

# St. Philip & St. James

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT † March 10, 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*

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**Fr. Patrick Boyle ext. 404**

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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 3/10/24** 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in MR, 10am RCIA in Conference Room, 11am Columbiettes Anniversary Mass, & 10am Grief Group Meeting in Mercy Hall.

**Mon. 3/11/24** 6pm Catholic Daughters in Mercy Hall & 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday’s of the month.)

**Tues. 3/12/24** 8:30am Legion of Mary in MH, 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.

**Wed. 3/13/24** 6:30pm Fellowship in Mercy Hall then at 7pm the Eucharistic Revival Talk in the Church.

**Thurs. 3/14/24** 1:30pm Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles in Mercy Hall, 5 to 8pm Catholic Daughters Arc Dance, & 7pm Blue Army Payer Cell in the Chapel.

**Friday 3/15/24** Stations of the Cross at 3pm & 7pm in English then at 8pm in Spanish all in the Church.

**Sat. 3/16/24** 7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 9:45am Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall, 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, 2:30pm Unborn Prayer Service in the Church.

**Sunday 3/17/24** 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in MR & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Family!

‘Laetare’ (Rejoice) Sunday (In Advent we have ‘Gaudete’) is a mid-point of reference to look back at our Lenten Journey and thank God for those moments of purification and enlightenment and ask God’s grace to give us more opportunities to see the Light of Christ in the remaining weeks of Lent. As there are two kinds of blind people - physically and spiritually, there are two kinds of people who can see!

It is interesting to note both Laetare and Gaudete come from Latin root which are principally used to express joy. "The difference between the two is that Laetare reflects a joy that is manifest outwardly whereas Gaudete reflects a way of rejoicing internally" (The Mouth Piece). The Rose color of ‘Gaudete’ is a softening of violet; it is violet approaching white. It anticipates the pure white of the Resurrection of Jesus.

We invited all our RCIA candidates last Sunday for the 9am mass for the First Scrutiny. We had a great opportunity to pray for them. As they continue to grow in their faith and love for the Church, we support them and encourage them with our prayers.

This ‘Laetare’ Sunday we have the ‘Second Scrutiny’ for the Catechumens. Thus, the Gospel for the Scrutiny is from John 9:1-41. One of the powerful themes of Christology is Christ being the Light. Lent is also seen as the period of ‘Purification and Enlightenment.’ Meditatively reflecting on the gospel, reveals to us that there is an inward journey taking place in us when we encounter Christ. This journey from darkness of sin to light of Christ requires a progressive movement of fixing our whole being to Jesus.

### Second Scrutiny for the RCIA Candidates

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 candidates who are receiving their sacraments at the Easter

Vigil. For Scrutinies, the readings from YEAR A are used at mass.

**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 this 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 on 29th of Feb. Every Thursday at 1:30pm in Mercy Hall we gather to study the scripture. It is never too late to join the study. Every time you participate you will appreciate the rich treasures of the Wisdom of the Word of God. This will be in preparation for the Easter Season 2024.

### Confessions

I thank all the priests who came for the Penance Service on Tuesday, March 5th. I thank all the Children and parishioners who participated in it. It is never too late to go to confession. The priests are available during office hours on weekdays. Please call the parish office for more information.

### Deacon Randy Gamboa Espinoza’s Visit

We thank Deacon Randy in accepting our invitation to share his vocation story with a great devotion to the Eucharist. We continue to encourage young men to respond to God’s call to become priests or deacons in the Church. We thank all the volunteers in hosting the event and all who participated in the event. Please continue to remember Deacon Randy in your prayers as he prepares himself for the Ordination to Priesthood.

**Ordinary Maintenance Projects:** There were 17 volunteers who helped the parish in working on the floor of Mercy Hall and cleaning the rooms within the Choir loft. The volunteers came back last Saturday and completed the project in Mercy Hall. Our sincere thanks go out to them. We are still looking into renovating the Chapel Floor; I will keep you posted. I also thank the volunteers who signed up for the garden ministry. Your participation is always needed! Please call the office for more information.

