

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



4th Sunday of Lent + March 14, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

This week our Church celebrates feasts in honor of some very great saints: St. Patrick and St. Joseph. As most of you know, St. Patrick's Day is March 17. What you may not know is that this is the day on which Patrick died in 461AD. The son of a Roman Briton, he was first brought to Ireland as a prisoner of pirates who made him tend sheep while still a youth. Upon his escape, he became a priest and returned to Ireland as a missionary.

I personally believe that, after St. Paul, St. Patrick may well be the greatest missionary in history. While Christianity certainly existed in Ireland before Patrick, the island was still largely pagan when he arrived. By the time he died, the Catholic Faith was so well planted there that the country was already producing numerous monks and priests. Indeed, Ireland is the only country in western Europe where the Faith was planted without martyrdom – a testimony not only to Patrick's work, but also to his diplomacy and skill in preaching the Gospel.

St. Patrick reminds us that every Christian is called to be a missionary in some way or another. Whether by becoming a missionary like he did, or by teaching prayers to a child, serving as a CCD teacher, or supporting a Catholic School – all of us must find a way to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

St. Joseph's Day is March 19. While not as famous as St. Patrick's Day, it is a solemn Feast Day on the Church calendar. For me, St. Joseph's greatness is reflected in the fact that God chose him to be a "father" to His Son. Imagine the kind of person you would choose – if you could choose someone to be a parent to your child. Well, God – Who could have chosen anyone He pleased to raise Jesus along with Mary – chose St. Joseph.

Joseph is a great example to us in so many ways. His work as a carpenter reminds us that working hard to support a family is an important way of serving Him. His care for Mary and Jesus remind us of the importance of being good to our family. Most of all, his will obedience to God – when God told him to take Mary into his house and raise Jesus as his own child – reminds us of the importance of obeying God's Commandments and Will.

St. Joseph's Table is a wonderful tradition associated with St. Joseph's Day. While it takes many forms, the one with which I am most familiar is that of a table set with all kinds of treats – including special St. Joseph's Pastry. People gather around the table to say some prayers to St. Joseph, then share the treats on the table. The treats remind us of all the good things Joseph did for the Child Jesus, while the prayers show our faith in his powerful intercession.

We will have St. Joseph's Table in Mercy Hall following the 9am Mass next Sunday. I hope many of you will join us. Bring your children and grandchildren as well, so they can enjoy this great Catholic custom. If you gave up cakes or pastries for Lent – don't worry. Remember that you are allowed to "cheat" from your fast on Sundays, in honor of Jesus' Resurrection! That's another great Catholic custom honoring the Lord's Day.

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 17 at 7pm in the Chapel; Penance Service: March 24 at 7pm.

BINGO WORKERS

3/16 – K. Fulse, C. Franceschino, J. Misiag, E. Gill, F. Fulse, T. Glackin; **3/18** – C./R. DePillo, T. Neeraj, M. Frey, S. Sutton; **3/20** – 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 Catherine Huppman, Fermina Rossini, and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

*The Prodigal Son...*The story of the Prodigal Son helps us to refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Due to the recent snowstorms, the Cemetery clean-up has been postponed until March 22, 2010. Anyone wishing to obtain any decorations presently on the graves should do so by March 21. Any decorations left on the graves after this date will be discarded.

PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST

A Pancake and Egg Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James on Sun., March 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.

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.

SSPJ OPEN HOUSE

Saints Philip and James School is having an Open House on Sun., March 21 from 1:00-2:30pm. Take this opportunity to tour our facilities and speak with our faculty, staff, parents, and students. We are proud to show you our classrooms and curriculum. Tell your family and friends. Thank you and God Bless.

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.

PASTA SUPPER COMMITTEE MTG.

The SPSJ Pasta Supper Committee is holding a meeting on Thurs., March 18, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Anyone wishing to help is invited!

LEGION OF MARY ACIES

Annual Acies (reconsecration of Mary) for the Legion of Mary will be held on Sat., March 20, 2010 with 11am Rosary in five languages and 11:30am Holy Mass, followed by fellowship in Mercy Hall. All active members, auxiliary members, and parishioners are invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Membership Drive after all Masses on the weekend of March 20/21. All men should consider joining this worthwhile organization.

THANK YOU!

The men of Knights of Columbus Council #474 would like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed their Family Lenten Fish Dinner on March 5. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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 on Fri., March 19 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.

SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

Scapular Investiture, sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will be on Sun., March 21 after the 7am Mass. *On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying, "Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire...it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."*

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This year our School Carnival will be held from Wednesday, May 19 through Sunday, May 23, 2010. Alumni Night, Saturday, May 22, 2010 – specials for all alumni. More information to follow.

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need many volunteers for each shift of the Carnival. We ask that you consider signing up to work to help support this important fundraiser for our School. Have a great time and support our Catholic School. There are jobs for everyone! Please call Donna Kucinski at the School for more information (859-1244). Thank you!

