

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † January 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

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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 1/21/24 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

Mon. 1/22/24 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group Aliento de Vida in the Church (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday's of the month.)

Tues. 1/23/24 8:30am Sanctuary Guild in the Church, 9am Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ school, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.

Wed. 1/24/24

Thurs. 1/25/24 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 1/26/24

Sat. 1/27/24 7am—8am Men's Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church, & 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in MH.

Sunday 1/28/24 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Family!

The Universal Church celebrates, as the Church teaches, “The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us.” (Dec 17, 2020, Congregation for Divine Worship & the Discipline of the Sacraments).

As early as the third Sunday of the Ordinary Time, we are reflecting on the Kingdom of God. As Jesus was anointed as Priest, Prophet and King during the baptism by John the Baptist (also in the 1st chapter verses 9-11) Jesus is out and about establishing the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom preached by Jesus has special qualities. Jesus said, “My Kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). The Kingdom of God is present wherever God’s will is at work. It is present when a person is filled with love and leads people to reconcile and heal so that they respond to God’s love.

Church teaches us that the Kingdom is clearly visible in the very person of Christ who came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. By adoption we are all called to the Kingdom. The Second Vatican taught us that the Church is the servant of the Kingdom of God. You and I are called by God to be part of the Church to make God visible in our love for God and one another.

The ‘Our Father’ invites us to pray for the Kingdom to come. The Kingdom comes when I am open to the commandment of love. Jesus gave no other measure for love other than - Love as I have loved you! The call of God to holiness (Gospel reading today) is the first step to feel and be part of the Kingdom of God. You are called!

Catholic School Week (Jan 28 - Feb 3): With the help of our Bishop and other pastors in our County, we want to make the most of this week with letters, postcards, posters advertising our School. There will be teams going to different parishes presenting our school to parents. Please see the letter at the last page of the bulletin. I request you to support and help us to spread the news and create awareness!

Eucharistic Revival Seminar is on February 13th 4:30pm: Our next seminar on the Eucharist is titled “Foundational teachings from the Eucharistic Prayers”. We will have two priests, **Fr. Matthew Marinelli and Fr. Joseph Illes**. Both are from our parish and ordained for our diocese. These young men are coming to our parish to talk to us of the importance of Eucharist from their vocational journey that helped them to become priests. These young priests are invited first and foremost to foster vocations in our parish - We will host this seminar in place of Faith Formation (CCD) so all the children and parents can attend this event. I request all parishioners to join us! Your presence will help the spirituality of our children. I continue to encourage community learning as it is indispensable for our faith.

Bible Study on Mark: All are welcome! Our last Bible Study was on Jan 15th, 5pm in Mercy Hall. We were learning “**On the Way of Discipleship (8:27 - 10:52)**”. Next class will be on Feb 7th, 5pm at Mercy Hall. This will immensely help you with your Sunday Mass experience as Year B reflects on Mark. **There is a new Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles starting February 29th.** This will be in preparation for the Easter Season 2024.

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: We have just repaired and tuned our **security system**. The **wall repair** at the back of the Risen Christ Statue in the Church is now completed. We are also pondering over the **removal of old carpet in our Chapel** and replacing it with hardwood. We also need to do some maintenance work at the **Sacristy**. We are also looking into **repairing the floor in Mercy Hall**. These are all Ordinary Maintenance projects, something simple, not a major undertaking. Your prayers and support are always needed!

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

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, January 21st – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Lucy Haney by Mary Lilly
 9:00 – Joseph Consentino by Family
 11:00 – John F. O'Donnell by Family
 1:00pm (SP) – Guillermo Canales Nieves by Family
 5:30pm – Phil Kays by Ed & Dolly Duffy

MONDAY, January 22nd

6:45am – Donald R. Gretta by Wife & Children
 12:20pm – The Salvatore Todaro Family by Family

TUESDAY, January 23rd – *St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope*

6:45am – Ultima Reda by Family
 12:10pm – *Sp. Int. Lisa Scott by Jane Hanisek

WEDNESDAY, January 24th – St. Francis de Sales

6:45am – Robert Gebhard by Mary Lilly & Family
 12:10pm – *Sp. Int. Juan Pedro Sala by Jenny Chapoñan

THURSDAY, January 25th – The Conversion Of St. Paul The Apostle

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Helen Sands by Val Patti
 12:10pm – *Sp. Int. Jenny Chapoñan

FRIDAY, January 26th - Saints Timothy & Titus

6:45am – Gloria Lambros by Jim Nolan
 12:10pm – Dr. John “Jack” Emery by Bob & Dee Ellwood