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

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

### 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

### MONDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>

6:45am Barbara Shaneberger by Dan & Terri Starosciak  
 12:10pm – Will Spencer by Volk Family

### TUESDAY, March 12<sup>th</sup>

6:45am Joyce Barbadora by Roger & Fran Divittorio  
 12:10pm – Cammi Bullock by Graziosi Family

### WEDNESDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Betsy Post by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Frank J. & Matilde Viscomi by Lou, Maryann, & Michael

### THURSDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Ernest & Mary June Voelker by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Mary Stanchus by Ed & Margaret Connolly

### FRIDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Carmen & Lena Cocozzo by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Millard Barlieb by the Flynns

### SATURDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup> –

8:00am – Rossini Family by Ron Rossini  
 4:30pm – Geri Farley by Pat Thompson by Camille

### SUNDAY, March 17<sup>th</sup> – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – Paddy Bracken by Flynn's  
 9:00 – Mick Payran by Denise, Zachary & Paxton Payran  
 11:00 – August J. Bevilacqua by Volk Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Cesar Tume  
 5:30pm – Lemoine Thelusma by Juliet Bonheur

## 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$23,291.00
Total Received:	\$19,179.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$54,709.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	29.86%
Percent of Goal Received:	24.59%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$250.44

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



March 16 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odemma
	Lector	Lisa DeGerolamo
	Minister	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Robert Anselmo
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odemma
	Server	Chimbuzo Odemma
March 17 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Oliver McKenna
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Ivanna Mendez
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Owen Case
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Robby Basel
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Lissette Herrera
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Minister	Giovanni Lam
	Announcements	Maria C. Rossenouff
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jose Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	
	Server	

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 3/10 Ron Rossini & 3/17 Ed Socci, & 3/24 Eileen Catalli

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** Deacon Francisco.

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

## Stewardship

	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	\$	11,546.50
Online Giving:	\$	3,070.00
	\$	14,616.50
Collection for the Poor:	\$	1,940.00
Various Collections:	\$	680.00

# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- All enrolled candidates should have the following handed in by now: the Confirmation Sponsor Certification, 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.



### ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ACIES

The annual Reconsecration to Mary will take place on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon with Rosary in 5 languages, Act of Consecration, and Benediction followed by fellowship in Mercy Hall. All are invited!

### 2024 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 fish dinner will be on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It 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.factsmtg.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, 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, Staff Sargent Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, & Major Joseph Skopowski.*



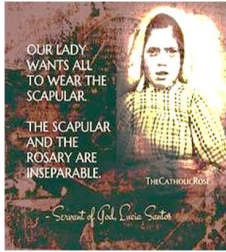
Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur.  
Thank you & God Bless.



### UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE

On Saturday, March 16th, at 2:30 PM in St. Philip & St. James Church, there will be an Unborn Prayer Service. This is a special service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. An opportunity to name your child is expressed compassionately and confidentially through meditative prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Mass will follow at 4:30 PM. For more information, call (908) 454-9880.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

What Is a Permanent Deacon? (Part 2 of 5)

Although the Second Vatican Council restored the diaconate to its permanent place within the hierarchy, its roots stretch to apostolic times. The first seven deacons were instituted to assist the apostles in the mission of the Church (see Acts 6:1-6). Stephen boldly proclaimed the Gospel and was the first martyr (Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60). Philip, known as the Evangelist, catechized and baptized (Acts 8:26-40). In his letter to Timothy, St. Paul describes the qualities of a deacon:

Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted too much wine, not greedy for gain, they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. Let deacons be the husband to one wife and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13).

Later, during the patristic era, they became the bishop's right-hand man, often given the responsibilities of financial management along with the distribution of food and alms to the poor. According to St. Ignatius of Antioch, writing in A.D. 108:

Deacons, too, who are ministers of the mysteries of Jesus should in all things be pleasing to all people. For they are not mere servants with food and drink, but emissaries of God's Church. Similarly, all should respect the deacons as Jesus Christ, just as all should regard the bishop as the image of the Father, and the clergy as God's senate and the college of the apostles. Without these three orders you cannot begin to speak of a church. (Letter to the Trallians)

Remember F. O. F.

