

THIS WEEK in our Parish Community

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Fr. Andy Preaches on Youth Ministry
8:30am	Religious Education
9:30am	CLOW – Upper Church
10:30am	RCIA – Rm. 2H
10:30am	Religious Education
10:30am	Newcomer Welcome - Cafeteria
12:45pm	Youth Mass Music Practice- Upper Church
3:00pm	Parents of Children with Special Needs: A Time of Prayer – Little Church
7:00pm	Bereavement Support Group - Rm. 2H

Monday, September 27

12:00pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting - Rectory
3:30pm	Religious Education
5:15pm	Choir for Children and Youth, Gr. 1-8 - Upper Church
7:00pm	Lector, Eucharistic Minister Meeting-Upper Church

Tuesday, September 28

9:30am	Miraculous Medal Novena – Little Church
7:00pm	World Youth Day Meeting- Cafeteria

Wednesday, September 29

3:30pm	Religious Education
5:15pm	Choir for Children and Youth , Gr. 1-6-Upper Church
7:00pm	Cantors/Leaders of Song – Upper Church
7:30pm	Religious Education –
7:30pm	Saturday Choir Rehearsal – Upper Church
7:30pm	Wine and Cheese Committee Meeting - Cafeteria

Thursday, September 30

4:30pm	Choir for Children and Youth, Gr. 1-6 - Upper Ch.
5:45pm	Choir for Children and Youth, Gr. 6-8 – Upper Church
7:00pm	Cantors/Leader of Song- Upper Church
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Action Team Meeting - Cafeteria
7:30pm	Sunday Choir Rehearsal – Upper Church

Friday, October 1

9:30am	Parish Feast Day Eucharistic Adoration – Rectory Chapel
3:00pm	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy- Rectory Chapel

Saturday, October 2

4:00pm	Confessions – Rectory
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Sunday, October 3

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

8:30am	Religious Education
9:30am	CLOW – Upper Church
10:30am	Religious Education
10:30am	RCIA –Rm. 2H
11:30am	Baptism celebrated at Mass
12:45pm	Blessing of Animals – Upper Church Grounds
2:00pm	APOSTOLICA Concert- Little Church
5:30pm	Youth Mass – Upper Church
7:00pm	Bereavement Support Group- Rm. 2H

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 **September 19th:**

\$8,557.50

Tithing: 1% = \$85.57

The collection for **Fuel and Utilities** totaled

\$2,401.75



This Sunday
Newcomer Welcome at
9:30 & 11:30 Masses

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Monday – Saint Vincent de Paul, priest

Jb1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday –Weekday; Saint Wenceslaus, martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz, martyr, and his companions, martyrs

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday; Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1: 47-51

Thursday – Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10: 1-12

First Friday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

First Saturday ; The Guardian Angels

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Mt 18:1-5, 10

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the Sick

Michael Romano, Rose Marie Bodmer, Rosann Phelan, Tom Fraiola, James Sidie, Irene Giacchi, Rosemarie Alvarez, Jay Zwerling, Jim Adams, Ida Addotta, Jennifer Hughes, Frank Voje, Loretta Getola, John Hack, Sr., John Van Swearingen, Jean Matthews & Ida May Boyle

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

Rev. James McFarland and Mary Blewitt

Pray for Our Troops

1st Lieutenant James A. Giacchi, U.S. Army
Chaplain Major Ken Beale, U.S. Air Force
Petty Officer Andrew Boyance, U.S. Navy
1st Lieutenant William C. Toft, U.S. Army
Sergeant Chris Goss, U.S. Marine Corp.

To our military families:

We would like to honor our military by displaying photos of the men and women from our parish who are in the military. We would display them on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Upper Church. Please contact Eileen Bonacci at the rectory or at ebonacci@lfbhjn.org.

Parents with Children with Special Needs

If you are a parent with a child who suffers with anything from severe allergies, a life-changing disease, a physical, emotional or mental disability, or know someone who does: join us in the Little Church on **Sunday, September 26, at 3 PM** for a time of prayer. Being the parent of a child with special needs means that you suffer in your own way. You don't have to be Catholic or a member of the parish to join us. We gather to strengthen and support one another. For more information, contact Fr. Andy at frandy@lfbhjn.org.

