

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT † March 17, 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

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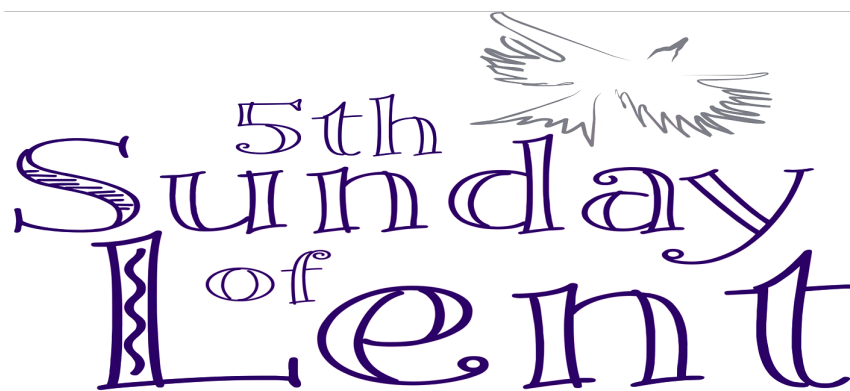
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Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9am-12:30pm
(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

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 3/17/24** 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in MR & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.
- Mon. 3/18/24** 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday’s of the month.)
- Tues. 3/19/24** 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. 3/20/24** 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Thurs. 3/21/24** 1:30pm Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles in Mercy Hall & 7pm Blue Army Payer Cell in the Chapel.
- Friday 3/22/24** Stations of the Cross at 3pm & 7pm in English then at 8pm in Spanish all in the Church.
- Sat. 3/23/24** 7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8am—11am Brunch with the Bunny at SSPJ School, 12noon Queen of Peace Acies Mass in the Church followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall, & 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.
- Sunday 3/24/24** 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in MR.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Family!

We are just one week away from Holy Week. Jeremiah 31 has some of the prized treasures of scripture in the whole Bible. The establishment of the New Covenant is one of the pivotal moment in our history of salvation. The Torah (Old Covenant or Testament) was supposed to have found its way into the human heart, but sin took hold of our hearts.

God's new covenant will be more individualized than it was in the past. The New Covenant compels people to take individual responsibility for their sins rather than blaming past generations. It also leads us from external observance of the law to inward movement of repentance and works of kindness and compassion.

The effects of the new covenant is witnessed in the Gospel as Greeks (outsiders) who came to 'see' Jesus as opposed to the disciples (people of the Covenant) who 'know' where Jesus is. Let us approach the palms with repented hearts and a renewed spirit of the New Covenant.

Third (last) 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 Scrutinizes". 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 Easter Vigil. For Scrutinizes, the readings from YEAR A are used at mass.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles: All are welcome! As you probably know that it takes hours of preparation to put together the Bible Study. I am thankful for all of those who have signed up for these studies. 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. **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

As you are aware that we have confessions on Saturdays both in the morning and in the afternoon, I extend the invitation to all to the Sacrament of Confession during the week also. 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.

Eucharistic Renewal:

I thank the 72 Disciples ministry for hosting the last Eucharistic Renewal Seminar. The next Seminar will be on April 10th, 6:30pm. The topic we will reflect and learn together is "Eucharist is a Community Prayer" presented by Monsignor John Gordon. As I always encourage all of you - community learning is integral to our faith. Please make an effort to be part of the community and learn together.

We started the Eucharistic Revival Seminars in our parish in May of 2023 and the next seminar will complete one full year of community learning. We will continue to spend this precious time every month for prayer and reflection.

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: We have formed a volunteer group to paint the front doors of the church in the Spring. I thank all the volunteers who signed up for this project. Our chapel renovation will be starting soon as we are working to get the schedule ready to relocate adoration opportunities for parishioners. Now that the floor of Mercy Hall is repaired we have started to renovate the bathrooms on the 3rd floor. I thank all the volunteers who were part of this project yesterday (last Saturday) for their handwork. It is an old building and in need of constant maintenance. Skilled people such as painters, electricians, plumbers and carpenters are all welcomed to volunteer in these projects. We all want the best for our community!