+ God Bless You +

Deacon Larry

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **4th Sunday of Lent (March 10)**

Pope Benedict XVI on IV Sunday of Lent, 26 March 2006

This Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as "*Laetare Sunday*", is permeated with a joy which, to some extent, attenuates the penitential atmosphere of this holy season: "Rejoice Jerusalem!", the Church says in the Entrance Antiphon, "Be glad for her... you who mourned for her". The refrain of the Responsorial Psalm echoes this invitation: "The memory of you, Lord, is our joy".

To think of God gives joy. We spontaneously ask ourselves: but why should we rejoice? One reason, of course, is the approach of Easter. The expectation of Easter gives us a foretaste of the joy of the encounter with the Risen Christ. The readings remind us that despite our unworthiness, God's infinite mercy is destined for us. God loves us in a way that we might call "obstinate" and enfolds us in his inexhaustible tenderness.

The history of the Chosen People, who suffered God's punishment as a consequence of their rebellious behavior: the temple was destroyed and the people in exile no longer had a land; it truly seemed that God had forgotten them. Then, however, they saw that God, through punishment, pursues a plan of mercy. It was to be the destruction of the Holy City and the temple.

And then the Lord, demonstrating the absolute primacy of his initiative over every purely human effort, was to make use of a pagan, King Cyrus of Persia, to set Israel free. In thinking of the past centuries, we can see that God continues to love us even when he punishes us. Even when God's plans pass through trial and punishment, they always aim at an outcome of mercy and forgiveness.

This is what the Apostle Paul confirmed for us in the Second Reading, recalling that "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (Eph 2: 4-5). As we know, "giving" on the part of the Father had a dramatic development: it even went to the point of the sacrifice of the Son on the Cross.

If Jesus' entire mission in history is an eloquent sign of God's love, his death, in which God's redeeming tenderness is fully expressed, is quite uniquely so. Always, but particularly in this Lenten Season, our meditation must be centered on the Cross. In it we contemplate the glory of the Lord that shines out in the martyred body of Jesus.

God's greatness, his being love, becomes visible precisely in this total gift of himself. It is the glory of the Crucified One that every Christian is called to understand, live and bear witness to with his life.

The Cross - the giving of himself on the part of the Son of God - is the definitive "sign" par excellence given to us so that we might understand the truth about man and the truth about God: we have all been created and redeemed by a God who sacrificed his only Son out of love. This is why the Crucifixion, as I wrote in the Encyclical [Deus Caritas Est](#), "is the culmination of that turning of God against himself in which he gives himself in order to raise man up and save him. This is love in its most radical form" (n. 12).

## **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***

Central to our understanding of Christian stewardship is the concept of accountability. To safeguard the gifts, you have entrusted to our care, we recently set up a special foundation, a separate trust, where all the money from this Appeal goes so that it can be used only for those ministries advertised in the Appeal materials and website. You can be assured that your gift is well protected and well used; making a difference in meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of the people we serve. A gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a worthy investment.

## **CHRISM MASS**

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of *confermandi*, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM. To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>

## **BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE SEMINAR**

Come to "Building a Culture of Life in NJ" seminar on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at Holy Family Church (St. Joseph Center), Nutley, NJ. Hear NJ pro-life leaders cover topics including: New Jersey after Roe; Post abortion healing/Mercy House; How to graciously answer pro-abortion rhetoric, legislative updates and more! Refreshments & Networking. Space is limited; pre-registration is required: Event is free. Love offering taken. Visit: [lifeneducation.org/life](http://lifeneducation.org/life) or for more info call: 973-497-4520.

## **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL**

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

Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma

¡Querida familia!

El domingo 'Laetare' (Alégrate) (en Adviento tenemos 'Gaudete') es un punto medio de referencia para mirar hacia atrás en nuestro viaje de Cuaresma y agradecer a Dios por esos momentos de purificación e iluminación y pedir la gracia de Dios para darnos más oportunidades de ver la Luz de Cristo en las semanas restantes de Cuaresma.

Así como hay dos clases de personas ciegas: física y espiritualmente, ¡hay dos clases de personas que pueden ver!