Support Group Beginning for Loved Ones of Those Who Have Died

The group begins on **Sunday, September 26th at 7:00 PM**. The group will run for eight weeks (skipping Halloween). We meet in Room 2-H of the Pastoral Center. Parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome. To sign-up, please contact Fr. Andy at the rectory or at frandy@lfbhjn.org.



Saturday, September 25

5:30pm Angelina Testa by NLT and Family

Sunday, September 26

7:30am Joseph Cardiello by Family

9:30am Michael A. Marra by Wife

11:30am Ascencion Cabrera by Isabel Cabrera and Grandchildren

Monday, September 27

6:45am Bernard Gerry, Jr.
by M/M Rich Piotrowski

9:00am Albert Diaz by Family

Tuesday, September 28

6:45am People of Little Flower Parish

9:00am Arthur Salegna by Family

Wednesday, September 29

6:45am Hedy Gill by M/M Carl Moccia

9:00am Anthony Fuschetto by M/M Ken Brown

Thursday, September 30

6:45am Theresa Mintzer by M/M Jim Stumbar

9:00am Clarke B Johnson by Wife, Elizabeth

Friday, October 1

6:45am Ernest DeFronzo by Corinne DeFronzo

9:00am Martha Fraiola by Husband, Tom

Saturday, October 2

9:00am Asencion Cabrera by Isabel Cabrera and Grandchildren

5:30pm Stephen DeWitt by M/M Richard DeWitt

Sunday, October 3

7:30am Anna & Coney Delia by M/M Anton Delia

9:30am Harry Martino Sr. by Family

11:30am Joseph T. Milano by Family

5:30pm For the Intentions of the John Bonacci Family by Family

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October 3rd is Respect Life Sunday. Our parish is having a Baby Bottle Blessing event to support Life Choices, a resource center which offers FREE services to women in difficult situations. Life Choices provides counseling, tests, ultrasounds, and referrals for medical and material needs to assist women in CHOOSING LIFE for their children. They also assist women who regret their past life choice decisions by helping them seek paths for healing & reconciliation to the church.

You are invited to pick up a baby bottle from the respect life committee members after Masses next weekend. Fill it with your change or a check made payable to Life Choices and return it the weekend of Oct 9th and 10th before each of the Masses.

SUNDAY GOSPEL MEDITATION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 26, 2010



'Oh no, father Abraham,
but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the
prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the
dead.'(Lk 16,31)

There is Somebody, who rose from the dead.
You know Him!
Does He convince you to follow His teaching, His advice?
Are you still complaining: "Life is so brutal? It is not right?"

Where is God? Why does He do it to me?"

Don't you know what to do?

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith."(1 Tm 6)

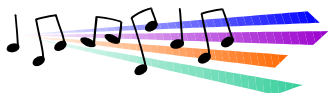
FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENTS MEETING

There will be a Reconciliation Meeting for Parents of 2nd grade children in the parish Cafeteria. Parents can choose either **Tuesday October 5 from 10:00am to 11:00am or from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.** It is imperative that all parents come to the First Reconciliation meeting. An email was sent out with information about the meeting. If you did not receive the email, please contact Lisa at the Religious Education Office at 464-7444, or by email lgervasio@lfbhnj.org.

Church of the Little Flower
presents **A Fall Concert** featuring



Catholic Recording Artists
Deacon Anthony Siino & Sherry Ottoson
Sunday, October 3, 2010 - 2:00 p.m. - Little Church



LITTLE FLOWER MUSIC MINISTRY

PARISH CHOIR FOR SPECIAL EVENTS – UPCOMING DATES

Invitation to participate in choir for special liturgical events is extended to the combined choirs and the parish community, family and friends.

Liturgy for Confirmation: Saturday, Oct. 23 @ 10:00 AM

A Service in Lessons and Carols: Thursday, December 16 @ 7:30 PM

Christmas Liturgies: More information to follow.

Please contact Therese Butler at singthemiracle@embarqmail.com or 908 303 9402.

CALLING ALL NIGHT OWL MOMS!

“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 *morning* “MOMS” group is officially beginning in September.

