

# 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 ✠

**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*

## • Thought for the Week •

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

In today's Gospel Lesson, it would seem that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, has lost His cool and is acting out of character. If we had imagined Jesus as some saccharine Savior, then we are in for a shock here. He takes some drastic action when He sees the abuses that are carried out in God's name and in His God's house. A supermarket is developing in the precincts of the temple; all the values of this sacred place are being lost or overlooked. The faithful worshippers are becoming easy prey to those who are only out for money.

Jesus can take no more, and so He acts. His behavior does not come from a rush of blood to the head, but from zeal for His God's house. The temple authorities who intervene in the situation appear to be very calm about everything and start asking questions of Jesus concerning signs and what authority He has to do what He has just done. Jesus uses this opportunity to reveal to those around a bit more of His identity. "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up," He says. Most of those listening are probably convinced that He is quite mad. As the authorities point out, it took forty-six years to build the Temple. How then could anyone rebuild it in three days?

Jesus, however, is not talking about a building made of stones, but is beginning to hint at the resurrection. It is only after the event that the disciples put two and two together and realize what He was really saying. Jesus was preparing them for what was to come.

Sometimes injustices are allowed to happen because good people choose not to take any action, or feel that one voice could not achieve very much. One of the drawbacks of living in a consumer society is that the sense of community can suffer or break down altogether. People work hard to earn a comfortable living. This is not in itself a bad thing: people

deserve to enjoy the fruits of their labor. The danger is that we settle into such a cozy existence that anything that might encroach on it is just too much of a hassle and an inconvenience. "Life is good here," we say, "so we don't want to rock the boat, and we certainly don't want our own boat rocked."

If we are honest with ourselves, we will realize that there are situations on our own doorsteps that we tend to turn a blind eye. It might be an injustice at work, the person who is always getting a raw deal from the management or other employees. It could be something that has happened within the family. There are times when we maybe should get fired up and involved in situations. There are times when the plight of one of our brothers or sisters should become our concern and our problem, be that at home or abroad. When other people see you involved in these situations, you can reveal something of your identity. "I do this or am involved in that because I am a Catholic Christian and my belief in Jesus Christ tells me that what is going on here is wrong." By what we do say, Jesus will be able to reveal who He is to those who have never met Him.

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.

May God always be pleased with us!

Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent • March 15, 2009

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

### **BINGO WORKERS**

**3/17** – K. Fulse, C. Franceschino, J. Misiag, F. Fulse, T. Glackin; **3/19** – C./R. DePillo, E. Vidal, M. Salazar, M. Frey, S. Sutton; **3/21** – E. Hickey, J. Riotto, M. Lawver, SSPJ Family

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It is important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, and of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!**

Recently we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MICHAEL ROCCO LADDOMADA, son of M/M John Laddomada; CLEMENTINE MARIA STEFANO, daughter of M/M Anthony Stefano

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

In an effort to secure the funding which is critical to sustaining our pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries, the Diocese of Metuchen is embarking on a telemarketing campaign for the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Calls will be made from March 2 through April 3 (excluding Sundays). Please note that callers will not ask for your credit card information. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Very Rev. Sylvester J. Cronin, Executive Director, Stewardship & Development by phone at (732) 562-2431 or e-mail at [scronin@diometuchen.org](mailto:scronin@diometuchen.org).

### **LENTEN STUDIES**

Father James will conduct a series of studies based on the Lenten Sermons of Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings of Lent from 7:00-8:00pm on the second floor of the Parish Center above Mercy Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Father James at (908) 387-6365.

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

Separated/Divorced Support Group will meet on Wed., March 18 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.

### **SCAPULAR INVESTITURE**

Scapular Investiture will be held after the 7am Mass on Sun., March 22. *On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying "Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire...it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace."*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

This year our School Carnival will be held from Wed., April 29, 2009 through Sun., May 3, 2009.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CARNIVAL**

We need many volunteers for each shift of the Carnival. We ask that you consider signing up to work to help support this important fundraiser for our School. Have a great time and support our Catholic School. There are jobs for everyone! Please call Donna Kucinski at the School for more information--(908) 859-1244. Thank you!

