# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

#### **Mission Statement**

To love God and neighbor by sharing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through prayerful celebration of His Sacraments, ministering to all in need, protecting life, and welcoming all who come to us.

Weekend Masses Saturday 8:00am

Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (*Spanish*) & 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses—Monday - Friday:

6:45 am & 12:10 pm

Confessions: Saturdays 10:00 am

& 3:15 pm

Adoration: 9 am—8 pm in the Chapel

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss *Pastor*Nancy Ensley *Parish Sec. ext.* 404

Fr. Wilson Jerusalem

Parochial Vicar ext. 403 Fr. Patrick Boyle ext. 404

Dn. Enock Berluche Ext. 405

Dn. Larry Bevilacqua Ext. 405

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Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm (Para asistencia en español)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT † February 25, 2024



#### Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

#### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 2/25/24** Columbiettes Loaf sale after all Masses in the Church,

10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in

Conference Room.

Mon. 2/26/24 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the

Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday's of the month.)

Tues. 2/27/24 8:30am Sanctuary Guild in the Church, 9am Legion of Mary in

MH, 4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room & 7pm Cenacles of Life in

the Chapel.

Wed. 2/28/24

Thurs. 2/29/24 1:30pm Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles in Mercy Hall &

7pm Blue Army Payer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 3/1/24 Stations of the Cross at 3pm & 7pm in English then at 8pm in

Spanish all in the Church.

Sat. 3/2/24 7am—8am Men's Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am

First Saturday Devotion, 9am to 11am Timon Committee in PMR, 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & 10am—2pm

Eight Grade Confirmation Retreat in Mercy Hall.

Sunday 3/3/24 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in

Conference Room.

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

Dear Family!

As Year A, B and C in Lent reflected on 'Temptations of Jesus' on the 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A, B and C in Lent on the 2nd Sunday we reflect on the 'Mystery of the Transfiguration of Jesus'. One of the focal points that caught my attention is the journey of the disciples. Peter, James and John were fishermen. They were used to the depth of the ocean, chillness of the water and softness of the sand. They were guided by Jesus to experience something so contrasting and different to an average fisherman. On their way up the mountain, they experienced the towering height of the mountain, the heat on the rocks and the hardness of stones and thorns.

This experience was so new and foreign that Peter cried out, "Lord it is good to be here!" It is an amazing expression from a fisherman who was so used to the ocean, sand and water. Lent is an amazing time for all of us who can associate with Peter and cry out, 'Lord! It is good be here!"

This 'Transfiguration experience' is complimented by the 'Abrahamic experience' that we reflected in the 1st reading today. Abraham made a long journey from a longing and yearning for a son then to offering up his son to God, that obedience, that maturity in faith, that readiness of heart and that determination to sacrifice anything to the Glory of God did not go unnoticed. God rewarded Abraham with the graces to be the Father of Faith. Abraham was given the foretaste of God's salvation to humanity through God's own offering of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As we see in faith, the new experience of the disciples lead them to an awesome presence of the Trinity. Let our new experience in Lent bring God in all that we do.

# Eucharistic Revival Seminar was on February 20th 4:30pm:

We sincerely thank Fr. Matthew Marinelli for accepting to come to our parish for this month's Eucharistic Revival Seminar. It was our intention to focus this month on our Faith Formation Children and encourage vocations in them through the young priests of our diocese.

As we delve deep into the season of Lent, I request you to prayerfully consider attending these spiritual talks - it is once a month and only one hour a month. You get to know other parishioners and you have an opportunity to learn your faith with a community. I continue to encourage community learning as it is indispensable for our faith.

**Bible Study:** All are welcome! As you probably know, it takes hours of preparation to put together one lesson. I thank all those who have signed up for the bible study. The more you show interest, the more I am encouraged to cater to your needs. Lent is a good time to begin something of this nature - to reflect and pray with the Word of God. **There is a new Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles starting February 29th.** This will be in preparation for the Easter Season 2024.

