

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Fr. James Kyrpczak
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Fr. Vincent Chen, In-Residence
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Saints Philip and James School

(908) 859-1244

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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



3rd Sunday of Easter + April 18, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

As I told you a few weeks ago, I took a few days off after Easter. I spent the time in the Allegheny Mountains, watching freight trains. While this may seem odd, I ran into several other men doing the same thing! I kind of liken it to fishing, with one difference – instead of waiting for a fish to catch, we wait for a train!

Nonetheless, I had a really nice time. The weather was particularly nice on Wednesday, and the traffic was very heavy. In just a few hours, I photographed more than thirty freight trains. In between, I enjoyed the peaceful surroundings and beautiful scenery. It was easy to feel God's presence in the secluded mountains, and I spent a good bit of time praying for our Parish.

The weather took quite a change by week's end. Not only did it get cloudy and cooler, it even snowed a little bit! It all made for a very nice week.

Please remember that there will be a Parish Town Meeting after the 9 AM Mass next Sunday. At that time, I will make a brief presentation about last year's Parish Financial Report, give an update on this year's financial picture, and tell you about some of the maintenance projects we have been and will be working on. I will also introduce the members of the newly formed Pastor's Advisory Council. I hope you can be there!

Today (Sunday), there is a Pasta Supper at our Elementary School on Roseberry Street. I know a lot of people worked hard to make homemade meatballs for the dinner! I look forward to enjoying the food and company with many of you at the dinner.

Every time I walk thru the vestibule of our Church, I notice the names listed on the marble plaques on the wall. They are the names of folks who supported and took part in the building of our Church so many years ago – many of whom still have family in our Parish. I also notice the following statement on the plaques: "High Mass will be sung annually for these subscribers on the Feast of Sts. Philip and James."

Since Vatican II, the Feast of Sts. Philip and James is May 3rd. Accordingly, we will have a special Mass in our Church on Monday, May 3rd, at 7 PM. It will be offered for all those listed on the plaques – indeed, for all those people of faith who went before us, and whose sacrifices, efforts, and offerings built this Parish into the vibrant community it is. Everyone is welcome to attend. I promise it won't be long or fancy – just a prayerful Mass offered for our ancestors in faith.

As always, I ask your prayers for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. Pray also for our First Communicants – who are receiving Jesus' precious Body and Blood for the first time this weekend and next. Pray also for our Parish, and for peace!

Have a great week!

Fr. John

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Town Meeting – April 25, 2010 in Mercy Hall after the 9:00am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

BINGO WORKERS

4/20 – S. Pincus, C. Franceschino, J. Pike, G. Tirpok, M. O'Sullivan;
4/22 – C./R. DePillo, T. Neeraj, M. Frey, S. Suttont; **4/24** – 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 Rose Pugliese and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

50/50 CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

Saints Philip and James School will be selling cash raffle tickets each weekend in April beginning April 10/11, after all Masses for \$2.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held on Sun., May 23, 2010 at our carnival. You do not have to be present to win! Please help support our Catholic School.

"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 4pm.** 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!

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. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

HOMEMADE MEATBALLS AT SSPJ SCHOOL CARNIVAL

This year our food tent is featuring "Delicious Homemade Meatballs". If you would like to help make the meatballs, come to our school on Roseberry Street on Sat., May 1, 2010 at 8:30am. We appreciate all of your help! If you have any questions, please call Donna Kucinski at (908) 859-1244.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

It is with great enthusiasm we cordially invite you to join us for a Volunteer Dinner on Thurs., April 22, 2010 starting at 5:00pm at Brakeley Park Center. Lopatcong, Phillipsburg, and Brakeley Park Centers will again join together to honor our volunteers. Please respond yes or no, no later than Friday, April 16 to Brakeley Park Center – 859-2800.

BOOK BARROW

Religious book and tape donations are needed for Legion of Mary Book Barrow to open this spring in Mercy Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Contact Camille at 387-0001 or Helen Soto at 454-5114.