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

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, March 17th – 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
MONDAY, March 18th – St. Cyril of Jerusalem
 6:45am Will Spencer by Bruce Scheller
 12:10pm – Deceased Members of the O'Donnell Family by Family

TUESDAY, March 19th – St. Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45am John Mamrak, Sr. by Family
 12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin

WEDNESDAY, March 20th

6:45am – Phyllis Alles by Dan & Terri Starosciak
 12:10pm – Luigi & Teresa Graziosi by Lou, Maryann & Michael

THURSDAY, March 21st

6:45am – *Sp. Int Jenny Chapoñan
 12:10pm – Thomas & Lena Connolly

FRIDAY, March 22nd

6:45am – Dale Briggs by Mac Briggs
 12:10pm – Catherine & Dominic Viscomi & Deceased Family Members by Graziosi Family

SATURDAY, March 23rd – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00am – Evangeline McCaffrey by Joan McCaffrey
 4:30pm – Marian Manasseri by Family

SUNDAY, March 24th – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:00am – Diane Trinidad by Friend
 9:00 – Yola Marinelli by Lisa Marinelli
 11:00 – Joseph Zrowka by Jeannine Riotto
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Jenny Chapoñan
 5:30pm – Antonio & Maria Caccesa by Family

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$29,132.00
Total Received:	\$23,427.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$48,868.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	37.35%
Percent of Goal Received:	30.04%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$253.32

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



March 23 rd		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odinna
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Thomas Casey
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odinna
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March 24 th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Joey Grimshaw
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw
	Server	Sofia Grimshaw
9:00am	Acolyte	Grace Troxell
	Lector	Ivanna Mendez
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Server	Brook Troxell
	Server	Cael Troxell
11:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Robby Basel
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Maria Rubi
	Lector	Jaime Rocha
	Minister	Maria C. Rossenouff
	Announcements	Ivan Lam
	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: 3/17 Ed Socci, 3/24 Eileen Catalli & 3/31 Anne Coyle.

Brakeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 3/17 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

March 10 th		
	\$	9,196.82
Online Giving:	\$	2,740.50
	\$	11,937.32
Various Collections:	\$	1,123.00

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 26th.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 5pm and the rehearsal is on Monday, April 22nd 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: Saturday, April 6th at 11am in the Church.
- First Holy Communion Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11am.

*Please note this applies to children currently registered in the SPSJ Faith Formation program

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on Saturday, March 23rd, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. Let us pray specifically for marriages this month.



ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ACIES

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

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, 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, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Joan McCaffrey, Eric Godleski, & Paul Pierce.

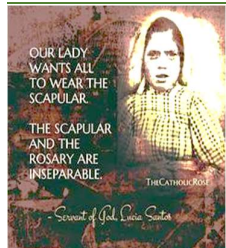
Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

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.

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 23rd.

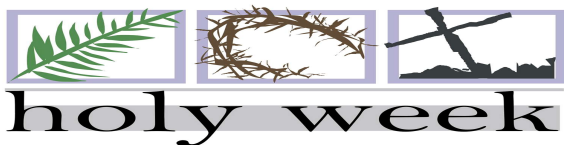
2024 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 fish dinner will be on March 29th. 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.

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.



Palm Sunday, Mar 24

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, Mar 28

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm in the Church

Good Friday, Mar 29

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
12noon in Spanish & 3:00pm in English

Stations of the Cross:

6:30pm in English & 8:00pm in Spanish

Holy Saturday, Mar 30

12:30pm Blessing of Easter food in Church
7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Mar 31

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm Spanish

*No 5:30pm Mass

DEACON'S CORNER

What Is a Permanent Deacon? (Part 3 of 5)

By the early Middle Ages, the importance of the diaconate grew, especially in Rome. Of the thirty-seven men elected as pope between 432 and 684, only three were ordained to the priesthood prior to their ascent to the papacy. The remaining thirty-four were chosen from the diaconate. Despite this influence, by the eighth century the diaconate shifted from a permanent to a transitional order, becoming a preparation stage to the priesthood. While some suggest this was the result of deacons abusing their office, history is unclear on the matter.

In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent (1545-63) sought to restore the diaconate, but, given the larger concerns associated with the Protestant Reformation, it was never implemented. It was not until the middle of the twentieth century, during World War II, that the question of restoration would be taken up again. This time the discussions would occur in what was the largest religious community in Europe, the infamous concentration camp at Dachau in Germany. There, Jesuit Father Otto Pies, along with his companions, speculated what the Church would be like after the war if a married diaconate were restored. These discussions were written down and circulated after the war, eventually finding their way into theological journals. The question of restoring the diaconate was posed to Pope Pius XII in 1957, who remarked, "The idea, at least for today, is not yet ripe."

Remember F. O. F.

