

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT † February 18, 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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(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 2/18/24 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR.

Mon. 2/19/24 OFFICE & ADORATION CLOSED

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

Tues. 2/20/24 8:30am Sanctuary Guild in the Church, 9am Legion of Mary in MH, 4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at the Church, 4:30 Eucharistic Revival talk at the Church, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.

Wed. 2/21/24 7PM Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall,

Thurs. 2/22/24 5pm Bible Study of St. Mark in Mercy Hall & 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 2/23/24 Stations of the Cross at 3pm & 7pm in English then at 8pm in Spanish all in the Church.

Sat. 2/24/24 7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church, 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & Columbiettes Loaf sale after 4:30pm mass in the Church.

Sunday 2/25/24 Columbiettes Loaf sale after all Masses in the Church, 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

First Sunday of Lent

Dear Family!

Many see Lent as a 'Service Check.' Though this imagery is very fitting, it is not the total picture of Lent. Lent is not a temporary adjustment that we make for a period of 40 days; nor it is a hibernation period for 'hypocrites and tax-collectors'. The season of Lent is called the 'Season of Grace' since the season of Lent brings in a sense of urgency and utmost importance to be near God. Lent is most often thought of as the preparation to the suffering and death of Jesus; Lent is also the preparation of Jesus' and our own resurrection. The commitment that we show in taking part in the suffering and death of Our Lord reflects in God rewarding us with the Spirit of Resurrection.

The common benchmarks of all Christians who wear the Cross on their foreheads Lent consist of prayer, alms giving and fasting in a stricter sense. These three comprises the essence of our life: Prayer – our relationship with God, Almsgiving – our relationship with our neighbor and Fasting – our relationship with self. These three disciplines have a sense of generosity in them. We fast with a generous heart; give alms generously and pray with a generous heart.

This is not a season to fast our prayers; not a season to fast our generous giving its fasting on the desires of the self to make it the temple of the Holy Spirit. When we fast, we need to look happy. Joy is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The happy faces are the symbols of freshness and enduring faith in God.

Almsgiving is a wonderful form of giving. Our relationships need (alms) giving. What can I give to make him/her reflect God's goodness, love, and generosity? Modeling on the total self-giving of Jesus, every giving during this season is a great sign of following Jesus. Lent is also a time where not only the quality of prayer, but also the quantity of prayer is stressed. Let us pray that this Lent takes us close to the Heart of God. We all need a share in His suffering and death to share His resurrection. Happy Lent!

Follow-up for Catholic School Week: We will be sending a group to the close-by parishes on following Sundays to spread the good word and attempt to increase our enrollment. It is our school, and all have the responsibility to work as a team to give the best for our children and be involved in Catholic Education. Please help us spread the word.

Eucharistic Revival Seminar is on February 20th 4:30pm: We cancelled our Eucharistic Revival Seminar last week due to inclement weather. We are planning to have this seminar on the 20th. It is titled "Foundational teachings from the Eucharistic Prayers." We will have two priests 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 primarily 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 next class will be on Feb 22nd, 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.

Diaconate Ordination of Randy Gamboa Espinoza:

Our bishop will be ordaining our Seminarian to the Diaconate on the 22nd of February at 7pm in Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough. You are all invited for the mass and wish our future deacon the absolute best as he continues to grow and prepares himself to the ordination to priesthood. Please pray for him!

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: We are looking into **removing 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! If you would like to volunteer in any of these projects, you are most welcome to come talk to me by calling the church office to set up an appointment.

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

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, February 18th – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – Lucy Haney by Diane & Duane Volk
 9:00 – Dr. Robert C. Emery by Mary Emery & Family
 11:00 – Deacon John Flynn by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm (SP) – Miguel Ángel Morales-Rojo by Sara Epple
 5:30pm – Brian Bulatek by Jeannine Riotto

MONDAY, February 19th

9am – Ellen Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly

TUESDAY, February 20th

6:45am – Emmanuel Ulysse by Pat & Art Verdon
 12:10pm – Nancy Hauck by Peter Burke

WEDNESDAY, February 21st – *St. Peter Damian*

6:45am – William Spencer by Bob & Dee Ellwood
 12:10pm – Lucy Haney By Lisa Garcia

THURSDAY, February 22nd – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

6:45am – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Son, Tom
 12:10pm – Rose Ritz by Lisa Garcia

FRIDAY, February 23rd – *St. Polycarp*

6:45am – Will Spencer by Paul McCluskey, Jr.
 12:10pm – Bob Gebhard by Merrie Mulrine

