



THIS WEEK

in Our Parish Community...

Sunday, June 13 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| | Fuel and Utility Collection |
| 11:30am | Baptisms celebrated at Mass |
| | Fuel and Utilities Collection |
| 9:30am | CLOW, Rm. 2H |
| 1:00pm | Parish Picnic, Berkeley |
| | Swim Club |
| 6:30pm | CYFC, Youth Room |

Monday, June 14

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| 12:00pm | Parish Staff Meeting –
Rector |
| 7:00pm | Parish Life Leadership
Committee, Rm. 2H |
| 7:30pm | MOMS Core Team, Rector
Conference Rm. |

Tuesday, June 15

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| 9:30am | Miraculous Medal Novena |
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Wednesday June 16

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| 7:30pm | Contemporary Choir |
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Thursday, June 17

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| 7:30pm | Property Management,
Rector Conference Rm. |
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Friday, June 18

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| 3:00pm | The Chaplet of the Divine
Mercy – Rector Chapel |
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Saturday, June 19

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| 4:00pm | Confession - Rector |
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PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the Sick

Rose Marie Bodmer, Richard and Barbara Grove,
Dolores Croneberger and Rosario La Corte

For your information, the names of the sick and deceased will be announced once at the pulpit. The sick mentioned will then be noted in the bulletin (Prayer Corner) for four weeks. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any name repeated in the Prayer Corner.

Pray for the Deceased

Louis "Gene" Scarzella, Elva Catherine Neary and
Anthony Pagliuca and Joseph Bonacci, Sr.

Pray for Our Troops

Petty Officer Andrew Boyance, U.S. Navy
1st Lieutenant William C. Toft, U.S. Army
Sergeant Chris Goss, U.S. Marine Corp.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

If anyone would like to submit a prayer request, they may do so by either calling the rectory at 464-1585 or emailing jmhack@lfbhnpj.org



As a parish we will tith 1% of our regular collection each week. We will tith as a way of saying "Thank you!" to God for his generosity to us as a parish. We will use the money saved to support those in need.

The collection for May 30th
\$8,523.81 1% = \$85.23

The collection for June 6th
\$11,703.73 1% = \$117.03

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36-8:3 or
7:36-50

Monday, Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, Weekday

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday, Weekday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, Weekday

Saint Romuald, abbot; BVM

2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed JERZY POPIELUSZKO, martyr



'Overcome evil with good'.

More than 150,000 people gathered in Warsaw on **Sunday June 6, 2010**, for the beatification of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, a Catholic priest and campaigner for human rights who was murdered in October 1984, by the communist secret police.

At the Beatification Mass, Pope Benedict was represented by Archbishop Angelo Amato, the Vatican's prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, together with more than 120 bishops, 1,300 priests and Polish Government.

Among the congregation was Fr. Jerzy mother Marianna, who is now almost 100. She told reporters; "I cried when my son left this earth, and now it is with tears of joy that I greet his beatification." Asked how she had raised her son, she said he had been brought up to: "Love people, Love God, with all your heart." Fr. Popieluszko was a quiet priest who suffered poor health and was not particularly well known as a preacher, until he was appointed to the church of St. Stanislaw Kostka in Warsaw, as chaplain to the Solidarity trade union. In his sermons he encouraged the workers to pray and fight for their rights by peaceful means. His Masses for the Homeland, with references to freedom and Catholic social teachings, drew huge crowds during the communist crackdown on the opposition in the early 1980s. Besides ministering the sacraments Fr. Jerzy worked around the clock helping to organize food, clothing and medical aid for his parishioners.

