

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

MISSION CHURCH OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

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Saints Philip and James School

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Mrs. Jo-Ann Scott, Director

Sacred Music

Mr. Paul Kucinski

Parish Cemetery

Mr. Mark Sandt, Superintendent

BAPTISM: *Infants should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.*

CONFESSION: *Pope John Paul II, of blessed memory, said: "Anyone who goes frequently to Communion, must also go frequently to Confession."* **Saturdays: 9am-9:30am and from 3:15pm-4:15pm or by appointment with one of the priests.**

FOR MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: *Please call the Church Office.*

DEVOTIONS: Adoration: Monday-Saturday: 8:30am-11:00pm; Sunday: 1:00-11:00pm (Chapel)
Novena (Miraculous Medal): Monday at 7pm (Chapel)
Charismatic Prayer: Wednesday at 7pm (Chapel)
Legion of Mary: Wednesday at 5:30pm (Mercy Hall)

RCIA: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Deacon George Frank directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this regard.

HOLY MASS

Every Catholic who is able has a serious obligation to worship God at Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening: 4:30pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (*Spanish*), and 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday: 6:45 & 8am & 12:10pm
in Holy Family Chapel (Tuesday 12:10pm in Warren Hospital);
Saturday: 7am & 8am in Holy Family Chapel



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time + August 16, 2009

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

Since I had to write this before leaving for my little vacation, I can't yet tell you how it went. Instead, I want to tell you how nicely the Vacation Bible School went.

Some 60 children gathered daily to enjoy this year's Vacation Bible School. They enjoyed some marvelous puppet shows, sang uplifting songs, made great crafts, while learning about God and His Creation. It was great!

Special thanks are due Mrs. JoAnn Scott, who was the main force behind the program. Thanks also to the adults who helped teach, lead groups, make crafts, serve snacks, and do all those things that made the Vacation Bible School such a success. The eighth graders and other older kids who lent a hand—especially as puppeteers—also deserve our thanks!

Perhaps most meaningful to me was seeing the reverence and attentiveness of the children at the closing Mass on Friday. It's easy for kids, especially the little ones, to get bored or distracted at Mass. But you'd never know it from these kids. Their simple faith was very evident in their participation at Holy Mass!

I'll be home by the time you read this, in our wonderful St. Philip and St. James Parish. While I'm sure I'll have enjoyed my little vacation, I know it will be good to be home with you. Please keep praying for me—at least one Hail Mary a day—and know that I pray for you.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

8/18 – T. Reilly, C. Franceschino, M. McCabe, N. Mathias, SSPJ Family; **8/20** – E. Dean/C. Sumner, S. Gerhardt, M. DeMonti, B. Morris, K./P. Juliano; **8/22** – E. Hickey, J. Riotto, M. Lawver, SSPJ Family

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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.

STEWARDSHIP

“Do not neglect good deeds and generosity; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Hebrew 13:16)

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Last weekend we welcomed into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: MADISON HAYLEE CALAMAN, daughter of M/M Randy Calaman; JOSEPH ANTHONY CORTEZ, son of M/M Jeffrey Cortez; CARLOS IVAN ECHEVERRI, son of M/M Ivan Echeverri; ANDREW PETER SRETENOVIC, son of M/M Donald Sretenovic

FR. JOHN'S INSTALLATION MASS

Fr. John Barbella will be installed as the Pastor of St. Philip and St. James on Sun., October 11, 2009 at the 5:30pm Mass. A light reception will be held afterwards in Mercy Hall.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY NEWS

It is that time of year when our gardens are producing the fruits of the land. If you would like to share your fresh produce with the less fortunate, you may drop it off at the food pantry at Catholic Charities. It would be a great gift to our brothers and sisters in need to share in God's abundance.

LABOR DAY PICNIC LUNCH

A Labor Day Picnic Lunch will be held on Mon., September 7 from Noon to 1pm in Mercy Hall. Phone Colleen at 454-9880 or Camille at 387-0001 by September 1 for reservations.

SAVE THE DATE!

Msgr. Corona will be returning to St. Philip and St. James on Sunday, October 4, 2009 to celebrate the 5:30pm Mass, with a reception following. More details to follow.

“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 **Sundays at 4pm, Mondays at 10pm, and 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!

SAN GENNARO FESTIVAL

A bus trip to the Feast of San Gennaro in New York City will take place on Sat., September 19. For information, please phone Camille at (908) 387-0001.

SSPJ ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS NOW

Saints Philip and James Elementary School is accepting registrations for all grade levels PK-8 for this upcoming school year, 2009-2010. New this year: We have a class for **3 year olds**. Parents have the choice of 5 full days, 3 full days, or 5 half-day sessions for any child turning 3 before October 31. Our School has been accredited by the Middle States Commission of Elementary Schools; we are aligned with the NJ Core Curriculum Standards; and we practice our faith every moment of every day. Call the Main Office at (908) 859-1244 for information and/or registration forms.

VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Vera Bradley Bingo, sponsored by Warren Hospital Auxiliary, will be held on Sun., September 27, 2009 at Moose Lodge #45, 3320 Fox Hill Road, Easton, PA. Doors open at 10:30am; Bingo begins at 12pm. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance; \$25.00 at the door. For tickets, call 859-5256 or Warren Hospital at 859-6728, or visit The Missing Piece Gift Shop, Bushkill Ctr. Road, Nazareth, PA.

“KNOW YOUR FAITH TO SHARE IT!”

