

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER † APRIL 7, 2024

## Mission Statement

To love God and neighbor by sharing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through prayerful celebration of His Sacraments, ministering to all in need, protecting life, and welcoming all who come to us.

## Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:00am

## Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (Spanish) & 5:30 pm

## Weekday Masses—Monday - Friday:

6:45 am & 12:10 pm

**Confessions:** Saturdays 10:00 am

& 3:15 pm

**Adoration:** 9 am—8 pm in the Chapel

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss *Pastor*

Nancy Ensley *Parish Sec. ext. 401*

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*Parochial Vicar ext. 403*

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

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



## Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 4/7/24

### Divine Mercy Sunday

10am 8th grade Confirmation Class in MR, 3:30pm Divine Mercy Service in Church, & 3—7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in PMR.

### Mon. 4/8/24

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

### Tues. 4/9/24

8:30am Legion of Mary in MH, 4:30—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) @ SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.

### Wed. 4/10/24

### Thurs. 4/11/24

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

### Friday 4/12/24

### Sat. 4/13/24

7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in Church, & 9am—1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

### Sunday 4/14/24

10am 8th grade Confirmation Class in MR

## Second Sunday of Easter

Dear Family!

It is not a bad idea to wish each other 'Happy Easter' all through the season of Easter as Christ's Resurrection is the foundation of our faith. It was wonderful seeing all of you during the Holy Week services and Easter celebrations. Thank you for making the effort to attend all church services, especially the Triduum, though they were long but very meaningful. A big thanks to all our volunteers in cleaning the church; our decorating teams with flowers and lights; our lectors and Eucharistic ministers, our choir, servers, counters, clergy and staff.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. One of the requests St. Faustina described in her Diary that Jesus made of her was about this Feast. She wrote, "*The Lord said, 'I want... the first Sunday after Easter ... to be the Feast of Mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.'*"

Divine Mercy is poured to doubting believers, thus we always read about Thomas on this Sunday. Being born and grew up in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, in the southern part of India, I was introduced to the faith of Saint Thomas at my childhood. The patron of the diocese and the Cathedral is named after Saint Thomas. My hometown is the home of Saint Thomas Mount and the place of his martyrdom. Let us ask the intercessions of Saint Faustina and also Saint John Paul II.

### **Our Prayers for the RCIA Candidates & a Sincere thanks to our RCIA Team!**

As these new Candidates are incorporated into our community of worshippers it is all the more necessary and it is our obligation to pray for Preston Cryan, Emmanuel Sostre & Tarina Paul. Please remember all the candidates who have received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

**Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles:** All are welcome! As you probably know that it takes hours of preparation to put together the Bible Study. I thank all those who have signed up for this study. **Every Thursday at 1:30pm in Mercy Hall we gather to study the scripture.** It is never too late to join the study. Every time you participate you will appreciate the rich treasures of the Wisdom of the Word of God. This will be in preparation for the Easter Season 2024.

**Confessions:** Let the good habit of going to confession continue in every season! As you are aware we have confessions on Saturdays both in the morning and in the afternoon, I extend the invitation to all to the Sacrament of Confession during the week also. It is never too late to go to confession. The priests are available during office hours on weekdays. Please call the parish office for more information.

**Eucharistic Renewal:** The next Seminar will be on **April 10th, 6:30pm.** The topic we will reflect and learn together is "Eucharist is a Community Prayer" presented by **Monsignor John Gordon.** As I always encourage all of you - community learning is integral to our faith. Please make an effort to be part of the community as we learn together. We started the Eucharistic Revival Seminars in our parish in May, 2023 and the next seminar would complete one full year of community learning. More news about National Eucharistic Congress please visit <https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>.

### **Our Bishop will be here for Confirmation:**

On Tuesday, April 23rd, our Bishop will be confirming all our confirmand at 5pm Mass in our Church. Please make every effort to participate in the Mass and greet our Bishop on this special visit.

