

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

✠ PARISH STAFF ✠

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• Thought for the Week •

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Saint Philip Neri (1515-1595) was a Florentine who worked for a short time in commerce and then underwent a conversion experience. He moved to Rome and lived for two years as a hermit in an attic, devoting his time to prayer and study and paying his rent by tutoring his landlord's sons. He then gathered around him a group of friends and encouraged them to join him in visiting the sick and caring for the many pilgrims who came to Rome. The group chiefly comprised of those that Philip had either helped with their problems, or persuaded to give up their evil habits or to whom he had given spiritual direction. In time, he received a constant stream of visitors consisting, among others, of bishops, poor people, foreigners and students, all seeking his advice.

In 1551, Philip was ordained a priest and went to live in a community of priests with whom he shared a common life and who were obedient to him. These priests were not bound by vows, nor did they renounce private property, but in 1575 they received approval as a congregation known as Oratorians. In their services and conferences they employed every resource in art and music to spread the Gospel, indeed they gave their name to a musical art form known as the oratorio. By this time, Philip's influence had spread far and wide.

Philip died on May 25, 1595, and his body lies to this day in what is known as the Chiesa Nuova in Rome. He was canonized in 1622. What attracted people to St. Philip most were not only his attractive personality, his huge sense of humor and his tremendous insight into people's make-up, but his teaching on things spiritual and the conviction with which he gave spiritual direction. For many this was a completely new experience.

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus visited the synagogue in Capernaum and began to teach the people there. His teaching caused comment among the congregation because it was unlike what they were used to from the scribes, teachers and interpreters of the Old Testament law. What struck them was the authoritative way in which Jesus taught them. He spoke as one who had been given the power to do so. His listeners must have realized that Jesus was not just a gifted teacher; He was a spiritual leader.

Frequently, when the Gospel message is put or preached to us in ways that come across as fresh or new, and especially with conviction, we are compelled to take notice. This is what occurred when Jesus taught. People were not simply intrigued, they were made to think. It was to be the same centuries later when St. Philip Neri taught his followers.

Jesus' authority is further proved in today's Gospel Lesson when Jesus cured a man possessed of an unclean spirit in an equally astonishing manner. It is only natural, given human nature, that His reputation began to spread throughout the neighboring countryside. When a message is conveyed or deed carried out with conviction such as Jesus showed, then people are compelled to take note and tell others of the amazing things they have heard and seen.

Among many people today there is a fascination with celebrities and every detail of the lives they lead. People are hungry for fame and excited by anything that is new. Moreover, much of the media are only too happy to cater for this hunger with images, gossip and scandal. Without people realizing it, they are searching for something greater than themselves; something to look up to, to aspire to, but also something meaningful to fill the vacuum in their lives. Jesus understood this perfectly. As St. Augustine later observed, this vacuum is something which only God can fill. No matter how materially well-off people may be and no matter how much we may engage in consumer spending, nothing seems to satisfy. We simply seem to want more and more.

In his day, St. Philip Neri found ways of satisfying the hunger of people for the Gospel, filling the void of what was missing from their lives. We, too, need to find the most appropriate way of conveying the Good News to people in our day, and that begins when we find ways of bringing conviction to what we say and do. As St. Francis de Sales once observed, too often Christians look as though they are living on a diet of sour fruit. Jesus showed, in the joy His healing and teaching brought, that His message is cause for joy.

Congratulations to Paul Kucinski and the Choir for a "job well done". The Choir Concert was a wonderful experience for all who attended.

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 Mary Attinello 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 1, 2009

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

BINGO WORKERS

2/3 – C. Franceschino, M. McCabe, J. Truglio; **2/5** – C. Torrey, J./M. Forder, L. DeLaRosa; **2/7** – P. Lepore, L. O’Hare, C. Nixon, S. Spence

STEWARDSHIP

Responding to the call to be a disciple of Jesus includes making stewardship a way of life.

