

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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• MASS IS CELEBRATED -

DAILY - 6:45 & 8:00am & 12:10pm in

Holy Family Chapel (HFC)

SAT. EVE - 4:30pm in the Church

SUN. - 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish),
and 5:30pm in the Church.

• RECONCILIATION IS CELEBRATED -

SAT. - 9:00 to 9:30am & 3:15 to 4:15pm in the Church

• **ADORATION:** Mon. to Sat. 8:30am to 11:00pm

& Sun. 1:00pm to 11:00pm in Holy Family Chapel

• FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION, & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

call the Church Office between 8am & 5pm weekdays

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• Thought for the Week •

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As you probably know, the British “girl band” the Spice Girls were a chart-topping group in the late 1990’s, selling fifty-five million records and having nine number one hits on the UK pop charts. Recently I read that their debut album in 1996 was the fastest-selling record since the Beatles back in the 1960’s. They clearly hit the right note with the record-buying public at the time, wanting a feeling of escape from the dreary realities of everyday life.

The article went on to say that their single “Wannabe” is an example of pop culture tapping into the spirit of the time: “Tell me what you want, what you really, really want,” they sang, putting their emphasis not just on the usual pop song material of finding love, but also on being able to hold on to your friends and fulfilling your dreams. It was a song about being confident enough about what you want to be able to say so, loud and clear.

In today’s Gospel Lesson, Jesus asks the two followers of John the Baptist who turn to follow Him, “What do you want?” Their answer doesn’t come across as loud and confident, but they clearly want to know more. Jesus invites them to come and see.

These disciples are not trying to make their own needs and wants heard above everyone else’s. They are not seeking to fulfill their own ambitions; rather they are seekers after the truth. They have trusted John’s message, and now they are ready to listen to Jesus. Like Samuel, in our First Reading, they have heard God’s call and are ready to listen to what will be asked of them.

The people of Corinth, in our New Testament Lesson, have also heard the call; but they have forgotten, or not understood, that hearing is not enough. They are also called to respond, even if it means changing their way of life completely. Jesus’ call is not “light and fluffy”; it can be hard and demanding. St. Paul reminds the community in Corinth that the Christian faith is not about waiting for the life of the spirit to begin in another world, but about responding practically in this world.

Today’s lessons also hold another message—that people will hear God’s call in different ways and respond differently to it. In the Old Testament Lesson, Samuel hears it in the silence and darkness of night. In the Gospel, Andrew hears John the Baptist proclaim Jesus, and Simon Peter in turn hears it from his brother.

Some will be ready to jump up and tell others straight away; some will ask to hear more before making a commitment; some will need a lot of reminders, like the people of Corinth! But we are all called to respond to God’s love.

Every day in our society we hear thousands of messages. We are overloaded with demands and with information. Internet research has shown that the average American citizen will see three thousand advertisements every single day. Each ad will have a message and be designed to elicit a response. How can we begin to distinguish what we really want, or what we really need?

Perhaps the answer lies in seeking after the truth.

Advertisements try to condition us to respond in a certain way. If advertisers’ campaigns are successful, our basic need for bread will lead us to believe that we must go out and buy a particular brand; our desire for chocolate will make us think that, in fact, we really want a particular sort of chocolate bar.

God’s message to us is different. God is asking us to set ourselves free from our slavery to what we think we want, even to what society tells us that we really should want. God is asking us to respond to love with love.

What does it mean to be called by God? Andrew said to his brother Simon Peter, “We have found the Messiah,” and they went to see Jesus. When Simon Peter came face to face with Jesus, the Gospel tells us that “Jesus looked hard at him.” What did Jesus see in Simon Peter’s eyes? Was it excitement, trust, faith, hope, love? Imagine Jesus looking into our eyes in the same way. What would Jesus see if He looked at us face to face?

Sometimes I think we are ready to listen to God’s call, but often we will all too easily be distracted by other demands, or by things we think we really want. Are we ready for the radical rethink of our way of life that following Christ will mean? Can we let go of our old way of life?

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 Eva Piazza, Margaret Mizzie, and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

May God always be pleased with us!

Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 18, 2009

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

BINGO WORKERS

1/20 – K. Fulse, F. Fulse, S. Dellatore, T. Glackin; **1/22** – M. Salazar, M. Frey, S. Sutton; **1/24** – E. Hickey, J. Riotto, M. Lawver, C. Pedraz

STEWARDSHIP

Like the astrologers from the East, we are all invited to worship the Christ Child, bringing Him our gifts of self—our time, talent and treasure.

