

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT † December 17, 2023

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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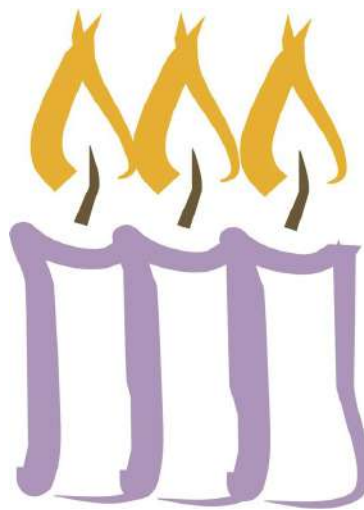
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Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9am-12:30pm

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

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



3RD
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT

Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/17/23 8am to 12noon Breakfast with Santa in Mercy Hall, 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

Mon. 12/18/23

Tues. 12/19/23 8:30am Sanctuary Guild in Church, 9am Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room & 7pm Cenacles of Life in Chapel.

Wed. 12/20/23 5pm Bible Study in Mercy Hall & 7pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group in PMR.

Thurs. 12/21/23 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in Chapel.

Friday 12/22/23

Sat. 12/23/23 7am—8am Men's Fellowship Group in Conf. Room & 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in MH.

Sunday 12/24/23 No 8th Grade Confirmation Class & No RCIA.

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Family!

Reflection: We are celebrating 'Gaudete Sunday' (Laetare Sunday in Lent) as the Universal Church rejoices in the Lord because 'the Lord is near' echoing the Opening Prayer, "we who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving."

Self-knowledge is indispensable to all. Socrates is known for his wisdom of 'knowing thyself'. Thomas Merton said, "The first step toward finding God, who is Truth, is to discover the truth about myself: and if I have been in error, this first step to truth is the discovery of my error."

Self-knowledge is the gift of God. John the Baptist shows a great depth in self-knowledge: I am not the Christ, I am not Elijah, and I am not the Prophet. Self-knowledge leads us to better understand and appreciate our vocation: to be the voice for God. He shows a great depth of humility in accepting his vocation when he said that he is just a voice in the desert and when the Messiah comes, he is not fit to untie the sandals. We should note here that the slaves take pride in untying their master's sandals. John the Baptist stretches the limits of his humility to not even be called a slave. Self-knowledge prepares us to accept and live our vocation in the spirit of humility.

The coming of the Messiah is indeed a preparation of the self. The more we commit ourselves in understanding and loving our own selves as God wants us to, the committed we will be in getting ready to welcome him. The Word of God needs a straight path to our hearts and to our society. The Word of God needs a strong and vibrant voice. We are the voice of the Word.

Let us invoke the blessings of God to reveal to us what we want to know. Let our self-knowledge bring joy and happiness to us and to our society. Let our voices turn the hearts of people to God. Only then we can show people like John the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God."

Eucharistic Revival Seminar: My sincere thanks to all the volunteers of '72 Disciples' ministry. As we thank Fr. Gilbert for the Eighth seminar on "Eucharist and the Effects of Holy Communion." I appreciate all who have participated. I continue to encourage community learning as it is indispensable for our faith. The next seminar will be on January 10th, 6:30pm. The Vicar General Fr. Jay Tabrowski will be our next presenter.

Bible Study: Every Wednesdays at 5pm in Mercy Hall. All are welcome! December 13th, we learned 'Miracles in the Gospel of Mark' (6:33 - 8:26). **Our next Bible Study will be on the 20th, 5pm in Mercy Hall. We will be learning "On the Way of Discipleship (8:27 - 10:52).** After this class we will break for Christmas and resume on the 3rd of January. Please join us!

Thank you! Our heartfelt thanks to **Giving-Tree Ministry** and the volunteers who were involved in collecting and distributing gifts to the poor and the needy. It is a lot of work in sorting out gifts and making sure the poor are taken care of. Thank you! God bless you!. Also, we thank the **Finance Council** in meeting with the parishioners and answering financial questions. As we strive to be transparent in our service to you, I invite you to approach me if you have any questions. We also thank all the priests who have helped us with Confession during our **Advent Penance Service**. There will also be many opportunities to go to confession before Christmas - a great way to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah!