2008 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

*Continuing the Mission of Christ...*It’s not too late to contribute to the 2008 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. One of the educational ministries your gift helps to support is the Office of Evangelization. This office assists in the formation of Parish Evangelization Teams and provides training in both English and Spanish for Bible Study Leaders. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On the weekend of February 7/8, 2009, we will celebrate World Marriage Day. A special blessing for all married couples will be given at each Mass. For those couples celebrating 15, 20, 25, 30, etc. years of marriage, a special ceremony will be held at the 11:00am Mass on February 8. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Mercy Hall. If you wish to be a part of this ceremony, please call the Church Office.

PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST

A Pancake & Egg Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James Parish on Sun., February 8, 2009 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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Prayer Vigil for Life will be held on Sat., February 7 after the 8am Mass in the Chapel with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary for Life at 9:15 & 10:15 across from the Abortuary on South Main Street.

150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT REMINDERS

St. Philip and St. James is continuing a year-long celebration of its 150th Anniversary with the following events: 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.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend we will hold our yearly second collection for the Campaign for Human Development and the Church in Latin America. Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources to participate more fully in the life of the church. You have envelopes in your packet for this collection. Please be as generous as you are able.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

Sign Pro-Life Postcards! Today, our Parish, along with thousands of other parishes across the nation, will sign postcards urging Congress to oppose the “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. Sign a postcard to your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators. Let your voice be heard! Thank you for standing up for life at this important time!

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ANA GOMES!

Dr. Ana Gomes, a member of our Parish and a family doctor at Kaleidoscope Medical Associates, received the 2009 Pro-Vita Award from Bishop Paul Bootkoski on January 18, 2009 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. She also serves as the volunteer medical director of Life Choices, Inc., our pregnancy help center located here in Phillipsburg. Under the direction of Dr. Gomes, Life Choices developed its ultrasound program, which has helped to save the lives of hundreds of unborn children. Her compassionate care and willingness to be on-call for Life Choices’ patients 24/7 has provided so many women the support they need to choose life and avoid the heartache of abortion. Dr. Gomes also provides free cancer screenings for women without insurance and general health care for those without insurance in Life Choices’ Women’s Health Center. She is also currently medical director of two area nursing homes and is well-known for her compassionate care for the elderly and terminally ill. We are proud of Dr. Gomes and thankful that the Bishop recognized her service to our community.

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!

“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!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Why not start the New Year with a gift for you and your spouse that will last long after the Christmas decorations have been put away? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality of your marriage. The next weekend will be held February 6-8, 2009. Phone 1-888-827-NJME for registration and information.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

A Bereavement Support Program will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, beginning Mon., February 16, 2009 from 7:00-9:00pm and will meet for eight consecutive Mondays. Sessions are confidential and are held in the lower level of the rectory. Weekly attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory. If you have lost a loved one to death and are in the stages of grief, you may wish to consider being a part of this program. For information, please call Christopher Seitz at (908) 735-2216 or Joan Syron at (908) 735-4162.

METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKEND

As a follow-up to our earlier presentation on Cursillo, the Diocese of Metuchen is now accepting applications for our men’s Cursillo weekends. A Cursillo weekend is an outstanding opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith. The men’s weekend begins Thurs., February 26 and ends on Sun., March 1, 2009. Transportation to and from the weekend at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington will be provided. Please call Chuck Maurice at (908) 542-0155 or Dr. Anthony Tangora at (908) 766-1900 for details and applications.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

If Jesus were to knock on your door and ask for food, how much would you be willing to give? Please give that much. Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.



● **MINISTRY** ●

January 31/February 1, 2009
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: No Acolyte
Ministers: Beth Decker & Josephine DeMonti; C1 – Camilla Jebran, C2 – Margie Markus, C3 – Dorothy Kays, C4 – Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo
Lector: Susan Gerhardt
Commentator: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Emma Glackin & Joseph Glackin

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Parker Bay
Ministers: Camille Rapinesi & Ines Berluche
Lector: Robert Brennan
Commentator: Carol Bevilacqua
Servers: Julia DePillo & Emily Hilliard

