

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Sunday, September 11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection to Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Grandparents' Day

- 9:00am Catechists Group Meeting
9:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:30am Mass – Parish Choir Sings
4:00 pm Youth Mass Music Ministry Practice – Upper Church
4:00 pm BH/NP Interfaith 9/11 Service – Our Lady of Peace Church
5:30 pm Youth Mass

Monday, September 12

- 5:00pm Choir for Children & Youth
6:30pm Life Teen Core Team Meeting
7:30pm Parish Life Leadership Committee
7:30pm Concert Choir Practice for Adults

Tuesday, September 13

- 9:30 am Miraculous Medal Novena
11:00am Bereavement Team Meeting
5:00pm Choir for Children & Youth
7:30pm Concert Choir Practice for Adults

Wednesday, September 14

- 9:15am MOMS – Cafeteria, Rooms A & E
5:00pm Choir for Children & Youth
7:30pm Concert Choir Practice for Adults
7:30pm Finance Council Meeting

Friday, September 16

- 8:30 am Home School
3:00pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Saturday, September 17

- 4:00pm Confession – Rectory Chapel
5:30pm World Youth Day Pilgrims Speaking at Mass

Sunday, September 18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Fuel & Utilities Collection
World Youth Day Pilgrims Speaking at Masses
10:30am RCIA – Parish Center
12:45pm Baptism Instruction – Room 2H
4:00pm Youth Mass Music Ministry Practice
5:30 pm Youth Mass
6:30pm Life Night

READINGS/CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-25

Monday – Weekday

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 1:1-10

Tuesday – Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday – Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday – Saint Cornelius, pope and martyr, and Saint Cyprian, bishop and martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday – Weekday

Saint Robert Bellamine, bishop and doctor of the Church

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

PRAYER CORNER

Pray for the Sick

Rose Marie Bodmer, Joan Szucs and Ted Behne

Pray for Our Troops

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Trisilla, US Air Force
1st Lieutenant James A. Giacchi, US Army
Petty Officer Andrew Boyance, US Navy
Captain William C. Toft, US Army
Sergeant Chris Goss, US Marine Corps

“We welcome into our Parish Community the following children who have recently been baptized in our Church.”

Bryce Walter Kapuscinski
Erik Charles Kapuscinski
Joseph Ernest Zaczyk



THE WORK OF ANGELS (2011)

Thank you to all the wonderful disciples who said yes to be God's Angel. The Religious Education program is still in need of three more catechists at the following times.

MONDAY: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
3rd grade – 2 teachers or 4 co- teachers
4th grade – 1 teachers or 2 co- teachers

Contact Lisa Gervasio at
lgervasio@lfbhnj.org or 464-7444

Religious Education Information

Religious Education classes start on
Sunday September 18
Monday September 19
Wednesday September 21

PARISH LIFE CORNER

****Wine & Cheese Date Changed****
to Saturday, November 5, 2011

NEWCOMERS -- SUNDAY SUNDAES!!
If you have registered at Little Flower in the last two years, or if you were invited to the Newcomer Breakfast last September, please join Parish Life in the cafeteria **after 11:30AM Mass -Sunday, September 18, 2011.**

Registration is necessary so that we have enough supplies!
Drop registration into collection basket or at the rectory - OR - reply to parishlife@lfbhnj.org by the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 10/11, 2011.

Family Name _____

Adult Name(s) _____

Childrens' Name(s) & Age(s)



Saturday, September 10

5:30pm Peter Cyr by Grandchildren, Chris, Catherine & Joey

Sunday, September 11

7:30am Dick Hodshon by Cathy Reese

9:30am Paul Carlin by Wife

11:30am Lawrence Lemki by Pergola Family

5:30pm Judy St Onge by Guidetti Family

Monday, September 12

6:45am Andrew M. Pracher, Jr. by Loudise Family

9:00am Kenneth Phillips by Ann Phillips

Tuesday, September 13

6:45am The People of Little Flower Parish

9:00am Philip Friumefreddo by M/M Kevin Keegan & Family

Wednesday, September 14

6:45am The Shah Family by The Newman Family

9:00am Sally Twill by Rose Pitingolo

Thursday, September 15

6:45am Donald S. Gaglia by The Froio Family

9:00am Anthony Fraiola by Brother, Tom

Friday, September 16

6:45am Bernice Cervi by M/M Al Clemente

9:00am Regina & Walter "Stas" Bera by the Donohue Family

Saturday, September 17

9:00am Harold Donaldson by Krystyna Donaldson

5:30pm McCafferty & Murray Families by Mary Murray

Sunday, September 18

7:30am Joseph J. Cardiello by Faillace Family

9:30am Stephen Szabo by Raylman Family

11:30am For the Intention of Bob & Irma McCabe for Anniversary

5:30pm Frank Caffery by Friends of the Caffery Family

Remembering a Loved One

As we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass, we also bring our joy, pain, sorrow and love. We believe at God accepts all of this from us and gives us salvation through His Son in return.

