

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER † APRIL 21, 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 Ennsley *Parish Sec. ext. 401*

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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 4/21/24

10am 8th grade Confirmation Class in PMR

Mon. 4/22/24

6pm Confirmation Practice in the Church, & 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday’s of the month.)

Tues. 4/23/24

8:30am Legion of Mary in MH, 5pm Confirmation Mass in the Church, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.

Wed. 4/24/24

7pm Columbiettes Meeting at St. Mary’s in Alpha, NJ.

Thurs. 4/25/24

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

Friday 4/26/24

Sat. 4/27/24

7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty & Marriage, & 9am—1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

Sunday 4/28/24

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Family!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as 'The Good Shepherd Sunday'. All three years (A, B & C) we read from the same parable (John 10). The sacred writers of the Old Testament beautifully presented God as the Good Shepherd and the sacred writers of the New Testament presented Jesus as the Good Shepherd since they perfectly understood and believed that Jesus is the incarnation Word of God the Father, revealing to us His identity by what he does as the Good Shepherd. In the same way 'the sheep' or 'the flock' is the land and people of Israel in the Old Testament and 'The Church' in the New Testament.

Every leadership in the church is modeled on the leadership of Jesus Christ our Shepherd. This Sunday is a grace-filled time for us to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and to religious life. We hope and pray that God continues to be generous to our community in providing to us good deacons.

"The similitude of the "Good Shepherd" is not directed only at one who carries out in the church the ministry of the presidency, but to every Christian. Every disciple must have a heart of a true shepherd; he/she must cultivate the unconditional generosity of the Master with regards to persons." St. Augustine once said, "The shepherd is to be loved, the hireling is to be tolerated, of the robber must we beware." He refers these three characters to three classes of priests. This applies to all leadership.

Our Bishop will be here for Confirmation:

Today is our Bishop's Birthday. Please remember and pray for our bishop and his vocation to lead us. On Tuesday, April 23rd, our Bishop will be confirming all our confirmandi at 5pm Mass in our Church. Please make every effort to participate in the Mass and greet our Bishop on this special visit.

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 thank all of those who have signed up for these studies. **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.

Eucharistic Renewal:

I would like to thank Monsignor John Gordon for the April Seminar on the Eucharist. The Seminar this past March touched upon important questions people may have and would like to learn the Church's answers to those important questions. People who have attended expressed to me to have more of such sessions. We will have a continuation of this session on Wednesday, May 8th, at 6:30pm. Please join the community!

Confessions:

In addition to our regular confession time (Saturday 10am and 3:15pm) I have added weekday confessions during office hours (Monday to Friday) so that people would have more opportunities to avail themselves of the Sacrament. Please call the office for confession opportunities. Priests are available to journey with you!

Our Prayers for RCIA Candidates:

Please remember all the candidates who have received their sacraments at Easter Vigil.

Faith and Service Dinner:

It is an important fundraiser for our School. As you have noted earlier, this year's chosen recipients of Faith & Service awards are Father Pat Boyle and Kevin & Kelly Perna. It is never too late to purchase tickets for the dinner. My sincere thanks to Bill Casey and the whole team in organizing the dinner. As we thank Fr. Pat and Kevin & Kelly, we continue to pray for Catholic Education.

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: Our chapel renovation will be starting soon as we are working to get a schedule ready to relocate adoration opportunities for parishioners. I would like to thank all the volunteers who continue to care for our facilities. Skilled people such as painters, electricians, plumbers and carpenters are all welcomed to volunteer in these projects.

