

THIS WEEK in our Parish Community

Sunday, January 16 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Fuel and Utilities
- 8:30am Religious Education
- 10:30am RCIA – Rm. 2H
- 10:30am Religious Education

Monday, January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

- Parish Offices Open
- 12:00pm Pastoral Staff Meeting –
Rectory Conference Room
- 7:00pm Liturgy Committee –
Rectory Conference Room

Tuesday, January 18

- 9:30am Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday, January 19

- 3:30pm Religious Education
- 7:00pm Social Concerns – Cafeteria
- 7:30pm Religious Education

Friday, January 21

- 3:00pm The Chaplet of Divine Mercy –
Rectory Chapel
- 6:30pm Family Based Catechesis

Saturday, January 22

- 9:30am Catechist Enrichment –
Cafeteria
- 4:00pm Confession – Rectory
- 6:30pm Holy Hour for Life (Adoration)
Upper Church

Sunday, January 23 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Religious Education
- 9-2:00pm Spaghetti Dinner Meatball
Contest - Cafeteria
- 9:30am CLOW – Upper Church
- 10:30am RCIA – Rm. 2H
- 10:30am Religious Education
- 12:45pm Baptism Instruction –
Rm . 2 H

ATTENTION ALL CHOIRS

Please go to the Calendar on the parish website www.lfbhnj.org to check for all choir practices. Thank you.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

This Monday, January 16, there will only be one daily Mass at 9 AM due to the national holiday. Parish Offices will remain open.

Snow and State of Emergency

If during a snow storm, the Governor and/or the Office of Emergency Management calls a State of Emergency and asks people to stay off the roads, then there will be no Masses celebrated until the Governor or the OEM says that we as citizens can use the roads again.

As good citizens we need to comply and cooperate with what is asked of us especially in not traveling by vehicle. This allows for Law Enforcement, the Fire Services and other emergency services to do their jobs without any of us complicating their jobs.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Collection for January 9, 2011

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Over (Under)</u> |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sunday | 10,956.55 | 11,000.00 | (43.45) |
| Year to Date | 285,053.33 | 307,000.00 | (21,946.67) |

Tithing for Week 109.57

Christmas (to date)

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Over (Under)</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | 67,930.02 | 72,000.00 | (4,069.98) |

Tithing for Christmas 679.30

Cost to replace lavatory partitions in school 11,070.88

ADDITIONAL 2010 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Michael and Robert D'Innocenzio
By Marie D'Innocenzio

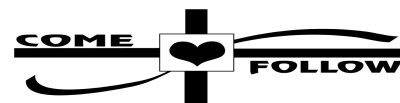
AND OFFERINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Briskar



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL

The altar bread and wine memorial for this week is in loving memory of **ANDREW M. PRACHAR, JR.**



READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday – Saint Anthony, abbot

Heb 5: 1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday- Weekday

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Heb 6: 10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday –Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday –Weekday

Saint Fabian, pope and

martyr; Saint Sebastian, martyr

Heb 7: 25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday –Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday –Weekday- Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr; BVM

Day of Penance

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3: 20-21

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the Sick

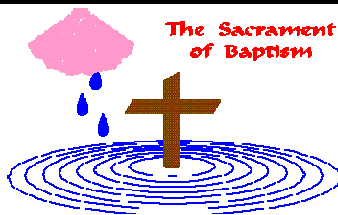
Rose Marie Bodmer, Rosann Phelan,
Frank Voje, Loretta Getola,
John Van Swearingen, Ida May Boyle,
Marie Scappetto, Maria Masi, Therese
Butler, Tom Fraiola, Conor Jennings, June Cuddihy
Susan Wagner White and Ida Addotta



Pray for the Deceased

Pray for Our Troops

Command Sergeant Major Anthony Trisilla, U.S. Air Force.
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.



We welcome into our parish community the following child who has recently been baptized in our Church:

