

# CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

## MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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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 ✠

**Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS, Pastor**

### In Residence

*Fr. Vincent P. Chen*

### Parochial Vicar

*Fr. James Kyrpczak*

### Weekend Vicar

*Fr. Patrick Boyle, OFM*

### Hospital Chaplain

*Fr. Robert Dhanaraj*

### Deacons:

*Deacon John Flynn*

*Deacon Enock Berluche*

*Deacon George Frank*

### School Principal

*Mrs. Judith Francisco*

### Parish Catechetical Leader

*Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott*

### Music Director

*Mr. Paul Kucinski*

### Cemetery Superintendent

*Mr. Mark Sandt*

## • Letter from the Bishop •

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*We're all in this together.* This phrase comes to mind as our diocese and parishes, like your families, face the challenges of a world-wide economic crisis. Every crisis calls us to live out the virtue of *solidarity*—the recognition that all of our lives are interconnected. In difficult times we must also rely on our faith and the wisdom of our Catholic tradition more than ever. This is a time for prudence, for responsible stewardship of the many gifts God has given us, yet all the while continuing to reach out to others in charity and justice.

I am sure it will not surprise you that the Diocese of Metuchen has been adversely affected by the recent economy. Diocesan revenues are down and we have suffered a 30% loss in the market value of our investments. Like many not-for-profit institutions, we rely on our investment income (\$1 million a year) to support our operating budget. (I know that many of our parishes and schools have experienced a decrease in weekend collections and an increase in non-payment of tuitions.) I have, therefore, adopted measures that I believe will stabilize Diocesan finances, demonstrate our concern for and solidarity with our parishes, and insure the maintenance of the services provided by the Diocese, our parishes and Catholic Charities. Specifically,

- I have instituted a freeze on new diocesan hires for the rest of this fiscal year and the next.
- There will be no increase in the salaries of priests, religious and diocesan staff in the coming year.

- All diocesan offices have been directed to immediately reduce their budgets by 5%.
- Our Department of Administrative Services is undertaking an evaluation of possible cost cutting measures with respect to professional development, office expenses, and the usage of our facilities.
- Finally, I have asked our Office of Finance to be available to advise our parishes and schools as they develop plans for addressing their own fiscal challenges.

This crisis will be met by our standing together and working for the common good in a spirit of shared sacrifice. For those whose resources remain stable and strong, your generosity is appreciated even more during these times. I ask for your prayers and assure you of my own. These are difficult times, but we are assured by the Lord that our heavenly Father knows what we need, and promises, "Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well" (Mt 6:32-33).

Sincerely in the Lord,  
+ Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski  
Bishop of Metuchen

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 8, 2009**

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

### **BINGO WORKERS**

**2/10** – D. Varga, C. Franceschino, J. Krupski, E. Hooper, C. Ross, C. Stallings; **2/12** – V. Halm, P. McLoughlin, L. Ayala, D. Summers, T./D. Shoudt; **2/14** – D. Kassick, R. MacDonald, C. Torres, P. Madawela, M. DeCoste

### **STEWARDSHIP**

“...for your heart will always be where your riches are.”  
(Matt 6:21)

### **2008 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*Continuing the Mission of Christ...*The RCIA Office supplies resources, support, leadership formation, and consultation services to parishes implementing a Catechumenate process in accord with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is just one of the many ministries supported by your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your 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.

### **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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOLY HOUR**

All are invited to come to celebrate our Sixth Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish on Sun., February 15 at 3:00pm, with a special Holy Hour, starting at 3:00pm in the Church with refreshments afterwards in Mercy Hall. Eucharistic Adoration will close at 4:00pm for the remainder of the day.

### **COLLECTING OF PALMS**

On the weekend of February 14/15, we will collect any Palms you might have from last Palm Sunday. These will be burned for ashes at all the Masses on February 21/22. Please place your Palms in the basket before the altar or in the basket located in the Holy Family Chapel foyer.

### **SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on Wed., February 11 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.

### **CHOIR CONCERT CD'S**

For those interested, CD's of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir Concert will be available after Masses this weekend. The cost is \$10 each.

### **THANK YOU!**

The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who participated in the 2008 Giving Tree. Due to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to supply over 500 gifts to children through the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services, as well as over 100 gifts to the elderly in local care centers. A letter received from DYFS stated that “2008 has been a remarkable year in many ways” and that is certainly true here at SPSJ. Thank you, again, for caring about those in need.

### **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT REMINDERS**

St. Philip and St. James is continuing a year-long celebration of its 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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.

**CAN YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE?**

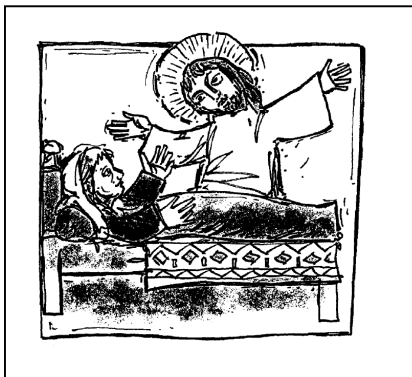
If your marriage has become unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again—then the Retrouvaille Program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery), sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins the weekend of February 13-15, 2009. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please call the Family Life Office (days) at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624 or Tom & Pat McTague at (732) 583-4468.