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, April 21st – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00am – Anthony Loiacono by Wife & Daughter
 9:00 – Glenn & Margaret Clark by Family
 11:00 – Jermaine Knight by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. for Jenny Chapañon
 5:30pm – Bernadette Pavkovic by Family

MONDAY, April 22nd

6:45am – Will Spencer by Fran & John Ludwig
 12:10pm – Joseph F. Tolotta by Gloria

TUESDAY, April 23rd – St. George & St. Adalbert

6:45am – Carmella Bullock by Fran & John Ludwig
 12:10pm – Helen I. Flynn by Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

6:45am – Jack Lilly by Family
 12:10pm – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. by Rose Bladies

THURSDAY, April 25th – St. Mark the Evangelist

6:45am – Frank & Joyce Gasparovic by Ayala Family
 12:10pm – Joseph Adamitis by Family

FRIDAY, April 26th

6:45am – Nancy Confalone-Shober by Merrie Mulrine
 12:10pm – Betty Lilly by Family

SATURDAY, April 27th

8:00am – Joseph J. Petchonka Sr. by Children
 4:30pm – Edward Smith by Ron Rossini

SUNDAY, April 28th – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00am – Bill & Jean Duaine by Mary & Bill
 9:00 – Enzo Marinelli by Lisa Marinelli
 11:00 – Rose Solt by Katherine & Family
 1:00pm (SP) – Egma Espinosa by María Cristina Rossenouff
 5:30pm – Patrice Michel by The Catalli Family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

April 27 th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Josh Romero
	Lector	Lisa DeGerolamo
	Minister	Thomas Casey
	Minister	Frances Ludwig
	Server	Chiazam Odimma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
April 28 th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Sebastian Mendoza
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Server	Gabriel Stretenovic
	Server	Luke Stretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Server	Emma Giacalone
	Server	Erin Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Lisette Herrera
	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Laura Garcia
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jose Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 4/21 Ed Socci, 4/28 Eileen Catalli, & 5/5 Anne Coyle.

Brakeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 4/21 Beth Dispoto.

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$44,870.00
Total Received:	\$38,441.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$33,130.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	57.53%
Percent of Goal Received:	49.28%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$285.80

Stewardship

April 14

	\$ 10,516.50
Online Giving:	\$ 2,438.00
	\$ 12,954.50
Various Collections:	\$ 413.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- 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.

Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

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 Holy Communion Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11am. (Practice time on Friday, May 3rd is at 5pm instead of 6pm.)

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

BIBLE STUDY

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



PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on Saturday, April 27th, after the 8 AM mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. Let us pray for our families for reconciliation & peace.

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.



The altar flowers are donated in memory of Albert & Carmella Piperata by Al & Ellen (Cherrie) Piperata.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Last weekend we welcomed into the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, Eugena Amissah, Roy Amissah, and Kylie Amissah daughters and son of Ms. Genevieve Dunyoh and Mr. Eugene Amissah.

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, Jaxson Rand, & Catherine Heffernan.

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.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 168 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! We are in need of Jelly, store bought cookies and pudding cups. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall.

RICE BOWLS

Please return your rice bowls to the office or place them in the container marked Rice Bowl Returns in the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity!

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21st, 2024)

21 Sunday - 61st Word Day of Prayer for

Vocations: Excerpts from Pope Francis' Homily.

Theme for this year is: "Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace". "This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father. In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For "prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door" (Catechesis, 20 May 2020)."

"Yet what does it mean to be pilgrims? Those who go on pilgrimage seek above all to keep their eyes fixed on the goal, to keep it always in their mind and heart. To achieve that goal, however, they need to concentrate on every step, which means travelling light, getting rid of what weighs them down, carrying only the essentials and striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty and hesitation. Being a pilgrim means setting out each day, beginning ever anew, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas."

23 Tuesday - St. George, Martyr and St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr - Optional Memorial

24 Wednesday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr - Optional Memorial

25 Thursday - St. Mark, Evangelist – Feast

An intimate friendship existed between Mark and Peter; he played the role of Peter's companion, disciple, and interpreter. According to the common patristic opinion, Mark was present at Peter's preaching in Rome and wrote his Gospel under the influence of the prince of the apostles.

This explains why incidents which involve Peter are described with telling detail (e.g., the great day at Capharnaum, 1:14f). Little is known of Mark's later life. It is certain that he died a martyr's death as bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. His relics were transferred from Alexandria to Venice, where a worthy tomb was erected in St. Mark's Cathedral. (Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch)

DEACON'S CORNER

Inviting Jesus into one's heart and life

If you haven't had the chance to read the article on this subject from last week, I recommend accessing it first before proceeding. You can find the article online on our website's bulletin section. Reading the article will provide you with important background information to better understand the content that follows.