Happy Birthday to Fr. Pat!: We wish Fr. Pat on his birthday last Friday! We thank him for his service and spiritual accompaniment to our community! Please keep Fr. Pat in your prayers!

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

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 17th – Third Sunday of Advent

7:00am – Jimmy & George Richline by Martha
 9:00 – Adam Lokitis by Ella Lokitis
 11:00 – Bridget Boyle by Michael & Maryann Boyle
 1:00pm (SP) – Emma Espinoza Angeles by Maria Cristina Rossenouff
 5:30pm – Deceased Members of the Loiacono Family by Dolly Loiacono

MONDAY, December 18th

6:45am – Maria Ayala by Ayala Family
 12:10pm – John Lafferty by Catalli Family

TUESDAY, December 19th

6:45 – Louis Reda by Family
 12:10pm – Thomas & Lena Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly

WEDNESDAY, December 20th

6:45 – Oreste & Mary Simone by Rosemary Carnali
 12:10pm – Franciso Pereira Gomes & Parents by Gomes Aversa Family

THURSDAY, December 21st – St. Peter Canisius

6:45 – Fr. Cornelius J. O'Rielly (A)
 12:10pm – John Oxenham by Ed & Margaret Connolly

FRIDAY, December 22nd

6:45 – Ann Heller by Family
 12:10pm – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. (A) by Rose Bladies

SATURDAY, December 23rd – St. John of Kanty

8:00 – Edward Smith by Ron Rossini
 4:30pm – Sr. Mary Demsita White C.S.J. by Gomes Aversa Family

SUNDAY, December 24th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am – Joseph Rafferty by Daughter Duaime
 9:00 – Kathleen Farley & Anna Dorsey by Gomes Aversa Family
 11:00 – Tracy Stallings by Mom & Family
 1:00pm (SP) – Rosa Elvira Ortiz by Fr. Gilbert

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00pm – Mark Reda by Family
 7:00pm – Deceased Members of the Casey Family by Casey Family
 Midnight – Diane Wilton by Dawn Peppe

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 23rd

4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odimma
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Thomas Casey
	Minister	Frances Ludwig
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
	Server	Josh Romero

December 24th

7:00am	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Oliver McKenna
	Server	Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Robert Anselmo
	Minister	Maria Gural
	Server	Cole Rautenberg
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Erin Giacalone
	Server	Emma Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Laura García
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 12/17 Magnolia Mateo & 12/24 Eileen Catalli.

Barkeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 12/17 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

December 10, 2024:	\$ 12,266.24
Online Giving:	\$ 2,553.50
	\$14,609.26

Second Collection:	\$ 6,117.24
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Around the Parish



SPSJ YOUTH CHOIR

Practice Time: Sundays from 10am to 10:30am in the church. It is open to SSPJ & Faith Formation children ages 7 and up. This can be done towards Christian Charity hours for 7th and 8th graders. Parents, please encourage your children to participate.



We are looking girls and boys, who have received their First Holy Eucharist, who are willing to make a commitment to become a member of our wonderful Altar Server team! What a GREAT way to teach your children the concept of "Stewardship." Open to all children of the parish and school (who have received their First Holy Eucharist). Parents, please send an email to eduran@spsj.org to be added to the list.

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. Finigio, Sr, Paul Montrim, 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, John Haney, Lori Haney, & Richard Dalrymple.

Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

Christian Finizio, Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. 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.



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



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 150 meals to 35 families in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!!

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th, at 3 PM, for our Christmas Dinner in Mercy Hall. Do not sit at home alone. Come celebrate Christmas with some of your parishioners. Call for reservations at 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on Saturday, December 30th, after the 8AM mass for prayers for life, liberty, and marriage. Let us pray for our families for reconciliation & peace.

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

You are cordially invited by the Parish Family of St. Philip and St. James to attend the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 9:00am in celebration of your Baby's First Christmas. At this Mass, your child will receive a special blessing. If you are able to attend this Mass, please contact Melody Talpas at (610)-442-5555 or melodytalpas@gmail.com by January 2, 2024.



Monday, December 25, 2023

The Church Office and Adoration will be closed.

ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY

RECAP OF 12-06-23

The Way of Discipleship - (8:27 - 10:52)

This Lesson focused on the **Calming of the Storm** and the **Liberation of the Man tormented by Demons**. The following reflections are from *The Gospel of Mark* by Mary Healy.

