

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † JUNE 16, 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 8:00 am

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: Monday - Friday:

9 am—8 pm in the Chapel

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss *Pastor*

Nancy Ensley *Parish Sec./Bookkeeper*
ext. 401

Fr. Wilson Jerusalem

Parochial Vicar ext. 403

Fr. Patrick Boyle *ext. 404*

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Dn. Rob Fisher *Ext. 405*

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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 6/16/24

10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall.

Mon. 6/17/24

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

Tues. 6/18/24

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

Wed. 6/19/24

Thurs. 6/20/24

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

Friday 6/21/24

Sat. 6/22/24

7am—8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 9am Human Trafficking Prevention/Awareness Meeting in PMR, 10am Life Chain Meeting in PMR, 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & 6pm Listening Session Meeting at SSPJ School.

Sunday 6/23/24

After the 11am Mass Farewell Gathering for Fr. Wilson Jerusalem in Mercy Hall.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers! We thank God for placing fathers in the family as a sign of God's enduring love and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the examples shown in the scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving and sustaining forces in their families by caring for those in need. We ask God to grant wisdom to fathers so that they may encourage and guide their children.

Our wholistic growth in life centers around the 'Kingdom of God'. In chapter 4, Jesus gives four parables—the Sower (4:1-20), the Lamp under a Bushel (4:21-25), the Growing Seed (4:26-29), and the Mustard Seed (4:30-32) - and then explains his use of parables. He speaks the four parables in the presence of the crowds but explains them only to his disciples (4:10 ff.; 4:34).

Ezekiel's prophesy in the first reading is being fulfilled in Jesus as the 'crest' is the royal house of David and 'cedar tree' is the Kingdom of Israel. Ezekiel's message of hope came when there was absolutely no humanly possibility of establishing a kingdom, but after all these years, we believe that the promise of God continues to inspire us and give us the firm hope. We witness that the Kingdom of God is in us and among us.

The Sacraments are sure signs that announces the presence of the Kingdom of God and a continuous invitation to be part of it. We become wholistic Christians through the Sacraments to be part of the Kingdom of God. That is why the Eucharist is the Source and Summit. Material wealth and prosperity are important but growth in spiritual life is more important than money. Jesus said, 'Seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness, an all these things will be given to you' (Matthew 6:33)

Farewell for Fr. Wilson Jerusalem

As per the decision of our Bishop and by the direction of Fr. Wilson's Bishop, Fr. Wilson will be returning to his home diocese. We wish him well and thank him for his ministry in our parish. We will have a farewell gathering for Fr. Wilson on Sunday, June 23rd after the 11am Mass in Mercy Hall. All are welcome! Please pray for Fr. Wilson as he returns to his home country and his future ministry.

Resignation of our Principal:

The school completed its academic year on June 10th. To all our surprise, our Principal rendered her resignation for valid reasons and will be moving on to her next assignment.

We thank Mrs. Bell for her dedication and service to our school. The School Advisory Council met with all the staff in the school and discussed a future course of action. Our next step will be forming a search committee to identify the next principal. Please pray for Patty as she makes her transition and from our school. We wish all our teachers the best. We pray that they have a good break in summer. Let us also remember all our children who completed their school year, may they have a good summer vacation!

Chapel Renovation:

My sincere thanks to Michael Michnej and the generosity of his family in order to complete this project in time. We also thank those who have donated towards this project. We have completed this important project completely with donations and volunteers. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Our new Parochial Vicar is Fr. John Fredy Triana Beltran

Fr. Fredy was ordained by our Bishop on August 22, 2020 at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. He belongs to The Oratory of St. Philip Neri. After his assignment as the Vice Rector of the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, our Bishop appointed Fr. Fredy as the Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish in Spotswood, NJ. Father will be here on July 6th. There will be a welcoming ceremony for Father after the 11am Mass on Sunday, July 7th. Please come and welcome Father as he starts his ministry at our parish.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles:

Our bible study will complete Acts of the Apostles on June 20th and after the summer break will resume with an Old Testament book. Please see the bulletin for updates.