SATURDAY, February 24th

8:00am – Timonthy Balas (A) by Family
 4:30pm – Lucy R. & James “Nip” Haney by Graziosi Family

SUNDAY, February 25th – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – Frank Fodero by Deacon Rob
 9:00 – Ben Patti by Catalli Family
 11:00 – James Dieda by Sharon
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Kenny Chapoñan
 5:30pm – George J. McMullan by Jeannine Riotto

The Church Office and Adoration will be closed on Monday, February 19th, Presidents’ Day.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

February 24th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Mark Talpas
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Server	Chiazam Odimma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma

February 25th

7:00am	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Joey Grimshaw
	Server	Sofia Grimshaw
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Ivanna Mendez
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Trent Moore
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Lisette Herrera
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	Christina Anselmo
	Server	
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 2/18 Eileen Catalli, 2/25 Ann Coyle, & 3/3 Magnolia Mateo .

Brakeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 2/18 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

February 11th

	\$	8,257.00
Online Giving:	\$	2,955.50
	\$	11,212.50

The Catholic Spirit:	\$	809.00
Various Collections:	\$	82.00

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. Permission form is due by February 19th.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION*

- Parents, please contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran at the parish office to set up an appointment, in February, with Fr. Antony.
- First Reconciliation date: TBD
- First Holy Communion Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11am.

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



2024 LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The next Knights of Columbus Council #474 fish dinner will be on March 8th & then again on March 29th. They 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.



Bake Sale

COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE

The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 will be having their bread/ loaf cake sale on February 24th & 25th at St. Philip & St. James Church. The sale will be after all masses. Their fundraisers allows them to help charities in our community. Come enjoy their baked goods with your tea or coffee.

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.

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, Mauricio Castro, Joan McCaffrey, & Eric Godleski.

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 & God Bless.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on Saturday, February 24th, after the 8am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. Let us pray specifically for marriages this month.

BIBLE STUDY

On the Acts of the Apostles will begin on Thursday, February 29th in Mercy Hall at 1:30pm with refreshments at 12:45pm after 12:10pm Holy Mass. Book by William S. Kurz, SJ.



MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

1st Sunday of Lent (February 18)

February 21 - Optional St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

February 22 - Feast of The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

General Audience of Pope Benedict XVI on Feb 22nd, 2006.

This is a very ancient tradition, proven to have existed in Rome since the fourth century. On it we give thanks to God for the mission he entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his Successors.

So, what was the "Chair" of St Peter? Chosen by Christ as the "rock" on which to build the Church (cf. Mt 16: 18), he began his ministry in Jerusalem, after the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. The Church's first "seat" was the Upper Room, and it is likely that a special place was reserved for Simon Peter in that room where Mary, Mother of Jesus, also prayed with the disciples.

Subsequently, the See of Peter was Antioch, a city located on the Oronte River in Syria, today Turkey. Peter was the first Bishop of that city, which was evangelized by Barnabas and Paul, where "the disciples were for the first time called Christians" (Acts 11: 26).

From there, Providence led Peter to Rome. Therefore, we have the journey from Jerusalem, the newly born Church, to Antioch, the first centre of the Church formed from pagans and also still united with the Church that came from the Jews. Then Peter went to Rome, the centre of the Empire, the symbol of the "Orbis" - the "Urbs", which expresses "Orbis", the earth, where he ended his race at the service of the Gospel with martyrdom.

Celebrating the "Chair" of Peter, therefore, as we are doing today, means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it and recognizing it as a privileged sign of the love of God, the eternal Good Shepherd, who wanted to gather his whole Church and lead her on the path of salvation.

Among the numerous testimonies of the Fathers, I would like to quote St Jerome's. It is an extract from one of his letters, addressed to the Bishop of Rome. It is especially interesting precisely because it makes an explicit reference to the "Chair" of Peter, presenting it as a safe harbor of truth and peace.

This is what Jerome wrote: "I decided to consult the Chair of Peter, where that faith is found exalted by the lips of an Apostle; I now come to ask for nourishment for my soul there, where once I received the garment of Christ. I follow no leader save Christ, so I enter into communion with your beatitude, that is, with the Chair of Peter, for this I know is the rock upon which the Church is built" (cf. Le lettere I, 15, 1-2).

February 23 - Optional St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

DEACON'S CORNER

No Spectators!