- In the calming of the storm, Mark narrates this event not only to recount the memorable event of the storm, but also to reflect the experience of the early Christians. The boat with the disciples and Jesus Christ is an image of the Church. The small and struggling early Church, storm-tossed on the seas of the vast Roman Empire, must have sometimes wondered why their Lord seemed to be asleep in the stern, absent, unaware, and unconcerned about the mortal perils that threatened them. How often have His disciples, throughout the ages, felt that way in the midst of storms of persecution, natural disasters or personal troubles? But Jesus' authority is without limit, and although He allows trials, in the end, **nothing can truly harm those who trust in Him**.
- The Gerasene demoniac is a graphic example of the dehumanizing effect of evil and the tyranny it gives demons over human beings. It is evident that what is needed for this man's salvation is not merely conversion and reform of life, but deliverance: the expulsion of evil spirits and their influence that only the Son of God can accomplish. Although this is obvious in this man's case, it is also true to a lesser degree in everyday human life. Because of original sin, Satan has acquired a certain domination over all human beings. In all of us the image of God is defaced to some degree. Thus, the Rite of Baptism is always preceded by an exorcism, banishing any evil spirits that may have insinuated themselves into a person's life. Jesus' exorcism of the demoniac gives us an insight into what His work of redemption has accomplished for every one of us. **Jesus, I Trust in You!**

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Dec 17 Sunday)

December 21 - Optional Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

December 23 - Optional Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

The first thing that comes to mind is the image of the Virgin printed on the tilma.

It is the image of the first disciple of the mother of believers, of the Church itself, which remains imprinted in the humility of what we are and have, which is not worth much, but which will be something great in the eyes of God. She is printed on the tilma.

The Virgin asks Juan Diego for a small job, to pick some flowers. Flowers, in mysticism, mean the virtues that the Lord instills in the heart, they are not our work. The act of collecting them reveals to us that God wants us to welcome this gift, to perfume our weak reality with good works, eliminating hatred and fears.

If you look at the message of Guadalupe, the words of the Virgin: "Am I not here, for I am your mother?", they take on a new meaning. That "being" of the Virgin, that "being" is to remain permanently imprinted on those poor clothes, perfumed by virtues collected in a world that seems incapable of producing them. Virtues that fill our poverty in the simplicity of small gestures of love, which illuminate our tilma, without us realizing it, with the image of a Church that carries Christ in its womb.

The image, the tilma, the roses, this is the message. It's that simple, without gloss. Along with the assurance that She is my mother, that She is here. And this message defends us from so many social and political ideologies with which this Guadeloupian reality is so frequently used to justify itself and make money. The Guadalupe message does not tolerate ideologies of any kind. Just the image, the tilma, the roses.

DEACON'S CORNER

...A Surprised Funeral continued

If you haven't had the chance to read the articles on this subject from last 2 weeks, I recommend accessing them first before proceeding. You can find the articles online on our website's bulletin section. Reading the articles will provide you with important background information to better understand the content that follows.

St. Philip and St. James parish, you are the lifeblood of this community, and your active participation is crucial to keeping our church vibrant and thriving. While many of you are faithful in your attendance, there are always opportunities to do more to ensure the continued growth and vitality of our parish. Let's take a moment to reflect on some suggestions that could help prevent the church from stagnating and bring new energy to our shared spiritual home.

Firstly, I encourage each of you to participate with joy and enthusiasm during our gatherings. Whether it's responding to prayers, singing hymns, or engaging in communal activities, let's do so with a heart full of joy and a spirit of unity. By embracing these moments with sincerity and vigor, we can create an uplifting and inspiring atmosphere that draws others to share in our sense of community.

Furthermore, when was the last time you invited someone to join you at church? Sharing the gift of faith with others is a beautiful way to breathe new life into our parish. Whether it's a friend, a neighbor, or a family member, extending an invitation to experience the warmth and love of our community can have a profound impact on both them and our church.

Additionally, consider the various activities and programs offered within our parish. These initiatives are designed to enrich your relationship with God and foster a sense of belonging within our church family. Your active engagement in these activities is vital for the continued growth and success of our parish. By participating in these offerings, you not only nourish your own spiritual journey but also contribute to the vitality of our community.