Eucharistic Renewal:

Our Eucharistic Revival Seminar on Wednesday, June 12th at 6:30pm continued to reflect on important questions centered around the Eucharist. I thank all the volunteers who helped us in hosting the event. The details of the next seminar will be announced next week. I continue to encourage you to be part of this important community learning.

Bishop's Appeal:

My sincere thanks to all of you for supporting our Bishop's annual appeal 2024. So far we have pledged \$53,562 which is 68% of our goal (\$78,000). Thank you for your generosity. I strongly encourage you to support our Bishop and all the people who are going to be benefitting from this appeal.

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th – ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Sandra Sundstrom by Family
 9:00 – Emil Pohorely by Peppe Family
 11:00 – James Diedo by Family
 1:00pm (SP) – Shawn David Maturana by Friend
 5:30pm – Thomas Fetko by Keith Gallagher

MONDAY, JUNE 17th

6:45am – Michael Eureyecko by Family
 12:10pm – Bud Lilly by Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 18th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Ann Perera
 12:10pm – Regina Gebda by Merrie Mulrine

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th – *St. Romuald*

6:45am – Frank P. Spinella by Jeanne & Michael
 12:10pm – Mirna Duran (A) by Daughters & Granddaughters

THURSDAY, JUNE 20th

6:45am – Peter Kucinski by Merrie Mulrine
 12:10pm – Louis Jones by Jane Hanisek

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st – *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

6:45am – Dave Tepe by Jeanne & Michael St. Jacques
 12:10pm – Maryann H. Wujkiw by Jane Hanisek

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd – *St. Paulinus of Nola*

8:00am – Cecile Franceschino by Ruth & Jim Martin
 4:30pm – Barry Shandor by Donna Keim

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd – TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Tinoco Augustin Nolasco by Nolasco Family
 9:00 – *Sp. Int. by Chris & Denise Weber
 11:00 – Phil Kays by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. for the Souls in Purgatory by Jenny Chapoñan
 5:30pm – Scott Foss by Keith Gallagher

Stewardship

June 9, 2024

	\$ 8,258.00
Online Giving:	\$ <u>2,595.50</u>
	\$ 10,853.50
Father's Day:	\$ 1,755.00
Various Collections:	\$ 185.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

June 22 nd		
4:30pm	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Mark Talpas Lisa DeGerolamo Edward Socci Melody Talpas Chimbuzo Odimma Chiazam Odimma
June 23 rd		
7:00am	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Dominic Russo Marianne Palos Brett Bruckman
9:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Cole Rautenberg Henrietta Schupper Joseph Lusardi Valerie Lusardi Gavin Hayes
11:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Joseph Cruz Susan Gerhardt Carol Bevilacqua Pat James Andrew Sretenovic Adam Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector Lector Minister Announcements Server Server Server	Iván Lam Laura García Gladys Jauridez Jaime Rocha Miguel Quizhpi-García Jackie Quizhpi-García José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Craig Ellis

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 6/16 Marion Smith, 6/23 Ron Rossini, & 6/30 Ed Socci.

Brakeley Nursing Home: 6/16 Val Patti & 6/23 Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 6/16 Beth Dispoto.

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$53,526.00
Total Received:	\$51,602.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$24,438.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	68.67%
Percent of Goal Received:	66.16%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$277.52

Around the Parish

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

The St. Philip & St. James (SPSJ) Faith Formation program is open to registered families of SPSJ church. If your family is not registered with the parish please stop by the parish office (during normal business hours) for a Family Registration Form.

Our hope is to journey along with families in the Catholic formation of their children, which begins in their homes. Our Faith Formation program begins in 1st grade and continues through 8th grade. Within these years the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (in 2nd grade) and Confirmation (in 8th grade) are celebrated. According to the requirements set forth by the Diocese of Metuchen a child must prepare for two years before the child receives these sacraments. The preparation for First Holy Communion starts with first grade continues with second grade then at the end of second grade the child receives their First Holy Communion. The same also with Confirmation the preparation years are seventh and eighth grades.

Please be on the lookout for enrollment information for the 2024 – 2025 Faith Formation year.
Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL)

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.

HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on July 5, 2024 (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community. (On this day Adoration in the chapel will end at 6:00pm.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAUSAGE SANDWICH SALE



The Knights of Columbus #474 sausage sandwich sale will be held on Saturday June 29th from 1 to 6pm & on Sunday the 30th from 12 to 5pm in Mercy Hall, chips and water are included all for \$12. There is the option of Take-Out or Eat-in.

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP UPDATE



The Divine Mercy Shrine Pilgrimage on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 has appeared in our bulletin for many months as well as in the Catholic Spirit, plus a flyer in both the church vestibule and chapel foyer. There are 20 seats still available. We are blessed to have many parishoners from a neighboring parish join us along with members of the Legion of Mary. However very few from within our own parish. There is still time to join us on this amazing pilgrimage experience! The cost is \$80 and the bus will board at 7am at 137 Roseberry Street (SSPJ School parking lot) and returning at 10:30pm. Bring your lunch. Contact Camille at 908-319-2719 for details and reservations.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING/AWARENESS MEETING

Join us Saturday, June 22nd at 9 am in the Parish Meeting Room to learn more about Human Trafficking Prevention and what you can do about it. Please join us and help spread this important information.

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, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Eric Godleski, Paul Pierce, Jaxson Rand, Martha Richline, Owen McCaffery, James Sciascia, Grace Epo, & Ada Duran Ruiz.

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.

DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners:

This week we will talk about one of the ways we might be able to continue the catechesis of young adults-Theology on Tap (TOT). This program has been successful nationwide since its inception in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1981.

When we hear "Theology on Tap," immediately, we think of a group of young adults drinking beer and listening to a spiritual teaching in a bar or restaurant. It is not necessary to drink alcohol to join a TOT event! But what is Theology on Tap?

TOT is an outreach to and collaboration with young adult Catholics in pursuit of spiritual growth. It is a method of invitation, based on a spirit of hospitality, which creates a space for people, ages 18 through 39, to explore how faith in Christ can speak to their circumstances. This program has proven to be a successful vehicle for reaching young adults interested in learning more about their faith, in coming together to share community, and in feeling welcomed and valued in the Catholic Church.

TOT is often used as a stand-alone series of events, in which young adults come together in a casual setting to hear a speaker, to discuss, and to share in community; however, TOT works best as a component in a more comprehensive young adult ministry. TOT is meant to be an invitation for young adults to learn more about their faith and to share in the Catholic community, and it should serve as a springboard for other young adult initiatives in the parish, diocese, campus, or other group. TOT at its best is a piece in a broader, comprehensive young adult ministry that includes small faith-sharing communities, and opportunities for retreats, service projects, social events, and other activities that will draw Catholics in their late teens, 20s, and 30s together.

There are four essential components necessary for a successful TOT program: building a strong core community, invitation, hospitality, and follow-up. Creating a strong core community will lay the foundation for solid and sustainable TOT events while promoting community between the young adults. Invitation strategies will allow the group to successfully invite a wide range of young adults to events and activities. Hospitality not only allows for an enjoyable TOT event, but also provides the key link to further involvement and engagement by the young adults in the community. Follow-up means providing concrete strategies for involving young adults more fully in the Church through small communities, retreats, service work, and other opportunities.

These components help create the successful, initial TOT program, which will help lay the groundwork for creating a more sustainable and comprehensive young adult ministry.

In addition, The Diocese of Allentown has an active website listing topics that they have discussed in the past. If we implement such a program, perhaps you would like to be a guest speaker on a topic that would interest young adult Catholics? Please email Deacon Rob at rfisher@spsj.org with your thoughts or ideas, or to volunteer as a guest speaker.

May God always be pleased with us,
Deacon Rob

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

June 16 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19 - St. Romuald, Abbot - Optional Memorial

June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious - Memorial

"I am a piece of twisted iron, I entered the religious life to get twisted straight."

"He who wishes to love God does not truly love Him, if he has not an ardent and constant desire to suffer for His sake."