He survived the first assassination attempt - a car accident - but two weeks later, on 19 October, 1984 after he had celebrated Mass in Bydgoszcz, central Poland, three secret policemen kidnapped him. He was beaten, bound, gagged and stuffed in a sack weighed down with stones and thrown into the Vistula River. He was just 37.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 12

5:30pm Bayard Rowan by Family

Sunday, June 13

7:30am Philip Manganelli by Family

9:30am Anthony Lagalante
by the Lagalante Family

11:30am Frances and William Bodmer
by the Bodmer Family

Monday, June 14

6:45am Ottilie Schubert by M/M Tony Metzger

9:00am Bob Pankuck by Wife, Carol

Tuesday, June 15

6:45am Yolanda Manganelli by Family

9:00am Ann Plumb by M/M Michael Boland

Wednesday, June 16

6:45am People of Little Flower Parish

9:00am Margaret Muller by M/M Ed Farrell

Thursday, June 17

6:45am Mary Seeler by Daughter

9:00am Frank Simone by M/M Joe Ascolese

Friday, June 18

6:45am Carma Rinaldi by M/M Anthony Delia

9:00am Andrew Richter by Family

Saturday June 19

9:00am Harold E. Donaldson
by Wife, Kryscyna

5:30pm For all Fathers, Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 20

7:30am For all Fathers Living and Deceased

9:30am For all Fathers Living and Deceased

11:30am For all Fathers Living and Deceased

Second Annual Brainstorming Session
Monday, June 21, 2010
7:30PM - Cafeteria.

Fr. Andy and the Parish Life Committee would like to invite all interested parishioners to discuss the events of the past year -- what you liked, what you would like repeated, what suggestions you may have for other events/activities.

LITTLE FLOWER MEN'S RETREAT
FRIDAY – SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10 – 12, 2010
Loyola, Morristown
Relax, Pray, Reflect. Call Paul Tully at
908 668-1558

As we undertake our strategic planning process, we ask all parishioners to pray this prayer every day.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Loving God, we pray for Little Flower Parish and our strategic planning process. We ask you to guide and direct us as we plan for the future of our parish. May all of us grow in discipleship as we worship together, spread the Good News, reach out in service to others and continue to grow as a welcoming family of faith. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDAY GOSPEL MEDITATION

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." (Lk 7)

It is easy to be like a Pharisee!
It is easy to judge people, to see and tell of their weaknesses, bad habits and sins.
In comparison to all those people I look like a saint.
Aren't you a hypocrite?
If you truly loved God and your neighbors, you would offer them a chance, give them credit.
They are able to change their lives.
For God everything is possible.
What about you?
Rekindle the fire of love in your heart,
renew your way of thinking.
May Jesus be your mentor.

So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. (Lk 7)

Then your joy will be full.
Always rejoice – because your brother and sister came back to the Father, because they are with you.
Do not judge!
LOVE.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

We will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Friday at 3:00 pm in the Rectory Chapel. All are welcome.

“How God is Working in our Parish”

Little Flower’s Ministries helping us to become true disciples of Christ

The Soup Kitchen Ministry supports the great work of St. Joseph’s Social Service Center in Elizabeth NJ. Volunteers from Little Flower parish provide food, cook, and serve the homeless at St. Joseph’s. The following is the story of a man helped by St. Joseph’s and the generosity of Little Flower parishioners:

At the age of 20, John joined the U.S. Army and served for ten years. During this time, he was stationed in five different countries and witnessed his Army buddies being blown up in minefields. To cope with the stress and trauma, John turned to drugs and became addicted.

Upon return to civilian life, John found a truck driver’s job and married a lovely young lady. Unfortunately his drug habit hounded him and he sought help from the Veterans Administration Hospital. He was able to avoid using drugs for a while, but couldn’t control his craving. John lost his job, left his family, and lived on the streets.

During the winter, a friend told John about St. Joseph’s “Operation Warm Heart” program, and John found shelter, food, clothing, and medicine at St. Joseph’s. St. Joseph’s also arranged for John to receive therapy for the post traumatic stress he suffered from his Army days. John began to volunteer at St. Joseph’s and slowly regained his self esteem. Helping others and doing something positive motivated him to stop taking drugs. John participated in St. Joseph’s Job Program, and was able to find a good job. Today he is off drugs, re-united with his family, and living a productive life. The on-going economic recession has led to a large increase in demand for the services provided by St. Joseph’s. If you are interested in helping this ministry, please look in future editions of the Church Bulletin for dates to help and serve.