Moreover, I urge you to contemplate what more you can do for the glory of God. Is there a talent or skill that you can share with the community?

Whether it's lending a helping hand with parish events, leading a small group, or contributing your creativity to our worship services, your unique gifts can play a significant role in keeping our church alive and flourishing.

In closing, I humbly ask each of you to consider how you can add something meaningful to your repertoire to ensure the continued vibrancy of St. Philip and St. James parish. Your active involvement, joyful participation, and willingness to share your gifts are essential to keeping our church alive and thriving. Together, let's embrace these suggestions with open hearts and minds, as we work towards a future filled with faith, fellowship, and purpose... To be continued.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.
Cheers

Deacon Enock

2023 Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th
4pm, 7pm, 12 midnight in English**



**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th
7am, 9am, and 11am in English
1pm in Spanish**

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Come join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 19, 2024. Join a half million people who are standing up for life! Bus leaves from St. Philip & St. James Catholic School at 6:30am. Mass in the church at 6:00am. For those who cannot walk, you can visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 & leave a message. The committee will be fundraising after all the masses in December to help pay for it. Please stop by our table in the back of the church. This is facilitated by the Celebrate Life Committee.

Diocesan News



RETROUVAILLE

Stress in Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: Estamos celebrando el 'Domingo Gaudete' (Domingo Laetare en Cuaresma) mientras la Iglesia Universal se regocija en el Señor porque 'el Señor está cerca' haciendo eco de la Oración Inicial, "nosotros que esperamos el cumpleaños de Cristo, experimentamos la alegría de la salvación y celebrar esa fiesta con amor y acción de gracias".

El autoconocimiento es indispensable para todos. Sócrates es conocido por su sabiduría de "conócete a ti mismo". Thomas Merton dijo: "El primer paso para encontrar a Dios, que es la Verdad, es descubrir la verdad sobre mí mismo: y si me he equivocado, este primer paso hacia la verdad es el descubrimiento de mi error".

El autoconocimiento es don de Dios. Juan Bautista muestra una gran profundidad en el autoconocimiento: no soy el Cristo, no soy Elías y no soy el Profeta. El autoconocimiento nos lleva a comprender y valorar mejor nuestra vocación: ser voz de Dios. Muestra una gran humildad al aceptar su vocación cuando dice que él es sólo una voz en el desierto y que cuando venga el Mesías no será apto para desatar las sandalias. Debemos señalar aquí que los esclavos se enorgullecen de desatar las sandalias de su amo. Juan Bautista extiende los límites de su humildad para ni siquiera ser llamado esclavo. El autoconocimiento nos prepara para aceptar y vivir nuestra vocación con espíritu de humildad.

La venida del Mesías es en verdad una preparación del yo. Cuanto más nos comprometamos a comprendernos y amarnos a nosotros mismos como Dios quiere, más comprometidos estaremos a prepararnos para recibirlo. La Palabra de Dios necesita un camino recto hacia nuestros corazones y hacia nuestra sociedad. La Palabra de Dios necesita una voz fuerte y vibrante. Somos la voz de la Palabra.

Inviquemos las bendiciones de Dios para que nos revele lo que queremos saber. Dejemos que nuestro autoconocimiento nos traiga alegría y felicidad a nosotros y a nuestra sociedad. Dejemos que nuestras voces vuelvan los corazones de las personas hacia Dios. Sólo entonces podremos mostrarles a personas como Juan el Bautista: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios".

Charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico: Mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos los voluntarios del ministerio '72 Discípulos'. Mientras agradecemos al P. Gilbert para la octava charla sobre "La Eucaristía y los efectos de la Sagrada Comunión". Agradezco a todos los que han participado. Sigo fomentando el aprendizaje comunitario, ya que es indispensable para nuestra fe. El próximo seminario será el 10 de enero a las 6:30 p.m. El Vicario General P. Jay Tabrowski será nuestro próximo presentador.

Estudio Bíblico: Todos los miércoles a las 5pm en Mercy Hall. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! El 13 de diciembre aprendimos 'Los milagros en el Evangelio de Marcos' (6:33 - 8:26). **Nuestro próximo Estudio Bíblico será el día 20 a las 5pm en Mercy Hall.**

Estaremos aprendiendo “En el camino del discipulado (8:27 - 10:52). Después de esta clase haremos un receso por Navidad y la reanudaremos el 3 de enero. ¡Por favor únete a nosotros!

