

# 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*

## • Thought for the Week •

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Do you remember the last time you had to put your name to an important document? When I was last in Ireland, I heard the following story. One Good Friday the parish felt honored that the local auxiliary Bishop had decided to spend the day with them. The Bishop placed his notes on the lectern and began to preach. All eyes were fixed on him as he got into his stride, preaching about the Passion of Jesus Christ. The reading of the Passion had prepared people to receive his words with quiet attentive reverence, and the atmosphere in the church was pregnant with the solemnity of the day's events.

After about two or three minutes there was a slight commotion as someone made his way from the back of the church, up the center aisle towards the front. The members of the congregation held their breaths as they recognized Sam. Sam rarely came to church. He had a very colorful and checkered background, and the ravages of the years were etched on his face. Usually, Sam would move to the front and simply sit for a little while before leaving the church again. However, occasionally he could be a little more disruptive. The Bishop paused, waiting for the interruption to pass. Sam stopped about halfway up the aisle and looked around him, gazing at everyone's face and listening intently to the silence. Then, in a stage-whisper he asked, "Has somebody died?" Stunned silence greeted him until the Bishop spoke very gently, "Yes, Jesus our brother and friend has died for us." At this Sam sat down in the front bench and looked downcast. The Bishop continued, "But we do not mourn, for in His death we see that God has loved us with an everlasting love. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we also are lifted up from our pain and struggles into God's glory." Sam smiled and simply said, "Thank God."

When we gather to listen to the reading of the Passion account, we can often find ourselves retreating into a place of stillness and reflection. The immensity of the gift that Jesus gives us can be overwhelming—His own life. We call this day "Passion/Palm Sunday" in reference to the suffering and death that Jesus undergoes. Yet, it may well be appropriate to look beyond this Passion to the consuming passion that God has always shown human beings. God has poured out endless love, compassion, patience and fidelity upon each one of us. We were conceived in the mind of God and loved eternally; we came to birth in this world which God has created in love and we have been brought into God's family at baptism by the gift of the Holy Spirit—the love of God which unites us and makes us whole. The Passion account we listen to today is the ultimate expression of the passionate love that God has always borne for us.

Jesus is aware that His message of God's generous love has not always won Him friends among the powerful. As the Passover feast draws near, He knows that dark forces are conspiring against Him and that He faces certain death at their hands. In the face of this threat, He does not disappear into obscurity or retract His teaching in order to live an easy life. He is so close to His Father in prayer and love that He continues to point to God's saving Kingdom regardless of the cost to Himself. This is God's passionate heart revealed most clearly.

In my story, Sam could sense the tangible atmosphere of reflection and possibly even sadness that hung over that church congregation. The Bishop was able very simply and powerfully to remind everyone gathered there, that, indeed a terrible story had been told—but that it was also an awesome tale. Here was a man, "one like us in all things but sin," as Hebrews says, who revealed the very depths of the love that God has for us. Jesus' death and rising brings us into a loving personal relationship with the Father forever.

The Passion of Jesus Christ is the very heart of our life of faith. Reflecting upon this great gift in each and every moment will cause our lives to be transformed with wonder and gratitude. That God should love me so much, that the Father wants me to draw near and live forever with Him, is truly humbling. Sam knew how vitally important Jesus was to the people who packed the church. When our lives are focused on the Passion of Jesus Christ, we will be changed and the people around us will, like Sam, be brought into a new understanding of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. As we journey in prayer together during this Holy Week, let us think not so much of the pain with which He suffered, but rather of the love with which He suffered.

I want to offer my thanks to all of you who prayed with me last Sunday evening, when Bishop Paul bestowed on me my new title. The music was perfect, and I want to thank Paul and the Choir for their beautiful praise of God. Also, I want to thank all of you who presented me with gifts. I received over \$3,000 that I have placed in a Scholarship Fund for the needy students of our School. Your generosity will touch the lives of many children. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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 Ida Butchko, 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

## Passion/Palm Sunday • April 5, 2009

## ● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

### **BINGO WORKERS**

4/7 – D. Varga, C. Franceschino, J. Krupski, E. Hooper, C. Ross, C. Stallings; 4/9 – No Bingo; 4/11 – No Bingo

### **STEWARDSHIP**

No one is ever poorer for giving to our God who is so rich in love, mercy, and goodness.

### **WEDDING BANNS**

SECOND TIME – Selene Fuentes Beristain & Jaime Arteaga Salomon

### **PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST**

The Pancake & Egg Breakfast, which is usually held the second Sunday of every month, will not be held next weekend.

### **GOOD FRIDAY DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Good Friday Dinner on April 10, 2009 from 4:00-7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Dinner includes: White fish, baked potato, salad, vegetable medley, applesauce, roll & butter, dessert & beverage. Cost is \$10.00 per platter for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old; Children under 6 free. Not a fish fan? Pizza is also available for \$2.00 per slice.

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be held following the Holy Thursday Mass on April 9, 2009.

### **SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Special Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30pm on Good Friday, April 10, 2009.