Inviting Jesus into one's heart and life is a profound and deeply personal experience that can bring about significant spiritual transformation. While many Catholics faithfully practice their faith through rituals and traditions, the act of inviting Jesus to be the Lord of their lives represents a crucial step towards establishing a direct, personal relationship with Him.

This invitation is not merely a formality but a heartfelt decision to open one's heart to the presence and guidance of Jesus. By consciously making this choice, individuals acknowledge Jesus as the center of their lives and commit to following His teachings and example. This intentional act of surrender can lead to a profound shift in perspective, priorities, and purpose.

When one extends this invitation to Jesus, they offer Him the opportunity to work within them, shaping their thoughts, actions, and beliefs according to His divine will. This surrender of control and trust in His guidance can bring about a sense of peace, clarity, and purpose that may have been previously elusive.

In the coming week, reflecting on the impact of inviting Jesus to dwell within and take lordship of one's life can offer opportunities for self-discovery, growth, and transformation. By remaining open to His presence and guidance, individuals can embark on a journey of spiritual renewal that has the power to reshape their lives in profound and meaningful ways. Stay tuned for the last article on this subject.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers Deacon Enock



HOLY HOUR

All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on May 3, 2024 (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community. (On this day Adoration in the chapel will end at 6pm.)

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.

OUTLINE OF THE APRIL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TALK

Monsignor John Gordon, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Carteret, NJ spoke in both English and Spanish about the Eucharist being a Communal Prayer.

The communal aspect of the Mass is the Eucharist. The communal gathering is like a family meal. **Monsignor gave examples of this:**

- The Last Supper was a meal Jesus celebrated before His death, He said, "take this all of you and eat..."and He passed the bread.
- The Seder Meal at Passover, God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and share it with family.
- The three messengers from God who appeared to Abraham on their way to Sodom, were given a meal.

Monsignor also told us we find Divine Life in the community of the Church and there are no strangers in the community.

During Mass we need full participation of the faithful. We are gathered by our prayers in the Act of Penance, the Prayers of the Faithful, the Profession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer. The prayers of Mass are a dialogue between the Priest and the people, and our affirmations are important.

Examples of what adds to our celebration of Mass:

- Knowledge of Participation
- Communal of new members
- RCIA formation of new members
- Quality of Ministry
 - Readers, Music and Reverent distribution of Communion

Examples of what hinders our celebration of Mass:

- Rushed pace
- Lack of understanding
- The way we dress
- Not paying attention
- Not participating in prayers

Examples of how to deepen the celebration:

- Prepare ahead of time, read over the Readings for the Mass of the day
- Thank God for Vocation
- Active participation in prayers

Community News

LIFE CHOICES

Life Choices has an additional website for devotional and educational purposes. Please check it out: <https://redeemerinthewomb.com/>

Diocesan News

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE, SEPARATION OR FAMILY BROKENNESS

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 For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

¡Querida familia!

El Cuarto Domingo de Pascua se conoce tradicionalmente como “Domingo del Buen Pastor”. Los tres años (A, B y C) leemos la misma parábola (Juan 10). Los escritores sagrados del Antiguo Testamento presentaron bellamente a Dios como el Buen Pastor y los escritores sagrados del Nuevo Testamento presentaron a Jesús como el Buen Pastor ya que entendieron y creyeron perfectamente que Jesús es la encarnación Verbo de Dios Padre, revelándonos Su identidad. por lo que hace como Buen Pastor. De la misma manera “las ovejas” o “el rebaño” es la tierra y el pueblo de Israel en el Antiguo Testamento y “La Iglesia” en el Nuevo Testamento.

Todo liderazgo en la iglesia sigue el modelo del liderazgo de Jesucristo nuestro Pastor. Este domingo es un tiempo lleno de gracia para orar por las vocaciones al sacerdocio, al diaconado y a la vida religiosa. Esperamos y oramos para que Dios continúe siendo generoso con nuestra comunidad al brindarnos buenos diáconos.