If you would like to remember a loved one in our Eucharistic celebrations, you can contact our office to arrange a mass intention or to arrange a memorial of the bread, wine, sanctuary lamps, altar candles or floral arrangement that we will use for a given week. Simply fill out the form below and mail it to:

Church of the Little Flower, 110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. 908 464-1585

Please make your check payable to "Church of the Little Flower".

MEMORIALS

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

In Memory of _____

_____ Altar Bread \$40. _____ Altar Wine \$25.

Floral Arrangements:

_____ 1 Basket/\$50 _____ 2 Baskets/\$100

_____ Little Church _____ Upper Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sharing the Word of God with Children at 9:30 am Mass September 11 ~ June 10 Kindergarten through 5th grade.

The purpose of a special Children's Liturgy of the Word is to offer them the experience of regularly celebrating a part of the Mass with prayers, readings and songs that are more appropriate to their level of understanding. A special Children's Liturgy of the Word will be shared with the children after the opening prayers at 9:30 Masses throughout the year starting September 11.

The children will be escorted out of Mass and brought back to the congregation before the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins. Anyone interested in helping in any way, please contact Lisa Gervasio (lgervasio@lfbhjn.org or 908-464-7444).

Rev. James Martin, S.J.

Jesuit priest, author, culture editor of America, the national Catholic magazine, and noted speaker coming to Little Flower on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Upper Church. Please reserve the date on your calendar!

STUDENT STRING PLAYERS

Violin, viola and cello

INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCE

YOU ARE INVITED TO PLAY

"SIMPLE GIFTS"

arranged for string quartet.

CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

PARISH CONCERT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25 @ 3 PM.

Contact: Therese D Butler, Director of Music Ministry

singthemiracle@gmail.com

908 303 9402

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently issued guidelines requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as "preventive services" for women. On August 3, HHS published an interim final rule that references these guidelines, and allows HRSA to implement a very narrow and inadequate religious exemption. This action poses an unprecedented threat to the religious freedom of individuals and institutions.

The public comment period on this interim final rule ends September 30. Please see attached Action Alert from the NCHLA. We urge you to take action and let your comments be heard before September 30th.

On September 16-18,2011 and November 18-21,2011 a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women hurt by abortion will be held at St John the Apostle, Linden. For more information please call (732)388-8211 or email arnewrespect@sjanj.net. All is done strictly confidential.



All high school teens are invited to our Little Flower Life Teen Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 18th at 6:30 pm! Our theme is "Parking Lot Palooza!" Come join us for a fantastic evening that includes dinner, lots of fun, new friends, and a chance to grow in your faith! Feel free to bring friends! For more info, please contact Jen Draeger, Director of Youth Ministry, at 908-464-7444 ext. 3 or jdraeger@lfbhjn.org

The Little Flower M.O.M.S Group invites you to see what we are all about!

The Church of the Little Flower is thrilled at the successful launch of our

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S)

The group will resume in September.

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9 – 11 AM, September through June.

M.O.M.S is open to ALL mothers!

Childcare is available at NO CHARGE!

If you are interested in taking part in this wonderful journey of motherhood with a welcoming family of faith, please contact Christie Barcelona at littleflowermomsgroup@yahoo.com or (908) 464-2195

or Kay Stumbar at 908-464-7444

You can also visit our church website at www.lfbhnj.org and click on the MOMS tab under Ministries to print out a registration form.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith?

Do you know someone who may want to become a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for welcoming adults, age 18 and over, into the Roman Catholic Church. It includes periods of inquiry, catechetical sessions, discernment, prayer and finally the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, which occur at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season.

Who might consider the RCIA process?

.Adults who have never been baptized

.Adults who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to seek full communion with the Catholic Church

.Adults who were baptized Catholic as infants, but who have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist

.The process can also be adapted for children of catechetical age (7 and older) who have not been baptized.

Little Flower Parish offers an on-going process for an adult who wishes to inquire about the Catholic faith. A person may begin the journey at any time by contacting Kay Stumbar at the Parish Center.

Upper Church Update: Don't Miss our Newly Restored Stations of the Cross

Our Stations of the Cross have been returned and are back on the walls of the upper church. Fr. Andy contracted with artist Ben Collura of Newark. The Stations were accepted by former pastor Father John McGovern at the time that Runnells Specialized Hospital was shutting down their old chapel. The little we know about the Stations is that they were painted by a Czech artist (Bohemia). This artist did not paint them on the usual linen canvas but on sheets of copper. The copper probably developed its typical greenish patina when oxidized. To cover up the patina, someone else painted over the copper with a blue paint. Over time, the blue paint began to chip and peel which made the works of art rather unsightly. In addition, the figures in the paintings were covered with decades worth of dirt.

With our reorientation of the upper Church, it was time to give the Stations their own makeover. The blue paint was carefully removed by Mr. Collura. He replaced the blue paint with carefully applying sheets of copper leaf. The copper leaf will not oxidize. In addition, Mr. Collura cleaned the original artwork depicting the sufferings of Christ, edged the figures with black, and restored the wooden frames.