### **FAMILY LENTEN FISH DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 and the men of the Holy Name of Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church are sponsoring a Family Lenten Fish Dinner at St. Mary Church, 830 Fifth Ave., Alpha, on Fri., March 20, 2009 from 4:00-6:30pm (take-outs are available from 4-6pm), and at St. Philip and St. James Mercy Hall, 430 South Main Street, on Fri., March 27, 2009 from 4:00-7:30pm (take-outs are available from 4-7pm). Dinner includes: White fish, baked potato, salad, vegetable medley, applesauce, roll & butter OR Pizza \$2 per slice, dessert & beverage. Price: \$10.00 per platter for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 year old; Children under 6 free.

### **URGENT NEED FOR BAGS!**

Catholic Charities Food Pantry has seen a 20% increase in households requesting help. In 2008 we distributed nearly 16,000 bags of groceries. Buying that many brown bags costs the agency close to \$700, money we would much prefer to spend on food. Please help us by donating brown bags, or better yet, cloth grocery bags our clients can reuse on future visits to the pantry. Thank you!

### **NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

Attention current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders! If you are interested in playing tackle football next year for the revamped Notre Dame Little Crusaders Middle School Football Program, please contact Coach George Fedrizzi at (610) 504-7952 or [dfedr68@hotmail.com](mailto:dfedr68@hotmail.com). There will be an information meeting for the upcoming season on April 29, 2009 at 6:30pm in the library of Notre Dame High School. Parents and players are welcome to come and meet the LC's coaching staff, along with Chuck Muller, the new head coach for the Notre Dame High School Football Program.

### **FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

Christians throughout our area are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from February 25 through April 5. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the American Women's Center, Phillipsburg's abortion mill, for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, please contact [joan@lifechoicesonline.org](mailto:joan@lifechoicesonline.org). All are welcome!

**“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 Saturdays at 1pm. 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!

**CATHOLIC INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP**

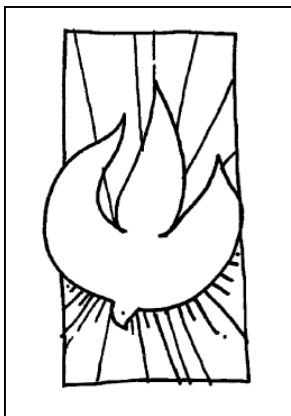
Suffering silently? Are you and your spouse currently experiencing the pain of infertility or the inability to maintain a pregnancy? There is support available! Come join us for a Catholic Infertility Support Group, now being offered through the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen on the third Saturday of the month at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2009 from 10:00-11:30am. For more information and to pre-register, please contact Robert & Amy Sherlock at (908) 500-1695 or e-mail at [amysherlock@gmail.com](mailto:amysherlock@gmail.com).

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

Theology of the Body, a mini-workshop and introduction to God’s plan for a joy-filled marriage, will be held on Tues., March 31, 2009 from 7-9pm at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center, Piscataway. This adult faith formation workshop is a basic introduction of Pope John Paul II’s teachings as they relate to marital love, sexual union and the human body, commonly referred to as the “theology of the body”. The “theology of the body” teaching is the cornerstone for the new catechetical session for engaged couples, “God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”. Fee is \$7.00 person. Please register no later than March 27, 2009. To register, please call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624 or e-mail: [familylife@diometuchen.org](mailto:familylife@diometuchen.org).

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

The Lord hears the cries of the poor. And answers them through your generosity. Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.



● **MINISTRY** ●

**March 14/15, 2009**  
SATURDAY EVENING

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

Acolyte: No Acolyte  
Ministers: Joseph Merlo & Josephine DeMonti; C1 – Linda McGuire, C2 – Dorothy Kays, C3 – Roger DiVittorio, C4 – Margie Markus  
Lector: Jack Kocsis  
Commentator: Ronald Rossini  
Servers: Emma Glackin & Joseph Glackin

SUNDAY MORNING

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

Acolyte: Anthony Marigliano  
Ministers: Matilda Fatta & Judy Leone  
Lector: Barbara Shaneberger  
Commentator: Susan Gerhardt  
Servers: Justin Marigliano & Jessica Torrey