2008 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Continuing the Mission of Christ... The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry reaches out to teenagers as well as those in their 20's and 30's through special programs and activities, such as, Justiceworks, Diocesan Youth Day and Theology on Tap. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: RIHANNA ARELLANES, daughter of Robert Arellanes & Magdalia Herrera

150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT REMINDERS

St. Philip and St. James is continuing a year-long celebration of its 150th Anniversary with the following events: The Parish Choir will present a concert of Seasonal music on Fri., January 23 at 7:00pm in the Church. The Choir has recorded a CD, which will be available for purchase at the concert for \$10; Beginning Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 25, we will pray a Special Novena of Prayers for the Parishioners, living and deceased. A special Lenten Mission will also be held; On May 3, 2009 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Philip and St. James at all Masses, and parishioners will celebrate Family Day at the Carnival; The Orchestra of Saint Peter By The Sea will celebrate our Anniversary with an evening Concert in the Church on Sun., June 21.

SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, Saints Philip & James Elementary School will be hosting an Open House from 7:00-8:30pm on Wed., January 28, 2009. Serving families in Warren and Hunterdon counties, as well as nearby communities in Pennsylvania, the school offers a comprehensive Pre-K through 8th grade curriculum. An after-school program is also available. The School is located at 137 Roseberry Street in Phillipsburg. During the Open House, families and their children will have the opportunity to tour our facility and meet with members of our administration and staff. Registration and busing information will also be available. For more information or to request literature by mail, please contact our School at (908) 859-1244.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The second collection the weekend of January 24-25, 2009 is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a Diocesan endowment fund which was established in 1991. Your generosity to the Foundation collection provides tuition assistance grants to students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic Education today needs the support of everyone if we are to continue to inspire the future with faith, hope, love and knowledge. Please be as generous as your means allow.

COOKS NEEDED FOR SPSJ SOUP KITCHEN

St. Philip and St. James "Meals-On-Us" Soup Kitchen is in need of cooks to help feed the less fortunate. We serve meals on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month. If you would like to help, please contact Debbie Stefano at (908) 859-6580. Thank you!

PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED!

Thank you all for your patience as we awaited delivery of our 150th Anniversary Parish Family Directory. The directories have arrived! Everyone who had a portrait taken by LifeTouch or submitted a photo may pick it up in the Church Office Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. There are still a number of complimentary portraits to be picked up in the office as well. Thank you again. Our directory turned out beautifully because of you!

CAN ANYONE HELP?

A parishioner from Phillipsburg is in need of a ride to Church. If anyone can help, please call the Church Office.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on Wed., January 21, 2009 in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm. This group is confidential, informational, educational and spiritual in focus. Please register in advance by phoning Camille at (908) 387-0001.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pilgrimage to the Basilica and 36th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Thurs., January 22, 2009, leaving at 6am from Saints Philip & James School parking lot on Roseberry Street. Cost is \$25.00. This trip is being partially funded by the Knights of Columbus. The stop at the Basilica for the afternoon is for those unable to walk the March. Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE-THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be holding a "Free-Throw" Basketball Contest on Sun., January 25, 2009 at Saints Philip & James Elementary School on Roseberry Street. Registration begins at 12:30pm; contest starts at 1:00pm. Open to boys and girls ages 10-14 (age as of 1/1/09). To register or for information, please call Tom Ruppe at (610) 252-4023.

“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. Eucharistic Adorers are urgently needed for Wednesdays at 11am. 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!

BIBLE STUDY

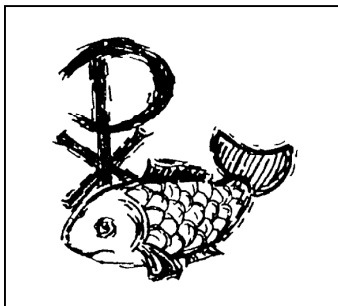
“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ,” so said St. Jerome. If you want to study and share your understanding of the Bible, you are invited to do under the auspices of the Siena Circle. A Bible Study will be held at the home of Patrick Giannotta, 11 Kyle Drive, Lopatcong on Mon., January 19, 2009 at 1:00pm. Meetings will be held once a month. Should you decide to attend, please read the Acts of the Apostles before the meeting. For more information, please call (908) 387-1957.

METUCHEN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The Cursillo Organization of our Diocese, along with the support of Bishop Paul Bootkoski, will be holding the first all-Metuchen Cursillo Weekends at the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, NJ. A Weekend for Women is scheduled for January 22-25, 2009; a Weekend for Men is scheduled for February 26-March 1, 2009. To make this weekend, contact Dr. Tony Tangorra, Lay Director at (908) 766-1900 or Charles Maurice, Chief of Pre-Cursillo at (908) 342-4708. Registration must be completed as soon as possible in order that each Candidate be assigned a Sponsor, and that a reservation is made at the Blue Army Shrine. Also, if there are any Cursillistas who would be able to help or assist in any way, please contact Dr. Tangorra or Charles Maurice. Weekends are an “Encounter with Christ”. Cursillo is—like Baptism or Confirmation—done only once. It is not a retreat; it is something much more. It will make you stronger in your faith and bring you closer to Jesus.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Need to lose a few pounds? Give your food to the poor! Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.



