

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



I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

5th Sunday of Lent + March 21, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

This week I have lots of good news to share with you. The first is that we will have a Penance Service in our Church this Wednesday evening at 7pm. While going to Confession may not seem like "good news" – it is, because God loves when we do it!

As you know, every Catholic should make a good Confession during Lent. It is the absolute best way we have to prepare to celebrate Easter with a pure soul. We will have about 10 priests here to help with Confession that evening – so you won't have to wait too long! Moreover, having a number of visiting priests will provide options for those who prefer to Confess to a priest they do not know.

The second bit of news involves the new statue of our Blessed Mother that many of you have seen in the Chapel. It is a gift from a member of the Blue Army who wishes to remain anonymous. The Blue Army is a group of good people who are dedicated to our Blessed Mother. They meet in the Chapel to pray and are glad to have such a lovely statue there. I am grateful to them for their prayers and for this beautiful statue – and hope that it will remind all of us of the powerful prayers our Blessed Mother offers on our behalf, and of the devotion we should have to her and her Divine Son.

The last bit of good news today is that our newly formed Pastor's Advisory Council met for the first time last Monday evening. You may recall that I was hoping to form such a council back in the Fall, but it took a bit longer than I first thought. Nonetheless, I am happy to have met with this wonderful group of parishioners and look forward to working with them for the good of our Parish.

The members of the Pastor's Advisory Council are as follows: Deacon Enock Berluche, Carol Bevilacqua, Bill Casey, Anna Marie Cervasi, Bob Hopkins, Camille Rapinesi, Debbie Stefano, Melody Talpas, Luis Torres, and Diane Volk. They were chosen from the various groups in the Parish. As I explained to them at the first meeting, their duties are to pray daily for the Parish, advise me on situations that may arise, and work together to promote a sense of community and "family" in our Parish.

After a busy weekend, I was happy to have dinner at the home of my sister Natalie and brother-in-law Phil on Sunday evening, along with my mother. It was good to spend the time with them – as it always is.

Please pray for me – a Hail Mary each day. I make it a point to pray for all of you each day – before the Blessed Sacrament and in my Daily Mass and Rosary. Our prayers are a great gift to each other, and obtain more blessings than we will ever imagine in this life!

Have a great week!
Fr. John

LENTE 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; Penance Service: March 24 at 7pm.

BINGO WORKERS

3/23 – S. Pincus, C. Franceschino, J. Pike, G. Tirpock, M. O'Sullivan;
3/25 – C. Sumner, S. Gerhardt, M. DeMonti, D. Cathro, K./P. Juliano; 3/27 – D. Kassick, R. MacDonald, M. Miles, P. Madawela, N. Harper

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

The Mass schedule for Holy Week and Easter is as follows:
Holy Thursday – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration until 11:00pm; Good Friday – Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm; Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm; Holy Saturday – No morning or afternoon Confessions – Blessing of Food at 12:30pm in Church; Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm; Easter Sunday – Masses will be celebrated at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm (Spanish). There will be no 5:30pm Mass.

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

A reminder that our Parish Lenten Penance Service will be held on Wed., March 24 at 7:00pm in the Church.

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2010 offertory envelopes are still available for pick-up at the Church Office. If you did not already pick up your envelopes, you may do so during regular office hours.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

*The Woman Caught in Adultery...*The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Good Friday Dinner on April 2, 2010 from 4:00-7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Dinner includes: White fish, baked potato, salad, vegetable medley, applesauce, roll & butter, dessert, and beverage. Cost is \$10.00 per platter for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old; Children under 6 free. Not a fish fan? Pizza is also available for \$2.00 per slice.

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.

PASTA DINNER

St. Philip and St. James will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Sun., April 18, 2010 from 12 Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip & James Elementary School on Roseberry Street. Cost: Adults -- \$7.00; Children 5-12 years old -- \$5.00; Children under 5 – free; Family of four -- \$20.00. For tickets, please call Anna Marie at 859-4473, or they can be purchased at the door.

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!

COME TO THE CARNIVAL!

Saints Philip & James School Carnival will be held Wed., May 19 through Sun., May 23, 2010. Support our Catholic School and enjoy fantastic food, funnel cakes, beer, wine, great rides, games, and music daily. Regular Wristband Days: Thursday, Saturday (12-5pm) and Sunday. Or, for \$75.00, you can purchase an Unlimited Wristband which allows you to ride all rides for the entire carnival, with no limitations! Advance purchase necessary. Call (908) 859-1244 for more information.

