopher Seitz at (908) 735-2216 or Joan Syron at (908) 735-4162.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

The Lord hears the cries of the poor. And answers them through your generosity. Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

## ● **MINISTRY** ●

**February 6/7, 2010**  
**SATURDAY EVENING**

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

Acolyte: Michael O'Sullivan  
Ministers: Thomas Casey & William Casey; C1 – Margie Markus, C2 – Edward Socci, C3 – Camilla Jebran, C4 – Barbara Shaneberger  
Lector: Cassie Apgar  
Servers: John Socci & Joey Socci

**SUNDAY MORNING**

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

Acolyte: Molly Zgoda  
Ministers: Larry Bevilacqua & Carol Bevilacqua  
Lector: John Bruns  
Servers: Ellie Zgoda & Mark Zgoda

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

Acolyte: Joseph Schupper  
Ministers: Sharon Hillhouse & Samuel Fatta; C1 – Emil Brisson, C2 – Patricia Brisson, C3 – Earl Miller, C4 – Reenie Miller  
Lector: Dit Mosco  
Servers: Julia DePillo & Daniel DePillo

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

Acolyte: Tanner-Bay Sutton  
Ministers: Eileen Kerrigan & Sara Greene; C1 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – William Harzer, C4 – Ines Berluche  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Katelyn McLoughlin

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

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco  
Minister: Ellen Piperata  
Lector: Mark Pincus  
Servers: Jessica Torrey & Tyler Pincus

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### Lopatcong Care Center

2/7/10 – Frances Ludwig & Irene Argentati

2/14/10 – William & Mary Ann Harzer

### Brakeley Care Center

2/7/10 – Paul & Donna Kucinski

2/14/10 – Tom Casey & Edward Socci

### Phillipsburg Care Center

2/7/10 – Joseph Gourniak & Barbara Shaneberger

2/14/10 – Eileen Catalli & Peg Skears

● **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ●

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

7:00 – M/M Joseph Iudicello by Fortino Family  
 9:00 – Mary & Carmine Angelozzi by Family  
 11:00 – Deceased of Goretti Family by Yolanda Goretti  
 1:00 (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – Stanley Decker, Jr. by H. Thomas & Shirley Emery

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

6:45 – Marie Ann Napoli by SSPJ Family  
 8:00 – Rosemary Jaeger by Fr. John Barbella  
 12:10 – Theresa Grassi by Eleanor Pinto

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

6:45 – Robert Frasca, Sr. by Mourt Family  
 8:00 – Peter Penyak (A) by Wife  
 12:10 (WH) – James Mondzak by Merrie Mulrine

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

6:45 – Veronica Pfeifer by Joy Shue  
 8:00 – Daniel Flynn by Francis & Ann Flynn  
 12:10 – Naomi “Jean” Spirnak by Laura Sretenovic

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

6:45 – William Olesky by M/M Paul Kucinski  
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Rosalie  
 12:10 – Elsie L. Willever by Encke & Mondzak Families

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

6:45 – Joseph Edolo by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche  
 8:00 – Mary Cavanaugh by Reenie Klega  
 12:10 – Helen Lilly by Lilly Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

7:00 – John Franceschino by Joe & Debbie Stefano  
 8:00 – Margaret R. Janci by Janci Family  
 4:30pm – Maria Skinner by Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

7:00 – Elizabeth Dietrich by Family  
 9:00 – Robert & Sarah Byrne by Barbara Schindler  
 11:00 – Tom O’Hare & Family by Iola O’Hare  
 1:00 (SP) – Elias Dittbrenner by Marie  
 5:30pm – For the People

● **CALENDAR** ●

**7 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 (Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. - Church in Latin America &  
 Campaign for Human Development) - Food  
 for the Needy Collection - Scout Sunday**

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

**8 - Monday**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 6)  
 7:00 - CH - CDA Mtg.

**9 - Tuesday**

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

**10 - Wednesday - St. Scholastica**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 5:15 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour &  
 Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

**11 - Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - PMR - Pasta Supper Committee Mtg.  
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo  
 7:30 - HOME - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree K. of C. Mtg.

**12 - Friday**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

**13 - Saturday**

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

**14 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**World Marriage Day**  
 8:00-11:00 - MH - Pancake & Egg Breakfast  
 10:00-12:00 - MH - Baseball/Softball Sign-ups  
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

**Stewardship of Treasure**

January 31, 2010: \$12,434.00

**MASS CELEBRANTS ON  
 FEBRUARY 13/14, 2010:**

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