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

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, April 7<sup>th</sup> – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00am – Jimmy Richline by Mom  
 9:00 – Anthony Giordano by Antoinette, Stephanie, & Pam  
 11:00 – Carl Solt by Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Kenny Muñante  
 5:30pm – William A. Spencer by Joann Stettner

### MONDAY, April 8<sup>th</sup> - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45am – \*Sp. Int. for Souls in Purgatory by Jenny Chapoñan  
 12:10pm – Valerie & John Mitzak by Mary Ann & Michael Smith

### TUESDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Fran Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle  
 12:10pm – Tarquinio Rossini by Ron Rossini

### WEDNESDAY, April 10<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Mary Starosciak by Dan & Terri Starosciak  
 12:10pm – Gloria & Paul McCluskey by Marcella Snyder & Family

### THURSDAY, April 11<sup>th</sup> - St. Stanislaus

6:45am – Anna Shaneberger by Dan & Terri Starosciak  
 12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin

### FRIDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Dawn Williams by Ellen Williams  
 12:10pm – Will Spencer by Dave & Debbie Miers

### SATURDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Martin I

8:00am – \*Sp. Int. Maria C. Rossenouff  
 4:30pm – Tumulty Family by Patricia Tumulty

### SUNDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup> – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:00am – Paul Miller by Mary & Bill Duaimé  
 9:00 – Pauline B. Smith by Marion & Family  
 11:00 – Richard Solt by Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. for the Souls in Purgatory  
 5:30pm – Will Spencer by Bruce Scheller

## Stewardship

	March 24	March 31
	\$ 12,419.06	\$ 22,147.02
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 2,738.00	\$ 1,788.00
	\$ 15,157.06	\$ 23,935.02
<b>Retired Clergy:</b>	\$ 2,016.02	Holy Thursday \$ 1,744.50
<b>Repairs &amp; Reno:</b>	\$ 2,295.02	Holy Land \$ 1,649.50
		Easter Décor \$ 1,732.02
<b>Other Collections:</b>	\$ 1,306.00	\$ 322.00

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



April 13 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Chiazam Odimma Ronald Rossini Beth Dispoto Melody Talpas Chiezimuzo Odimma Mark Talpas
April 14 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Brett Bruckman Marianne Palos Oliver McKenna Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Aiden Hayes Ivanna Méndez Eileen Catalli María Gural Gavin Hayes Gabriel Stretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Joseph Cruz Denise Kassick Robert Hopkins Kevin Kassick Emma Giacalone Erin Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector Lector Minister Announcements Server Server Server	Laura García Jaime Rocha Gladys Jauridez Ivan Lam Miguel Quizhpi-García Jackie Quizhpi-García Jose Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte Lector Server Server	R. Craig Ellis

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 4/7 Magnolia Mateo, 4/14 Ron Rossini, & 4/21 Ed Socci.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** Deacon Francisco.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 4/14 Lisa Spanopolous & 4/21 Beth Dispoto.

### 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	\$78,000.00
<b>Total Pledged :</b>	\$41,530.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	\$35,751.75
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	(\$36,470.00)
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	53.24%
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	45.84%
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	\$292.46

# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm and the rehearsal is on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, both days in the church.

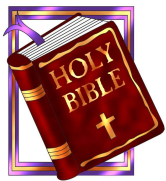
Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION\*

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

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

### BIBLE STUDY



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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Our Lord promises to wash away our sins and the punishment due to our sins on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please prepare by praying the novena located by the entrances of the church starting on Good Friday. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 pm, we will be having the Divine Mercy Celebration with prayers & reflections, Confessions, and Mass at 5:30 pm. Join us for the cleansing of your soul!



On Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> during the Easter Vigil we welcomed to our church family *Preston Cryan, Miss Tarina Paul, Emmanuel Sostre, Jenna Carpenter, Jason Hall, Todd Kemmerer Jr., William Kilmer and Steve Soergelin*. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

### Pray for the Sick

*James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Jasmin Tricoche, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, August Vinti, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, Irene Benatti, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Sharon Donovan, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Joan McCaffrey, Eric Godleski, & Paul Pierce.*

### Pray for our Military

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



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

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confession is in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

### 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.

## DEACON'S CORNER

### **"Stop holding on to me"**

After the miraculous resurrection of Jesus, Mary Magdalene found herself standing before her beloved teacher, not as a ghostly apparition or a distant memory, but as a living, breathing reality. Overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of this moment, her heart must have been filled with a tumult of emotions: joy, disbelief, wonder, and perhaps a tinge of fear.

As Mary sought to grasp this extraordinary encounter, Jesus uttered those puzzling words, "Stop holding on to me." At first glance, this statement may seem puzzling, even harsh. Why would Jesus, who had just conquered death and returned from the grave, discourage Mary from embracing him, the one she thought she had lost forever.

