

# St. Philip & St. James

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT † March 3, 2024

### 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. 401*

**Fr. Wilson Jerusalem**

*Parochial Vicar ext. 403*

**Fr. Patrick Boyle** *ext. 404*

**Dn. Enock Berluche** *Ext. 405*

**Dn. Larry Bevilacqua** *Ext. 405*

**Dn. Rob Fisher** *Ext. 405*

**Dn. Francisco Jauridez** *Ext. 405*

**Escarlen Duran** *Religious Ed. ext. 406*

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(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



### Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 3/3/24** 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in Conference Room, & 3—7pm Spanish Charismatic Group.

**Mon. 3/4/24** 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday’s of the month.)

**Tues. 3/5/24** 9am Legion of Mary in MH, 4:30pm Penance Service for Faith Formation (CCD) in Church, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 7pm Penance Service in Church, & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.

**Wed. 3/6/24**

**Thurs. 3/7/24** 1:30pm Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles in Mercy Hall & 7pm Blue Army Payer Cell in the Chapel.

**Friday 3/8/24** 4-7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry in Mercy Hall & Stations of the Cross at 3pm & 7pm in English then at 8pm in Spanish all in the Church.

**Sat. 3/9/24** 7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Frank Duff Monthly Prayer Group in Chapel, & 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

**Sunday 3/10/24** 9am—4pm Spanish Lenten Retreat in PMR, 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in MR, 10am RCIA in Conference Room, 11am Columbiettes Anniversary Mass, & 10am Grief Group Meeting in Mercy Hall.

## Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Family!

God's laws are the outward expression of the covenant. Most human laws have limitations and loopholes. There are and will be different ways of interpreting those human laws contrary to its original intent. There have been and continue to be many attempts to turn and twist the original intent of God's law that have been handed down to us. That is the reason Prophet Jeremiah longed for a better way to communicate God's Law: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts."

As we grow deeper into the mystery of the season of Lent, we grow in maturity and come to a deeper realization of God. The first reading spells out what it would take to be people of the Covenant. As God called me into a solemn covenantal relationship with Him, my life (words, actions and intentions) need to reflect the sentiments of the Covenant. Jesus in the Gospel reveals to us that He is the embodiment of the law, that people learn from Jesus how to live the Covenantal Life.

Jesus is seen with the Father in His Creative Spirit. Everything comes from God. By cleansing the Temple, Jesus shows himself that he cares for the human-race. A certain cleansing is needed to be part of the Covenantal Life. The very act of cleansing is powerful - He is our Lord and God! God creates everything with a great love. Our births are acts of God's great love. The God who gave you life, saves you and purifies you. He washes our sins with his blood. That is how he cleanses us.

Jesus does not say, 'I will tear down this temple', instead, 'if you destroy this temple'. Destruction has been part of our nature. But cleansing, rebuilding and purifying have been the response of God, because God loves and cares for us. Let us find ways to respond to that creative, cleansing love of God.

### First Scrutiny for the RCIA Catechumens

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, Catholic Churches with adults preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil will perform three successive rites called "the Scrutinies". These rites, with roots dating back to the early Church, are part of a larger process called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) or by the new name since 2021, Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA).

In our parish, we pray for our three catechumens Preston Cryan, Emmanuel Sostre, & Tairina Paul as they prepare themselves to receive baptism. Please remember all the catechumens and candidates that are receiving their sacraments at Easter Vigil. For Scrutinies, the readings from YEAR A are used at mass.

**Bible Study on Mark:** 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 these 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. We have begun the new Bible Study on **The Acts of the Apostles last Thursday**. It is never too late to join the study. Every time you participate you would appreciate the rich treasures of the Wisdom of the Word of God. This will be in preparation for the Easter Season 2024.

### Eucharistic Revival Seminar

Our next Eucharistic Revival Seminar will take place on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm for fellowship and refreshments in Mery Hall then continues 7pm in the church at for the seminar. All are welcome to come!