LISA OZ TO BE AT WARREN HOSPITAL

Warren Hospital presents "A Very Special Women's Event". Lisa Oz, author of "US" will be giving a presentation on Sat., April 24, 2010 from 10am to 2pm in the Farley Education Center at Warren Hospital. In celebration of our new Women's Services, please join us for a day of health-centered learning, lunch, and discussion designed for women. Fee is \$15.00 per person (includes lunch, the Lisa Oz keynote address and two breakout sessions). For registration information, please call 859-8877.

ATTENTION CURRENT 6TH & 7TH GRADERS!

Little Crusader Football Sign-ups will be held on the following dates at Notre Dame High School Library: April 20, 22, 27, 29, and May 6 from 6:30-8:30pm, and May 15 from 9-11am. If you have any questions or cannot make the meeting, please contact Coach Fedrizzi at (610) 504-7952 or at dfedr69@hotmail.com.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME CONCERT BAND

The Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Department is honored to be hosting a performance of the University of Notre Dame Concert Band on Sat., May 8, at 7:30pm in the Easton Area Middle School Auditorium. The Easton performance is part of the band's Spring Tour which will conclude with a performance at NYC's Carnegie Hall. Ticket prices: \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors/students. For tickets, please call Becky Rosenbauer at (610) 417-7290 or (610) 559-1145. Tickets will also be available at the door.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL?
Are changes being made to the celebration of Mass? What are these changes? Actually, it is not the celebration of Mass that is changing. All of the parts and the order of the Mass as we know it today will stay the same, and there will be no changes to the readings we hear at Mass. However, some of the words that are used in the prayers said by the priest at Mass and in the responses of the people *will* be changing. This is because the English translation of the revised third edition of the *Roman Missal (Missale Romanum)* is going to be issued in the future. The *Roman Missal* is the ritual text for the celebration of Mass currently referred to as the *sacramentary*, the red book used by the priest at Mass. The revision in the wording or prayers, acclamation, and responses is being made to reflect a truer translation in English of the original Latin text in this third edition of the *Roman Missal*. Many of the revisions are also more deeply rooted in scripture. These changes won't take effect for quite some time as we await the final approval of the English translation from the Vatican. But they're coming! And it's time to prepare. To learn more about it, please visit the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

BE A WINNER! BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EDUCATION
When Catholic education is available, accessible, and affordable for our children, everyone wins! Help support the Foundation for Education by purchasing a \$100 raffle ticket and/or join us for the Students to Leaders Education Dinner on Wed., May 19 at The Palace in Somerset Park. Our guest speaker is author Mary Higgins Clark. For information, please call (732) 562-2429 or visit www.diometuchen.org/development.

Q&A ARTICLES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE
Continuing Q&A articles will be printed during the next several months in preparation for the recruitment of men into the Class of 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Diaconate at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1710 or ext. 1711. **Question #4:** What exactly does Vatican II say about deacons? **Answer:** Deacons are ministers who are ordained "not for the priesthood, but for the ministry." "Strengthened by sacramental grace, they are at the service of the people of God in the ministry of the liturgy, the word, and charity, in communion with the bishops and his priests." What is most important here is that the deacon shares in the threefold apostolic ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Charity. They have been called to be "supremely necessary for the life of the Church." The first ordination took place in Germany and Cameroon in 1968. The bishops of the United States received approval in 1968, and the first permanent deacon in the United States was ordained in 1969. Now there are close to 16,000 permanent deacons in the United States.

ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS' MASS
Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski invites all firefighters to participate in the Diocese of Metuchen's Annual Firefighter's Mass to be held on Sun., April 25, 2010, 12 noon at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen. This Mass honors all active, retired, and deceased firefighters who live and work within the Diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For information, visit www.diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-2461.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
It's all about families because...Children Grow Best In Families. Did you know there are over 10,000 children in the New Jersey Foster Care System? Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen's Therapeutic Foster Care Program is seeking warm, supportive individuals and families to serve as Resource families to children in need. Many of these children are innocent victims of abuse and neglect. Children of all ages and backgrounds are in need of loving, nurturing homes. Call today! 1-866-247-HOME (4663).