SATURDAY, January 27th – *St. Angela Merici*

8:00am – *Sp. Int. Sylvia Michnej by Parents
 4:30pm – Philip F. Kays Sr. by Graziosi Family

SUNDAY, January 28th – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Gregorio Fodero by Deacon Rob
 9:00 – Virginia Fahr by William Fahr
 11:00 – Kimberlee Pisarek by Sharon
 1:00pm (SP) – Karla Patricia Morales-Rojo by Sara Epple
 5:30pm – Phil Kays by Lisa Garcia

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on January 28th for the Foundation for Catholic Education. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

January 27th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Nicholas Socci
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiazam Odimma

January 28th

7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Sebastián Mendoza
	Server	Julián Mendoza

9:00am

Acolyte	Cael Troxell
Lector	Ivanna Méndez
Minister	Paul Juliano
Minister	Karen Juliano
Server	Brook Troxell
Server	Grace Troxell

11:00am

Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
Lector	Christiana Anselmo
Minister	Pat James
Minister	Veronica Mendez
Server	Trent Moore
Server	Robby Basel

1:00pm

Lector	María Cristina Rossenouff
Minister	Martha Lam
Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García

5:30pm

Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
Lector	Marianne Palos
Server	
Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 1/21 Anne Coyle & 1/28 Magnolia Mateo.

Barkeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 1/21 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

The stewardship information for January 14, 2024, will be included in the next bulletin.

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- The following paperwork is now due: Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form & the Saint Project Form.
- The 10 Weekly Reflection Forms should be handed in as soon as they are completed (on weekly basis.)
- Christian Charity Form is due February 29, 2024.
- The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10am to 2pm in Mercy Hall.

Paperwork may be handed to catechists, dropped off at the Church office, or may be placed in the collection basket marked to the attention of Escarlen Duran.



We are looking boys and girls, 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 email Escarlen Duran at eduran@spsj.org if interested.

Pray for the Sick

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Thomas Ernest, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Jasmin Tricoche, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Ernest E. Finizio, Sr, August Vinti, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, Irene Benatti, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Sharon Donovan, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Jacob Hille, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, & Richard Dalrymple.

Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

Christian Finizio, Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Andrew N. Zellers, Seth Reyes, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Corporal Ryan M. Bell, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Kevin Jirole, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, & Major Joseph Skopowski.



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



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 154 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on Saturday, January 27th, after the 8 AM mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. Let us pray for victims of human trafficking.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HEALING MASS

On Saturday, February 10th, there will be a Healing Mass in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 3:00 PM. Confessions are at 3:15 - 4:00 PM, followed by mass at 4:30 PM. Please sit near the front of the church. In order for you to receive the full benefit of the Anointing of the Sick, Confession is recommended.

SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

St. Philip & St. James Parish is running a bus trip to see Daniel at Sight & Sound on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Tickets: the standard price for an Adult is \$140 and for a Child (3-12) it is \$100. This includes the ticket, bus and driver gratuity. Visit to Kitchen Kettle Village (on your own) after the Matinee. Bus leaves Phillipsburg at 7:30am and the return is 7:00pm. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for reservations.

THANK YOU!

The Giving Tree would like to thank you for your overwhelming generosity. We were able to help over 150 children in more than 50 families have a Christmas celebration that was a bit brighter and merrier. The parents were very grateful when picking up the gifts. I am in awe of all you do for those in our community.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(January 21) Word of God

January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

“Catholics in the United States observe today as a day of penance “for violations to the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.” That was an adaptation of the Roman Missal, requested by our bishops and approved by Holy See. We pray the “Mass for Peace and Justice,” recalling the famous words of Pope Paul VI, “If you want peace, work for justice.”

“Clearly, as Pope John Paul II taught, there is a clear link among all of the life issues: sanctity at the beginning of life, along the way and at the end of life. We want a society without abortion or cloning, a society that protects the dignity of every person, and a society that does not take life, either through capital punishment or through euthanasia.

God is calling all of us to live life, and to live it more abundantly. Let us pray today that we can be witnesses of abundant life, of overflowing charity, of love of justice, especially for those unborn, who are completely dependent upon us for protection.”
(John Feister. *Weekday Homily Help. Ohio: St. Anthony Messenger Press, January 22, 2010*).

January 23 - Optional St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr, St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

January 24 - St. Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

January 25 - Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

2. This universal mission of salvation takes on great importance on the day when the Church commemorates the conversion of St Paul.

Among the Apostles, in fact, Paul himself expresses and fulfils the Church’s universal mission in a particular way. On the road to Damascus Christ associates him with the divine plan of universal salvation: “The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will ... for you will be a witness for him to all men of what you have seen and heard” (Acts 22:14-16).