“La semejanza del “Buen Pastor” no está dirigida sólo a quien desempeña en la iglesia el ministerio de la presidencia, sino a todo cristiano. Todo discípulo debe tener un corazón de verdadero pastor; debe cultivar la generosidad incondicional del Maestro hacia las personas”. San Agustín dijo una vez: “Hay que amar al pastor, hay que tolerar a los mercenarios, debemos tener cuidado con el ladrón”. Remite a estos tres personajes a tres clases de sacerdotes. Esto se aplica a todo liderazgo.

Nuestro Obispo estará aquí para la Confirmación:

Hoy es el cumpleaños de nuestro obispo. Por favor recuerden y oren por nuestro obispo y su vocación de guiarnos. El martes 23 de abril, nuestro Obispo confirmará a todos nuestros confirmandos en la Misa de las 5 p.m. en nuestra Iglesia. Haga todo lo posible para participar en la Misa y saludar a nuestro Obispo en esta visita especial.

Estudio Bíblico sobre Los Hechos de los Apóstoles: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Como probablemente saben, se necesitan horas de preparación para preparar un estudio bíblico. Agradezco a todos los que se han apuntado a estos estudios. **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.

Avivamiento Eucarístico:

Me gustaría agradecer a Monseñor John Gordon por la charla sobre la Eucaristía de abril. La charla del marzo pasado abordó preguntas importantes que las personas pueden tener y les gustaría saber las respuestas de la Iglesia a esas preguntas importantes. Las personas que han asistido me expresaron que si habrá más sesiones de este tipo. Tendremos una continuación de esta sesión el miércoles 8 de mayo a las 6:30 pm. ¡Únase a la comunidad!

Confesiones:

Además de nuestro horario habitual de confesión (sábado a las 10 am y 3:15 pm), he agregado confesiones entre semana durante el horario de oficina (de lunes a viernes) para que las personas tengan más oportunidades de aprovechar el Sacramento. Llame a la oficina para oportunidades de confesión. ¡Los sacerdotes están disponibles para viajar contigo!

Nuestras oraciones para los candidatos de RICA:

Recuerde a todos los candidatos que han recibido sus sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual.

Cena de Fe y Servicio:

Es una importante recaudación de fondos para nuestra escuela. Como se han dado cuenta, los elegidos de este año para los reconocimientos de Fe y Servicio son el Padre Pat Boyle y Kevin & Kelly Perna. Nunca es demasiado tarde para comprar entradas para la cena. Mi más sincero agradecimiento a Bill Casey y a todo el equipo por organizar la cena. Mientras agradecemos al P. Pat y Kevin & Kelly, seguimos orando por la educación católica.

Proyectos de mantenimiento: La renovación de nuestra capilla comenzará pronto mientras estamos trabajando para preparar un cronograma para reubicar a los que asisten la adoración para los feligreses. Me gustaría agradecer a todos los voluntarios que siguen cuidando nuestras instalaciones. Personas calificadas como pintores, electricistas, fontaneros y carpinteros son bienvenidas como voluntarias en estos proyectos.

P. Antony

SACRAMENTOS 2024

La Confirmación

El Sacramento de la Confirmación se llevará a cabo el martes 23 de abril a las 5pm y el ensayo será el lunes 22 de abril a las 6pm, ambos días en la iglesia. Por favor mantengan a los candidatos en sus oraciones.

La Primera Comunión*

- Padres, por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Durán, lo antes posible, en la oficina parroquial para programar una cita con el Padre Antony.

- Fecha de Primera Comunión: Sábado 4 de mayo de 2024, a las 11am en la Iglesia. (Ensayo es el viernes 3 de mayo a las 5pm en la iglesia.)

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

VIAJE EN AUTOBÚS DE PEREGRINACIÓN AL SANTUARIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Miércoles 10 de julio con un costo de \$80. Embarque a las 7 am en 137 Roseberry Street (estacionamiento de la escuela SSPJ) y regreso a las 10:30 pm. Triga su almuerzo. Comuníquese con Camille al 908-319-2719 para obtener detalles y hacer su reserva.

NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

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

Gracias a todos los que han donado tan generosamente a la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024. Si aún no ha hecho su promesa de donación, todavía hay tiempo para participar. Envíe su aporte por correo a: "Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal", PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o realice su donación en línea en <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

RESERVE LA FECHA!!

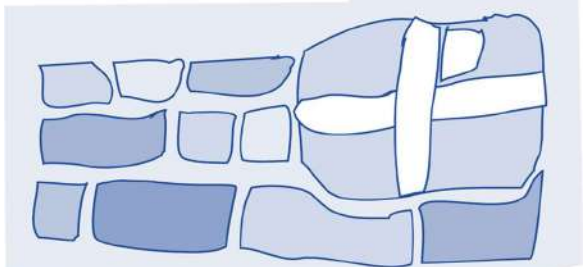
Por favor reserve la fecha y acompañenos en las siguientes celebraciones, Estas son expresión de nuestra tradición como comunidad Hispana en la Diócesis de Metuchen.

25 de Mayo de 2024. Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario "Blue Army" de 9:30 am a 3:00 pm.

11 de Octubre de 2024. Misa de la Herencia Hispana a las 7 pm en la Catedral San Francisco de Asís en Metuchen.

Esté atento para más información.

**La piedra
rechazada
por los arquitectos**



**es ahora
la piedra angular**



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!

FAITH & SERVICE

Join us for the annual Faith & Service Dinner on April 27th 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 event listing. Can't attend? Please consider sponsoring the event or making a donation.

SPRING RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who supported our most recent school raffle. Congratulations to the winners, Heather Prokop (1st prize), James Callinan (2nd prize), and Bob Graham (3rd prize).

FINDING NEMO KIDS

The SSPJ Drama Club spring production, Finding Nemo Kids, will open on Friday, May 10th at 7pm with an additional show on Saturday, May 11th at 2pm. Tickets will be sold at the door and will be \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. Booster ads can also be placed in the show program. Call the school office for details at (908) 859-1244.

Congratulations to the SSPJ third grade March Madness Multiplication Tournament winners, Raegan, River, Leo, and Lilly! Thank you to Ms. O'Connell for leading this awesome learning experience for our students.



SAINTS SPIRIT OF GIVING

Our Saints Spirit of Giving will kick off on the Feast Day of Saint Philip and Saint James, Friday, 5/3. All prayer requests are due by this Monday, 4/22. Please follow along on social media throughout the month of May to see all the ways our students spread J.O.Y. in our community!

SAINTS SPRINT

The Saints Sprint Fun Run Events will be held on Saturday, May 18th with a rain date of Sunday, May 19th. The color run and the wacky relays will all be back by popular demand! Visit sspjnj.org for more information.

HONOR ROLL

THIRD MARKING PERIOD

8TH GRADE

Eugena Amissah	isabelle Mazuro
Erin Giacalone	Alana Palos
	Rita Jentile

7TH GRADE

Kayden Dorceley	Cooper Simon
isabella Gagliardi	Mason Simon
Emma Giacalone	Logan Suansing
Ashley Pacis	Anthony Stefano
Sean O'Hare	Lillian Williams
	Gianni Siano

6TH GRADE

Abraham Barlatier	ALLYSSA PALOS
	COLTON GENOVESSE

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 35-48

Jesus appears to the disciples and says, "peace be with you". When they doubt it is really Jesus, He reminds them of what was written in scripture.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

- Jesus
- Appears
- Disciples
- Peace
- With
- You
- Doubt
- Troubled
- Hands
- Feet
- Touch
- Amazement
- Fulfillment
- Reminds
- Written
- Scriptures



"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

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T	N	E	M	E	Z	A	M	A	Y	S

SWEET as HONEY



We say "peace be with you" every Sunday at mass, just like Jesus said to His disciples! Did Jesus shake hands with them too?



People can return this greeting in many ways - with a hug, a kiss, a handshake, a bow, a head nod or just repeat it back - peace to you and also with you. How it is given will vary, but its meaning is the same.

Chad Ramsey



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