A team is currently being assembled to plan for an *evening* group, which will begin in January.

The evening group may be for you if: you work, your mornings have other conflicts, or you are just plain a night owl!

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 one evening a month beginning in January. If you are interested in being a part of this planning team, please contact Tammy Hunt at 908-347-8074 or Tammy.Hunt@COMCAST.NET. Additional information regarding registration for the evening group will be available in the coming months.

Morning MOMS Group - Babysitters still Needed

If you or anyone you know would be willing to help fill the MOMS group babysitting need, please contact Christie Barcelona at (908)464-2195.

Pro Life Speaker and Dinner
Christopher Bell, Co-founder of Good Counsel Homes
October 9, 2010, 6:30 – 10pm
St. Teresa of Avila
306 Morris Ave., Summit

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of OUR LADY of CZESTOCHOWA, Doylestown, PA



October 13, 2010

Contact Fr. Marek: 908-464-1585 or frmarek@lfbhnj.org (asap)

Prayer Shawl Plus

2nd Monday of the Month (for October only) We will be doing a special project, Lap robes for Alzheimers Patients – Bring lunch

Soup Group:

Little Flower's Youth Group for 2nd – 5th Grade students- is looking to start up in October. Email lgersvasio@lfbhnj.org if are interested in being part of this group.

CHURCH RE-EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR

New Providence United Methodist Church sponsors the Re-Employment Seminars presented by Instructor, Lloyd L. Feinstein

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

September 27, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC: Getting The Job You Should Want! How To Figure Out Where To Go Next In Your Career.

Using a simple in-class questionnaire of 28 comparisons, participants will help identify a career in which they'll flourish and be happy. Other topics include the Want Ad Analysis technique, a review of when to stay in a job even though you may be thinking of leaving or when you should change jobs or at least begin thinking about it. Final issue will review what makes a company a good place to work. Handouts include “Finding Your True Passion.”

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Archdiocese of Newark, Office of Planned Giving hosts

Income Tax Reduction, Estate Tax Elimination and Wills from a Catholic Perspective Seminar at Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights on

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7p.m.

Persons of **all ages** and estates of **all sizes** will benefit from this presentation.

RSVP by phone (973) 497-4042 or e-mail - PGINFO@rcan.org

To Theresa Lynch, Office of Planned Giving

Seats are limited & must register.

Wine, refreshments & a light supper, will be provided

About the Presenter: Mr. Sal Salvo, cofounder of the

Institute for Family Wealth

Counseling in Parsippany, NJ

is a nationally recognized financial educator, speaker and lecturer.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Do you like to read and talk about books? Are you a “senior citizen” interested in participating in literary discussions with students at Columbia Middle School and others from the community? Join us for a Berkeley Heights Education Foundation “Literary Lunch!” You will be given a book to read in advance. On the day of the “Literary Lunch,” you and other Berkeley Heights seniors will meet with Columbia Middle School students and staff in the Library/Media Center. While you discuss the book, you can enjoy delicious treats provided by the BHEF. Designated parking will be provided at the school for your convenience. We will meet five times during the school year. If you are interested, please contact BHEF trustee Alice White via e-mail (alicehome@comcast.net) or call (908) 464-7787 to get more information and to sign up in advance. Please visit our website at www.BHEF.info to learn about other BHEF programs and events!

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

We have learned that St. Joseph's Social Service Center is short on food this month. A request has been made for the following food items: peanut butter, rice, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups (canned or packaged), canned meats and canned or boxed milk.

If you can help, please bring the food to Mass next weekend and place the bags by the Statue of St. Therese in either the Upper of Little Church. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Little Flower's Second Wine, Cheese, Beer & Hors D'oeuvres Event!

Wines, beers and cheeses from around the world and the U.S.! Also featuring non-alcoholic wines & beers, seltzer, mini sandwiches, fruits and desserts! Join the fun and enjoy the fellowship!

Saturday, October 16th 7:30pm-11:00pm

Little Flower Cafeteria - \$20 per person - adults only

Please RSVP by mailing payment to the address noted below no later than Thursday October 7th.