We are pleased to welcome our new Youth Ministry Director, Jennifer Draeger, to the Little Flower Parish family. Jen will be joining the staff on June 17th.

Jen graduated from Providence College with a major in Public and Community Service and two minors in Theology and Spanish. In the past, she has helped offer many youth ministry retreats and other activities for various parishes and schools throughout the northeast.

She has also served as an intern for the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and as an active member of Providence College Campus Ministry. She has appeared on the Catholic TV programs *Realfaith TV* and *This Is the Life*.

Jen is very grateful for all the adventures that she has had in youth ministry over the years, and she is excited to serve God as the new Director of Youth Ministry for the Church of the Little Flower!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Summit Council 783

(Berkeley Heights – New Providence – Summit)

We were in need of a wheelchair since the one we had was “disabled”.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their immediate and generous response in providing our parish with a new one. If you or a loved one is in need of the wheelchair: it can be found in the back of the church.

CALLING ALL MOMS!

We are beginning a “MOMS” group. “MOMS” is an acronym for **Ministry of Mothers Sharing**, and is tied to the overall mission of The Church of the Little Flower to continue to grow as a welcoming family of faith.

The group is for MOMS with children between ages 0- 12, and has the following goals:

- To support each other and share our faith journey as Catholic-Christian women
- To meet and establish relationships with other Moms.
- To grow closer to God as we grow closer to each other.
- To encourage, serve and pray for each other.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9-11 AM, from September through June. Childcare will be available at NO CHARGE!

If you are interested in being a part of this great new group, please contact Pat Newman at 908-665-1784 or rpnewman@att.net, or Kelly Radano at 908-219-4684 or kag210@yahoo.com. Registration forms are on the Ushers tables and at the Rectory office.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS:

Please pick up your child’s First Communion banner in the Religious Education Office.

Sailing for High Seas

If you enjoy sailing with God’s love, **we need you** - to lead a group of 12 children. Join the Sailing Team for Vacation Bible School June 28 – July 1. Call 464-7444 or email lgervasio@lfbhnj.org for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Sailing for Donations:

Paper towels

Napkins

Cups

Monetary Donations

Apple juice 2 quart size or larger (no juice boxes please)

Drop off in the Religious Education Office by June 22



Pope Benedict’s prayer intention for June

On May 31, 2010, the Holy See announced Pope Benedict’s prayer intentions for June, which include the following prayer for life:

“That every national and trans-national institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death.”



Parish Picnic at the Berkeley Swim Club!

Join your Little Flower friends for an afternoon of fun at the Berkeley Swim Club,
located on Plainfield Avenue.

Sunday, June 13th from 1-5 pm

Bring your towels and chairs -- Free for all parish members!

- ❖ Swimming, volleyball and basketball
- ❖ Great food
- ❖ DJ
- ❖ Kids activities and games

“Cookie Throwdown” (or Bake-off) --- bake your favorite cookies to be enjoyed by parish members at the picnic and yours could be named the Throwdown winner! The Top 3 cookies will win!

(Don't bake? We won't tell! ...Just bring a dessert or cookies for our dessert table to share!)

Want to help? Call Nancy at 908-508-0165 or email to reiner66@verizon.net

The Berkeley Swim Club at Columbia Park

New Family Membership Special -- \$600*

Offers a family friendly environment where the whole family can swim together. Lounge chairs and umbrellas are provided Baby pool with fountain Park like setting, features picnic area with grills, volleyball, basketball, and ping pong Competitive Swim team Swim lessons for all levels.

**Must be first time member to receive special rate.*

Call (908)464-2125 or www.berkeleyswimclub.com

Catechists needed for growing program:

The Family Based Catechesis Program is entering its second year here at Little Flower and we have grown from 12 families to 23. The families meet once each month here at the Parish Center to share a meal, faith learning experiences, activities, and a break-out session for both children and adults.

Because of our tremendous growth, our wish is to be able to place the children in age appropriate groups to encourage their learning and enjoyment of the program during our monthly meetings.