**Ordinary Maintenance Projects:** Our sincere thanks to Santos Aguirre, Luis Gomez, Alan Jovani, Daniel Erazo, William Hernandez, Jeferson Perez, Abraham Sarmiento, Felipe Quizihpi, Jose Luis Alfaro, David Morales, Jobanna, Francisco & Gladys Jaurides, Nancy Ensley, Diane & Duane Volk and Kevin Duddy for volunteering in replacing a section of Mercy Hall floor and also did a thorough cleaning on the three rooms above the choir loft. At least seven of these volunteers worked until 7pm on Saturday. We thank all of them for their handwork and generosity.

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

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

### 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 Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – Graciela Palomeque by Granddaughters  
 5:30pm – Ann Heller (A) by Family

### MONDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup> - *St. Casimar*

6:45am – Patricia & Theresa Furman by Goettsch Family  
 12:10pm – Theresa Schiro (A) by Rose Bladies

### TUESDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Mary Louise Rossnagle by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Family  
 12:10pm – Kit McDonald by Family  
 4:30 – Penance Service – Faith Formation (CCD)  
 7pm - Penance Service

### WEDNESDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Haviland by Family  
 12:10pm – Fermina Rossini by Ron Rossini

### THURSDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup> – *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity*

6:45am – Marie Anne Berluche by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche  
 12:10pm – Teresa Varga by Dave & Linda Varga

### FRIDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup> – *St. John of God*

6:45am – Will Spencer by Bruce Scheller  
 12:10pm – Ron Snyder by Marcella Snyder & Family

### SATURDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup> – *St. Frances of Rome*

8:00am – Edward Treffinger by Ron Rossini  
 4:30pm – Mark Reda by Oreste Rogora

### SUNDAY, March 10<sup>th</sup> – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – Scalfaro Family by Martha Richline  
 9:00 – Ramon Pono by Family  
 11:00 – \*Sp. Int. Warren Columbiettes #474  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Jenny Chapoñan  
 5:30pm – Charles Young, Sr. (A) by Family

### 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$16,839.00
Total Received:	\$13,954.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$61,161.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	21.59%
Percent of Goal Received:	17.89%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$210.49

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



March 9<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odemma
	Lector	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Frances Ludwig
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odemma
	Server	Josh Romero

March 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Sebastián Mendoza
	Server	Julián Mendoza

9:00am	Acolyte	Aiden Hayes
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Thomas Casey
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Server	Gavin Hayes
	Server	Cole Rautenberg

11:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

1:00pm	Lector	Laura García
	Lector	Iván Lam
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Announcements	Maria C. Rossenouff
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jose Jauridez

5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	
	Server	

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 3/3 Magnolia Mateo,  
 3/10 Ron Rossini & 3/17 Ed Socci.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** Deacon Francisco.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 3/10 Lisa Spanopolous  
 & 3/17 Beth Dispoto.

## Stewardship

February 25<sup>th</sup>

	\$	9,603.00
Online Giving:	\$	2,318.00
	\$	11,921.00

Various Collections:	\$	444.00
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# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- All enrolled candidates should have the following handed in by now: the Confirmation Sponsor Certification and the Saint Project and Christian Charity forms.
- The 10 Weekly Reflection Forms should be handed in by March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm and the rehearsal is on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, both days in the church.

Paperwork may be handed in 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, as soon as possible, at the parish office to set up an appointment 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.



### CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Faith Formation children's mass will be the 9am Mass on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. All Faith Formation & SSPJ families are *strongly* encouraged to attend. The participation in the Mass is where our children live what they learn in Faith Formation.

### Lenten Penance Service Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm - Faith Formation (CCD)  
7:00pm - Parish

### 2024 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 fish dinners will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> & 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.

### BIBLE STUDY



On the Acts of the Apostles has begun and meets on Thursdays, in Mercy Hall at 1:30pm with refreshments at 12:45pm. Commentary Book by William S. Kurz, SJ.

### 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 FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <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, & Paul Pierce.

### Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

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.



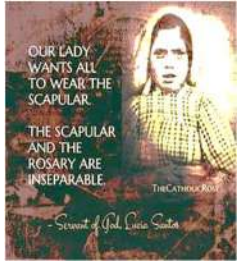
## CEMETERY CLEAN UP

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

## DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP

Wednesday, July 10th with a cost of \$80. Board 7am at 137 Roseberry Street (SSPJ School parking lot) and return 10:30pm. Bring your lunch. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for details and reservations.