Sometimes I sit in amazement as I witness lack of singing and lack of participation in the most Sacred Liturgy each week. And the problem is confounded by the fact that new books for the liturgical season have been purchased and are plentiful.

The Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (CSL) (see link below) called for the people to participate "fully conscious and actively" in liturgical celebrations. It also refers to the people's participation as "the aim to be considered before all else" (both quotes from paragraph 14). This doesn't mean everyone has a specific ministry (lector, sacristan, etc.) to perform. It means that everyone in the congregation participates fully with heart, mind, and body. **There are no spectators!**

"But in order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with **proper dispositions**, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain" (CSL, 11).

While we want each Mass to be as beautiful as possible, in the end **the “burden” is on the people praying** to allow the liturgy to do its job. We shouldn’t point the finger at the celebrant, or organist, or a number of other factors as reasons we do not feel “engaged” at Mass. We are there for the Eucharist. We do the work of the liturgy by **being present with a mind and heart open to prayer**, and we pay attention to what is said and what we say — **by participating!**

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy itself defined active participation for us (CSL 30).

“To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs, as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence.”

Such participation isn’t an option. **It is the “right and duty” of the baptized** (CSL 14).

Catholics believe that what we say and do in the Mass not only expresses our beliefs, but also forms them. So, for example, if you always genuflect toward the tabernacle containing the Eucharistic presence of the Lord as you enter and exit church, it expresses our adoration. It also deepens our adoration as we genuflect over weeks, years, our entire lifetime. The goal of all participation is praying with the heart, mind, and soul.

Any external participation should build up, reinforce, and strengthen the faith in our hearts. If it is merely external, we do not benefit from it. By praising God with all our heart, mind, and soul day by day or week by week, God gives us an abundance of grace. He doesn’t just give a little so you can get through the next week. He provides an abundance so that it can change us to become stronger in our faith so that we may go out into the world and proclaim the Good News!

May God always be pleased with us,

Deacon Rob

Reference:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=5723>

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.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 153 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! The Soup Kitchen is in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly; as well as store brought cookies or puddings. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Diocesan News



2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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

“Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32) Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus “set out at once” to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the work of the ***Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication***. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

¡Querida familia!

Muchos ven la cuaresma como una “inspección”. Aunque esta imagen es muy apropiada, no es la imagen completa de la cuaresma. La cuaresma no es un ajuste temporal que hacemos por un período de 40 días; ni es un período de hibernación para los “hipócritas y recaudadores de impuestos”. El tiempo de cuaresma se llama el “tiempo de gracia” ya que trae un sentido de urgencia y suma importancia para estar cerca de Dios. A menudo se piensa que la cuaresma es la preparación para el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús; La cuaresma es también la preparación de la resurrección de Jesús y de la nuestra. El compromiso que mostramos al participar en el sufrimiento y la muerte de nuestro señor se refleja en que Dios nos recompensa con el espíritu de resurrección.

Los puntos de referencia comunes de todos los cristianos que llevan la cruz en la frente durante la cuaresma consisten en la oración, la limosna y el ayuno en un sentido más estricto. Estos tres componen la esencia de nuestra vida: oración, nuestra relación con Dios; limosna, nuestra relación con nuestro prójimo y ayuno, nuestra relación con uno mismo. Estas tres disciplinas tienen un sentido de generosidad. Ayunamos con un corazón generoso; da limosna generosamente y orad con corazón generoso.

Este no es un tiempo para ayunar nuestras oraciones o de nuestra generosa donación pero si de nuestros deseos del uno para convertirnos en templo del Espíritu Santo. Cuando ayunamos, debemos parecer felices. La alegría es el don del Espíritu Santo. Los rostros felices son símbolos de frescura y fe duradera en Dios.

La limosna es una forma maravillosa de dar. Nuestras relaciones necesitan dar (limosna). ¿Qué puedo dar para que refleje la bondad, el amor y la generosidad de Dios? Siguiendo el modelo de la entrega total de Jesús, cada donación durante esta temporada es una gran señal de seguir a Jesús. La cuaresma es también un tiempo en el que no sólo se enfatiza la calidad de la oración, sino también el tiempo que se dedica a la oración. Oremos para que esta cuaresma nos acerquemos al corazón de Dios.

Todos necesitamos compartir Su sufrimiento y muerte para compartir Su resurrección. ¡Feliz Cuaresma!

