

St. James Church

Pennington, NJ

August 29, 2010

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 9:45am, and 11:30am

Daily Masses: Monday through Saturday - 9:00am
Daily Masses are in the Chapel.

Holy Day Masses: 9:00am, 12:15pm, and 7:30pm
There are no Vigil Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon in the Church
or by private appointment

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From the Pastor...

Let me boast of a local parish and its priests: Frs. Jeff Lee and Roberto Padilla. I would like you to know how well the church does serve her children – native born and immigrant and how the parishioners proclaim praise and witness to God. Bishop Jose Rafel Quiros Quiros (Bishop of Limon, Costa Rica) spent ten days at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Trenton. He wrote in their bulletin what he observed.

He thanked the parish for their welcome and wrote “But primarily, I thank you all for putting into practice the Lord’s commandment of being good Samaritans... I was filled with joy to see a parish community open to welcome and support those who are in disadvantage (sic) because of their condition as immigrants. As I said upon my arrival, how beautiful it is to think that in the Church nobody is a foreigner, for in baptism we are brothers and sisters called to help each other, substantially and spiritually. The lesson the Lord taught with the parable of the Good Samaritan is that indifference is not part of Christian life.

Another fact that I observed is that Latin American immigrants have found in this community the space to feel dignified as persons because they are served, they are welcome and invited to journey. I believe they regard as their own family the groups they belong to and the parish, and this has helped them to grow closer to God and serve the Church better. There were many that shared with me how they had not been practicing the faith in their countries of origin and how now they feel satisfied of the life of faith they are enjoying. Without a doubt this is a task that requires daily effort to reinforce the foundations and to make living and enthusiasm evident, instead of fading away. I was greatly surprised by the participation of the young people that belong to the young adults group, since they are a part of the populations especially vulnerable to the negative messages they often receive that may weaken their moral and spiritual lives.

I was very pleased with the preparation, respect and observance shown to the liturgical

rubrics, since the liturgy is filled with symbols that express its great richness... I found the inclusion of several languages in the celebrations, which allow everyone to feel included and participate in the liturgical action, very enriching. Before this trip to the United States I could not believe that here an outdoor procession with the image of the Blessed Virgin, could take place, because from abroad one tends to think that these public expressions of faith are not possible in a country with a variety of religions and lines of thought. Blessed be God that I was mistaken, because this will give me the opportunity to enlighten those who oppose us as Church, as they deceitfully make others believe that those with a modern line of thought do not practice these kinds of devotions and that the Church should limit itself to the walls of the temple.

I believe that Fr. Jeff and Fr. Roberto....
Personify Christ, Priest and Shepherd...”

New addition: ceiling lights and tiles have to up as well as totally new alarm system for the family center. The tiles on the flood should be in by time you have this bulletin in hand. This week we will have special classes for many of our Confirmation children – and the building will probably be ready the week after (Drat!).



Our collection for this past week totaled \$10,103. I thank you for your generosity and sacrificial giving. In your estate planning and in creating your will I ask you to please remember your parish church.

Other Parish Information

Mailing Address

St. James Church
115 East Delaware Avenue
Pennington, NJ 08534

Telephone Numbers

Rectory Office 609-737-0122
Fax Number 609-737-6912
Religious Ed Office 609-737-2717
 e-mail: stjamesedu@gmail.com
Resource Room 609-737-2488
Nursery School 609-737-3905
 e-mail: stjkids@hotmail.com

New Parishioners

Families or individuals that wish to register in our parish are asked to call the rectory (737-0122)

Wednesday Morning Prayer Service

6:30am June 23 - Rectory

Baptism Class

The Baptism class is required for all couples who are expecting a child in the near future. You are expected to attend this class before the child is born - even if you have previously attended such classes. The class is approximately two hours. Please call - at 737-0122 to register. Next Class: Sunday, Sept. 12, at 11:00am in the Blue Room.

Prayer Network

This network is comprised of a large number of parishioners who have promised to pray for the intentions of our people. They are notified by telephone when a need is expressed. Everyone who needs the support of prayers or wishes to be a member of the Prayer Network is asked to contact Peggy Stahlin -882-2948; peggyستا@msn.com

Rosary

Following 9:00am Daily Mass
Rosary for Life recited first Monday of each month

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held from 9:30am to 10pm each First Friday and from 9:30am to 1pm all other Fridays. For more information, call Joanie Halajko at 896-9416

Samaritan Group

Offers help for the homebound; call Sue at 883-0874

Upcoming Events...

DO YOU HAVE A KID INSIDE YOUR ADULT?

Think you can mentor youth? Then consider becoming a Christian Recreation and Spiritual Harmony (CRASH) adult leader. For more info, contact Quincy Walzer at 609-883-7448 or Qwalzer@aol.com.

The annual Sister Parishes CCD supply drive has begun. Please support the religious ed programs at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's by donating office and classroom supplies. See the table in the gathering area or contact Marie St. John (909-788-0903) for details. Thank you.