## 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>.

## HOME ENTHRONEMENT FACILITATED BY LEGION OF MARY



Invite Jesus to reign in your heart, life and home. Schedule a Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and/or the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visitation by contacting Gwen at 973-769-3011.

## 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.

**SPSJ**  
**SOUP**  
**KITCHEN**

## DEACON'S CORNER

### What Is a Permanent Deacon? (Part 1 of 5)

For many, deacons are a bit of a mystery. We see them at Mass, in various ministries, at the supermarket and with their families, but we don't quite fit into the Church categories many of us grew up with. Are we junior priests or some form of religious brothers? Are we clergy or perhaps a kind of hybrid? In light of this confusion we can ask, just what are permanent deacons?

Like bishops and priests, deacons are members of the clergy who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders – not to the priesthood, but unto sacred service. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The Sacrament of Holy Orders marks us with an imprint which cannot be removed, and which configures us to Christ, who made Himself the deacon servant of all. Among other tasks, it is the task of deacons to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting at the blessing of marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating ourselves to the various ministries of charity.

Remember F. O. F.

+ God Bless You +

Deacon Larry



The Warren Columbiettes Council #474 would like to thank all our parishioners for their generous donations at our bread sale February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Your purchases help support the charities in our community.

## OVER 50's CLUB

The next Over 50's Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 1pm in Mercy Hall at St. Philip and St. James Church. We will have a brief meeting, refreshments and bingo. Please join us. New members are always welcome. The officers will have an executive meeting at 12pm. If you have any questions, please call Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-1067.

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **3rd Sunday of Lent (March 3)**

*March 4 - Optional St. Casimir*

*March 7 - Optional St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs*

***From The Passion of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, begun by St. Perpetua herself, and completed by an eye-witness to the martyrdom***

18. Now dawned the day of their victory, and they went forth from the prison into the amphitheater as it were into heaven, cheerful and bright of countenance; if they trembled at all, it was for joy, not for fear. Perpetua followed behind, glorious of presence, as a true spouse of Christ and darling of God; at whose piercing look all cast down their eyes. Felicity, likewise, rejoicing that she had borne a child in safety, that she might fight with the beasts, came now from blood to blood, from the midwife to the gladiator, to wash after her travail in a second baptism. And when they had been brought to the gate and were being compelled to put on, the men the dress of the priests of Saturn, the women the dress of the priestesses of Ceres, the noble Perpetua remained of like firmness to the end and would not. For she said: For this cause came we willingly unto this, that our liberty might not be obscured. For this cause we have devoted our lives, that we might do no such thing as this; this we agreed with you. Injustice acknowledged justice; the tribune suffered that they should be brought forth as they were, without more ado. Perpetua began to sing, as already treading on the Egyptian's head. Revocatus and Saturninus and Satorus threatened the people as they gazed. Then when they came into Hilarian's sight, they began to say to Hilarian, stretching forth their hands and nodding their heads: You judge us, they said, and God you. At this the people being enraged besought that they should be vexed with scourges before the line of gladiators (those namely who fought with beasts). Then truly they gave thanks because they had received somewhat of the sufferings of the Lord. (St. John Chrysostom)

*March 8 - Optional St. John of God, Religious*

The archbishop called John of God to him in response to a complaint that he was keeping tramps and immoral women in his hospital. In submission John fell on his knees and said: "The Son of Man came for sinners, and we are bound to seek their conversion.

I am unfaithful to my vocation because I neglect this, but I confess that I know of no bad person in my hospital except myself alone, who am indeed unworthy to eat the bread of the poor." The archbishop could only trust in John's sincerity and humility and dismissed him with deep respect.

*March 9 - Optional St. Frances of Rome, Religious*  
Malcolm Muggeridge's book *Something Beautiful for God* contains this quote from Mother Teresa about each sister in her community: "Let Christ radiate and live his life in her and through her in the slums. Let the poor seeing her be drawn to Christ and invite him to enter their homes and lives." Says Frances of Rome: "It is most laudable in a married woman to be devout, but she must never forget that she is a housewife. And sometimes she must leave God at the altar to find Him in her housekeeping" (Butler's *Lives of the Saints*).