**Diaconate Ordination of Randy Gamboa Espinoza:** Our bishop ordained Seminarian Randy to the Diaconate on the 22nd of February at 7pm in Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough. I thank all our parishioners that took part in the mass and wished him well and all those who prayed for him that day. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: Our sincere thanks to Kevin Perna and John Stana in helping out with regular maintenance at School. We also thank Kevin Duddy and Larry Coyle in meeting with roofers with maintenance of our church buildings. We have two groups of volunteers formed last week and started cleaning the three rooms that are in the Choir-loft area which were in bad shape. We also started working on the floor in Mercy Hall. I thank all the volunteers who have signed up to help our parish. If you would like to be volunteer or help us with any of these projects in any way, please call me or write to me. Your help and prayers are much appreciated!

Be assured of my love and prayers for you and your family!

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

## SUNDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup> - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – Frank Fodero by Deacon Rob 9:00 – Ben Patti by Catalli Family

11:00 – James Dieda by Sharon

1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Kenny Chapoñan

5:30pm – George J. McMullan by Jeannine Riotto

## MONDAY, February 26th

6:45am – William A. Spencer by Eileen Dean 12:10pm – Frank B. Pologruto by Rose Bladies

## TUESDAY, February 27th - St. Gregory of Narek

6:45am – Damian Gasdaska by Eileen Dean

12:10pm - Laura McDonald by Mom & Dad

## WEDNESDAY, February 28th -

6:45am – Msgr. Joseph Francis Sheehan (A)

12:10pm – Frank "Whitey" Spirk by Tricia, Wendy,

Jaclyn, & Family

## THURSDAY, February 29th –

6:45am – Barry John Shandor by Ron Rossini

12:10pm – William J. Casev Daughters & Sons

#### FRIDAY, March 1st –

6:45am – Frank Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle

12:10pm – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family

## SATURDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00am – Francis Flynn, Sr. by Family

4:30pm – Rosa Duque by Darío Duque

## SUNDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – Vincenza Fodero by Deacon Rob

9:00 - Rich & Harvey Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle

11:00 – Deceased Member of the Flynn Family by

1:00pm (SP) – Graciela Palomeque by

Granddaughters

5:30pm – Ann Heller (A) by Family

## **2024 BISHOP 'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$13,772.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	\$11,141.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$64,228.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	17.66%
Percent of Goal Received:	14.28%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$208.67

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule 🌋

March 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Aiden Hayes
-	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Immaculata Durnin
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Server	Gavin Hayes
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Oliver McKenna
	Server	Anthony Stefano
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9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Lisa DeGerolamo
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Brook Troxell
	Lector	Ivanna Mendez
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
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	Server	Grace Troxell
	Server	Cael Troxell
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1:00pm	Lector Minister	Oscar Dilone Francisco Jauridez
	Server	
		Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	
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## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home**: 2/25 Ann Coyle, 3/3

Magnolia Mateo & 3/10 Eileen Catalli.

Server

Brakeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 3/10 Lisa Spanopolous

& 3/17 Beth Dispoto.

## Stewardship

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	February	18 <sup>tl</sup>	1
		\$	10,924.81
	Online Giving:	\$	2,038.00
		\$	12,962.81
	SSPJ School:	\$	1,219.00
	Ash Wednesday:	\$	2, 960.00
	Various Collections:	\$	194.00

## Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News

#### **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**

- The following paperwork is now due: Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form & the Saint Project Form.
- The 10 Weekly Reflection Forms should be handed in as soon as they are completed (on weekly basis.)
- Christian Charity Form is due February 29, 2024.
- The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10am to 2pm in Mercy Hall.
   Permission form is due by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Paperwork may be handed to catechists, dropped off at the Church office, or may be placed in the collection basket marked to the attention of Escarlen Duran.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION.

- Parents, please contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran at the parish office to set up an appointment, in February, with Fr. Antony.
- First Reconciliation date: TBD
- First Holy Communion Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11am.

\*Please note this applies to children currently registered in the SPSJ Faith Formation program that are in their second year of First Communion preparation.