+ God Bless You +

Deacon Larry

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 152 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 MARCH EVENTS



On Sunday March 10th at the 11am Mass the Warren Council #474 Columbiettes celebrated their 13th Anniversary. This was followed by a luncheon at Francesco's. Anyone who is interested in joining the Columbiettes please contact Nancy at 908-200-6763 or Bev at 732-239-1759.



Congratulations to Joshua Rojas for passing the Eagle Board Review and becoming an Eagle Scout on March 11, 2024!

Thank you for building a new Blessing Box!

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

5th Sunday of Lent (March 17)

March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church - Optional Memorial.

March 19 - St. Joseph - Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity

The litany of St. Joseph, one of only six approved by the Church for public as well as private use, sums up qualities that made him such an important part of the Holy Family. Although he does not appear much in scripture, this “just man” (as he is called in Matthew 1:19), a humble carpenter, served our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary faithfully as His “foster-father” and her “chaste guardian,” as he is called below.

In referring to St. Joseph as a “diligent protector” of Christ, this litany brings to mind his important role in taking Mary and the infant child Jesus to Egypt to protect our Lord from being killed by King Herod (Matt 3:13-16). The Litany of St. Joseph, in referring to him as a “patron of the dying” gives one of many examples of his patronage. The faithful ask for his assistance for workers, home buyers (and sellers) and, of course, carpenters, among many others!

St. Theresa of Avila once suggested famously that although we may have access to many saints as intercessors for our various needs, we should “go especially to Joseph, for he has great power with God.” In praying this litany of St. Joseph, we are indeed going to the patron saint and “protector” of the Universal Church!

In May 2021, in honor of the Year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis added seven new invocations to the litany.

The new litany starts with **Holy Mary** and moves on to reflect about the vocation of **St. Joseph, Illustrious son of David, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Guardian of the Redeemer, Pure Guardian of the Virgin, Provider for the Son of God, Zealous defender of Christ, Servant of Christ, Minister of salvation, Head of the Holy Family.**

It continues to reflect about the person of Joseph: **Most just, Most chaste, Most prudent, Most brave, Most obedient, Most loyal.** His qualities are followed by the Church's attributes to Joseph: **Mirror of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workers, Glory of family life, Guardian of virgins, Cornerstone of families, Support in difficulties, Comfort of the sorrowing and Hope of the sick.** The Church also remembers his mission for the universal church by calling out to him as: **Patron of exiles, Patron of the afflicted, Patron of the poor, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, and Protector of the Holy Church.**

March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop - Optional Memorial

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

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Philip & St. James. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Antony Arockiadoss, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE SEMINAR

Come to "Building a Culture of Life in NJ" seminar on Saturday, March 23rd 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 or for more info call: 973-497-4520.

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 *confirmandi*, 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>

*Unless a grain of wheat falls and dies...
it remains just a grain.*



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

Quinto domingo de Cuaresma

¡Querida familia!

Estamos a sólo una semana de la Semana Santa. Jeremías 31 tiene algunos de los tesoros más preciados de las Escrituras en toda la Biblia. El establecimiento de la Nueva Alianza es uno de los momentos cruciales de nuestra historia de salvación. Se suponía que la Torá (Antiguo Pacto o Testamento) había llegado al corazón humano, pero el pecado se apoderó de nuestros corazones.

El nuevo pacto de Dios será más individualizado que en el pasado. El Nuevo Pacto obliga a las personas a asumir responsabilidad individual por sus pecados en lugar de culpar a las generaciones pasadas. También nos lleva de la observancia externa de la ley al movimiento interno de arrepentimiento y obras de bondad y compasión.

Los efectos del nuevo pacto se atestiguan en el Evangelio cuando los griegos (forasteros) vinieron a "ver" a Jesús, a diferencia de los discípulos (gente del Pacto) que "saben" dónde está Jesús. Acerquémonos a las palmas con corazones arrepentidos y un espíritu renovado de la Nueva Alianza.

Tercer (último) escrutinio de 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 Escrutinios, las lecturas del AÑO A se utilizan en misa.

Estudio Bíblico sobre Los Hechos de los Apóstoles: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Como probablemente saben que se requieren horas de preparación para preparar el estudio bíblico. Estoy agradecido por todos aquellos que se han inscrito en estos estudios. 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. **Todos los jueves a la 1:30pm en Mercy Hall nos reunimos para estudiar las Escrituras.** Nunca es demasiado tarde para unirse al estudio. Cada vez que participe apreciarás los ricos tesoros de la Sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios. Esto será en preparación para la temporada de Pascua de 2024.