OLIVIA ANGELICA ARANAS



Saturday, January 15

5:30pm Grandi Family by NLT & Family

Sunday, January 16

7:30am Frances Truppi

by Nadine & Bob Tokash

9:30am Phyllis Rica by Rose Marie Campano

11:30am Teresa Capocci Tomaszek and
Edward Peter Tomaszek
by Linda Carella

5:30pm Andrew M. Prachar Jr.
by Falcone Family

Monday, January 17 – Martin Luther King Day

9:00am The People of Little Flower Parish

Tuesday, January 18

6:45am Hedy Gill by Rohal Family

9:00am Andrew M. Prachar Jr.
by M/M Robert Bozzomo

Wednesday, January 19

6:45am Andrew M. Prachar Jr.
by Helen Bolil

9:00am Andrew M. Prachar Jr.
by M/M Ron Hoke

Thursday, January 20

6:45am Robert Feliz by Ferrigno Family

9:00am Emmet Jeter
by M/M Robert Bozzomo

Friday, January 21

6:45am Donna Marie Morgan by Sisters

9:00am Deceased Members of the Masterson
Family by M/M Frank Masterson

Saturday, January 22

9:00am Andrew M. Prachar Jr.
by M/M Paul Tully

5:30pm Frank & Helen Dana
by M/M Frank Dana

Sunday, January 23

7:30am Brian Delaney by the Newman Family

9:30am Bruno (Bud) Ziolkowski
by M/M Anthony Bonacci

11:30am For the Intentions of the John C.
Bonacci Family by the Bonacci
Family

5:30pm Andrew M. Prachar, Jr.
by the Germansky Family

LITURGY CORNER
Sacred Silence



Worship is not just words and actions and symbols, it is also silence. At the Act of Penitence, in silence, we call to mind our sins. Silence may precede the Opening Prayer. You may have noticed that the lectors stand silently at the ambo for several seconds following their proclamation of the Word in the First and Second Readings. They do this deliberately in order to provide an opportunity for the assembly to reflect on what they have heard. A time of silent reflection appropriately follows the Homily. There is a period of silence in the Prayer of the Faithful when we are invited to reflect on our personal prayers. After Communion we are given a time of silence for private prayer, praise and thanks to God in our hearts. With sacred silence interspersed among the prayers, readings, songs and actions of the Mass, we are better able to hear, not just with our ears, but also with our hearts and our whole selves, what God is saying to us.

Prayer for Our Parish

Loving God, we pray for Little Flower Parish.

Guide and bless us as we strive to grow as disciples and carry out our mission to pass on our Catholic traditions, give witness to the Gospel, serve those in need and grow as a welcoming family of faith. Amen.

SUNDAY GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 16, 2011

**John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”. (Jn 1)**



Jesus is coming toward YOU!

Do you recognize him?
Are you afraid of his presence close to you?
"What do you want from me? You better get away from me!
You want me to be holy, good, forgiving.....
It's too much for me.
Go, I am a sinful, weak man."

My friend, do not be afraid.
He will help you as he has promised.
You are called to be holy in the sight of God.

He will make you a light to this world.
Allow him to work in your heart, in your life.
You'll be satisfied.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

January 16, 2011—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." - Isaiah 49:5

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?

UPDATE ON THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The core and essence of our faith is the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Liturgy Team and Worship Space are working hard to help each of us to worship more devoutly. The Rosary was prayed before the Sunday Masses in October (the month of the Rosary); the Knights of Columbus joined us at the end of October and parishioners took part in an International Rosary. Each week there is a Liturgy Column published in the bulletin to help us be more informed of the church seasons and events. Lectors have been trained to proclaim more profoundly God's holy Word.

The Worship Space team has helped bring about changes in our worship space with beautiful new wall hangings, the unique use of candles and flowers - all in preparation for the change in our worship space configuration. This will take place after the Christmas Season and allow us a new "view" of our upper church.

Please continue to pray for the success of our parish planning efforts so that we may continue to grow as a parish family and as children of God.

If you wish to contact any of our Strategic Planning Teams, please use the e-mails listed below:

Core Values core2010@lfbhjn.org
Liturgy liturgy2010@lfbhjn.org
Ministries ministries2010@lfbhjn.org
Worship worship2010@lfbhjn.org
Youth youth2010@lfbhjn.org

SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all Little Flower parishioners who so generously cooked, bought food and/or served meals at this past Saturday's soup kitchen. A total of 170 were fed at St. Joseph's in Elizabeth. The next soup kitchen will be Saturday, March 12, 2011.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

It's that time again! Time to get our Prayer Shawls together for distribution. Our needs continue for Rachel's Vineyard, Hospice and Little Flower Parishioners.

Come be together with the present Prayer Shawl Ministry...whether you knit or crochet, we can always use your help.
We'll meet in the usual spot: Room 27 at 1:00 pm on January 24, 2011.

Large, plain, new gift bags are always appreciated. See you then!

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

It's New Year Resolution Time

Which of your New Year's Resolutions can guarantee the following:

- a lasting impact on your life
- a close personal relationship with your God
- a stronger faith
- the building of new and lasting friendships

Cornerstone experiences have done just that for thousands of women throughout the world. Resolve now to attend the Women's Cornerstone sponsored by the partner parishes of Little Flower, Our Lady of Peace and St. Teresa's. The 2011 Cornerstone Retreat will run from 6:30 pm on Friday, March 11 to 8:30 pm on March 12, 2011.