Until that moment the zealous Pharisee Saul was convinced that the plan of salvation concerned only one people: Israel. He therefore fought the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christians, with every possible means. From Jerusalem he went to Damascus precisely because there, where Christianity was spreading rapidly, he wanted to imprison and punish all those who were abandoning the ancient traditions of their fathers and were embracing the Christian faith. Near Damascus, he is illumined by a light from on high. He falls to the ground, and at that dramatic moment Christ makes him aware of his error.

On this occasion, Jesus reveals himself fully to Paul as the One who rose from the dead. Thus, the Apostle is allowed “to see the Just One and to hear a voice from his mouth” (Acts 22:14). From that moment, Paul becomes an “apostle” like the Twelve, and, when addressing the Galatians, will be able to state: “He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles” (Gal 1:15ff.).
(*Saint John Paul II on Jan 25, 1997*)

January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

January 27 - Optional St. Angela Merici, Virgin

DEACON’S CORNER

Remember, the apostles were not forced to accept the call to be fishers of men. They could have walked away, as we can. But once they answered, “I Believe,” they accepted the challenge that lay before them, as we must.

“Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand” is a new way of life that seeks to gather all men, women and children to a place where we can truly preach the Word of Christ, not necessarily “with the wisdom of human eloquence, but for the purpose that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.”

Deacon Francisco

ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY

RECAP OF 1-10-24

This lesson focused on Chapters 9 and 10, namely **Another Exorcist, Temptation to Sin, Salt Sayings and God's Plan for Marriage.**

The following reflections are from The Gospel of Mark by Mary Healy.

● **Another Exorcist - John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who at the same time can speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."** This passage is applicable to evangelizing today, in which Christians often find themselves in disunity and competition that hinders the spread of the Gospel. In the end there is no neutral ground in relation to Jesus; sooner or later everyone chooses either to be on Jesus side or to oppose Him.

● **Temptation to Sin - "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he was cast into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It would be better for you to enter into eternal life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire."** Jesus' teaching on the two possible destinations of human life after death - heaven or hell, the eternal joy of union with God or the eternal misery of separation from Him, has been constantly reaffirmed by the Church in its teachings. But many of those who teach or catechize seem reluctant to comment on this most crucial perspective within which to live our lives. Some may be struggling with the question of how a good God could send someone to hell. But the clear truth conveyed in Jesus' teachings is that we choose our own destiny. With every decision and action over the course of our lifetime we orient ourselves either to heaven or hell, and at the moment of death we embrace what truly has become our choice.

● **Salt Sayings - "Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another."**

Besides its seasoning and preservative qualities, salt has another effect; it makes people thirsty.

Jesus is exhorting his disciples to maintain that spiritual vitality that will make others thirst for the living water that He gives, the Holy Spirit. And, in placing these sayings at the end of Jesus' instructions on humility and self-renunciation, Mark indicates that what can make salt tasteless is the creeping attachment to self, the desire for human recognition, and the compromise with sin to which we can easily succumb.

● **God's Plan for Marriage - "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh." So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has brought together, no human being must separate"** Pope John Paul II had profound reflections in writings on **Theology of the Body** which is a reflection of human love in God's divine plan for marriage. Pope John Paul II explains as Jesus recalls "the beginning" to show that it is only by rediscovering God's original plan that we can find the answer to our longing for relationships of lasting, authentic love.

God gave us a symbolic key to that plan by creating us in His image as "male and female"; that is, with bodily differences that are designed for complete union. The one-flesh union of male and female in marriage is a sign pointing to God's own mystery and our call to communion with Him. God's laws are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God never changes!!!

2000 HAIL MARY'S

The "Aliento de Vida" ministry extends a cordial invitation to the entire community of St. Philip and St. James to pray 2000 Hail Mary's for the marriages and families of the entire world which are the main basis of our society and for peace to reign in the entire world. It will be on Saturday, February 10 from 8am to 8pm in the chapel. Please join us.

Diocesan News

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

In this season, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Community News **VOLUNTEER AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**



Volunteer Opportunity
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen
Thrift store & Food Pantry in Phillipsburg
is in need of volunteers. If you would like more
information, call Sister Michaelita at 908-859-5447.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

INFORMACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN

- Ya se debe entregar la siguiente documentación: formulario de elegibilidad del patrocinador de confirmación y formulario del proyecto santo.
- Los 10 formularios de reflexión semanal deben entregarse tan pronto como estén completados (semanalmente).
- Tienen hasta el 29 de febrero de 2024 para entregar el formulario de caridad cristiana.
- El Retiro de Confirmación se llevará a cabo el sábado 2 de marzo de 2024 de 10 am a 2 pm en Mercy Hall.