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: James Bramick & Eileen Kerrigan; C1 – George Babula, C2 – Charlene Hummell, C3 – Emil Brisson, C4 – Patricia Brisson
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Commentator: Jeanne Hagen
Servers: Emily Lauer & Conor Babula

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Amelia Llanos
Ministers: Mary Brogan & Theresa Richey; C1 – Peg Skears, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Irene Argentati, C4 – Karen Llanos
Lector: Richard Greene
Commentator: Paul Lanning
Servers: Natalie Lotter & Stephanie Lotter

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Kayla Krouse
Minister: Allison Frasca
Lector & Commentator: Christy Krouse
Servers: Justin Mourt & Sean Frasca

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

2/1/09 – Camilla Jebran & Joseph Merlo
2/8/09 – Frances Ludwig & Irene Argentati

Brakeley Care Center

2/1/09 – Donna & Paul Kucinski
2/8/09 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/1/09 & 2/8/09 –
George Babula & Robert Ellwood

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 – John Dapkiewicz by Judy Leone
 9:00 – Bernard Corona (A) by Family
 11:00 – Gust Rovi & Sarah Locaro by Family
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:45 – Lori Carlson by McBride Family
 8:00 – John Falcone by Krouse Family
 12:10 – Fannie Santini by Staff & Volunteers at Catholic Charities/Diocese of Metuchen
 7:00pm – For the People

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:45 – Wallace Kelly by M/M August Armelin
 8:00 – Frank Rossnagle by Son, William Rossnagle
 12:10 (WH) – George Heitzman by Joe Greco

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:45 – Charles “Chuckie” Slack III by Don, Faye, Michelle & Judy Merlo
 8:00 – Tina Graziosi (A) by Husband, Warren & Children
 12:10 – Rosaria Baldascino (A) by Fermina Baldascino

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:45 – Tony Mosellie by Mamie, Weda & Christine
 8:00 – Gloria McCluskey (A) by Ron & Marcella Snyder & Family
 12:10 – Helen F. Flynn by Bud Lilly Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:45 – Charles Kost by Geraldine Wyant
 8:00 – Suor Maria Aurea Goretti (A) by Fermina Baldascino
 12:10 – Jeffrey Wojcik by Mary Pasquini Wojcik

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 – Samuel Locaro by Jennie Reda
 8:00 – Mildred Stefano by Joan Varone
 4:30pm – Nicolo Reda by Elizabeth Reda

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 – Grace Young by SPSJ Food for the Needy Committee
 9:00 – Mary & Carmine Angelozzi by Family
 11:00 – M/M Joseph Iudicello by Fortino Family
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – For the People

● CALENDAR ●

1 - FEBRUARY - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Special 2nd Collection--Campaign for Human Development & Church in Latin America) - Food for the Needy Collection

9:00 - CH - Scout Sunday Mass & 1st Comm. Prep
 Mass #2
 11:00 - CH - Baptism Mass
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

2 - Monday - Presentation of the Lord

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 3)
 8:00 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

3 - Tuesday - St. Blaise

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

4 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 1:00 - MH - Over 50's Club Bus. Mtg./Social
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - MH - Bingo Worker Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection
 on Scripture Readings for Sunday

5 - Thursday - St. Agatha

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

6 - Friday - St. Paul Miki

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life

7 - Saturday

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

8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

8:00-11:00 - MH - Pancake & Egg Breakfast
 9:00 - CH - Confirmation Prep Mass #4
 10:15-11:15 - MH - Conf. Candidate Learning
 Session #4
 11:00 - CH - Renewal of Wedding Vows followed
 by reception in Mercy Hall
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony
 6:45 - MH - Edge Night

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James

January 25, 2009: \$12,266.00
 Foundation for Catholic Education: \$2,533.00

St. Christopher

January 25, 2009: \$238.00
 Foundation for Catholic Education: \$35.00

MASS CELEBRANTS ON FEBRUARY 7/8, 2009:

4:30pm – Msgr. Corona
 7:00am – Fr. Kyrpczak
 9:00am – Msgr. Corona
 11:00am – Fr. Chen
 1:00pm – Msgr. Corona
 5:30pm – Fr. Boyle