## **2024 LENTEN FISH DINNERS**



The next Knights of Columbus Council #474 fish dinner will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> & then again on March 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be held at Mercy Hall from 4pm to 7pm. Please join us in supporting our Knights. Price is \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children.

#### **COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE**



Bake Sale

The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 will be having their bread/loaf cake sale on February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip & St. James Church. The sale will be after all masses. Their fundraisers allows them to help charities in our community. Come enjoy their baked goods with your tea or coffee.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through Assessment **FACTS** Grant & Aid https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

## Pray for the Sick 🤊 🥙

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Thomas Ernest, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Jasmin Tricoche, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Ernest E. Finizio, Sr, August Vinti, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, Irene Benatti, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Sharon Donovan, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Jacob Hille, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Joan McCaffrey, & Eric Godleski.

## Pray for our Military 公众公

Christian Finizio, Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Andrew N. Zellers, Seth Reyes, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Corporal Ryan M. Bell, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Kevin Jirole, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, & Major Joseph Skopowski.



Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur.

Thank you & God Bless.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confession is in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**



On the Acts of the Apostles will begin on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> in Mercy Hall at 1:30pm with refreshments at 12:45pm after 12:10pm Holy Mass. Commentary Book by William S. Kurz, SJ.

## **SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP**

St. Philip & St. James Parish is running a bus trip to see Daniel at Sight & Sound on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Tickets: the standard price for an Adult is \$140 and for a Child (3-12) it is \$100. This includes the ticket, bus and driver gratuity. Visit to Kitchen Kettle Village (on your own) after the Matinee. Bus leaves Phillipsburg at 7:30am and the return is 7:00pm. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for reservations.

## **CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Cemetery clean-up will take place in the coming weeks. Please remove any decorations that you may want to keep by the next week.

## **SCAPULAR INVESTITURE**

On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying "receive, my beloved son, this scapular. whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire....it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace." The next Scapular Investiture will take place after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 153 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! The Soup Kitchen is in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly; as well as store brought cookies or puddings. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

In today's Gospel, we reflect on the Miracle of the Transfiguration. As we heard from the reading Peter, James and John are led by Jesus up on a high mountain to pray. From there Jesus transforms into beautiful white clothing and is shown in his Divine form alongside Elijah and Moses. God then calls down just like in Jesus' baptism and proclaims, "This is my son, whom I love. Listen to Him." This miracle is so important because it is when God shows us that Jesus is the true bridge between Heaven and Earth. He proclaims his Son to us and gives us a connection to Himself. This is one of the first ways that God gives us the ability to have this connection, the latter being the crucifixion. To me, this miracle brings out a very important aspect of our faith: the confirmation gift of Wonder and Awe or as previously referred to as the Fear of God.

I reflect back to what one of my New Testament professors said from the Immaculate Conception Seminary. Whenever he would describe to us this gift of the Holy Spirit, he would ask us to imagine what would happen if your favorite celebrity walked in the door right now. We wouldn't know what to do or what to say because we might not think that we are "cool" enough. I think this example is very pertinent to this reading and the time.

We have just finished preparing for the coming of Christ during Advent and we are now on our way preparing for Lent and the crucifixion of our Lord. It is important for us to call to mind our sins. If I put myself in the shoes of Peter and I am praying with Jesus and all the sudden the sky opens up and I see the bridge of Heaven and Earth, I wouldn't know what to do. My fear would come from not being "enough." That's exactly what comes to mind in this passage and my example of a celebrity. It's not that we are "afraid" of them in that sense, but we are afraid that we will not be enough. So, as we prepare for our Lenten journeys let us reflect on the Transfiguration, that God has proclaimed his Son to us for our sins so that we may not perish... but have eternal life.