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

Acolyte: Isaac Velez  
Ministers: Eileen Catalli & Ann Foose; C1 – Samuel Fatta, C2 – Judy Francisco, C3 – James Bramick, C4 – Eileen Kerrigan  
Lector: Henrietta Schupper  
Commentator: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Servers: Emily Hilliard & Julia DePillo

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

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco  
Ministers: Pat James & Mary Brogan; C1 – Bud Lilly, C2 – Maureen Speer, C3 – Robert Hopkins, C4 – Ines Berluche  
Lector: Kyle Ohlandt  
Commentator: Paul Lanning  
Servers: Natalie Lotter & Stephanie Lotter

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

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy  
Minister: Rosemary Carnali  
Lector & Commentator: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Seamus O’Brien & Colin Shoudt

**NURSING HOME TEAMS**

**Lopatcong Care Center**

3/15/09 – Edward & Stephanie Flynn  
3/22/09 – Dominick Mosco & Theresa Richey

**Brakeley Care Center**

3/15/09 – Sara Greene & Melody Talpas  
3/22/09 – Elaine Opdyke & Ellen Piperata

**Phillipsburg Care Center**

3/15/09 & 3/22/09 –  
Dorothy Kays & Jeanne Hagen

## ● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 – Geri Farley & Pat Thompson by Sister, Camille Rapinesi  
 9:00 – Frank DeRoner by DeRoner Family  
 11:00 – Carol McGuire by Bob, Linda & Rob  
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – For the People

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

6:45 – Faust Marzuoli by Son, Tom  
 8:00 – M/M John McBryan & Family by Paul J. Lanning  
 12:10 – Theresa & Domenic Celia by M/M Philip Pizzari  
 7:00pm – For the People

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:45 – M/M Arthur Rooney by Daughters  
 8:00 – Francis P. Devlin by Mary Devlin  
 12:10 (WH) – Deceased Members of the Thomas & Daley Families by Ellen Piperata

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

6:45 – Samuel LaValva, Sr. by Son  
 8:00 – Paddy Bracken by Flynn Family  
 12:10 – Deceased Members of John O'Donnell Family by Lilly Family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

6:45 – Joseph Heil by Frances DiVittorio  
 8:00 – John Mamrak, Sr. by Family  
 12:10 – Elmer Cardinali (A) by Lou & Timi Reda

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6:45 – John Damato by M/M William Vanya  
 8:00 – William Rister (A) by Family  
 12:10 – Genevieve Moule by Jeanie Bolcar

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 – Patricia Medellin by Tommy Hofschild  
 8:00 – Dennis Korp by Maureen Kehoe  
 4:30pm – Joseph Daniel Bacskai by Parents, M/M Joseph Bacskai

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 – Mary S. Wismer by Children  
 9:00 – Julius Marczy by Wife, Lillian  
 11:00 – Joseph Pavkovic by M/M John Pavkovic  
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – For the People

## ● CALENDAR ●

### 15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

9:00 - CH - Conf. Prep Mass #6  
 10:15 - MH - Conf. Cand. Learning Session #6  
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony  
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

### 16 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:00 - MH - NORWESCAP & WCCC Health Seminar  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 9)  
 8:00 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

### 17 - Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:30 - MH - Moms & Tots  
 4:00 - SSPJ - PREP Grades 1-5  
 6:00 - Flynn's - No Serra Club Mtg.  
 7:00 - PMR - Hispanic Ministry  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

### 18 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - PMR - Separated/Divorced Mtg.  
 7:00 - MH - 1<sup>st</sup> Comm. Parent Only Mtg.  
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection on Scripture Readings for Sunday

### 19 - Thursday - St. Joseph

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

### 20 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 3:00 - CH - Stations of the Cross  
 7:30 - CH - Stations of the Cross

### 21 - Saturday

8:30 - CH - Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 9:00 - CH - Confession  
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

### 22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:00 - CH - Scapular Investiture  
 9:00 - CH - 1<sup>st</sup> Comm. Prep Mass #5  
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony  
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

## Stewardship of Treasure

### St. Philip and St. James

March 8, 2009: \$11,765.00  
 Catholic Relief Services: \$2,106.00

### St. Christopher

March 8, 2009: \$228.00  
 Catholic Relief Services: \$75.00

## MASS CELEBRANTS ON MARCH 21/22, 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