"Take care above all things, most honored lady, not to insult God's boundless loving kindness, you would certainly do this, if you mourned as dead, one living face-to-face with God, one whose prayers, can bring you in your troubles, more powerful aid, than they ever could on earth." (From a letter to his mother)

June 22 - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St. John Fisher, Bishop; St. Thomas More, Martyrs - Optional Memorial

His belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the church of Christ cost Thomas More his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, July 6, 1535, he steadfastly refused to approve Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the church in England, breaking with Rome and denying the pope as head.

Diocesan News 
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
2024



From left to right: Rev. Mr. Ai Van (Peter) Phan, Rev. Mr. Dawid Malick, Rev. Mr. Larrydom Magdasoc, Rev. Mr. Ban Thien (Joseph) Ho & Rev. Mr. Randy J. Gamboa Espinoza.



It has been 22 years since the Diocese of Metuchen has been blessed with five priest ordained at one time.

*Thanks be to God!
 Please keep them in your prayers.*

More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy.

Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Four hundred years later, in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In fact, in 2000, Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counselor, Thomas More did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants.

Henry himself realized this and tried desperately to win his chancellor to his side because he knew More was a man whose approval counted, a man whose personal integrity no one questioned. But when Thomas resigned as chancellor, unable to approve the two matters that meant most to Henry, the king felt he had to get rid of Thomas.

Excerpted from *Saint of the Day*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 167 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! We are in need of store bought cookies, pudding cups, and cases of bottled water. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9 am to 11 am in Mercy Hall.

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.

ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE, SEPARATION OR FAMILY BROKENNESS

A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat will be held on Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch NJ (right on the beach). Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$300 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals. For more information and/or to register, please visit www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

ADULT ENRICHMENT COURSE – DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II

Beginning September 5, 2024 Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. will present 15 classes on the Documents of Vatican II. Classes will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ on Thursdays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Attendees will learn about the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church), Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation), Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) and Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the modern world). There is a \$35 fee per person for all 15 classes which also includes attendees receiving a copy of the book “The Documents of Vatican II”. To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Community News

FREE PRODUCE MARKET

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, LocalShare with the collaboration of Warren County Hunger Coalition will be set up in the Mercy Hall parking lot from 4-5:30pm. Please share with those you may know that will benefit from this charitable gesture.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

The Warren County Meals at Home Program is in urgent need of drivers to provide meals to seniors who are unable to grocery shop or cook for themselves, ensuring they receive at least one hot and nutritious meal a day. Please call Debbie Fox at 908-914-8982.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY UNDÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

¡Feliz Día del Padre a todos los padres! Damos gracias a Dios por colocar a los padres en la familia como señal del amor perdurable y la protección constante de Dios. Que los padres de todo el mundo sean fieles a los ejemplos que se muestran en las Escrituras: firmes en el amor, perdonadores y sustentadores de las fuerzas de sus familias cuidando a los necesitados. Pidamos a Dios que conceda sabiduría a los padres para que puedan animar y guiar a sus hijos.

Nuestro crecimiento integral en la vida se centra en el "Reino de Dios". En el capítulo 4, Jesús da cuatro parábolas: el sembrador (4:1-20), la lámpara debajo del almud (4:21-25), la semilla que crece (4:26-29) y la semilla de mostaza (4:30-32)—y luego explica su uso de parábolas. Habla las cuatro parábolas en presencia de la multitud, pero las explica sólo a sus discípulos (4:10 ss.; 4:34).

La profecía de Ezequiel en la primera lectura se está cumpliendo en Jesús ya que la “cresta” es la casa real de David y el “cedro” es el Reino de Israel. El mensaje de esperanza de Ezequiel llegó cuando no había absolutamente ninguna posibilidad humana de establecer un reino, pero después de todos estos años, creemos que la promesa de Dios continúa inspirándonos y dándonos la esperanza firme. Somos testigos de que el Reino de Dios está en nosotros y entre nosotros.