In truth, Jesus' words were not a rejection of Mary's love. Instead, they held a deeper spiritual significance that speaks to the very essence of our relationship with Him. Jesus was not merely a physical presence to be clung to; He was offering Mary - and all of us - something far greater and more profound.

In asking Mary to release her physical hold on Him, Jesus was pointing to a truth that transcends the limitations of our earthly understanding. He was inviting her, and by extension all of humanity, to move beyond the tangible, the temporal, and the fleeting, and to embrace a relationship with Him that is rooted in spirit and truth. By urging Mary to let go of her earthly grasp, Jesus was opening the door to a new kind of intimacy, a spiritual communion that would endure long after He had ascended to the Father. He desires a deep, personal connection with each one of us, a relationship that is characterized by intimacy, trust, and love.

As we reflect on this encounter between Jesus and Mary Magdalene, we are challenged to examine the nature of our own relationship with Christ. Are we content to merely go through the motions of religious observance, or do we seek a deeper, more authentic connection with the Savior?

In the coming week, we will delve deeper into the ways in which we can cultivate and nurture a personal relationship with Jesus, one that is vibrant, dynamic, and life-changing. Stay tuned for more insights on how to maintain a personal relationship with Jesus, and may His peace and blessings be with you.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

**Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy (April 7th, 2024)**

### **8th Monday - The Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity**

“In order to comprehend, the greatness to which Mary was elevated, it would be necessary to comprehend the sublime majesty and grandeur of God. It is sufficient, then, only to say, that God made this Virgin his mother, to have it understood that God could not exalt her more than he did exalt her. Rightly did St. Arnold Carnotensis affirm, that God, by making himself the Son of the Virgin, established her in superior rank to all the saints and angels: “*Maria constituta est, super omnem Creaturam.*” So that, next to God, she is in comparably higher than the celestial spirits, as St. Ephrem asserts: “*Nulla comparatione caeteris superis est gloriosior.*” St. Andrew of Crete confirms this, saying: God excepted, she is the highest of all: “*Excepto Deo, omnibus est altior.*” And St. Anselm also says: Oh Lady, there is none equal to thee, because every other, is above or beneath thee; God alone is superior to thee, and all others are inferior. So great, in a word, says St. Bernardine, is the exaltation of this Virgin, that God alone is able to comprehend it.” *On Annunciation - St. Alphonsus de Liguori in his book “The Glories of Mary”*

*A Note: The Solemnity of the Annunciation is on March 25th is impeded by Monday of Holy Week. According to the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 60, the Annunciation is therefore transferred to Monday of the Second Week of Easter, thus we celebrate it on Monday, April 8th, 2024.*

### **11th Thursday - St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr - Memorial**

Stanislaus was born into a noble family on July 26, 1030 at Szczepanow near Cracow, Poland. Stanislaus was born in answer to prayer when his parents were advanced in age. Out of gratitude they educated him for the Church. He was taught at Gnesen and was ordained there. Stanislaus was given a canonry by Bishop Lampert Zula of Cracow, who made him his preacher, and soon Stanislaus became noted for his preaching. He became a much sought after spiritual adviser. Stanislaus was successful in his reforming efforts, and in 1072 was named Bishop of Cracow.

As Bishop of Cracow, Stanislaus was a champion of the liberty of the Church and of the dignity of man. He defended the lonely and the poor. When Stanislaus reproached King Boleslaus II for his immoral life, the king himself killed Stanislaus while the later said Mass on April 11, 1079. The cult of Saint Stanislaw the martyr began immediately upon his death. St. Stanislaus was canonized in 1253 by Pope Innocent IV. He is the patron saint of Poland. Sources: Catholic Culture.org, Catholic.org and *Magnificat* [Magazine].

*13th Saturday - St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr -  
Optional Memorial*

### **DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP**

Wednesday, July 10th with a cost of \$80. Board 7am at 137 Roseberry Street (SSPJ School parking lot) and return 10:30pm. Bring your lunch. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for details and reservations.

### **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 139 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! We are in need of Jelly, store bought cookies and pudding cups. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall.

## **Diocesan News**

### **2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

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

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, April 13/14, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **DIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS & FAIR**

Join Bishop Checchio on April 20 at 10 am for Mass in the Cathedral followed by a festive celebration of the different ethnic groups in our diocesan family, sharing their food, song and dance. The Multicultural Mass and Fair are open to all! For more information, contact Sr. Miriam Perez at [mperez@diometuchen.org](mailto:mperez@diometuchen.org).