To that end, we are seeking a team of 5 Angels to serve as catechists. The groups will consist of children in Grades K-1-2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grades 6-7-8. Materials and subject matter will be provided to the catechists for each 30 minute faith learning session. We also need young people to server as aides.

For more information, or if you are interested in being one of our Angels, please contact Lisa Gervasio at 464-7444 or lgervasio@lfbhnj.org.

The work of Angels (2010-11)

Our Religious Education program exists because of dedicated volunteers. Our program keeps growing and so does our need for Catechists. PLEASE consider joining God's Angel Corps here at Little Flower! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Lisa Gervasio at the Religious Education office at 464-7444 or email lgervasio@lfbhnj.org. At this time, we need Angel/Catechists for the following classes:

Sunday: 8:25am – 9:25am

6th grade - 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

Sunday: 10:25am – 11:25am

1st grade – 1 co – teacher

2nd grade – 1 co- teacher

4th grade – 1 co- teacher

8th grade – 1 co-teacher

Monday:

Kindergarten 9:30am

Kindergarten 1:30pm

3:30pm 4:30pm

1st grade – 1 teachers or 2 co – teachers

2nd grade – 1 co – teacher

5th grade– 1 teachers or 2 co – teachers

Wednesday: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

2nd grade - 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

3rd grade – 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

5th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co- teachers

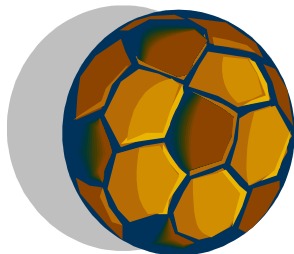
Wednesday: 7:30pm – 8:45pm

6th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

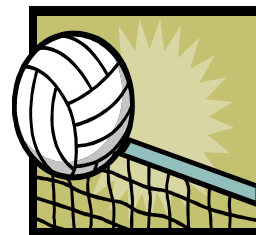
7th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

8th grade – 1 teacher or 2 co – teachers

Little Flower Church Sponsors



Outdoor Family Fun Night



Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2010

* Rain Date is June 24th *

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Place: Church Grounds

Admission: Free

Please bring dessert and drinks to share

(There will be a nut free table)

Please respond to Leslie Koch lkoch820@yahoo.com or

Robin McConekey robinjimmy@comcast.net by

June 20th with the number of family members and age(s) of children

You will receive an e-mail confirmation

Very soon, the parish will have two new people on staff: a Director of Youth Ministry (we've hired Jennifer Draeger) and a Director of Music Ministries. Recently, the Finance Council and I sent a letter to the top 150 givers to the parish and an additional 35 who have been strong in their desire to see improvements in the areas of youth and music. In creating our budget for next year, Finance and I realized we were going to be in deficit with the new hires. In being committed to the growth of the parish vis-a-vis the strategic planning process, the two new ministers are essential. I present to you the letter that was sent to the 185 contributors. The Finance Council and I had no intention of offending anyone but some may have been in not receiving the letter. Forgive me.

If you would like to invest in the parish by making a contribution to this fund, please feel free to do that.

May 20, 2010

I write on behalf of the Little Flower Finance Council.

As you know, our parish began a strategic planning process in late 2009 to develop a Mission Statement and Vision for Little Flower. The following Mission Statement was presented to the parish in January: *"Called by our Baptism and strengthened by the Eucharist to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we the parishioners and clergy of the Church of the Little Flower acknowledge our mission to pass on our Catholic traditions, give witness to the Gospel, serve those in need, and continue to grow as a welcoming family of faith."*

The Strategic Planning Team has also been working to develop specific goals and objectives that will make our collective vision for Little Flower a reality. After seeking and receiving input from the parishioners, it became apparent that the most pressing needs of the parish were 1. the development of a vibrant youth group and 2. enhancements to the music ministry to lead all parishioners to full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical celebrations. After much discussion, prayer and reflection it became apparent to the Team and I that the position of Director of Youth Ministry needed to be upgraded to a full-time position and that we needed one full-time Director of Music Ministries. We believe that the addition of these positions will allow the parish to grow and to live out our mission. Among other things, having full time people in these positions will allow us to start a Sunday evening youth Mass, will lead to more opportunities on a regular basis to involve and serve the parish youth, and will enhance the music at all the Masses and other celebrations.