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY
Count your blessings. Share your food. Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.

● MINISTRY ●

April 24/25, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek
Ministers: Linda McGuire & Robert Ellwood; C1 – Melody Talpas, C2 – Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – William Casey
Lector: Barbara Shaneberger
Servers: Maria Talpas & Luke Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Parker Bay
Ministers: Barbara Balas & Allison Frasca
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Servers: Sean Frasca & Mitchell Frasca

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Kayla Krouse
Ministers: Jeanne Hagen & Donna Kucinski; C1 – Anne Coyle, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Edward Flynn, C4 – Stephanie Flynn
Lector: Christy Krouse
Servers: Katelyn McLoughlin & Seamus O'Brien

11:00 a.m. (CH)

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

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Kevin Hillhouse
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Kyle Ohlandt
Servers: Megan Hillhouse & Emily Hillhouse

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center
4/18/10 – Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta
4/25/10 – Josephine DeMonti & Immaculata Durnin
Brakelev Care Center
4/18/10 – Camilla Jebran & Joseph Merlo
4/25/10 – Elaine Opdyke & Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo
Phillipsburg Care Center
4/18/10 & 4/25/10 –
Emil & Patricia Brisson

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 – George Richline by Wife, Son & Family
 9:00 – Conor Patrick Babula by Bill & Judy Tully
 11:00 – Margaret A. Trimmer by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Seifa Busacca by Grandson, Thaddeus Aversa, Ana Gomes & Family

MONDAY, APRIL 19

6:45 – Marian Manasseri by Rose Guidi
 8:00 – Jack Hofschild (A) by Wife, Tommy
 12:10 – Elizabeth & John Pologruto (A)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

6:45 – Edward Kopack by Judy Francisco, Judy O'Hare & Barbara Opdycke
 8:00 – Victoria Pugliese Krosincky by Son, Nick Pugliese
 12:10 (WH) – Russell (Duke) Johnson by Daughters

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

6:45 – Bernard Bladies by Rose DeRenzis
 8:00 – Daniel Flynn by Ernestine Hill
 12:10 – Deceased Members of the Fatta Family by Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

6:45 – Glen & Margaret Clark by Lawler Family
 8:00 – Adam S. Skrzenski, Sr. by Alison Victorella
 12:10 – Kathryn Duffy by Ed & Dolly Duffy

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

6:45 – Harold Scott, Jr. by Tony & Barbara Martino
 8:00 – Ethel Natisin by Woolf Family
 12:10 – Helen I. Flynn by Bud Lilly Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 – Elsie Mulrine by Merrie & Mom
 8:00 – Jack Lilly by Family
 4:30pm – Joseph Edolo by Fermina Baldascino

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 – James Lucas by Family
 9:00 – Joseph Petchonka, Sr. by Wife, Margaret
 11:00 – Eva Sciabica by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Albert Piperata by Albert L. Piperata

● CALENDAR ●

18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

10:00 - MH - Scouting Blue & Gold Ceremony/Dinner
 12:00-6:00 - SSPJ - Parish Pasta Dinner
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

19 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 6)
 7:00 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

20 - 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.

21 - 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

22 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

23 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00-7:00 - CH - First Communion Practice

24 - Saturday

8:30 - CH - Youth Choir Rehearsal
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - CH - First Communion Mass
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

25 - 4th Sunday of Easter

(2nd Collection – Central & Eastern Europe & USSR)

10:00 - MH - Town Hall Mtg.
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

Stewardship of Treasure

April 11, 2010: \$10,676.50

Easter 2010: \$42,486.00

MASS CELEBRANTS ON APRIL 24/25, 2010:

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