May God always be pleased with us,

Deacon Rob

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

2nd Sunday of Lent (February 25)

February 27 - Optional St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Today is a propitious occasion for us to pray together, as we proclaim Saint Gregory of Narek a Doctor of the Church. Saint Gregory of Narek, a monk of the tenth century, knew how to express the sentiments of your people more than anyone. He gave voice to the cry, which became a prayer, of a sinful and sorrowful humanity, oppressed by the anguish of its powerlessness, but illuminated by the splendor of God's love and open to the hope of his salvific intervention. which is capable transforming all things. "Through his strength I wait with certain expectation believing with unwavering hope that... I shall be saved by the Lord's mighty hand and... that I will see the Lord himself in his mercy and compassion and receive the legacy of heaven" (Saint Gregory of Narek, Book of Lamentations, XII).

Your Christian identity is indeed ancient, dating from the year 301, when Saint Gregory the Illuminator guided Armenia to conversion and baptism. You were the first among nations in the course of the centuries to embrace the Gospel of Christ. That spiritual event indelibly marked the Armenian people, as well as its culture and history, in which martyrdom holds a preeminent place, as attested to symbolically by the sacrificial witness of Saint Vardan and his companions in the fifth century.

Your people, illuminated by Christ's light and by his grace, have overcome many trials and sufferings, animated by the hope which comes from the Cross (cf. Rom 8:31-39). As Saint John Paul II said to you, "Your history of suffering and martyrdom is a precious pearl, of which the universal Church is proud. Faith in Christ, man's Redeemer, infused you with an admirable courage on your path, so often like that of the Cross, on which you have advanced with determination, intent on preserving your identity as a people and as believers" (Homily, 21 November 1987).

This faith also accompanied and sustained your people during the tragic experience one hundred years ago "in what is generally referred to as the first genocide of the twentieth century" (John Paul II and Karekin II, Common Declaration, Etchmiadzin, 27 September 2001). Pope Benedict XV, who condemned the First World War as a "senseless slaughter" (AAS, IX [1917], 429), did everything in his power until the very end to stop it, continuing the efforts at mediation already begun by Pope Leo XIII when confronted with the "deadly events" of 1894-96. For this reason, Pope Benedict XV wrote to Sultan Mehmed V, pleading that the many innocents be saved (cf. Letter of 10 September 1915) and, in the Secret Consistory of 6 December 1915, he declared with great dismay, "Miserrima Armenorum gens ad interitum prope ducitur" (AAS, VII [1915], 510).

(Pope Francis' proclamation of St. Gregory of Narek as a Doctor of the church - 12th April 2015)

## Community News 企会是是

The Warren County Meals at Home Program is in need of drivers to provide meals to seniors and other volunteers. Please call Debbie Fox at 908-914-8982.

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Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports a number of diocesan ministries dedicated to faith formation. Through *Discipleship Formation for Children* and our *Catholic schools, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry at Rutgers* and the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, we are reaching out to children, teens, young adults and older adults new to our Catholic Church. These ministries help people of all ages grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

## **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL**

## **DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY**

¡Querida familia!

Mientras los años A, B y C de Cuaresma reflexionaron sobre las 'Tentaciones de Jesús' el primer domingo de Cuaresma, los años A, B y C de Cuaresma el segundo domingo reflexionamos sobre el 'Misterio de la Transfiguración de Jesús'. Uno de los puntos focales que me llamó la atención es el camino de los discípulos. Pedro, Santiago y Juan eran pescadores. Estaban acostumbrados a la profundidad del océano, al frío del agua y a la suavidad de la arena. Fueron guiados por Jesús para experimentar algo tan contrastante y diferente al de un pescador promedio. En su camino hacia la montaña, experimentaron la imponente altura de la montaña, el calor de las rocas y la dureza de las piedras y las espinas.

Esta experiencia fue tan nueva y extraña que Pedro gritó: "¡Señor, es bueno estar aquí!". Es una expresión asombrosa de un pescador que estaba tan acostumbrado al océano, la arena y el agua. La Cuaresma es un tiempo maravilloso para todos los que podemos asociarnos con Pedro y clamar: '¡Señor! ¡Qué bueno estar aquí!