Registration forms with instructions will be available on the back tables in the Upper Church. To register or for any questions, please call team members, Kathy Billings, 908 665-0284 or Mary Ann Narciso, 908 219-4006. Thank you.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

In keeping with the Bishops request to observe January 22nd as a day of prayer and penance, there will be a Holy Hour to pray for the success of the March for Life in Washington, DC. following the 5:30 PM Mass in the Upper Church.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE

242 Old New Brunswick Rd., Suite 340, Piscataway, NJ 08854

New Jersey Right to Life invites you to join us as we Rally for Life on **Monday, January 24, 2011, 38th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court Decision.**

State House Steps, NJ Capitol
State Street, Trenton, NJ
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

NJ Governor Christie, Pro-Life Leaders, Elected Officials and Clergy Expected to Address Rally

Signs will be provided. Please register at feedback@njrtl.org For more info about buses and carpools, call 732 562-0562

If you need directions, please contact the Rectory.

MOMS GROUP

Now open to all moms! Take time out of your busy schedule to breathe, quiet your thoughts and open your inner spirit.

The MOMS group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 9:15 am – 11 am, which began January 13. Come join us for group discussion, guest speakers and friendship. Childcare will be provided.

For questions or registration, please contact Cathy D'Aquila, cathydaquila@yahoo.com or Kay Stumbar (908) 464-7444.

MAKE A GIFT THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, tax legislation just enacted extends the opportunity for the remainder of 2010 and throughout 2011 for individuals 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as (PARISH NAME), the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, the Archdiocese of Newark, or another archdiocesan institution. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are not subject to income tax. The new law also provides that you may consider such distributions made in January 2011 as made in 2010.

For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact the parish office or the Archdiocese of Newark's Planned Giving Office at (973) 497-4048 by e-mail at PGINFO@rcan.org.

A NEW BOOK BY BISHOP ARIAS

Bishop Arias has published a very interesting book about Catholicism in the U.S.. Its title: *The First Catholics of the United States*. There you will learn who were the first Catholics in this country; where they came from; what they did; and the problems they encountered. You will find it pleasant and very instructive. Price: \$15.78 - Go online at www.amazon.com (Click search and type The First Catholics of the United States.)

FINDING THE JOB YOU REALLY WANT...

A Free Seminar offered by the New Providence United Methodist Church, 1441 Springfield Ave., New Providence, NJ – 7:30 pm – Monday evenings, beginning January 31st.

The Seminar will be led by Lloyd Feinstein, founder of Career Marketing Consultants.

We will be advertising the topic each week starting next weekend.

How to Report Child Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

On Fridays, Chaplet of Divine Mercy is celebrated in the Rectory Chapel at 3:00 pm.

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM

You can enjoy visiting our parish activities through photographs. Just go to our website:



www.lfbhjn.org, then click under About Our Parish.



For 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Girls and their parents

MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

One Valley Road
Clark, NJ
(Located at Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway)

7:30 – 9:30 pm
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

For further information:
www.motherseton.org
732-382-1952

Enter the Spaghetti Dinner Meatball Recipe Contest!



Submit a handful of meatballs in a plastic container with your name and phone number. Our esteemed panel of culinary experts will pick the winner! The winning recipe will be used to make the meatballs for our upcoming annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 6th.

When: Sunday, January 23rd
Where: Upper Church Cafeteria
Meatball Drop Off Time:
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Judging Time: 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
(winner not required to be present)

PRIZE: Winning recipe receives free dinner for family at the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 6th.

For more information, please call
Nick Schiavo at (908) 295-7380

PEOPLE LIVING WITH ADDICTIONS

(A Time of Prayer)

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011

7:00 – 7:30 pm

Little Church, 310 Plainfield Ave.

A time of prayer for those in recovery, struggling with recovery, and their family and friends.

The Heights of Holiness

I've become more conscious that married couples in the parish are experiencing more stressors to the point that some marriages are in critical condition. (*Stressors can be anything from economic, societal, family-related, unrealistic expectations, etc. that can negatively impact a relationship.*)

I feel compelled to respond. The question in my head has been: What can WE as a Catholic faith community do to support couples in good marriages?

I've been doing research on the internet as to what others might be doing in their parishes and dioceses. There is not a lot out there.

One of the things that I am thinking about doing is gathering some married couples together to do some brainstorming about what we can do to support couples in their marriages.

So, first, I invite you the married people (hopefully together) to do some thinking, reflecting, praying and finally, I would appreciate that you respond back to me: What makes your marriage good/strong? What do married couples need to strengthen their marriages? What will help you in your marriage? What do you think gets in the way of being able to make your relationship a priority i.e. give it the time that it needs?

For widows/widowers: What made your marriage work? What advice would you give to married couples?

For divorced people: Looking back, what insights have you gained?

Please e-mail me. Let's pray for each other.

Father Andy Prachar