"BORROW-A-KID" PROGRAM

Mayor Harry Wyant of Phillipsburg, in conjunction with the Phillipsburg High School Student Council, is sponsoring a program to help Senior Citizens prepare their yards for spring and summer seasons. If you have trouble getting your yard cleaned up and spruced up, this program will help you. This one-time effort will be held on Fri., April 16, 2010 from 8:00am to 2:00pm (rain date April 19), and is open to all residents of the Phillipsburg area. Application forms are available at the Church Office and must be returned to Phillipsburg High School by March 18. You will be contacted as to what time the students will be at your home. Students will be bringing rakes and garbage bags – all other equipment must be provided by the homeowner.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

The *Tim Keys Consort* will perform a "Tenebrae Service" on Sun., March 21, 2010 at 4:30pm at St. Joseph Parish, 200 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ. The Tenebrae Service is an ancient monastic service which consists of scriptural readings and sung responses. The Consort's presentation of Tenebrae will also include a prelude of vocal and instrumental selections appropriate to the Lenten Season. Light refreshments and fellowship follow immediately in the Narthex of the Church. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

There are people in Phillipsburg who are old, hungry, and can't afford to buy food. Please help! Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—*First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

March 20/21, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Michael O'Sullivan
Ministers: Beth Decker & Margie Markus; C1 – Stephanie Flynn, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Dorothy Kays, C4 – Frances Ludwig
Lector: Jack Kocsis
Servers: Cameau Charleus & Yaledy Charleus

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

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

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Joseph Schupper
Ministers: Sharon Hillhouse & Irene Argentati; C1 – Emil Brisson, C2 – Patricia Brisson, C3 – Reenie Miller, C4 – Earl Miller
Lector: Carol Koop
Servers: Victoria Gural & Catherine Gural

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Natalie Lotter
Ministers: Peg Skears & Karen Llanos; C1 – William Harzer, C2 – Bud Lilly, C3 – Ellen Piperata, C4 – Maureen Speer
Lector: Cassie Apgar
Servers: Stephanie Lotter & Joseph Kelly

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Julia DePillo & Daniel DePillo

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

3/14/10 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

3/21/10 – Sara Greene & Melody Talpas

Brakeley Care Center

3/14/10 – Anne Coyle & Diane Volk

3/21/10 – Edward Flynn & Stephanie Flynn

Phillipsburg Care Center

3/14/10 & 3/21/10 –

Bud Lilly & Robert Hopkins

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 – Mary S. Wismer by Children
 9:00 – Conor Patrick Babula by Rich & Sara Greene
 11:00 – Ada & Shelly Young & Family by Iola O'Hare
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Minnie N. Hallman by M/M Charles Hajdu

MONDAY, MARCH 15

6:45 – Brendan P. Opdycke by SSPJ School
 8:00 – Mary Louise Celia Sharpe by Family
 12:10 – M/M John McBryan & Family by Paul J. Lanning

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

6:45 – James Magini by Nellie Pandolfi
 8:00 – Theresa & Domenic Celia by M/M Philip Pizzari
 12:10 (WH) – Anna Goretti (A) by Fermina Baldascino

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

6:45 – Faust Marzuoli by Son, Tom
 8:00 – Paddy Bracken by The Flynn's
 12:10 – James & Helen Thomas by Ellen Piperata

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

6:45 – John Mamrak, Sr. by Family
 8:00 – Gloria Maguire McCluskey by Ron & Marcella Snyder & Family
 12:10 – Deceased of John O'Donnell Family by Lilly Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 – Joseph Heil by Frances DiVittorio
 8:00 – Argentati Family by Family
 12:10 – Geraldine Rosznagle (A) by Husband, Pete Rosznagle

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 – Joseph Jiorle by John & Margaret Bruns
 8:00 – William Rister by Family
 4:30pm – Carol McGuire by Bob, Linda & Rob

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 – Pat Thompson & Geri Farley by Sister, Camille Rapinesi
 9:00 – Michael "Mick" Payran by Denise, Zackary & Paxton Payran
 11:00 – James C. Tracey by F. Violet McFadden
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Sister, Mary Denisita White, C.S.J. by Ana & Rosa Gomes & Family

● CALENDAR ●

14 - 4th Sunday of Lent

(2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services)
 8:00-11:00 - MH - Pancake & Egg Breakfast
 10:00 - MH - Conf. Candidate Learning Session
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

15 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - MH - CDA Party for Retarded Citizens
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Garden of Hope Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)
 7:30 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

16 - Tuesday

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

17 - Wednesday - St. Patrick's Day

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

18 - Thursday - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - PMR - Boy Scout Religious Medal Class
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Pasta Supper Committee Mtg.
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

19 - Friday - St. Joseph

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

20 - Saturday

8:30 - CH - Youth Choir Rehearsal
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - CH - Legion of Mary ACIES, followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

21 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection
 "St. Joseph's Table" in Mercy Hall after 9:00
 Mass

8:00 - CH - Scapular Investiture
 1:00-2:30 - SSPJ - Open House
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

Stewardship of Treasure

March 7, 2010: \$14,064.00

MASS CELEBRANTS ON

MARCH 20/21, 2010:

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