### **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL**

#### **DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY**

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

¡Querida familia!

No es mala idea desearnos unos a otros "Felices Pascuas" durante todo el tiempo de Pascua, ya que la Resurrección de Cristo es el fundamento de nuestra fe. Fue maravilloso verlos a todos durante los servicios de Semana Santa y las celebraciones de Pascua. Gracias por hacer el esfuerzo de asistir a todos los servicios de la iglesia, especialmente al Triduo, aunque fueron largos pero muy significativos. Un gran agradecimiento a todos nuestros voluntarios en la limpieza de la iglesia; nuestros equipos de decoración con flores y luces; nuestros lectores y ministros eucarísticos, nuestro coro, servidores, mostradores, clero y personal.

Hoy es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Una de las peticiones que Santa Faustina describió en su Diario que Jesús le hizo fue sobre esta Fiesta. Ella escribió: "El Señor dijo: 'Quiero... que el primer domingo después de Pascua... sea la Fiesta de la Misericordia. Deseo que la Fiesta de la Misericordia sea refugio y amparo para todas las almas, y especialmente para los pobres pecadores. Ese día, las profundidades de mi tierna misericordia están abiertas. Derramo todo un océano de gracias sobre aquellas almas que se acercan a la fuente de mi misericordia. El alma que se confiese y reciba la Sagrada Comunión obtendrá el completo perdón de los pecados y de sus penas. En ese día se abren todas las compuertas divinas por las que fluyen las gracias".

La Divina Misericordia se derrama sobre los creyentes que dudan, por eso siempre leemos sobre Tomás en este domingo. Nací y crecí en la Arquidiócesis de Madras-Mylapore, en la parte sur de la India, y conocí la fe de Santo Tomás en mi infancia. El patrón de la diócesis y de la Catedral lleva el nombre de Santo Tomás. Mi ciudad natal es la patria de Santo Tomás de Monte y el lugar de su martirio. Pidamos las intercesiones de Santa Faustina y también de San Juan Pablo II.

### **¡Nuestras oraciones por los candidatos de RICA y un sincero agradecimiento al equipo de RICA!**

A medida que estos nuevos Candidatos se incorporan a nuestra comunidad de fieles, es aún más necesario y nuestra obligación orar por Preston Cryan, Emmanuel Sostre y Tarina Paul. Recuerde a todos los candidatos que han recibido sus sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual.

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

**Confesiones:** ¡Que la buena costumbre de confesarse continúe en cada estación! Como saben tenemos confesiones los sábados tanto en la mañana como en la tarde, extendiendo la invitación a todos al Sacramento de la Confesión también durante la semana. Nunca es demasiado tarde para confesarse. Los sacerdotes están disponibles durante el horario de oficina de lunes a viernes. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

**Renovación Eucarística:** El próximo Seminario será el **10 de abril a las 6:30pm.** El tema que reflexionaremos y aprenderemos juntos es “La Eucaristía es una oración comunitaria” presentado por **Monseñor John Gordon.** Como siempre los animo a todos ustedes, el aprendizaje comunitario es parte integral de nuestra fe. Haga un esfuerzo por ser parte de la comunidad mientras aprendemos juntos. Comenzamos los Seminarios de Avivamiento Eucarístico en nuestra parroquia en mayo de 2023 y el próximo seminario completaría un año completo de aprendizaje comunitario. Más noticias sobre el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional por favor visite <https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>.

**Nuestro Obispo estará aquí para la Confirmación:** El martes 23 de abril, nuestro Obispo confirmará a todos nuestros confirmados en la Misa de las 5 p.m. en nuestra Iglesia. Haga todo lo posible para participar en la Misa y saludar a nuestro Obispo en esta visita especial.

**Proyectos de mantenimiento:** Hemos formado un grupo de voluntarios para pintar las puertas de entrada de la iglesia durante la primavera. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que se inscribieron en este proyecto. La renovación de nuestra capilla comenzará pronto mientras estamos trabajando para preparar el cronograma para reubicar las oportunidades de adoración para los feligreses. Ahora que el piso de Mercy Hall está reparado, hemos comenzado a renovar los baños en el 3er piso. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que forman parte de este proyecto. Es un edificio antiguo y necesita mantenimiento constante. Personas cualificadas como pintores, electricistas, fontaneros y carpinteros son bienvenidas como voluntarias en estos proyectos.