Es interesante notar que tanto Laetare como Gaudete provienen de raíces latinas que se usan principalmente para expresar alegría. "La diferencia entre los dos es que Laetare refleja una alegría que se manifiesta exteriormente mientras que Gaudete refleja una manera de regocijarse interiormente" (La Boquilla). El color rosa de 'Gaudete' es un suavizado del violeta; es un violeta que se acerca al blanco. Anticipa el blanco puro de la Resurrección de Jesús.

Invitamos a todos nuestros candidatos de RICA el domingo pasado a la misa de las 9 am para el Primer Escrutinio. Tuvimos una gran oportunidad de orar por ellos. A medida que continúan creciendo en su fe y amor por la Iglesia, los apoyamos y alentamos con nuestras oraciones.

Este Domingo 'Laetare' tenemos el 'Segundo Escrutinio' para los Catecúmenos. Así, el Evangelio para el Escrutinio es de Juan 9:1-41. Uno de los temas poderosos de la cristología es que Cristo es la Luz. La Cuaresma también es vista como el período de "Purificación e Iluminación". Reflexionar meditativamente sobre el evangelio nos revela que hay un viaje interior que se lleva a cabo en nosotros cuando encontramos a Cristo. Este viaje de las tinieblas del pecado a la luz de Cristo requiere un movimiento progresivo de fijación de todo nuestro ser a Jesús.

### **Segundo escrutinio para los candidatos 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 candidatos que recibirán sus sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual. Para los Escrutinios se utilizan las lecturas del AÑO A en misa.

**Estudio Bíblico:** ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Como probablemente saben, mucho tiempo 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 29 de febrero. Todos los jueves a la 1:30 pm en Mercy Hall nos reunimos para estudiar las Escrituras. 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.

### **Confesiones**

Agradezco a todos los sacerdotes que vinieron al Servicio de Penitencia el martes 5 de marzo. Agradezco a todos los Niños y feligreses que participaron en el mismo. Nunca es demasiado tarde para confesarse. Los sacerdotes están disponibles durante el horario de oficina de lunes a viernes. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

### **Visita del diácono Randy Gamboa Espinoza**

Agradecemos al Diácono Randy por aceptar nuestra invitación a compartir su historia vocacional con gran devoción a la Eucaristía. Seguimos alentando a los jóvenes a responder al llamado de Dios de convertirse en sacerdotes o diáconos en la Iglesia. Agradecemos a todos los voluntarios que organizaron el evento y a todos los que participaron en el evento. Continúe recordando al diácono Randy en sus oraciones mientras se prepara para la ordenación al sacerdocio.

**Proyectos de mantenimiento:** Hubo 17 voluntarios que ayudaron a la parroquia en reparar en el piso del Mercy Hall y limpiando los cuartos dentro del área del coro. Los voluntarios regresaron el sábado pasado y completaron el proyecto en Mercy Hall. Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a ellos. Todavía estamos buscando renovar el piso de la Capilla; los tendré al tanto. También agradezco a los voluntarios que se inscribieron para el ministerio de jardinería. ¡Tu participación siempre es necesaria! Por favor llame a la oficina para más información.

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

P. Antony

### **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.factsmtgt.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**

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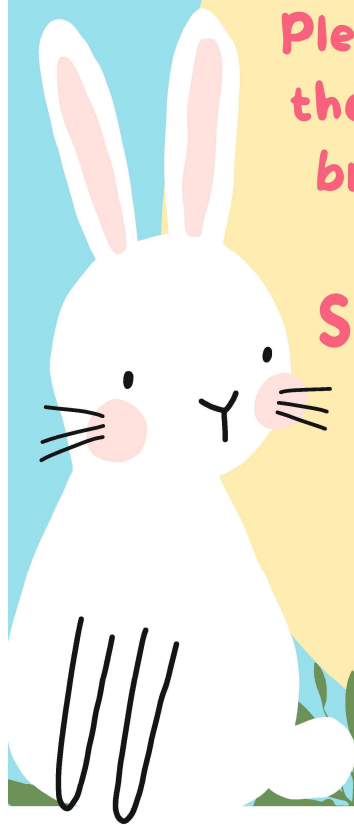
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### **11<sup>th</sup> Talk**

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**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Mercy Hall  
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Please join us for dinner, drinks, and the chance to renew old friendships, as alumni and friends of

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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:

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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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