

# 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

## **Religious Education (CCD)**

(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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent + March 7, 2010**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

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

Saints Philip and James Church was blessed to have some 75 children make their First Confessions last Friday and Saturday. The children – mostly second graders – have been preparing for this in our Parish School and Religious Education (CCD) programs. For me, it is always a pleasure to celebrate this Sacrament with children for the first time. Most of them start out a bit nervous, then “light up” with a big smile when they realize how easy it is!

Please pray for these children as they now turn their thoughts to First Holy Communion. In spite of all the snow, the lengthening daylight tells us that Spring will soon be here. Spring is a wonderful time of year for a parish – filled with joyful events like First Holy Communion, which these children will receive in late April.

Fr. James will be going on his annual retreat this week. Every priest is required to make a retreat each year, to nourish his priesthood with prayer and reflection. Please pray for Fr. James during this retreat, that God will bless him with many graces that will enrich his priestly ministry among us.

Speaking of Fr. James, he and I thought it would be a good idea to say a few words about the covering of statues in our Church. Many of us remember when this practice was universal in the Catholic Church. It became less common over time, but has been making quite a comeback in recent years.

Seeing the covered statues is a poignant reminder of the penitential nature of Lent. Unveiling them at Easter provides a powerful visible reminder that the risen life the saints share with Jesus in Heaven is possible only because of His dying and rising at Easter. Each time you look at the covered statues, remember all you must do this Lent to truly prepare for Easter. Remember also that Heaven is possible for the saints – and for you and me – because of what Jesus did for us that first Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and thank Him from the bottom of your heart!

As always, I ask you to pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. 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 17 at 7pm in the Chapel; Penance Service: March 24 at 7pm.

### **BINGO WORKERS**

**3/9** – D. Varga, C. Franceschino, J. Krupski, E. Hooper, C. Ross, C. Stallings; **3/11** – V. Halm, P. McLoughlin, L. Bloeser, L. Ayala, T./D. Shoudt; **3/13** – 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 Catherine Brown, Francis McGrath, and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

*The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses...* Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

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

A reminder that the monthly Food for the Needy Collection will be held this weekend, March 6/7, 2010. 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!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BI-WEEKLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Our next session will be held this evening from 6:45-8:00pm as scheduled. However, class will be held in the Church instead of Mercy Hall. Please drop off and pick up your students at the Church this evening. Contact Laura Sretenovic at (908) 859-1913 if you have any questions. Thank you!

### **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.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT THE BLUE ARMY SHRINE**

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please join the group going to the Blue Army Shrine – about a 30-minute trip – on Sun., March 7 at the Church parking lot at 2:15 in the afternoon. Any questions, please call Dick Koach at 454-0535.

### **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. For advance orders, call Gay at 454-2428 or Gloria at 859-4473.

### **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.

### **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!

### **OVER 50'S CLUB TRIP**

The SPSJ Over 50's Club is sponsoring a trip to Niagara Falls, NY on May 24-27, 2010. Four days, three nights, including transportation, lodgings, three breakfasts, three dinners, tour of Niagara Falls, ride on the Maid of Mist, and a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Price is \$500 per person. For details, call Rose at 454-3196.

### **"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. The students have volunteered to help you with this cumbersome task. Groups of students will rake, weed, and do general clean-up tasks for you at no charge and make it easier for you to maintain your yard. 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 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.

### **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](mailto:scronin@diometuchen.org).

### **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.

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Remember in the Gospel when Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat?" He still means it. Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

## ● MINISTRY ●

(We will now be putting in the schedule for the following week as a reminder.)

**March 13/14, 2010**  
SATURDAY EVENING

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

Acolyte: William O'Sullivan  
Ministers: Barbara Shaneberger & Thomas Casey; C1 – Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo, C2 – Linda McGuire, C3 – Melody Talpas, C4 – Elaine Opdyke  
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Servers: Maria Talpas & Luke Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING

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

Acolyte: Molly Zgoda  
Ministers: Barbara Balas & Patricia Flynn  
Lector: Carol Koop  
Servers: Ellie Zgoda & Mark Zgoda

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

Acolyte: Paul Kucinski  
Ministers: Edward Flynn & Stephanie Flynn; C1 – Jeanne Hagen, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Anne Coyle, C4 – Donna Kucinski  
Lector: Dit Mosco  
Servers: Katelyn McLoughlin & Matthew Oppenheimer

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

Acolyte: Roger Acuna  
Ministers: Pat James & Maureen Speer; C1 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – William Harzer, C4 – Irene Argentati  
Lector: Mike James  
Servers: Andrew Acuna & Justin Mourt

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

Acolyte: Kevin Hillhouse  
Minister: Ellen Piperata  
Lector: Kyle Ohlandt  
Servers: Megan Hillhouse & Emily Hillhouse

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### Lopatcong Care Center

3/7/10 – Earl Miller & Reenie Miller  
3/14/10 – Pat James & Allison Frasca

### Brakeley Care Center

3/7/10 – Ellen Piperata & Dorothy Kays  
3/14/10 – Anne Coyle & Diane Volk

### Phillipsburg Care Center

3/7/10 – Roger DiVittorio & James Bramick  
3/14/10 – Bud Lilly & Robert Hopkins

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 8

6:45 – Teresa Gigliotti by M/M John Pavkovic  
 8:00 – John “Jack” Lilly by SPSJ Holy Name Society  
 12:10 – Antoinette Strebbig by Brothers

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9

6:45 – Charles Farley, Jr. by Family  
 8:00 – Mary Aiello by Barbara Aiello  
 12:10 (WH) – Magdalena Chen by Mary & Anne Brogan

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

6:45 – Harold Scott, Jr. by Tony & Barbara Martino  
 8:00 – Anna & Daniel Flynn by Family  
 12:10 – Jane Merlo by Husband, Joseph

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

6:45 – Joseph Frank Tolotta by Frank & Grace Stettner  
 8:00 – Josephine Piperata by Rose & Bernie Bladies, Jr.  
 12:10 – Abraham L. Johnson by Granddaughters

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

6:45 – Dawne Cicero by Carvalho Family  
 8:00 – Mary Fatta by Daughters  
 12:10 – John “Jack” Kays by M/M Stephen Mason

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 – Marian Manasseri by Cerina, Bob, John & Jessica Woehrle  
 8:00 – Virginia Rossnagle by Son, William Rossnagle  
 4:30pm – Joseph Daniel Bacskai by Parents

### 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

## Stewardship of Treasure

February 28, 2010: \$13,109.50

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 7 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Food for the Needy Collection

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

### 8 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Eucharistic Holy Hour)  
 7:00 - MH - 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

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

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

### 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### (Special 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### MASS CELEBRANTS ON MARCH 13/14, 2010:

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