

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Fr. James Kyrpczak
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Fr. Vincent Chen, In-Residence
Fr. Patrick Boyle, OFM, Weekend Assistant

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Saints Philip and James School

(908) 859-1244

Mrs. Judith Francisco, Principal

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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



4th Sunday of Easter + April 25, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Last weekend was a very busy one here at Saints Philip and James. Some forty children received their First Holy Communion last Saturday, with fifty more receiving yesterday (Saturday) morning. As you might imagine, it was just beautiful.

First Communion is one of my favorite days of the year in a parish! Seeing the excitement of the children, the happiness and pride in their parents, and the overall joy of the celebration is something very special. Our parish is truly blest to have so many wonderful children in its midst.

Last Friday evening, there was a celebration to wrap up the school's basketball season. All the players, cheerleaders, coaches and parents were there. It was a fun evening. I want to thank all those who did so much to make the season so much fun for our kids – whether as coaches, assistants, or by working the snack stand! It was a great season, thanks to you and our wonderful children.

On Sunday morning, I had the pleasure of attending the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Brunch following the 9AM Mass. It was a nice celebration of the boys' achievements as scouts. Several of them were recognized for earning various badges and honors, while the highlight was the passage of five boys into Boy Scouts. It was a great morning.

After the Blue and Gold Brunch, I spent the rest of the afternoon in the school cafeteria for the Pasta and Meatball Dinner. It was nice to see so many people come in and out throughout the afternoon. Visiting and talking with them as they ate made for a very nice day.

I know that a lot of people worked very hard on the Spaghetti Dinner, and I want to say a special thank you. It was a great success, due to your efforts and the support of our great parishioners. Thanks, one and all!

Reading this week's comments, it's easy to see how much can happen when people work together. A parish is the sum of all its people – and our parish was full of wonderful events because of the people who made them happen! What a great testimony to our faith – and our willingness to put that faith into action!

Please say a prayer for me – at least one Hail Mary a day – and be assured of my prayers for you. Please also pray for those in harm's way to defend us, 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

4/27 – T. Reilly, C. Franceschino, M. McCabe, N. Mathias, M. Whitehouse, M. Oviedo; **4/29** – C. Sumner, S. Gerhardt, M. DeMonti, D. Cathro, K./P. Juliano; **5/1** – 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 the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: DENNY JOEY & JOCELYN, son and daughter of Artemio Tepale & Deheyçi Flores; NICOLE JEANNE RIZZA, daughter of M/M James Rizza; MIA GRACE SNYDER, daughter of M/M Michael Snyder

CCD REGISTRATION

We are now registering students for the 2010-2011 school year for CCD. If you have a student entering First Grade CCD or if you are new to the area and need to register any of your children for religious education classes, please pick up a form at the Church exits and return it to the Church Office as soon as possible.

OUR APOLOGIES!

As you know, a mailing recently went out to all parishioners regarding our Parish Annual Appeal. Unfortunately, after the mailing went out, we noticed that there was a glitch in the computer program. We apologize if anyone received duplicate envelopes, or if you received an envelope, but shouldn't have. We would appreciate it if you could call to let us know so we can make the proper corrections.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Prayer Vigil for Life will be held on Sat., May 1 after the 8am Mass in the Chapel with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary for Life at 9:15am & 10:15am across from the Abortuary on South Main Street.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

The monthly Food for the Needy collection will be held on the weekend of May 1/2, 2010. May'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!

"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!

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.

ST. MARY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Mary's 14th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Southmoore Country Club, Bath, PA, on Fri., May 7, 2010 – 8:30am shotgun start. \$85.00 per person includes Green Fee and Cart; Refreshments on Course; Opportunities for awards/prizes; and Dinner and Awards at Flynn's on the Hill. Contact Tony Turdo at 454-4926 for registration and information.

STROKE RISK SCREENING

Free community Stroke Risk Screening at the Phillipsburg Mall will be held on Wed., May 7, 2010 from 4-7pm. Screening includes blood pressure and pulse check, Carotid Artery Bruit check, and stroke education. Free voucher for a carotid screening in Warren Hospital's Vascular Laboratory. Walk-ins are welcome. For information, call the Health Department at 859-8877.

NOTRE DAME YOUTH FOOTBALL

There is still time to sign up for Notre Dame High School's 3rd through 6th grade tackle football program. If you are interested, contact Steve Kurtz at 484-505-8673 or skurtz@ndrusaders.org. For more information, find us under the athletics tab at www.ndcrusaders.org.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL?

What is the Roman Missal (*Missale Romanum*)? The Roman Missal is the ritual text which contains all the prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of Mass for the entire Roman Catholic Church. Since Jesus offered the first Eucharist at the Last Supper, the liturgy has evolved and developed over time with changes introduced at certain critical moments in the history of the Church. One such moment was the major reform after Vatican Council II which gave us, among many other changes, the Mass in the vernacular languages. The *Missal* reflecting all these changes was promulgated by Pope Paul VI and was first issued in Latin in 1970 called the *editio typica* (typical edition). A revised text, the *editio typica altera* was subsequently issued by the Holy See in 1975. In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II promulgated a third edition (*editio typica tertio*) which contained, among other things, some additional prayers for recently canonized saints, some additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of Mass which we have already been using since 2002. Always introduced in Latin, each of these editions must then be translated into the vernacular languages. The introduction of the English translation of this third edition is what we await from Rome and will bring changes to many of the Mass texts as we know them today. To learn more about it, please visit the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