## **Community News**

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.

## **Diocesan News**

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

***STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission***

***"But they urged Him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' So, He went in to stay with them." (Luke 24:24)*** Jesus "stays with us" in an intimate way in the Eucharist. We want to share His love with those we meet along the way, accompanying them on the path of life, as Jesus did on the Road to Emmaus. One important way we can share our faith, encourage and assist our fellow travelers is by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through our shared support, we touch the lives of thousands of people each year through the tangible services and programs we offer. Together we walk side by side with those who are suffering today, those who are ill or fearful, and those who are poor and vulnerable. Through our ministries, we bring them the reassuring presence of the Lord.

## **LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATION**

A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat will be held on Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch NJ (right on the beach). Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$300 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals. For more information and/or to register, please visit [www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](http://www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce) For questions, please contact Cristina at [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org).

## **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL**

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

¡Querida familia!

Las leyes de Dios son la expresión exterior del convenio. La mayoría de las leyes humanas tienen limitaciones y lagunas. Hay y habrá diferentes maneras de interpretar esas leyes humanas contrarias a su intención original. Ha habido y sigue habiendo muchos intentos de cambiar y tergiversar la intención original de la ley de Dios que nos ha sido transmitida. Esa es la razón por la que el profeta Jeremías anhelaba una mejor manera de comunicar la Ley de Dios: “Pondré mi ley dentro de ellos, y la escribiré en sus corazones”.

A medida que profundizamos en el misterio de la temporada de cuaresma, crecemos en madurez y llegamos a una comprensión más profunda de Dios. La primera lectura explica lo que se necesitaría para ser pueblo del convenio. Como Dios me llamó a una relación de convenio solemne con Él, mi vida (palabras, acciones e intenciones) deben reflejar los sentimientos del convenio. Jesús en el evangelio nos revela que Él es la encarnación de la ley, que las personas aprenden de Jesús cómo vivir la vida del convenio.

Jesús es visto con el padre en su espíritu creativo. Todo viene de Dios. Al limpiar el templo, Jesús se muestra a sí mismo que se preocupa por la raza humana. Se necesita cierta limpieza para ser parte de la vida del convenio. El mismo acto de limpieza es poderoso: ¡Él es nuestro Señor y Dios! Dios crea todo con un gran amor. Nuestros nacimientos son actos del gran amor de Dios. El Dios que nos dio la vida, nos salva y nos purifica. Él lava nuestros pecados con su sangre. Así nos limpia.

Jesús no dice: "Yo derribaré este templo", sino "si tú destruyes este templo". La destrucción ha sido parte de nuestra naturaleza. Pero la limpieza, la reconstrucción y la purificación han sido la respuesta de Dios, porque Dios nos ama y nos cuida. Encontremos maneras de responder a ese amor creativo y limpiador de Dios.

### **Primer escrutinio para los catecúmenos de RICA**

El tercer, cuarto y quinto domingo de cuaresma, las iglesias católicas con adultos que se preparan para ser bautizados en la vigilia pascual realizarán tres ritos sucesivos llamados “los escrutinios”. Estos ritos, con raíces que se remontan a la iglesia primitiva, son parte de un proceso más amplio llamado Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) o con el nuevo nombre desde 2021, Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA). En nuestra parroquia, oramos por nuestros tres catecúmenos Preston Cryan, Emmanuel Sostre y Tairina Paul mientras se preparan para recibir el bautismo. Recuerde a todos los catecúmenos y candidatos que estará recibiendo sus sacramentos en la vigilia pascual. Para los escrutinios se utilizan las lecturas del año A en misa.

**Estudio Bíblico sobre Marcos:** ¡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. Hemos comenzado el nuevo estudio bíblico sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles el jueves pasado. Nunca es demasiado tarde para unirse al estudio. Cada vez que participes apreciarás los ricos tesoros de la sabiduría de la palabra de Dios. Esto será en preparación para la temporada de pascua de 2024.