HEART WALK — St. James will be taking a stand against heart disease and helping to save lives by walking in the Mercer County Heart Walk on Sunday, September 12th. The Heart Walk is 3 miles. The team will check in at 9:00 at the Mercer County Park Marina for the opening festivities and the walk will begin at 10:30 AM. The team is open to families and individuals of all ages. If you are interested in walking on September 12th, please contact David and Nancy King at (609) 466-7669. If you are unable to participate but would like to contribute to the success of the team, please consider making a donation by stopping by the tables after mass. Or you can go directly to our team website at: <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/mercercountynj/stjamespennington> **to donate or join the team. Thank you for your support.**

Please pray for the sick: Craig Shofed; Bob Pluta; Donna Green; Dr. Mariagnes Lattimer; Oliver Giller; Nancy Centra; Chris Jorgensen; Bill Steller; Rick Salmastrelli; Frank Giancola, Jr.; Mary Tierney; Charles Anderson; Andrew Liput; Regina Friedman;

And for our deceased: Abbot Thomas of St. Mary Abbey and Fr. Edward Malkiewicz

From the Religious Ed Office...

Registration for 2010-2011 — Registration forms for Religious Education classes for 2010-11 have been mailed to our parish families. Forms are available on the parish website.

Please note: All important information concerning Religious Education will be sent out via email only this year. Please make sure you include your email address, clearly written, on your registration form. All forms, instructions, and packets are available on our parish website.

Eighth grade — summer morning and evening sessions are closed. Summer classes begin this Monday at 10am and 6:30pm. **Parent Meeting for summer session students is this Thursday at 7:30pm.**

2nd Grade Alternative Program — There are still a few openings in our alternative sacramental preparation program. Please call our office if you are interested or have any questions.

Special Needs Children — We would like to offer a special needs religious education class this year for those students who may not be able to benefit from traditional classroom style learning. If you feel this class might be a good fit for your child, please contact us.

Teachers needed — The religious education ministry is always in need of teachers.

We can only offer classes that have a teacher placed prior to the end of August. If you are interested in teaching, co-teaching or becoming an aide please contact us to set up a meeting to discuss this valuable commitment to our faith community.

****We are in particular need in the following grades:**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
3		1	1
5			1

K - two Sundays per month at 11:30

**** Unless we get additional volunteers to teach, the following classes are CLOSED:**

K - no teacher yet for 11:30

3rd - no teacher yet for Thursday

4th - Tuesday & Wednesday closed

5th - Thursday closed

6th - Tuesday & Thursday closed

7th - Wednesday closed

VIRTUS — We will hold a Virtus training session on Saturday, September 11th in the Blue Room. The class

will start PROMPTLY at 9:00am. Light refreshments will be served. Please pre-register online at www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" tab and follow the prompts to the "Diocese of Trenton" tab and then the tab for "St. James Parish, Pennington". If you have any questions please contact Anne-Marie Calderone at 609-924-1743 at ext. 148.

Home Study — If you are planning to **home school your child for religious education** this coming year, you must attend an **orientation meeting this Tuesday, August 31 at 7pm** in order to receive materials for teaching. If you cannot attend this meeting you must call our office to schedule a meeting with Nancy Lucash prior to September 10th.

First Communion Banners are available for you to take home and can be found on a table outside the Religious Ed office in the Family Center.

Faith in Action opportunity for our 7th, 8th graders and high school students — We are in need of:

teachers' aides for some of our afternoon and evening religious ed. classes

craft assistants for our CLOW sessions; 2nd & 4th Sunday at 9:45 or 11:30 Mass

experienced babysitters for 1 Sunday morning a month from 10 - 11:30am

Please contact the Religious Ed office if interested.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? — The RCIA is a ministry that meets with persons looking to inquire into the Catholic faith. We are a team of lay ministers who will meet you wherever you are on your faith journey. The RCIA process takes you through inquiry into formation and journeys with you as you learn more about our faith. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, contact Nancy Lucash at 530-9507, 737-2717 or email us at stjamesedu@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word — Would you like to teach religious education but can't commit to teaching every week? Can you commit to only two Sundays for the entire year? Please consider trying Children's Liturgy of the Word. Our new, simple to use teacher's guides will make your work even easier! We are looking for a team of catechists to teach our children during the 9:45 and/or 11:30 Masses. We will even give you a partner if you wish. For more information please call Michele Immordino at 333-1661 or email her at mish33@comcast.net

Parish Ministries...

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of hope always to be there."

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Holiday weekends often include parties where alcohol is served. If driving to a party, be aware that drinking and driving is not only against the law but can be fatal. Plan to have a designated driver who can drive responsibly, especially with the crowded highways on this holiday weekend. Let us all pray for those whose lives have been affected by alcohol related accidents and remember to "drive safe - drive sober".

The Hope ministry is here to listen, lend spiritual support and offer assistance, with alcohol and other drug abuse problems. For access to links about alcohol abuse and more, visit the Hope Ministry Web page www.stjames-nj.org/hope.html Or, if you'd like to speak to someone, in confidence, please call on us:

Moore or Theresa Hank 883-8721

Pete Antoniewicz 466-7719

Dawn (DiDonato) Sabo 883-5385

stjhope@hotmail.com

ADDICTION - A DISEASE, NOT A DISGRACE

MEN'S GROUP: The men's group will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The next meeting: September 4, 2010. Information: please call Chet Snook at 215- 428-0207

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED:

The lazy days of summer are almost over. Besides the change in seasons there may be other things in your life changing as well, and you are wondering how to cope with it all.