Apologetics 101: Part 2—“Know Your Faith to Share It!” will be held Thursday evenings beginning September 24, 2009 from 7-9pm at St. John Neumann Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. This is a seven-week course. For more information and registration, please call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1824 or e-mail rehnstedt@diometuchen.org.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A Bereavement Support Program will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, beginning Mon., September 7, 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.

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring—your relationship grown cold or distant—thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/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 September 18-20, 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.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Diocese of Metuchen serves a Catholic community of nearly 600,000 people throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties. Presently, our Youth & Young Adult Office seeks an Associate Director who will be primarily responsible for the following: Working closely with the Director, pastors and parish youth ministers to expand and develop a comprehensive Youth & Young Adult Ministry throughout the Diocese; Coordinating regional Theology on Tap and other service, worship and faith sharing programs; Assisting with the coordination of large scale events, such as the Diocesan Youth Day; Coordinating the logistics and planning various activities and events (speakers, transportation, meeting set-ups, etc.); Collaborating on projects with pastors, youth leaders and others on programs and processes relevant to Youth & Young Adult Ministry; Coordinating CYO basketball league. Education/Experience: B.A. in religious education, Catholic theology or equivalent; or five to seven years related experience in Youth & Young Adult Ministry; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Religious Requirement: Must be a practicing Roman Catholic who upholds the teaching and traditions of the Catholic Church and who possesses a sound working knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church hierarchy. Compensation: Competitive salary and full benefits package. Location: Piscataway, NJ. Environment: Professional Office, non-smoking. Interested candidates should forward their resume to HR@diometuchen.org or mail to: Human Resources Director, Diocese of Metuchen, P.O. Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840. No phone calls, please.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Do a good deed—help those in need! *Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.*

● **MINISTRY** ●

August 15/16, 2009
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

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

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Pamela Bay
Ministers: Larry Bevilacqua & Joseph Gourniak
Lector: Carol Bevilacqua
Commentator: Carol Koop
Servers: Sean Frasca & Jessica Torrey

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Erin Lauer
Ministers: James Bramick & Eileen Kerrigan; C1 – Samuel Fatta, C2 – Judy Francisco, C3 – Eileen Catalli, C4 – Ann Foose
Lector: Henrietta Schupper
Commentator: Lisa DeGerolamo
Servers: Katelyn McLoughlin & Emily Lauer

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Ministers: Bud Lilly & Maureen Speer; C1 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C2 – Gloria Cervasi, C3 – Pat James, C4 – Ellen Piperata
Lector: Mike James
Commentator: Paul Lanning
Servers: Natalie Lotter & Stephanie Lotter

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Eileen Duddy
Minister: Rosemary Carnali
Lector/Commentator: Ruth Clark
Servers: Emily Halm & Colin Shoudt

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

8/16/09 – Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi
8/23/09 – Joseph Gourniak & Barbara Shaneberger

Brakelev Care Center

8/16/09 – William & Mary Ann Harzer
8/23/09 – Eileen Kerrigan & Samuel Fatta

Phillipsburg Care Center

8/16/09 – Eileen Catalli & Peg Skears
8/23/09 – Beth Decker & Rosemary Carnali

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 – Thomas Preston by Cathy Preston
 9:00 – Frank Rossi by Rich & Eileen Dalrymple & Family
 11:00 – Anna A. Coyle (A) by Niece
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

6:45 – Marion Williams by Annie & Vito
 8:00 – Anna R. Ostili by Art Ostili & Lusardi Family
 12:10 – Rudolf Stanganelli by Nina & Andy Sona

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:45 – Thomas Rance by Hilliard Family
 8:00 – Frank Bencsics by Adrianna Fimiano
 12:10 (WH) – Alfred P. Kaulius by Mary K. Kaulius

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

6:45 – Abigail June Mariano by Earl Miller Family
 8:00 – Jennie Colatriano by Children
 12:10 – Harvey Rosznagle by Ed & Dolly Duffy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 – Michelle Hoagland by Rona McKenzie
 8:00 – Elizabeth Reda by Mary Azzolina
 12:10 – Walter Ruszcz by Socci Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

6:45 – Anthony Piperata by M/M Jesse S. Kieffer
 8:00 – Lester Kostalanci by Herbert Family
 12:10 – Matt P. Flynn by Bud Lilly Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 – Evelyn Nicnick by M/M George Chando
 8:00 – Jack Finegan by Rosalie Finegan
 4:30pm – Frank Reilly by Kathleen & Richard Hoag

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 – Roland Bullock by Jim & Ann McDevitt
 9:00 – Frank & Mary Celia by Family
 11:00 – Joseph & Grace Consentino by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – For the People

● CALENDAR ●

16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

17 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 1)
 7:30 - HOME - No K. of C. Mtg.

18 - Tuesday - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00 - Flynn's - Serra Club Mtg.
 7:00 - PMR - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

19 - Wednesday - St. John Eudes

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

20 - Thursday - St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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

21 - Friday - St. Pius X

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

22 - Saturday - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:30-1:00 - MH - SPSJ Soup Kitchen
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Philip and St. James
 August 9, 2009: \$10,412.00
 Last Year: \$11,528.00
St. Christopher
 August 9, 2009: \$205.00

To help our Parish reduce her debt, our diocese has generously promised to match any increase over last year's collection—dollar for dollar! Thanks both to our diocese—and our good people here at SPSJ for their generous support!

MASS CELEBRANTS ON AUGUST 22/23, 2009:

4:30pm – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. Alphonsus
 9:00am – Fr. John
 11:00am – Fr. John
 1:00pm – Fr. Alphonsus
 5:30pm – Fr. James