### **PARISH EASTER DINNER**

St. Philip and St. James will be holding an Easter Dinner from 3:00-4:30pm in Mercy Hall. Reserve your seat by phoning Colleen at 454-9880 or Camille at 387-0001 by Mon., April 6. Open to all parishioners!

### **PASTA DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James Parish are holding a Pasta Dinner on Sun., April 19, 2009 from 12 Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip and James Elementary School on Roseberry Street. Cost: Adults--\$7.00; Children 5-12 years old--\$5.00; Children under 5--Free; Family of four--\$20.00. For tickets, please call Anna Marie at 859-4473 or they can be purchased at the door.

### **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!

### **BUS TRIP TO "GUYS & DOLLS"**

St. Philip and St. James is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Sun., September 20, 2009 to see "Guys and Dolls" at the Nederlander Theatre (Sunday Matinee--3pm). \$162.00 made payable to St. Philip and St. James will hold your reservation and includes a ticket in the orchestra and transportation. The first 47 passengers to pay will fill the bus; after that a cancellation list will apply. The bus leaves Saints Philip & James Elementary School on Roseberry Street at 9:30am promptly. The bus will take us to Little Italy--arrange your own lunch at a restaurant of your choice. At approximately 1:30pm the bus will take us uptown to the Theatre. Seats are not reserved on the bus. After a 3pm Matinee, we will be returning directly back to Phillipsburg. Please call 859-5256 to reserve your ticket.

### **GOLF OUTING**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing to benefit Phillipsburg's Knights of Columbus Council #474 Cancer Charities is being held on Fri., April 24, 2009 at the Green Pond Country Club, Farmersville Road, Easton, PA. This year's Golf Outing will benefit recipient Joanne Bozzi, who is a 22-month old who was diagnosed with a Wilm's tumor affecting one of her kidneys. Registration: 8:00am-8:45am; Shot gun start at 9:00am—4-person scramble. Entry fee is \$85.00 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, bottle of water, breakfast, hot dog & soda at the turn, dinner after the round of golf. For more information on playing or being a sponsor, please call Tom at (610) 849-6179 or (610) 252-4023.

### **RELIGIOUS BOOKS & TAPE DONATIONS**

Religious books and tape donations are needed for Book Barrow by the Legion of Mary. Contact Camille at 387-0001 or Helen Soto at 454-5114.

### **OVER 50'S TRIP**

SPSJ Over 50's Club is sponsoring a trip to Wildwood Crest, NJ on May 18-21, 2009. Cost includes transportation, gratuities, 3 nights, 4 days, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, visit to Cape May and Atlantic City, plus more. Cost is \$280.00 per person double. For more information, please call 454-3196.

### **"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 Fridays at 8pm. 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!

### **BABYSITTER TRAINING CLASSES**

Warren Hospital is holding Babysitter Training Classes on Tues., April 21, May 5 & May 19 and Thurs., April 30 & May 14 from 3:30-5:00pm in the Farley Education Center. Participants must be eleven years old before the start of classes. Participants receive a certificate of completion. Course includes 7.5 hours of class time. The class is taught by a Warren Hospital Health Educator. Fee is \$30.00. For more information or to register, please call the Health Education Department at (908) 859-6777.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Now that spring is upon us, shake off those winter blahs and pump some new life into your marriage. Make a Marriage Encounter Weekend and re-discover the romance of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 24-26, 2009. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-888-827-NJME for registration and information.

### **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND**

Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience of hope and peace and is open to persons of all faiths. The specially trained team members are "wounded healers" who have suffered the loss of a spouse. The participants are led through the program which consists of presentations followed by personal, private reflection and then dialogue in small groups. The next weekend is scheduled for April 17-19, 2009 and will be held at Stella Maris Retreat House in Elberon, NJ. For detailed information, please call Vivian at (732) 441-7070 or Rich at (609) 333-9868.

### **NEW JERSEY FAMILY CARE HEALTH INSURANCE**

New Jersey FamilyCare provides quality free or low-cost health care coverage for uninsured children 18 and younger and low-income parents. Although many children are enrolled in FamilyCare, there are an estimated 280,000 children who are eligible for coverage but who are not enrolled. New Jersey law requires all children 18 and younger to have health insurance coverage by July 2009. If a family's income falls within certain ranges (e.g. \$6,432 per month for a family of four), the family's children may be eligible for New Jersey FamilyCare. If a family's income is above the limit, the family still may be able to obtain affordable health insurance for children through the New Jersey FamilyCare Advantage program. If you are a parent, you may also be eligible for free or low-cost healthcare coverage through New Jersey FamilyCare. To find out if you are eligible, call 1-800-701-0710, or visit [www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org).