Los documentos pueden entregarse a los catequistas, llevar a la oficina de la Iglesia o colocarse en la canasta de colecta marcada a la atención de Escarlen Durán.

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.

2000 AVE MARÍAS

El grupo de Aliento de Vida le hace una cordial invitación a toda la comunidad de St. Philip y St. James para el rezo de 2000 Ave Marías por los matrimonios y familias del mundo entero que son la base principal de nuestra sociedad y para que reine la paz en el mundo entero. Será el sábado 10 de febrero de 8am a 8pm en la capilla.

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

¡Querida familia!

La Iglesia Universal celebra, como enseña la Iglesia, "El Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, instituido por el Papa Francisco y que se celebrará cada año en el tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, nos recuerda, tanto a los pastores como a los fieles, la importancia y el valor de la Sagrada Escritura para la vida cristiana, así como la relación entre la palabra de Dios y la liturgia: "Como cristianos, somos un solo pueblo, que caminamos en peregrinación a través de la historia, sostenidos por el Señor, presente en medio de nosotros, que habla a nosotros y nos nutre". (17 de diciembre de 2020, Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos).

Ya en el tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario reflexionamos sobre el Reino de Dios. Como Jesús fue ungido como Sacerdote, Profeta y Rey durante el bautismo de Juan el Bautista (también en el primer capítulo, versículos 9-11), Jesús está fuera y estableciendo el Reino de Dios. El Reino predicado por Jesús tiene cualidades especiales. Jesús dijo: "Mi Reino no es de este mundo" (Juan 18:36). El Reino de Dios está presente dondequiera que actúe la voluntad de Dios. Está presente cuando una persona se llena de amor y lleva a las personas a reconciliarse y sanarse para que respondan al amor de Dios.

La Iglesia nos enseña que el Reino es claramente visible en la persona misma de Cristo que vino a servir y a dar su vida en rescate por muchos. Por adopción todos somos llamados al Reino. El Vaticano Segundo nos enseñó que la Iglesia es sierva del Reino de Dios. Tú y yo somos llamados por Dios a ser parte de la Iglesia para hacer visible a Dios en nuestro amor por Dios y por los demás.

El 'Padre Nuestro' nos invita a orar para que venga el Reino. El Reino llega cuando estoy abierto al mandamiento del amor. Jesús no dio otra medida para el amor que: ¡Amad como yo os he amado! El llamado de Dios a la santidad (lectura del Evangelio de hoy) es el primer paso para sentir y ser parte del Reino de Dios. ¡Eres llamado!

Semana de la Escuela Católica (28 de enero - 3 de febrero): Con la ayuda de nuestro Obispo y otros pastores de nuestro Condado, queremos aprovechar al máximo esta semana con cartas, postales y carteles anunciando nuestra Escuela. Habrá equipos que irán a diferentes parroquias presentando nuestra escuela a los padres. Por favor vea la carta en la última página del boletín. ¡Les pido que nos apoyen y ayuden a difundir la noticia y crear conciencia!

El Seminario de Avivamiento Eucarístico es el 13 de febrero a las 4:30 pm: Nuestro próximo seminario sobre la Eucaristía se titula "Enseñanzas fundamentales de las Oraciones Eucarísticas". Tendremos dos sacerdotes, **el P. Mateo Marinelli y el P. José Illes**. Ambos son de nuestra parroquia y ordenados para nuestra diócesis. Estos jóvenes vienen a nuestra parroquia para hablarnos de la importancia de la Eucaristía desde su camino vocacional que los ayudó a ser sacerdotes. Estos jóvenes sacerdotes están invitados ante todo a fomentar las vocaciones en nuestra parroquia. Organizaremos este seminario en lugar de Formación de Fe (CCD) para que todos los niños y padres puedan asistir a este evento. ¡Solicito a todos los feligreses que se unan a nosotros! Tu presencia ayudará a la espiritualidad de nuestros hijos. Sigo fomentando el aprendizaje comunitario, ya que es indispensable para nuestra fe.

Estudio Bíblico sobre Marcos: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nuestro último estudio bíblico fue el 15 de enero a las 5 p.m. en Mercy Hall. Estábamos aprendiendo "**Sobre el camino del discipulado (8:27 - 10:52)**". La próxima clase será el 7 de febrero a las 5 p.m. en Mercy Hall. Esto te ayudará enormemente con tu experiencia en la Misa dominical mientras el Año B reflexiona sobre Marcos. **Hay un nuevo Estudio Bíblico sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles a partir del 29 de febrero.** Esto será en preparación para la temporada de Pascua de 2024.