¡Gracias! Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a “**Giving-Tree Ministry**” y a los voluntarios que participaron en la recolección y distribución de regalos a los pobres y necesitados. Es mucho trabajo seleccionar los regalos y asegurarse de que se atienda a los pobres. ¡Gracias! ¡Dios los bendiga! Además, agradecemos al **Consejo de Finanzas** por reunirse con los feligreses y responder preguntas financieras. Mientras nos esforzamos por ser transparentes en nuestro servicio para usted, lo invito a comunicarse conmigo si tiene alguna pregunta. También agradecemos a todos los sacerdotes que nos han ayudado con la Confesión durante nuestro **Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento**. También habrá muchas oportunidades para confesarnos antes de Navidad: ¡una excelente manera de preparar nuestros corazones para la venida del Mesías!

Feliz cumpleaños al P. Pat!: Deseamos al P. ¡Pat en su cumpleaños el viernes pasado! ¡Le agradecemos su servicio y acompañamiento espiritual a nuestra comunidad! Por favor mantenga al P. ¡Pat en tus oraciones!

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

P. Antony

Misas de Navidad 2023

**Nochebuena, domingo 24 de diciembre
4:00pm, 7:00pm, y 12:00am en inglés**



**Natividad del Señor, lunes 25 de diciembre
7:00am, 9:00am y 11:00am en inglés
1:00pm en español**

HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

24 de diciembre de 2023 - 1:00pm

Lectores

Laura García
Giovanni Lam

Ministro

Martha Lam

Anuncios

Juan Lalama

Servidores

Miguel Quizhpi-García
Jackie Quizhpi-García
José Jauridez

25 de diciembre de 2023 - 1:00pm

Lectores

Gladys Jauridez
Iván Lam

Ministro

Francisco Jauridez

Anuncios

Lisette Herrera

Servidores

Miguel Quizhpi-García
Jackie Quizhpi-García
José Jauridez

SERVIDORES DE MISA

¡Estamos buscando niños/niñas que hayan recibido su Primera Eucaristía y que estén dispuestos a comprometerse a convertirse en miembros de nuestro maravilloso equipo de Servidores del Altar! Qué gran manera de enseñarles a sus hijos el concepto de "mayordomía". Abierto a todos los niños de la parroquia y de la escuela parroquial (que hayan recibido su Primera Eucaristía). Padres, envíen un correo electrónico a eduran@spsj.org para ser agregados a la lista.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA VIAJE EN AUTOBÚS

Únase a nosotros en la Marcha por la Vida en Washington, DC, el viernes 19 de enero de 2024. ¡Únase a medio millón de personas que luchan por la vida! El autobús sale de la escuela católica St. Philip & St. James a las 6:30 am. Misa en la iglesia a las 6:00 am. Para aquellos que no pueden caminar, pueden visitar el Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción. Para obtener más información o reservar un asiento, llame al 908-454-9880 y deje un mensaje. El comité recaudará fondos después de todas las misas en diciembre para ayudar a pagar el viaje. Por favor pase por nuestra mesa ubicado en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Esto lo facilita el Comité “Celebrate Life”.



Saints Update

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions to the fund 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 Saints Fund to your monthly donations or visit sspjn.org and click the gold donate button located on the top right of the home page.

HELP WANTED

Saints Philip and James School is currently in search of a school custodian. All clearances required. Black Seal certification preferred. Please contact the SSPJ school principal, Mrs. Patricia Bell, at bell.patricia@spsj.org or call (908) 859-1244 for more information or to apply.

STOCKING STUFFER RAFFLE

Please keep an eye out for information on our new Stocking Stuffer Raffle, coming soon! (Drawing will be held in January 2024). Thank you for your continuous support.

Congratulations to all of the players who participated in the 2023 SSPJ Jingle Jam 3 on 3 basketball tournament, especially to the tournament champs, pictured below.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for a little Christmas magic at the annual Saints Philip & James School Home School Association's Breakfast with Santa event, and thank you to the magic makers as well!



ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU

Eucharistic Revival

Please join us in
this exciting journey to grow as a
Eucharistic Community!

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

9th Talk

The Vicar General Fr. Jay Tabrowski

Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30pm

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

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.

READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

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