Los Sacramentos son signos seguros que anuncian la presencia del Reino de Dios y una invitación continua a ser parte de él. Nos convertimos en cristianos holísticos a través de los Sacramentos para ser parte del Reino de Dios. Por eso la Eucaristía es Fuente y Cumbre. La riqueza material y la prosperidad son importantes, pero el crecimiento en la vida espiritual es más importante que el dinero. Jesús dijo: “Buscad primeramente el Reino y su justicia, y todas estas cosas os serán dadas” (Mateo 6:33).

Despedida del P. Wilson Jerusalén

Por decisión de nuestro Obispo y por dirección del P. El obispo de Wilson, el p. Wilson regresará a su diócesis de origen. Le deseamos lo mejor y le agradecemos por su ministerio en nuestra parroquia. Tendremos una reunión de despedida para el P. Wilson el domingo 23 de junio después de la misa de las 11 am en Mercy Hall. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Por favor oren por el P. Wilson por su regreso a su país de origen y a su futuro ministerio.

Renuncia de nuestra Directora:

La escuela completó su año académico el 10 de junio. Para nuestra sorpresa, nuestra directora presentó su renuncia por motivos válidos y pasará a su próxima asignación. Agradecemos a la Sra. Bell por su dedicación y servicio a nuestra escuela. El Consejo Asesor Escolar se reunió con todo el personal de la escuela y discutió un curso de acción futuro. Nuestro próximo paso será formar un comité de búsqueda para identificar al próximo director.

Por favor oren por Patty mientras hace su transición y desde nuestra escuela. Deseamos lo mejor a todos nuestros profesores. Rezamos para que tengan un buen descanso en verano. Recordemos también a todos nuestros niños que finalizaron su año escolar, ¡que pasen unas buenas vacaciones de verano!

Renovación de la Capilla:

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a Michael Michnej y la generosidad de su familia por poder completar este proyecto a tiempo. También agradecemos a quienes han donado para este proyecto. Hemos completado este importante proyecto completamente con donaciones y voluntarios. Gracias por su apoyo y oraciones.

Nuestro nuevo Vicario Parroquial es el P. John Fredy Triana Beltrán

P. Fredy fue ordenado por nuestro Obispo el 22 de agosto de 2020 en el Santuario Nacional “Blue Army” de Nuestra Señora de Fátima. Pertenece al Oratorio de San Felipe Neri. Después de su asignación como Vicerrector de la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, Raritan, nuestro Obispo nombró al P. Fredy como Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia Inmaculada Concepción en Spotswood, NJ. El padre estará aquí el 6 de julio. Habrá una ceremonia de bienvenida para el Padre después de la Misa de las 11 am el domingo 7 de julio. Por favor vengan y den la bienvenida al Padre cuando comienza su ministerio en nuestra parroquia.

Estudio Bíblico sobre Los Hechos de los Apóstoles:

Nuestro estudio bíblico finalizará Hechos de los Apóstoles el 20 de junio y después de las vacaciones de verano se reanudará con un libro del Antiguo Testamento. Consulte el boletín para obtener actualizaciones.

Renovación Eucarística:

Nuestra charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico el miércoles 12 de junio continuó reflexionando sobre cuestiones importantes centradas en la Eucaristía.

Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que nos ayudaron a organizar el evento. Los detalles del próximo seminario se anunciarán la próxima semana. Sigo animándote a ser parte de este importante aprendizaje comunitario.

Apelación del obispo:

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos ustedes por apoyar la campaña anual de nuestro Obispo para 2024. Hasta ahora hemos prometido \$53,562, que es el 68% de nuestra meta (\$78,000). Gracias por tu generosidad. Les recomiendo encarecidamente que apoyen a nuestro Obispo y a todas las personas que se beneficiarán de este llamamiento.

P. Antony

VIAJE EN AUTOBÚS DE PEREGRINACIÓN AL SANTUARIO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

La peregrinación al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia del miércoles 10 de julio de 2024 ha aparecido en nuestro boletín durante muchos meses, así como en “Catholic Spirit”, además de un volante en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y el vestíbulo de la capilla. Todavía hay 20 asientos disponibles. Tenemos la suerte de tener muchos feligreses de una parroquia vecina que se unen a nosotros junto con miembros de la Legión de María. Sin embargo, muy pocos de nuestra propia parroquia. ¡Todavía hay tiempo para unirse a nosotros en esta increíble experiencia de peregrinación! El costo es de \$ 80 y el autobús abordará a las 7 am en 137 Roseberry Street (estacionamiento de la escuela SSPJ) y regresará a las 10:30 pm. Traiga su almuerzo. Comuníquese con Camille al 908-319-2719 para obtener detalles y reservas.