### **Charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico**

Nuestra próxima charla de avivamiento eucarístico se llevará a cabo el miércoles 13 de marzo a partir de las 6:30 pm con compañerismo y refrigerios en Mery Hall y luego continuará a las 7 pm en la iglesia para la charla. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!



**Proyectos de Mantenimiento:** Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a Santos Aguirre, Luis Gómez, Alan Jovani, Daniel Erazo, William Hernández, Jeferson Pérez, Abraham Sarmiento, Felipe Quizihpi, José Luis Alfaro, David Morales, Jobanna, Francisco & Gladys Jauridez, Nancy Ensley, Diane & Duane Volk y Kevin Duddy por ofrecerse como voluntarios para reemplazar una sección del piso del Mercy Hall y también hicieron una limpieza a fondo en los tres salones del coro. Al menos siete de estos voluntarios trabajaron hasta las siete de la noche del sábado. Agradecemos a todos por su labor y su generosidad.

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

P. Antony

### HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

**10 de marzo de 2024 - 1:00pm**

**Lectores**

Laura García  
Iván Lam

**Ministro**

Martha Lam

**Anuncios**

Jaime Rocha

**Servidores**

Miguel Quizhpi-García  
Jackie Quizhpi-García  
José Jauridez

### **INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA CONFIRMACIÓN**

- Todos los candidatos inscritos deben haber entregado lo siguiente: la Certificación de Padrino de Confirmación y los formularios de Proyecto Santo y Caridad Cristiana.
- Los 10 formularios de reflexión semanal deben entregarse antes del 26 de marzo.
- El Sacramento de la Confirmación se llevará a cabo el martes 23 de abril a las 5 pm y el ensayo será el lunes 22 de abril a las 6 pm ambos días en la iglesia.

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.

### EL PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN PARA ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PARA LA ESCUELA CATÓLICA DE 2024-2025 ESTÁ 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 <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> . 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***

*“Quédate con nosotros, porque atardece y el día ya ha declinado”. Entró, pues, y se quedó con ellos (Lucas 24:29)* Jesús “permanece con nosotros” de manera íntima en la Eucaristía. Queremos compartir su amor con quienes nos encontramos, acompañándolos en el camino de la vida, como lo hizo Jesús en el camino a Emaús. Una forma importante en la que podemos compartir nuestra fe, animar y ayudar a nuestros compañeros de viaje es participando en la Campaña Anual del Obispo. A través de nuestro apoyo compartido, tocamos las vidas de miles de personas cada año, a través de los servicios, programas y bienes que ofrecemos. Juntos caminamos al lado de quienes sufren hoy, quienes están enfermos o temerosos, y quienes son pobres y vulnerables. A través de nuestros ministerios, les llevamos la presencia tranquilizadora del Señor.





## Saints Update

### MONSIGNOR SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP:

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### 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](http://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! All donations must be dropped off at the school office by Monday, 3/4.

### 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](http://sspjnj.org/uploads/docs/brunchwithbunny2024.pdf).

### FAITH & SERVICE

Join us for the annual Faith & Service Dinner on 4/27 as we honor Rev. Patrick Boyle (Class of 1971) and Kelly & Kevin Perna for their outstanding contributions to our Parish and School. For more information, please visit our event page at [sspjnj.org/event](http://sspjnj.org/event) and scroll down to the event listing.



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### **11<sup>th</sup> Talk**

Lenten Eucharistic Talk

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Mercy Hall  
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At Our Church, 430 Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865





Please join us for dinner, drinks, and the chance to renew old friendships, as alumni and friends of

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**Rev. Patrick Boyle class of 1971**

**and**

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**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

at: Mainline (formerly Flynn's on the Hill), 341 Pursel Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Cocktail Reception at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

Please RSVP no later than April 15, 2024, to:

Saints Philip and James Faith and Service Committee ATTN: Bill Casey

137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865

Email contact : [billcasey2@yahoo.com](mailto:billcasey2@yahoo.com) Phone : 610-704-7429

**Dinner ticket:** \$70 – Hors d'oeuvres, hot dinner buffet includes two entrees

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