Confesiones

Como saben que tenemos confesiones los sábados tanto en la mañana como en la tarde, extendo la invitación a todos al Sacramento de la Confesión también durante la semana. 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.

Avivamiento Eucarístico:

Agradezco al ministerio 72 Discípulos por acoger la última charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico. La próxima charla será el 10 de abril a las 6:30pm. El tema que reflexionaremos y aprenderemos juntos es "La Eucaristía es una oración comunitaria" presentado por Monseñor John Gordon. Como siempre los animo a todos ustedes, el aprendizaje comunitario es parte integral de nuestra fe. Haga un esfuerzo por ser parte de la comunidad y aprender juntos.

Comenzamos las charlas de Avivamiento Eucarístico en nuestra parroquia en mayo de 2023 y la próxima charla completaría un año completo de aprendizaje comunitario. Continuaremos dedicando este precioso tiempo cada mes a la oración y la reflexión.

Proyectos de mantenimiento: Hemos formado un grupo de voluntarios para pintar las puertas de entrada de la iglesia en la primavera. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que se inscribieron en este proyecto. La renovación de nuestra capilla comenzará pronto mientras estamos trabajando para preparar el cronograma para reubicar las oportunidades de adoración para los feligreses. Ahora que el piso de Mercy Hall está reparado, hemos comenzado a renovar los baños en el 3er piso. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que formaron parte de este proyecto ayer (el sábado pasado) por su trabajo manual. Es un edificio antiguo y necesita mantenimiento constante. Personas cualificadas como pintores, electricistas, fontaneros y carpinteros son bienvenidas como voluntarias en estos proyectos. ¡Todos queremos lo mejor para nuestra comunidad!

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 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 <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.



SEMANA SANTA

Domingo de Ramos, 24 de marzo

Horario regular de misas de fin de semana

Jueves Santo, 28 de marzo

7:00pm Misa de la Cena del Señor

Adoración después de la Misa hasta las 10:00pm en la Iglesia

Viernes Santo, 29 de marzo

Conmemoración de la Pasión del Señor

12:00pm horas en español y 3:00pm en inglés

El Vía Crucis

6:30pm en inglés y 8:00pm en español

Sábado de Gloria, 30 de marzo

12:30pm Bendición de la comida en la Iglesia

7:00pm Vigilia Pascual

Domingo de Pascua, 31 de marzo

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm Español

*No habrá misa a las 5:30pm

NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

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

En este momento, usted ya ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio invitándolo a participar en la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024. Los ministerios diocesanos que reciben apoyo con esta Campaña impactan directamente a muchos de los feligreses aquí en St. Philip y St. James. Su donación ofrece oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. En los próximos días, recibirá una carta de nuestro párroco P. Antony Arockiadoss alentando su participación. Si aún no ha hecho su donación, por favor considere hacerlo hoy, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando al sitio web seguro: <https://diometuchen.org>.



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

We are so proud to announce that we exceeded our goal and raised \$2,060 to be donated to Saint Luke's Cancer Center. We could not have done this without your generous support!

BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

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 visit sspjnj.org/uploads/docs/brunchwithbunny2024.pdf. Please register by this Wednesday, 3/20!

FAITH & SERVICE

Join us for the annual Faith & Service Dinner on 4/27 as we honor Rev. Patrick Boyle (Class of '71) 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 and scroll down to the listing.



Mrs. Perna and Mr. Shick shaving their heads and students giving teachers colorful new hairdos, all to raise funds for Cancer Research & Awareness! Congratulations of Mrs. Perna for celebrating 35 years of being cancer free, and special thanks to Shellie from Art of Hair in Phillipsburg for donating her time and talents.



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

Saints Philip and James School and Parish to honor

Rev. Patrick Boyle class of 1971

and

Kelly and Kevin Perna

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 Phone : 610-704-7429

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

Name: _____ No. Attending _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

Email or phone contact: (Please include contact info for everyone in your group – can be added to back of form)

We would like to accommodate your preference for seating and can reserve tables of eight, and limited tables of 9 or 10 guests. Please indicate the guests for your table on the back of this form.

If you would like to include a congratulatory message or ad for the dinner program, please indicate the type of message and include **Camera Ready Artwork** or forward a digital representation to: billcasey2@yahoo.com

_____ Full Page - \$200 _____ HALF Page - \$100 _____ QUARTER Page - \$50

_____ I regret that I cannot attend but please accept my donation of _____

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