● **MINISTRY** ●

January 17/18, 2009
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Michael O’Sullivan
Ministers: Elaine Opdyke & Camilla Jebran; C1 – Stephanie Flynn, C2 – Robert Ellwood, C3 – Beth Decker, C4 – Frances Ludwig
Lector: Rosemary Carnali
Commentator: Mary O’Sullivan
Servers: Joseph O’Sullivan & Kieran O’Sullivan

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Roger Acuna
Ministers: Larry Bevilacqua & Carol Bevilacqua
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Commentator: Robert Brennan
Servers: Andrew Acuna & Justin Mourt

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Kevin Hillhouse
Ministers: Sharon Hillhouse & Charlene Hummell; C1 – Irene Argentati, C2 – Dominick Mosco, C3 – Reenie Miller, C4 – Earl Miller
Lector: Cassie Apgar
Commentator: Dit Mosco
Servers: Megan Hillhouse & Emily Hillhouse

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Adrian Llanos
Ministers: William Harzer & Mary Ann Harzer; C1 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – Eileen Kerrigan, C4 – Sara Greene
Lector: Richard Greene
Commentator: Gerard Llanos
Servers: Katelyn McLoughlin & Jessica Torrey

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Minister: Immaculata Durnin
Lector & Commentator: Carol Koop
Servers: Colin Shoudt & Seamus O’Brien

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

1/18/09 – William Harzer & Mary Ann Harzer

1/25/09 – Beth Decker & Rosemary Carnali

Brakelev Care Center

1/18/09 – Joseph Gourniak & Barbara Shaneberger

1/25/09 – Josephine DeMonti & Immaculata Durnin

Phillipsburg Care Center

1/18/09 & 1/25/09 –

Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 – Grace Souders by Family
 9:00 – Eileen M. Perdoni by Eileen & Rich Dalrymple & Family
 11:00 – Marjorie Dalrymple by Carol & Vic Lupi
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

6:45 – Agnes Lillie by Hilliard Family
 8:00 – Mildred Feeley by Husband, Ed & Daughter, Betty
 12:10 – Anna Goretti (A) by Fermina Baldascino
 7:00pm – For the People

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:45 – James Herbert by Kathy & Rich Daniels
 8:00 – Patricia M. Thompson by Morning Angels
 12:10 (WH) – Carmen Loiacono by Mrs. Dolores Loiacono & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:45 – Donald R. Gretta (A) by Wife & Children
 8:00 – Andrew Brailo by Msgr. Michael J. Corona
 12:10 – John F. O'Donnell by Lilly Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

6:45 – Madeline Michaud by Diane Lynch & Family
 8:00 – Sadie Mazzie by Don, Faye, Michelle & Judy Merlo
 12:10 – Salvatore Todaro Family by Rosalie Finegan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 – Harold Scott, Jr. by Tom & Pat O'Neil
 8:00 – Bernard "Bronc" Bladies by Jill & Peter Piperata
 12:10 – Celvio Morganti by Jean Pasquini

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 – Stella Giambattistini by Lydia Reppert
 8:00 – Rovi Family by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi
 4:30pm – Jennifer Lynn McGuire by Mom, Dad & Rob

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 – For the People
 9:00 – Harry Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – Thomas Ference by Sandra Ference
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Santa & Jacinto Pizzari by M/M Philip Pizzari

● CALENDAR ●

18 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

19 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day1)
 8:00 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

20 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:30 - MH - Moms & Tots
 4:00 - SSPJ - PREP Grades 1-5
 6:00 - Flynn's - Serra Club Mtg.
 7:00 - PMR - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

21 - Wednesday - St. Agnes

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - PMR - Separated/Divorced Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour &
 Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

22 - Thursday - St. Vincent

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
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life

24 - Saturday - St. Frances de Sales

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 8:30 - CH - Children's Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 9:00 - SSPJ - Scouting Yukon Gold Rush
 9:30 - CH - Penance Prep Service #5
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

(Special 2nd Collection--Foundation for
 Catholic Education)
 9:00 - CH - Catholic Schools Week Mass
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 1:00 - SSPJ - K. of C. Freethrow Basketball
 Contest
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James

January 11, 2009: \$8,177.00
 "Together in Charity" Collection: \$1,351.00
 Christmas 2008: \$62,226.00
 Christmas Decorations: \$2,667.00

St. Christopher

January 11, 2009: \$142.00
 Christmas 2008: \$355.00
 Christmas Decorations: \$81.00