**YOU MAY NOT PAY AT THE DOOR!
SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 11000688**

**Little Flower's Wine, Cheese, Beer & Hors D'oeuvres Event!
PAYMENT DUE BY October 9th - YOU MAY NOT PAY AT THE DOOR!**

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending at \$20 per person _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Check should be payable to:
Little Flower Church

Mail form and payment to: Little Flower Church - Attn: Wine and Cheese Event, 110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 11000688

If you would like to be part of the Committee, please check here _____

The Heights of Holiness

The people of Haiti continue to be on my mind. You know the story: the lives of the people there were decimated by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake on the 12th of January this year. We responded very generously with a donation of over \$10,000 to *Hearts with Haiti*, an organization that works with street children. However, as can happen, the tragedy continues but we hardly hear about it anymore.

I know of parishes that, as a part of their response to the Corporal Works of Mercy (feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned), work locally and globally in living out this call from the Lord. We certainly work locally in doing this: Social Concerns, St. Joseph Center in Elizabeth, housing the homeless in conjunction with Our Lady of Peace and the Methodist Church of New Providence, providing scholarships for inner-city youth, assisting food pantries in Elizabeth and Newark, etcetera.

I know of parishes that are sponsoring parish communities in Haiti, Mexico and other countries. Relationships are formed. Work is done. Faith is shared. I propose that as a faith community, we prayerfully consider if the Lord would desire for us to reach out to the people of Haiti in some way. I'm not saying we should do it, I propose that we **begin to pray** and ask the Lord: *Lord, do you want us to form a relationship with some community in Haiti?*

If this strikes some cord, if this resonates in you, please contact me. (908/464-1585 or frandy@lfbhjn.org)

Let the Lord tap into your consciousness. Begin to pray with me as to whether this is something that God desires.

Father Andy Prachar



Healing the Grieving Heart:

The Journey After the Death of a Loved One

Any and all are welcome to join us on Sundays
September 26 through November 21
(excluding October 31) from 7 PM – 8:30 PM

Spring Session

Sundays,
February 27, 2011 -
April 17, 2011

Location: Pastoral Center, Room 2-H

Roman Catholic Church of the Little Flower

110 Roosevelt Avenue
Berkeley Heights, NJ

For more information, contact:

Parish Office: 908/464-1585

Facilitators:

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Goals

- To share our stories;
- To better understand and explore the grief process through sharing and mutual support;
- To learn ways of coping with and processing the emotions of the grieving heart;
- To learn how to take care of ourselves on our journey;
- To accept the loss and explore ways to move on and grow in our lives;
- To learn how to reach out to others and accept the help of others as they reach out to us;
- To affirm our spiritual connection as a source of comfort.

Confidentiality

Two very important guidelines which are stressed throughout are:

*Every person is free to express his/her own feelings, which are neither “good” nor “bad”. No one is the judge of another.

*All sharing is confidential. It is only in this atmosphere that we can trust and our friendships grow while we experience healing.

Our Focus: Death of a Loved One

There are many types of loss. The death of a loved one, due to any cause, and your life following that loss is our focus. Your loss may have occurred a week ago or ten years ago, but it can still be valuable to process it if it has not yet healed.

What We Will Do

9/26 Session One

Stages of Grief: Learning about grief, the definition, societal response, the stages and causes.

10/3 Session Two

Telling our Stories

10/10 Session Three

Self-Care: Learning how to take care of ourselves, reduce stress, and cope with loss.

10/17 Session Four

Changes & Choices: Learning to accept and cope with the changes that come with loss while learning to make choices that lead toward healing.

10/24 Session Five

Spiritual Journey: Re-examining our faith and relationship with God.

11/7 Session Six

Milestones: Creating cherished memories and coping with the holydays/holidays.

11/14 Session Seven

What Do I Do With All of This?

11/21 Session Eight

Closure: Candlelight Service Fellowship and dessert

Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Describe your loss:

When did your loss occur?

Are there any specific concerns you would like to have addressed during the program?

How did you learn about this program?

To register

Mail: Church of the Little Flower Bereavement Support Group, 110 Roosevelt Avenue,

Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

Phone the rectory: 908-464-1585

Email: frandy@lfbhjn.org