MERCADO DE VERDURAS GRATIS

El miércoles 10 de julio de 2024, el LocalShare con la colaboración de la Coalición contra el Hambre del Condado de Warren se instalará en el estacionamiento del Mercy Hall de 4 a 5:30 pm. Por favor, compártelo con aquellos que conozcan que se beneficiarán de este gesto caritativo.

NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS ORDENACIÓN AL SACERDOCIO 2024

Han pasado 22 años desde que la Diócesis de Metuchen fue bendecida con cinco sacerdotes ordenados al mismo tiempo. ¡Gloria a Dios!

Por favor mantenlos en tus oraciones.

Dear Family!

Today the Universal Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint Barnabas. Saint Barnabas's real name is Joseph, but he was given the name 'Barnabas' by the Church which means 'Son of Encouragement'. He was full of optimism; positive energy and the church witnessed his helping nature in thanking God for his 'strong and constant' love for God and His people. St. Barnabas, Pray for Us!

Yesterday Mrs. Bell announced her resignation and it is with great regret that we let her go. After a lengthy discussion, I realized that God is guiding her and has a plan for her. We must respect Mrs. Bell's decision and wish her well as she moves on to a new chapter in her life. Though it is a 'shocker' for almost everyone, especially me, it requires us to draw closer as a school community and actively seek God's guidance and direction moving forward!

We, the School Advisory Council, immediately met with all the staff yesterday and discussed at length a plan of action for our future leadership. As per the guidance of the Diocese, we need to form the Search Committee (by the end of this week) and start posting advertisements of the vacancy as per the norm. There were strong suggestions made by staff which will be beneficial to the Search Committee.

I request that not only parents, but grandparents also be involved in offering suggestions to help our committee with this process. On Saturday, June 22nd at 6pm we will be hosting a 'Listening Session' for parents and grandparents at the School Gym. Three teachers will be moderating this Listening Session along with the School Advisory Council. We would appreciate hearing your voice, your suggestions and your opinions. Please join us in the conversation!

This communication also includes the sentiments of our Staff! We thank them for standing united! But even more, we thank them for their sacrifices and service to our children and to our school!

Please feel welcome to send in your suggestions through email if you are unable to be physically present at the Listening Session. Please forward your suggestions to Mrs. Eileen Dean at dean.eileen@spsj.org.

As a united Saints Philip and James School family, we must ALL prayfully invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead and counsel our decisions. And may we ask the intercession of Saints Philip and James in recognizing God's will for our future SPSJ school leadership. Your continued prayers and family participation in Sunday Mass remain the greatest source of inspiration! Thank you all!

Sincerely,

Fr. Antony

Dear Parents,

As teachers of Sts. Philip and James, within the rich tradition of our Catholic faith, we stand together in our commitment to the future of our beloved school community. Guided by the values of compassion, service, and excellence, we are dedicated to nurturing not only the academic growth but also the spiritual and moral development of your children.

With the grace of God, the guidance of our administration, and your continued support, we embark on this journey of selecting a new principal with hope and determination, knowing that together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of our students and the world.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children in the light of our Catholic faith.

Sincerely,

The Teachers of Sts. Philip and James School

Eileen Dean

Audrey Nelson

Arrianna Scarponi

Christopher Shick

Maria Perna

Christine Laquintano

Matthew Crouse

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SUMMER RAFFLE

Congratulations to our Summer Raffle Winners! Bill Casey (1st prize), Maureen Genovese (2nd prize), and Wendy Emanuel (3rd prize). Check back in the Fall for more exciting fundraisers!



Thank you to everyone who helped making our eighth grade luncheon such a wonderful event for our graduating students, especially our class families and La Bella Via.



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