Seguimiento de la Semana de la Escuela Católica:

Enviaremos un grupo a las parroquias cercanas en los próximos domingos para difundir la buena palabra e intentar aumentar nuestra inscripción. Es nuestra escuela, y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de trabajar en equipo para dar lo mejor a nuestros niños e involucrarnos en la educación católica. Por favor, ayúdenos a difundir la palabra.

La Charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico es el 20 de febrero a las 4:30pm:

Cancelamos nuestra charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico la semana pasada debido al mal tiempo. Estamos planeando tener esta charla el día 20. Se titula “Enseñanzas fundamentales de las oraciones eucarísticas”. Tendremos dos sacerdotes ordenados de 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 principalmente 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! Nuestra próxima clase será el 22 de febrero a las 5pm 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.

Ordenación diaconal de Randy Gamboa Espinoza:

Nuestro obispo ordenará a nuestro Seminarista al Diaconado el 22 de febrero a las 7 pm en la Iglesia María, Madre de Dios, Hillsborough. Están todos invitados a la misa y le desean lo mejor a nuestro futuro diácono mientras continúa creciendo y preparándose para la ordenación al sacerdocio. ¡Por favor oren por él!

Proyectos de mantenimiento: Estamos considerando quitar la alfombra vieja de nuestra capilla y reemplazarla con madera. También necesitamos hacer algunos trabajos de mantenimiento en la sacristía y estamos considerando reparar el piso en Mercy Hall. Todos estos son proyectos de mantenimiento son algo simple y no una gran labor. ¡Sus oraciones y apoyo siempre son necesarios! Si desea ser voluntario en cualquiera de estos proyectos, puede venir a hablar conmigo llamando a la oficina de la iglesia para programar una cita.

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

P. Antony

HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

25 de febrero de 2024 - 1:00pm	
Lectores	Ministro
Lisette Herrera	Martha Lam
Juan Lalama	
Anuncios	Servidores
Oscar Dilone	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	José Jauridez

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA 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 10am a 2pm 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.

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN*

- Padres, por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Durán en la oficina parroquial para programar una cita, en febrero, con el Padre Antony.
- Fecha de la Primera Reconciliación: Está por determinar.
- Fecha de Primera Comunión: Sábado 4 de mayo de 2024, a las 11am.

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

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

NOTICAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

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

“¿No estaba ardiendo nuestro corazón dentro de nosotros cuando nos hablaba en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras?” (Lucas 24:32) Así como los dos discípulos en el camino “partieron al mismo tiempo” para compartir su experiencia del Señor Resucitado con otros, nosotros también somos llamados a salir al mundo y contarles de Su amor y gracia a todos los que nos encontremos. Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo también apoya el trabajo del Vicariato para la Evangelización y la Comunicación. Responsable de nuestro sitio web, plataformas de redes sociales, videos, podcasts y contenido escrito sobre nuestra fe católica, el ministerio de Evangelización y Comunicación es esencial para expandir nuestro esfuerzo por compartir el mensaje del Evangelio y dar a conocer su amor a todos. Cada vez más, hemos llegado a comprender que estas herramientas son necesarias para llegar a las personas donde viven y trabajan. Su aporte sin importar la cantidad es muy apreciado.



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

SSPJ School is holding a special fundraiser to raise funds for cancer research and awareness. If we hit our fundraising goal, Mrs. Perna, our Reading Specialist and Language Arts Teacher, will shave her head during a special school event. WHY would she do this?? Mrs. Perna is celebrating her 35th year as a childhood cancer survivor, and she understands the importance of research; she also wants to do all she can to help spread awareness! Drop off donations to the school or church office.



We are so proud of the SSPJ Robotics Club, who recently participated in their first competition at Saints Philip and James School!





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10th Talk

Foundational teachings from the Eucharistic Prayers

Tuesday, February 20th at 4:30pm in the Church

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

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

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Gospel Today

First Sunday of Lent | Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert for 40 days where He prayed and fasted and angels took care of Him.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Jesus, we too will spend 40 days praying and fasting.



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

LET'S MAKE PRETZELS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 cups flour
- Kosher salt
- Water to hold salt on

Latin - Bracellae "Little arms", the original Lenten bread dating back to the 4th century.

Place yeast, sugar & warm water in a large bowl and let stand. Add flour & salt, mix well and knead to form smooth ball.

Divide into 12 pieces and roll each into a "rope" about 10-12 inches long. Form into a pretzel and place on baking sheet, brush with water and sprinkle with kosher salt. Let rise slightly and bake at 425° about 12-15 minutes.



Flip ends over to resemble arms crossed over chest - praying little arms

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