However, the addition of these two full-time positions creates a significant strain on our parish finances. Between salary and benefits, the impact on our operating budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year will be approximately \$92,000. In 2009, the Archdiocese forgave approximately \$162,000 in debt that the parish had accumulated. As part of this forgiveness, two things are required by the Archdiocese from us: 1. our parish needs to remain current with our monthly assessments paid to the Archdiocese and 2. we are required to submit balanced budgets. The Finance Council is working diligently with me to make sure these requirements are met. While we truly believe that the addition of these two positions will add to the overall sustainability and financial success of the parish, it will take some time for their impact to be felt.

You are one of a number of people in the parish who have generously supported our parish in the past. I am asking you, along with the others, to consider making a special one thousand dollar contribution to the parish to support the hiring of these two critical positions this year. The contributions will be set aside in a restricted fund specifically for use towards the hiring of the two directors and the development of both the youth ministry and the enhanced music ministry programs.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and your willingness to help our parish achieve our goals. I ask that you continue to pray for the success of the strategic planning process and our parish.

Sincerely,

Reverend Andrew M. Prachar
Pastor

RE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The New Providence United Methodist Church, 1441 Springfield Ave., NP will be continuing the Re-Employment Seminars through June 28, 2010 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. (Monday evenings except for Memorial Day). It is free of charge and anyone is welcome to attend. It is being led by Lloyd Feinstein – the founder of Career Marketing Consultants in NP with 25 years experience. We will be advertising upcoming seminars.

June 14, 2010, 7:30 pm

TOPIC: Mechanics of the Job Search

This program will review the basics of managing a pro-active job search including answering ads, working with employment agencies and executive search consultants (headhunters), identifying the “hidden job market” and using the principles of direct mail to go after those jobs that are not advertised (67% of all available positions), and an introduction to networking.

June 21, 2010, 7:30pm

TOPIC: Advanced Interviewing Skills

Are you getting job interviews but few, if any, job offers? If so, your problem may lie in how well you interview. This intensive workshop will cover the basics of the job interview from the perspective of the Director of Personnel. You will learn pre-interview strategies, how to handle stress and non-stress questions, how to sell yourself, how to avoid talking too much, how to take notes during the interview, how to maintain your concentration, ways of evaluating how well you did, strategies for “closing the sale,” and much more.

The Heights of Holiness

Thanks for your prayers for me while I was on retreat. Thanks also for your questions. I have to tell you, the item of conversation that intrigued me the most was your interest in the silence. What brought joy to me was when some of you told me that some of your younger kids tried to be silent for some hours or even a whole day! Thanks for that.

Being silent was not a difficult thing to do. At first, it is somewhat awkward: there are forty other people on retreat with me. When I walk down a hall and see someone, it’s awkward not saying “Hello”. However, that awkwardness fades. Yes, meals are in silence too.

Here is one thing that I experienced in the silence: I had been praying with a Scripture verse from the Gospel of St. Mark (Mk 3: 13): *“He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him.”* St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, encourages those on retreat to recognize and pray with their desires. I found myself praying my desire: “Lord, I want to know that you want me.” In my head, I know and trust that the Lord wants me. I desired to know deeply that he wants me.

A few days later as I was walking, in the silence I “heard” something from deep within me: *“Don’t you know that I know you: of course I want you.”* I had a deep sense of joy and freedom and I was delighted. I experienced a deep and abiding sense that the Lord was loving me and wanting me because he knows me. That sense stays with me: the Lord knowing me, wanting me, loving me.

The retreat renewed me so that I could return here to do God’s work. I had other experiences as well. Ultimately, I experienced the Lord loving me in and through the silence: the distractions removed, slowing life down, having time to allow the Lord to enter my life.

If you are interested in getting together to talk about retreats, silence, and reflection: let me know. Others have shown an interest and I would love the opportunity to share with you.

Father Andy Prachar