### **VOCATION BRIEF**

A vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.—*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

### **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

Count your blessings. Share your food. *Remember—"Food for the Needy" Collection—First Sunday of each month.*



## ● MINISTRY ●

April 4/5, 2009  
SATURDAY EVENING

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

Acolyte: Taylor-Bay Sutton  
Ministers: Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo & Robert Ellwood; C1 – Melody Talpas, C2 – Dorothy Kays, C3 – Thomas Casey, C4 – William Casey  
Lector: Lisa DeGerolamo  
Commentator: Ronald Rossini  
Servers: Maria Talpas & Luke Talpas

SUNDAY MORNING

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

Acolyte: Parker Bay  
Ministers: Larry Bevilacqua & Judy Leone  
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua  
Commentator: Robert Brennan  
Servers: Molly Zgoda & Ellie Zgoda

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

Acolyte: Kevin Hillhouse  
Ministers: Irene Argentati & Sharon Hillhouse; C1 – Anne Coyle, C2 – Dominick Mosco, C3 – Emil Brisson, C4 – Patricia Brisson  
Lector: Dit Mosco  
Commentator: Henrietta Schupper  
Servers: Megan Hillhouse & Emily Hillhouse

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

Acolyte: Roger Acuna  
Ministers: Maureen Speer & Bud Lilly; C1 – Mary Brogan, C2 – Robert Hopkins, C3 – Theresa Richey, C4 – Sara Greene  
Lector: Richard Greene  
Commentator: Paul Lanning  
Servers: Katelyn McLoughlin & Andrew Acuna

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

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy  
Minister: Barbara Balas  
Lector: Rosemary Carnali  
Commentator: Ruth Clark  
Servers: Jessica Torrey & Colin Shoudt

## **NURSING HOME TEAMS**

### **Lopatcong Care Center**

4/5/09 – Ann-Lynn DeGerolamo

4/12/09 – Camille Rapinesi

### **Brakelev Care Center**

4/5/09 – Pat & Emil Brisson

4/12/09 – Ines Berluche

### **Phillipsburg Care Center**

4/5/09 – Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta

4/12/09 – Charlene Hummell

● **MASSES FOR THE WEEK** ●

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

7:00 – Mary Frances Patterson by Family  
 9:00 – Guadalupe Garcia Young by DeRoner Family  
 11:00 – Glenn & Margaret Clark by Lawler Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – For the People  
 5:30pm – For the People

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

6:45 – Mary Lanning by Paul J. Lanning  
 8:00 – Mary Jarrell by Paul & Gloria McCluskey  
 12:10 – Peter Linsky (A) by Anne Marie Linsky  
 7:00pm – For the People

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

6:45 – Evelyn Nicnick by Michelina Peluso  
 8:00 – Elonda Falcinelli by Mrs. Malfalda Giancamilli  
 12:10 (WH) – Anthony Piperata by Helen & Gary Harding

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

6:45 – John & Marie Brower by Children  
 8:00 – Oreste Baldascino (A) by Fermina Baldascino  
 12:10 – Frank & Santa Pizzari by M/M Philip Pizzari

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

7:30pm (CH) – Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

**GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fast & Abstinence)**

3:00pm (CH) – Good Friday Liturgy  
 7:30pm (CH) – Special Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**HOLY SATURDAY**

3:00pm (MH) – Blessing of Food  
 8:00pm (CH) – Solemn Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

All Masses on Easter Sunday are being offered for the People of Saint Philip and Saint James and Saint Christopher’s Parishes

● **CALENDAR** ●

**5 - Palm Sunday (Palm distributed at all Masses)**

**Food for the Needy Collection**

11:00 - CH - Baptism Mass  
 11:00 - CH - Palm Sunday Procession  
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

**6 - Monday - Monday of Holy Week**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 2)  
 8:00 - HOME - K. of C. Mtg.

**7 - Tuesday - Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 4:00 - SSPJ - No PREP Classes  
 6:00 - Flynn’s - Serra Club Mass/Mtg.  
 7:00 - PMR - Hispanic Ministry  
 7:00 - MH - Bingo  
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

**8 - Wednesday - Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 5:30 - MH - Legion of Mary  
 7:00 - CH - Lenten Penance Service  
 7:00 - HFC - No Charismatic Holy Hour

**9 - Thursday - Holy Thursday**

8:30am-7:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 7:00 - MH - No Bingo  
 7:30 - CH - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**10 - Friday - Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)**

No Adoration  
 3:00 - CH - Good Friday Liturgy  
 4:00-7:00 - MH - Good Friday Dinner  
 7:30 - CH - Special Stations of the Cross

**11 - Saturday - Holy Saturday**

No Adoration & No Confessions  
 8:30 - CH - Easter Decorating  
 3:00 - MH - Blessing of Food  
 7:00 - MH - No Bingo  
 8:00 - CH - Easter Vigil (RCIA Elect & Candidates Receive the Sacraments)

**12 - Easter Sunday (Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection-- Easter Decorations)**

8:00-11:00 - MH - No Pancake & Egg Breakfast  
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration  
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms  
 3:00-4:30 - MH - Parish Easter Dinner  
 6:45 - MH - No Edge Night

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**St. Philip and St. James**

March 29, 2009: \$13,908.00

**St. Christopher**

March 29, 2009: \$205.00