Reach out to a group of people that understand your situation and our on the same journey as you. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 7-9 pm in the Resource Room; our next meeting will be September 6. The topics covered are very informative, and always generate much discussion. Newcomers are always welcome. If you are interested or know someone who would like more information, please contact Richard or Elise Hobson 333-9868; Kathy Hoarn 883-0945; Dennis Keck 267-568-2896; Lisa Sabo 737-3958. Or contact us by email st.jamessupportgroup@gmail.com

IS THIS YOU?

There wasn't really any one reason you drifted away from the Catholic Church. Life moved on and so did you. Now you have come around in your life journey and you would like to look again at "Why be a Catholic?"

Reconnecting with the Church, our ministry for Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while, is a place to tell your story. Please join us to share our faith experiences.

Please pick up our brochure in the entrance area rack and call Mary Kay or Rob Kuser at 609-896-1652 to learn more.

ST. JAMES SENIORS

St. James Seniors will hold their In-door picnic on Thursday, September 2nd, at Noon in the Blue Room. A short business meeting will follow the meal. For the In-door picnic we will need salads, entrees and desserts. Please email Mary Lincoln at mllincoln@lawrenceville.org or call 609/637-0983 to let her know what you will be bringing. If you are unable to bring something, a donation of \$5.00 is requested for beverages and paper products. This is a fun event and is usually very well attended.

If you are new to the parish or have any questions about the Club, please call Lola Kurisko at 737-1830.

Deacons' Potluck Supper is coming....October 9th!

"The Chosen" - "Are you seeking to find joy, a positive attitude, and purpose even though you may be dealing with a serious illness at the present time? We invite you to join The Chosen, a group of persons who share prayer, their stories, their struggles and triumphs with grace and humor. The next gathering will be in the Resource Room (Library) on Monday, September 13th at 11 a.m. You are invited to come and see how thinking, believing, and trusting can effect your life and those you love for the better. Contact person: Margo Sciarrotta at 609-883-1518 or msciarrotta@verizon.net.

CRASH Club Corner

Attention 8th – 12th graders:

CRASH which stands for Christian Recreation and Spiritual Harmony is the youth group at St. James for those in grades 8-12. We meet on Monday nights from 7-9 PM in the CRASH Room. We ask that you give CRASH a "30 Day Trial" and attend 4 Monday nights to find out who we are and what we are all about. All are welcome to attend! To become involve or for more information, please contact Quincy Walzer at (609) 883-7448 or Qwalzer@aol.com to learn more about CRASH.

Upcoming CRASH Events:

Information regarding the start of the 2010-11 CRASH year will be released soon....stay tuned!!

Around the Diocese...



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net
www.FHOP.org

Landscapes of the Soul: A Spirituality of Place

A new awareness of place is developing in those who are serious about their spiritual lives. This new awareness seeks to pay attention to how the ordinary places, the places where we live our everyday lives, shapes and forms our spiritual consciousness. Come to be with others who are experiencing this new awareness and to deepen this activity of God in you. These sessions will provide time for private prayer and will enrich our prayer and discussion. Donation: \$175 includes book. Presenter: Sister Sheila Holly, SSJ

Dates: 6 Mondays starting 10/18 (monthly)

Time: 9:30 AM - Noon

Falling into the Arms of God: Study of St. Teresa of Avila

This 3-part program is for those who would like to read St. Teresa's Interior Castle but find it challenging. Megan Don, in Falling into the Arms of God, has simplified the task without diminishing this spiritual classic. If your prayer life needs a lift and you feel God's invitation to go deeper, please come. It is worth the effort to understand how God takes you through the seven dwelling places of your soul.

Donation: \$50 (includes book)

Dates: 3 Wednesdays, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LIFE St. Francis

If you or someone you love needs nursing home care but prefers to stay in your own home, an innovative new program called LIFE St. Francis may be the answer. LIFE St. Francis (Living Independently for Elders) is a PACE Program (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) and is the first of its kind in New Jersey. If you are eligible to enroll in LIFE, you will have peace of mind knowing that all of your health card needs will be met. And best of all, the LIFE care team, including a certified geriatrician, will handle all the planning and coordination of your healthcare needs. Your LIFE care team will be committed to preserving your independence and dignity, helping you to continue to live at home for as long as possible. The LIFE team will care for you in your home and at the LIFE Center. We provide transportation to our center and to medical appointments, breakfast, hot lunch and a snack in our center, physical and occupational therapy, all your medications and more.

St. Mary's Cathedral-(Trenton)

Faith Sharing Support Group

A group is being formed for sharing our faith and providing mutual support on life's journey. If you would like to be a part of this group which will meet in the late afternoon on Sundays, please contact Dana at 609-477-6453 or email danamateikis@comcast.net to get on the list. There is no commitment to make it every Sunday, though fairly consistent attendance is beneficial. A starting day and time to be determined.

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