Proyectos de Mantenimiento: Acabamos de reparar y afinar nuestro **sistema de seguridad**. La reparación de la pared en la parte trasera de la Estatua del Cristo Resucitado en la Iglesia ya está completa. También estamos reflexionando sobre la posibilidad de **quitar la alfombra vieja de nuestra Capilla** y reemplazarla con madera dura. También necesitamos hacer algunos trabajos de mantenimiento en la **Sacristía**. También estamos considerando **reparar el piso en Mercy Hall**. Todos estos son proyectos de Mantenimiento Ordinario, algo simple, no una gran empresa. ¡Sus oraciones y apoyo siempre son necesarios!

¡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.factsmgt.com/aid> . Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del **31 de Marzo de 2024**. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.

HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

28 de enero de 2024 - 1:00pm

Lectores

Maria Cristina Rossenouff
Jaime Rocha

Ministro

Martha Lam

Anuncios

Iván Lam

Servidores

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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!

SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for a special Catholic Schools Week Mass here at the Church of St. Philip and St. James, next Sunday, January 28, at 11AM. Mass will be followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall.

OPEN HOUSE

Come find out why it is so great to be a Saint by attending the Saints Philip and James School open house from 1PM - 3PM on Sunday, January 28. For more information visit www.sspjnj.org/tour or call the school office at (908) 859-1244.

SOUP-ER BOWL

Saints Philip and James School will once again be collecting cans of soup for those in need during Catholic Schools Week, as part of our initiative to affect hunger in our community. If you are interested in donating cans of soup, please drop them off at the school by Monday, January 29. Soup cans with pull tabs on top are preferred, but all donations are much appreciated. Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to our newest Star Student honorees, Lilly and Amalia! We are so proud of them for spreading J.O.Y. each day at Saints Philip and James School!

A colorful poster for an Open House event. The top left features a globe and a pencil. The top right has the school's logo. The main text 'OPEN HOUSE!' is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, in purple, is the text 'Find out why it is so great to be a Saint! Join us on Sunday, January 28 from 1 - 3 PM to learn more about:'. A list of bullet points follows: Scholarships, Family Tuition Discounts, FACTS Financing, Faith-Based Curriculum, Strong Academic Programs, and Shadowing opportunities. The bottom of the poster is decorated with various school-related items like books and a pencil case.

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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)

10th Talk

Foundational teachings from the Eucharistic Prayers

Fr. Joseph Illes & Fr. Matthew Marinelli

Tuesday, February 13th at 4:30pm in the Church

(Faith Formation (CCD) students and parents are to come to the church instead of the SSPJ school.)

January 8, 2024

Dear Pastors!

Hope the Joy of Christmas Season finds you in great light as Jesus continues to bless your parish community and bring glad tidings of love and peace!

The Principal Ms. Bell and I are reaching out to you as we begin to commemorate the Catholic Schools Week (From January 28th to February 3rd) to promote Catholic Education in Warren County. As you are aware St. Philip and St. James School is the only Catholic School in the entire county and is open to broaden its limit in serving the community at large!

Saint Pope John Paul II insisted on the role of Parents when it comes to educating children in faith. He said, “Not only are the attitudes of teachers crucial for the success of Catholic education but also the attitudes of Catholic parents. Parents must set themselves very definite priorities, such as the determination to have schools in which their children’s faith will be respected, fostered and enriched; schools in which their children learn the value and beauty of the Church’s teaching. They must also see to it that their own homes are places in which these values are first fostered and lived. Parents’ own practice of the faith, their own love for Christ, is of course fundamental.” – *Address of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II to the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Regions of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Milwaukee (USA) on Their “Ad Limina” Visit, May 30, 1998.*

As we all they see how crucial and demanding of a responsibility it is that we (The Catholic School) reach out to all parents in the county and beyond to humbly request them of their support in educating their children in faith. We are requesting all pastors (with the approval of our Bishop) to permit our team (The Principal and Students) to visit and attend your main mass on Sunday of your choice and give a short presentation (5 minutes) of the importance of Catholic Education. We thank you for your support and encouragement. We are grateful for your community in entrusting your children to our care! May God be glorified in and through our ministry in educating our children.

Please help us to spread the word...Thank you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss, Pastor & Ms. Patricia Bell, Principal

**Please note: This letter has been sent out to the pastors' of neighboring parishes. It is shared in the bulletin in hopes that St. Philip & St. James parishioners will spread the word as well.*

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