SPSJ OVER 50'S CLUB TRIP

The SPSJ Over 50's Club is sponsoring a trip to Niagara Falls, New York on May 24-27, 2010. Four days, 3 nights – including transportation, lodgings, 3 breakfasts 3 dinners, tour of Niagara Falls, ride on the Maid of Mist, and a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Price is \$400 per person double. For information, call Rose at (908) 454-3196.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC H.S. ANNUAL AUCTION

Bethlehem Catholic invites you to “join us at the castle” for an evening of fun and friendship at our annual auction. “Our Magic Knight, A Merry Auction Evening” will be held Sat., March 27, 2010 at 6:00pm. The night includes social hour, dinner, silent and live auction, and the Grand Raffle. Featured entertainment will be the Becahi Camelot Players. Limited seating by reservations (\$50/person). Please contact the Becahi Advancement Office at (610) 866-0791, ext. 23. Grand Raffle tickets are available for \$25; buy 4, get one free! Five cash prizes to be awarded: Grand Prize - \$3,000, 1st - \$1,500, 2nd - \$750, 3rd - \$500, and 4th - \$250. You need not be present to win the raffle. The Bethlehem Catholic students thank you for all your support!

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 no later than Wed., 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 available on the diocesan website at www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/.

CHRISM MASS

On Mon., March 29, 2010, Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose (340-397) began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His people; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30pm.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” – Proverbs 22:9. Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

March 27/28, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: William O’Sullivan
Ministers: Dorothy Kays & Melody Talpas; C1 – Elaine Opdyke, C2 – Josephine DeMonti, C3 – Beth Decker, C4 – Roger DiVittorio
Lector: Mary O’Sullivan
Servers: Kieran O’Sullivan & Joseph O’Sullivan

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Justin Marigliano
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Mary Duaima
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Emily Halm & Timothy Halm

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Braydon Lauer
Ministers: Anne Coyle & Allison Frasca; C1 – Eileen Catalli, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – James Bramick, C4 – Judy Francisco
Lector: Jeanne Hagen
Servers: Sean Frasca & Mitchell Frasca

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton
Ministers: Anna Marie Cervasi & Gloria Cervasi; C1 – Reenie Miller, C2 – Earl Miller, C3 – Theresa Richey, C4 – Pat James
Lector: Mike James
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Katelyn McLoughlin

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek
Minister: Edward Socci
Lector: Kyle Ohlandt
Servers: Dominic Socci & Joey Socci

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

3/21/10 – Sara Greene & Melody Talpas
3/28/10 – Theresa Richey & Margie Markus

Brakeley Care Center

3/21/10 – Edward Flynn & Stephanie Flynn
3/28/10 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell

Phillipsburg Care Center

3/21/10 – Bud Lilly & Robert Hopkins
3/28/10 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

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

MONDAY, MARCH 22

6:45 – Anne Ford Kline by Phyllis Porter
 8:00 – Martin Family by James W. Martin, Jr.
 12:10 – Elizabeth LaLonde by Catherine G. Lehman

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

6:45 – Rose Botjer by Barb & Dave Bruckman
 8:00 – Marian Manasseri by Family
 12:10 (WH) – Rosaria Baldascini by Fermina Baldascini

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

6:45 – M/M James McBrien & Mary by Paul J. Lanning
 8:00 – Daniel Flynn by A Friend
 12:10 – Joseph Pavkovic by M/M John Pavkovic

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

6:45 – Blazie Baran by Fr. John Barbella
 8:00 – Clinton Miller by Earl Miller Family
 12:10 – Elsie Johnson by Georgia Finn

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

6:45 – John “Jack” Lilly by Mary Brogan
 8:00 – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. by Herman & Bess Boos
 12:10 – John Pasquini by Jean Pasquini

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 – Angelo DeNicuola (A) by Daughter
 8:00 – Mary Miller by Shirley Templeton
 4:30pm – Joseph Edolo by Fermina Baldascino

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 – Nicholas A. Viscomi by M/M Sebastiano Galati
 9:00 – Eileen Perdoni by Dalrymple Family
 11:00 – Anthony Pugliese by Rose & Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Thomas Hallman, Sr. by Rose Solt

Stewardship of Treasure

March 14, 2010: \$10,933.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$2,329.00

● CALENDAR ●

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

22 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - SSPJ - Family PREP Program
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)

23 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-5
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Liturgy Comm. 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 - CH - Lenten Penance Service
 7:00 - HFC - No Charismatic Holy Hour

25 - Thursday - Annunciation of the Lord

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
 7:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross

27 - Saturday

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

28 - Palm Sunday

(Palm distributed at all Masses)
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms

MASS CELEBRANTS ON MARCH 27/28, 2010:

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