P. Antony



## SACRAMENTOS 2024

### **La Confirmación**

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

### **La Primera Comunión\***

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

- Fecha de Primera Comunión: Sábado 4 de mayo de 2024, a las 11am en la Iglesia.

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

## VIAJE EN AUTOBÚS DE PEREGRINACIÓN AL SANTUARIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

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

## NOTICAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

### CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2024

#### ***QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR:***

#### ***Renueva nuestros Corazones y Envíanos en Misión***

Si aún no ha hecho su compromiso con la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el próximo fin de semana del 13/14 de Abril, que ha sido designado como el ***Fin de Semana De la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas***. Por favor, considere en oración realizar su aporte a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar la meta. Si logramos superar nuestra meta, el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta será reembolsada a la parroquia. Tan importante como nuestro objetivo financiero es nuestro objetivo de alcanzar **el 100% de participación**. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Gracias.

## MISA Y COMPARTIR MULTICULTURAL DIOCESANO

Acompañemos al Obispo Checchio el sábado 20 de abril a las 10 am en la Misa que se realizará en la Catedral San Francisco de Asís en Metuchen; seguido de una celebración en la que los diferentes grupos étnicos de nuestra familia diocesana compartirán su cultura por medio de su comida, música y danzas. Para más información comuníquese con la hermana Miriam Pérez a [mperez@diometuchen.org](mailto:mperez@diometuchen.org)

## CAPACITACIÓN EN ABOGACÍA: INTEGRANDO FE Y ACCIÓN

Esta capacitación es un programa dinámico que facilita el aprendizaje de la comunidad Hispana en habilidades prácticas de abogacía, en el marco de la Doctrina Social de Iglesia, que pueden ser aplicadas a diferentes temas como pro-vida, inmigración, cambio climático, entre otros. Esta capacitación virtual será liderada por William Becerra de “Catholic Relief Services CRS” por medio de 4 sesiones virtuales que se realizarán el 17 abril, 24 de abril, 1 de mayo y 8 de mayo de 2024 en el horario de 7 pm a 9 pm. La capacitación no tiene ningún costo pero requiere registrarse previamente. Para más información y registro, por favor contáctenos en [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) o al teléfono 732 243 4573.

## RESERVE LA FECHA!!

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

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

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

Esté atento para más información.





# Saints Update

**MONSIGNOR SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP:**  
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**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](http://sspjnj.org) and click the gold donate button located on the top right to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

**FAITH & SERVICE**  
Join us for the annual Faith & Service Dinner on 4/27 as we honor Rev. Patrick Boyle (Class of '71) and Kelly & Kevin Perna for their outstanding contributions to our Parish and School. For more information, please visit our event page at [sspjnj.org/event](http://sspjnj.org/event) and scroll down to the event listing. Event sponsorships are also available.

- SAVE THE DATES**
- The SSPJ spring Drama Club production will be Finding Nemo Kids. Shows will be held on Friday, May 10th at 7pm and Saturday, May 11th at 2pm. Tickets will be sold at the door and will be \$5 for children and \$7 for adults.
  - Our Saints Spirit of Giving will kick off on the Feast Day of Saint Philip and Saint James, Friday, 5/3. We will once again be collecting prayer requests over the next few weeks.
  - The Saints Sprint Fun Run Event will be held on Sat., 5/18 with a rain date of Sun., 5/19.

Stay tuned for more information on all our upcoming events and initiatives!



*We are so proud of our SSPJ School Star Students, Bella and Gregory! Both students were nominated for their dedicated work ethic and for exhibiting kindness to others.*

**Next week!**

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# *Eucharistic Revival*

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## **Year of the Parish Revival (2023-2024)**

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)

### **12<sup>th</sup> Talk**

**Eucharist is a Community Prayer**

Monsignor John Gordon

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Mercy Hall  
then head to the Church at 7pm for the talk.**

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



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

Saints Philip and James School and Parish to honor

**Rev. Patrick Boyle class of 1971**

**and**

**Kelly and Kevin Perna**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

at: Mainline (formerly Flynn's on the Hill), 341 Pursel Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Cocktail Reception at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

Please RSVP no later than April 15, 2024, to:

Saints Philip and James Faith and Service Committee ATTN: Bill Casey

137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865

Email contact : [billcasey2@yahoo.com](mailto:billcasey2@yahoo.com) Phone : 610-704-7429

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

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