DAY FOR BEREAVED PERSONS AND FAMILIES

Hope and Healing – a day for bereaved persons and families – will be held on Sat. May 8, 2010 from 9am-2pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Sooner or later grief comes to all of us, and we find ourselves unprepared for the wide range of emotions and reactions we feel as we undertake the mourning journey. Each member of the family grieves differently. Brother Andre offers hope and encouragement by gently demonstrating the importance of dealing with grief in a healthy way – emotionally and spiritually. Fee: Individual -- \$15.00; Family of 2 -- \$25.00; Family of 3 or more -- \$40.00 (includes lunch). Please register by April 30 by calling the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Shake off those winter blahs and pump some new life into your marriage. Join us on a Marriage Encounter Weekend and re-discover the romance of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 30-May 2. For registration and information, call 1-888-827-NJME.

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 #5:** Can deacons help with the shortage of priests? **Answer:** While there are many things that deacons may do that can assist in the pastoral care of the Church, they are *not* substitutes for priests, nor are they some sort of restricted order of priests. Furthermore, the diaconate was not renewed by the Second Vatican Council because of a shortage of priests. It has been said that the Council did not restore the diaconate because of a shortage of priests, but because of a shortage of deacons. While deacons have a responsibility for some of the same things that priests do, deacons have a different set of responsibilities that are unique to them, and to try to use deacons as substitute priests would be a disservice to both.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Turn the calendar page and – Oh, look! – a new opportunity to do good! Remember—“*Food for the Needy*” Collection—*First Sunday of each month.*

● MINISTRY ●

May 1/2, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Shane Lukachek
Ministers: Beth Decker & Josephine DeMonti; C1 – Elaine Opdyke, C2 – Dorothy Kays, C3 – Roger DiVittorio, C4 – Margie Markus
Lector: Ronald Rossini
Servers: Jake Curtachio & Jason Curtachio

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Roger Acuna
Ministers: Joseph Gourniak & Judy Leone
Lector: John Bruns
Servers: Andrew Acuna & Jessica Torrey

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: Samuel Fatta & Jeanne Hagen; C1 – Eileen Catalli, C2 – James Bramick, C3 – Charlene Hummell, C4 – Anne Coyle
Lector: Thomas O’Neil
Servers: Marin Pike & Emily Lauer

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton
Ministers: Peg Skears & Mary Brogan; C1 – Bud Lilly, C2 – Emil Brisson, C3 – Patricia Brisson, C4 – Peg Skears
Lector: Paul Lanning
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Colin Shoudt

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector: Cecilia Plante
Servers: Carlo Aversa & Dillon Swann

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/25/10 – Josephine DeMonti & Immaculata Durnin
5/2/10 – Joseph Gourniak & Barbara Shaneberger

Brakeley Care Center

4/25/10 – Elaine Opdyke & Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo
5/2/10 – George Babula & Robert Ellwood

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/25/10 – Emil & Patricia Brisson
5/2/10 – Beth Decker & Rosemary Carnali

● **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ●

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

MONDAY, APRIL 26

6:45 – Teresa Gigliotti by Angelina Loiacono
 8:00 – M/M Nicodemo Pugliese & Family by Nick Pugliese
 12:10 – Deceased Members of Arigo Family by Mary E. Arigo

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

6:45 – John “Jack” Kays by Olive & Merrie Mulrine
 8:00 – Sebastian Fatta by Inter-State Blind Friends
 12:10 (WH) – Magdalena Chen by A Bingo Player

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

6:45 – Stanley Decker by Sean & Jean Mulrine
 8:00 – Anna & Daniel Flynn by Family
 12:10 – Henry Klega by Wife & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

6:45 – Mary E. Miller by Jo-Anne & Bill Templeton
 8:00 – Stanley Krutsick by Deacon John & Florence Flynn
 12:10 – Charles Riotto by Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

6:45 – Michael Payran by Tom & Pat O’Neil
 8:00 – Joseph Jiorle by Ann & Francis Flynn
 12:10 – Albert Martin by Wife, Margaret

SATURDAY, MAY 1

7:00 – James Tracey by Paul J. Lanning
 8:00 – William Opdyke by Mary Brogan
 4:30pm – Dr. Frank Devlin by Mary Devlin

SUNDAY, MAY 2

7:00 – Roland Bullock by John & Jo Coringrato
 9:00 – Sarah Byrne by Barbara Schindler
 11:00 – Sr. Mary Denisita White, C.S.J. by Ana & Rosa Gomes & Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – John Franceschino by Payran & Emery Families

● **CALENDAR** ●

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

26 - Monday

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

27 - 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.

28 - Wednesday - St. Peter Chanel

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

29 - Thursday - St. Catherine of Siena

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

30 - Friday - St. Pius V

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

1 - MAY - Saturday - St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 - HFC - Pro-Life Adoration
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

2 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Food for the Needy Collection

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration

Stewardship of Treasure

April 18, 2010: \$10,937.50
 Adopt-A-Missionary: \$663.00
 Easter 2010: \$43,130.00

**MASS CELEBRANTS ON
 MAY 1/2, 2010:**

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