Esta "experiencia de Transfiguración" complementa con la "experiencia abrahámica" que reflejamos en la primera lectura de hoy. Abraham hizo un largo camino desde el anhelo y anhelo de tener un hijo hasta ofrecerlo a Dios, esa obediencia, esa madurez en la fe, esa disposición de corazón y esa determinación de sacrificar cualquier cosa para la Gloria de Dios no pasó desapercibida. Dios recompensó a Abraham con las gracias para ser el Padre de la fe. A Abraham se le dio el anticipo de la salvación de Dios para la humanidad a través de la propia ofrenda de Dios del Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Como vemos en la fe, la nueva experiencia de los discípulos los lleva a una presencia imponente de la Trinidad. Dejemos que nuestra nueva experiencia de Cuaresma traiga a Dios en todo lo que hacemos.

## La Charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico fue el 20 de febrero a las 4:30 pm:

Agradecemos sinceramente al P. Matthew Marinelli por aceptar venir a nuestra parroquia para la charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico de este mes. Nuestra intención era centrarnos este mes en nuestros niños en la formación de la fe y fomentar sus vocaciones a través de los sacerdotes jóvenes de nuestra diócesis. A medida que profundizamos en la temporada de Cuaresma, les pido que consideren en oración asistir a estas charlas espirituales: son una vez al mes y solo una hora al mes. Conoces a otros feligreses y tienes la oportunidad de aprender tu fe en una comunidad. Sigo fomentando el aprendizaje comunitario, ya que es indispensable para nuestra fe.

Estudio Bíblico: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Como probablemente sepa, se necesitan horas de preparación para preparar una lección. Agradezco a todos aquellos que se han inscrito en este estudio. Cuanto más muestre interés, más me animaré a satisfacer sus necesidades. La Cuaresma es un buen momento para comenzar algo de esta naturaleza: reflexionar y orar con la Palabra de Dios. Hay un nuevo Estudio Bíblico sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles a partir del 29 de febrero. Esto será en preparación para la temporada de Pascua de 2024.

Ordenación diaconal de Randy Gamboa Espinoza: Nuestro obispo ordenó al seminarista Randy al diaconado el 22 de febrero a las 7 pm en la Iglesia María Madre de Dios, Hillsborough. Agradezco a todos nuestros feligreses que participaron en la misa y le desearon lo mejor a él y a todos los que oraron por él ese día. Por favor continúe manteniéndolo en sus oraciones.

Proyectos de mantenimiento: Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a Kevin Perna y John Stana por ayudar con el mantenimiento regular de la escuela. También agradecemos a Kevin Duddy y Larry Coyle reunirse con los techadores para el mantenimiento de los edificios de nuestra iglesia. Tenemos dos grupos de voluntarios formados la semana pasada y comenzamos a limpiar los tres salones que están en la zona del Coro-loft que estaban en mal estado. También comenzamos a trabajar en el piso de Mercy Hall. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que se han inscrito para ayudar a nuestra parroquia. Si desea ser voluntario o ayudarnos con cualquiera de estos proyectos de alguna manera, por favor llámeme o escríbame. ¡Su ayuda y oraciones son muy apreciadas!

¡Tenga la seguridad de mi amor y mis oraciones para usted y su familia!

## P. Antony

## HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

3 de marzo de 2024 - 1:00pm

**Lectores** Ministro

Oscar Dilone Francisco Jauridez

Anyelina Rodriguez

Anuncios Servidores

Gladys Jauridez Miguel Quizhpi-García

Jackie Quizhpi-García José Jauridez

## INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA CONFIRMACIÓN

- Ya se debe entregar la siguiente documentación: formulario de elegibilidad del patrocinador de confirmación y formulario del proyecto santo.
- Los 10 formularios de reflexión semanal deben entregarse tan pronto como estén completados (semanalmente).
- Tienen hasta el 29 de febrero de 2024 para entregar el formulario de caridad cristiana.
- El Retiro de Confirmación se llevará a cabo el sábado 2 de marzo de 2024 de 10am a 2pm en Mercy Hall.