Let's offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the talent and patience of the detailed work undertaken by Mr. Collura.

To assist the parish with the cost of the restoration of the Stations, you can remember a loved one by memorializing a Station.

To do this, please contact Fr. Andy.

We are in the process of working with our architect in the construction of a new altar, ambo (pulpit) and a Blessed Sacrament area with a new tabernacle (will be located on the stage). These will be additional items/areas that will also be memorialized.

Collections for the Month of July and Parish Pay Update

Collections for the Month of August 2011

	Actual	Budget	Over(Under) Budget
Sunday Collections			
August	34,780	38,000	(3,220)
August Year to Date	79,355	84,000	(4,645)
Fuel & Utilities Collection	2,291	2,500	(209)

As of today, 43 families have enrolled in the ParishPay program. ParishPay Sunday collections for July and August totaled \$10,315, or 13% of our total collections. This was extremely important to the parish during the weekend of August 27 and 28 when masses were cancelled due to Hurricane Irene. Sunday collections for that weekend were approximately \$4,000 below estimate.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, at 11 AM in the rectory conference room.

Mission Statement:

To serve the parish as well as support individuals and families who grieve the death of a loved one in and through a ministry of prayer, presence, education and empowerment.

The bereavement ministry at the Church of the Little Flower cares for those who have lost a loved one through death. We care in these ways: Sympathy and remembrance cards are sent to the bereaved family, gift bags that contain helpful information are delivered to the bereaved contact, volunteers in the ministry help with mailings, phone calls, giving support to planning and enhancing the Mass of Remembrance and the Blue Christmas Service. In 2010 a bereavement support group was established that meets twice a year with two social workers, Jeanne Marie Mirabella and Liz Migneco. If you are interested in learning more about the ministry and/or to become a member, please contact: Rose Marie Campano at 908-464-3439 or rmcampano@comcast.net.

Support Group Beginning for Loved Ones of Those Who Have Died: The group begins on Sunday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM. The group will run for eight weeks. We meet in Room 2-H of the Pastoral Center. Parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome. Registration is necessary. To sign up, please contact Rose Marie Campano at the rmcampano@comcast.net or call the rectory.

Bereavement Ministry Support Group/Healing the Grieving Heart:

The Journey After the Death of a Loved One

October 2 through November 20: 7:30 – 9 PM - Parish Center, Room 2-H

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

To register

Bereavement Support Group

Mail to the rectory:	Phone the rectory:
Church of the Little Flower	908-464-1585
110 Roosevelt Avenue	E-mail the Rectory:
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922	lnelson@ljbhnj.org

The Heights of Holiness

9-11.

This historic and tragic day has many layers to it. It is a day of loss. People we know and didn't know were innocent victims of this act of terrorism. We lost a sense of safety and security. The debate goes on as to whether we have lost some of our freedoms. First responders lost their health and some their lives from their dedicated search and recovery efforts. Many more struggle with their mental and emotional health. We continue to lose the lives of our young men and women fighting for our freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It is a day of gain: some became impassioned in the cause of remembering all who died, all who suffer. Some gained faith. Some gained a sense of compassion that moved them into action for the family members who suffered loss. Some chose to get involved by joining the military, becoming teachers, entering law enforcement, the fire service or emergency medical services.

It is also a day for anyone who has experienced *any* type of loss to feel it more deeply. If a loved one has died today or ten years ago, we feel it. If we suffer from being unemployed, we can feel it more deeply today. If we have had health issues, physically, mentally, emotionally: we can feel the depth of it today. Broken relationships, broken hearts, broken bodies, broken spirits, broken dreams: we can feel the depth of it all today.

This is a day when we have the national "okay" to feel our pain, our suffering, no matter what it may be. Allow yourself to feel your loss whatever it may be. But don't leave it there: bring it to the Lord Jesus who freely gave up His life. Bring it to His mother who suffered in watching her own child suffer and died. Tell the Lord and His mother what you need from them. If you are hurting, tell them. If you are frightened, tell them. If you are overwhelmed, tell them. Tell them what you need. This is prayer. Take quiet time too to "hear" them speak to you. They will: through the words of another, through music, through a television commercial. God can work in all things to speak to us.

Let us pray for each other.

Father Andy Prachar

PARISH CONCERT! SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPT. 25.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Little Flower Music Ministry, in collaboration with Youth Ministry, will present an "Interactive" Parish Concert. It is free and will begin at 3:00 PM in the Upper Church. Following the concert, there will be fellowship in the cafeteria and opportunity to obtain more information on music ministry and youth ministry. The weekly Youth Mass will begin at 5:30, in the Upper Church.

Come join musicians and singers, of all ages, from the combined choirs in an hour of Sacred music from chant... (sort of...) to music with a beat to clap your hands and shout for joy! All are welcome! If you would like to be a part of the choir or play an instrument, contact Therese Butler @ singthemiracle@gmail.com or Matt Boyle @ matthewboyle86@gmail.com. Practices will begin the week of Sept. 11. We are also in need of volunteers to help with fellowship. Confirmation hours available. Thanks and God Bless!