**CATHOLIC INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you and your spouse currently experiencing the pain of infertility or the inability to maintain a pregnancy? There is support available! Come join us for a Catholic Infertility Support Group, now being offered through the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen on the third Saturday of the month at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. The first meeting will be held on Sat., February 21, 2009 from 10:00-11:30am. For more information and to pre-register, please contact Amy Sherlock at (908) 500-1695. There is no fee.

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.—Proverbs 22:9. Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.



● **MINISTRY** ●

**February 7/8, 2009**  
SATURDAY EVENING

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

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton  
Ministers: Linda McGuire & Elaine Opdyke; C1 – Camilla Jebran, C2 – Barbara Shaneberger, C3 – Dorothy Kays, C4 – Frances Ludwig  
Lector: Ronald Rossini  
Commentator: Michael Boylan  
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Christiana Anselmo

SUNDAY MORNING

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

Acolyte: Anthony Marigliano  
Ministers: Edward Flynn & Stephanie Flynn  
Lector: Susan Gerhardt  
Commentator: John Bruns  
Servers: Justin Marigliano & Emily Halm

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

Acolyte: Isaac Velez  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Melody Talpas; C1 – Ann Foose, C2 – Judy Francisco, C3 – Dominick Mosco, C4 – Samuel Fatta  
Lector: Cassie Apgar  
Commentator: Dit Mosco  
Servers: Maria Talpas & Luke Talpas

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

Acolyte: Adrian Llanos  
Ministers: Pat James & Bud Lilly; C1 – Mary Brogan, C2 – Jeanne Hagen, C3 – William Harzer, C4 – Mary Ann Harzer  
Lector: Gerard Llanos  
Commentator: Mike James  
Servers: Natalie Lotter & Stephanie Lotter

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

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

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

Lopatcong Care Center

2/8/09 – Frances Ludwig & Irene Argentati  
2/15/09 – Mary Duaine & Maureen Speer

Brakeley Care Center

2/8/09 – Valerie Patti & Charlene Hummell  
2/15/09 – Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

Phillipsburg Care Center

2/8/09 – George Babula & Robert Ellwood  
2/15/09 – Roger DiVittorio & James Bramick

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:45 – William Wojcik by Herb & (Kay) Vaughn  
 8:00 – Victoria Pugliese Krosincky by Nick Pugliese  
 12:10 – Peter Penyak (A) by Wife  
 7:00pm – For the People

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6:45 – Margaret Hughes by Marge Davis  
 8:00 – Joe Mugavero by SPSJ Holy Name Society  
 12:10 (WH) – Tadeusz Cieslak by Anna & Mike Szubiak

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 – John Malina by Jim & Kay Lennon  
 8:00 – Jim Cantrell by Mary Lilly  
 12:10 – Theodore Bachman by Ed & Dolly Duffy

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:45 – Joseph Schettino by Melissa, Nicole, Ashley & Katie Burke  
 8:00 – Joseph P. Bronico, Sr. by Antonio & Mary Celia  
 12:10 – Helen Lilly by Lilly Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:45 – Margaret Janci by Joe Janci & Family  
 8:00 – Tina Graziosi by Stanganelli Family  
 12:10 – Marie Regemann by Margaret & John Bruns

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 – Adelaide A. White by Barry & Cathy Vitale  
 8:00 – Joseph F. Tolotta by Gloria C. Tolotta  
 4:30pm – Angelina Penna by Pat & Mary Sharr

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 – Leo “Jack” Bush by Wife, Angela  
 9:00 – Teresa Macaluso by Albert Piperata  
 11:00 – Sandra Reed by Hickey Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – For the People

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 8 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony  
 6:45 - MH - Edge Night

### 9 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 4)  
 7:30 - MH - CDA Mtg.

### 10 - Tuesday - St. Scholastica

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

### 11 - Wednesday - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00-3:00 - MH - Catholic Charities Project Homeless Connect NJ  
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - MH - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Only Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

### 12 - 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.

### 13 - Friday

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

### 14 - Saturday - Valentine's Day

8:30 - CH - Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 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

### 15 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

1:00-4:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony  
 3:00 - CH - Special Holy Hour for Eucharistic Adoration followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall  
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

## Stewardship of Treasure

### St. Philip and St. James

February 1, 2009: \$13,889.00

Campaign for Human Development/Church in Latin America: \$2,139.00

### St. Christopher

February 1, 2009: \$253.00

Campaign for Human Development/Church in Latin America: \$48.00

### MASS CELEBRANTS ON FEBRUARY 14/15, 2009:

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