Los documentos pueden entregarse a los catequistas, llevar a la oficina de la Iglesia o colocarse en la canasta de colecta marcada a la atención de Escarlen Durán.

## INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN\*

- Padres, por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Durán en la oficina parroquial para programar una cita, en febrero, con el Padre Antony.
- Fecha de la Primera Reconciliación: Está por determinar.
- Fecha de Primera Comunión: Sábado 4 de mayo de 2024, a las 11am.

\*Tenga en cuenta que esto se aplica a los niños actualmente registrados en el programa de Formación de la Fe de SPSJ que están en su segundo año de preparación para la Primera Comunión.

## EL PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN PARA ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PARA LA ESCUELA CATÓLICA DE 2024-2025 ESTA ABIERTO EN LÍNEA

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través "FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment" en la dirección electrónica <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/aid">https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</a>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del 31 de Marzo de 2024. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.

## NOTICAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

## CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2024 QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR: Renueva nuestros Corazones y Envíanos en Misión

Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo apoya una serie de ministerios diocesanos dedicados a la formación de la fe. A través de la Formación de Discipulado para Niños y nuestras escuelas Católicas, el Ministerio de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos, el Ministerio Universitario en Rutgers y el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, estamos llegando a niños, adolescentes, adultos jóvenes y adultos mayores nuevos en nuestra Iglesia Católica. Estos ministerios ayudan a personas de todas las edades a crecer en su conocimiento y práctica de la fe, experimentar un sentido significativo de servicio a la comunidad y llegar a una comprensión más profunda de su llamado al discipulado. Por favor, en oración, considere hacer su aporte hoy.



# Saints Update

#### MONSIGNOR SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP:

Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions are awarded each July to families who otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To contribute, simply place your donation in the collection basket inside a clearly marked envelope. Making online donations? Please consider adding the scholarship fund to your monthly donations.

#### SUPPORT THE SAINTS FUND:

Interested in contributing to Saints Fund, and making a donation toward the general operating costs of Saints Philip and James School? Visit sspjnj.org and click the gold donate button located on the top right to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

## CANCER AWARENESS FUNDRAISER

SSPJ School is holding a special fundraiser to raise funds for cancer research and awareness. So far we have had a fantastic response! We will continue collecting donations until 2/29. Remember, if we hit our fundraising goal, Mrs. Perna, our Reading Specialist and Language Arts Teacher, will shave her head during a special school event. WHY would she do this?? Mrs. Perna is celebrating her 35th year as a childhood cancer survivor, and she understands the importance of research; she also wants to do all she can to help spread awareness! Drop off donations to the school or church office.

#### BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

We are so "hoppy" to share that Brunch with the Bunny event is back this year at SSPJ! Please join us for a delicious breakfast/brunch, a visit with the Easter Bunny, and an egg hunt on Mary's Lawn. The event will be held on Saturday, 3/23, from 8am-11am. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). To register or for more info please visit sspjnj.org/uploads/docs/brunchwithbunny2024.pdf.





Third grade enjoyed reading special cards from their friends in honor of Saint Valentine's Day. The handmade mailboxes were filled with kind and warm sentiments which helped to spread love and friendship among the entire class.











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## Year of the Parish Revival (2023-2024)

This Eucharistic Revival is organized "to form, heal, convert, unite and send out the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist"

(National Eucharistic Renewal)

## 11th Talk

Lenten Eucharistic Talk

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Mercy Hall then head to the Church at 7pm

At Our Church, 430 Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865



Second Sunday of Lent | Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him." Mark 9:7



# **Give us New Life, O Lord.**

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for
This week I will give up/do without
This week I will do this act of love/good deed
(Sundays optional)

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Peter	Elijah
James	Moses
John	Appeared
Jesus	Cloud
Mountain	Voice
Transfigured	Listen
Dazzling	Love

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