

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

There is so much pressure on young people to develop an image of faith in themselves. Most of their friends do not go to church anymore; their parents are either divorced or not practicing Catholics; there is always a Sunday Sports in the morning (as Tax-payer, you cannot question the system). The young are forced to create their own excuses such as 'headache, body pain, homework' and the like. Can we blame them entirely for their current mind-set? They wonder, 'I am the only young person! The rest of the church is filled with 50 plus crowd. This is not a place for me!'

I often wondered when people say, 'God called him/her to serve!'. Some find it difficult to believe that God calls. If God could call Moses 'a murderer' to be one of the greatest prophets; if God could call David, 'a selfish monster' to be one of the greatest kings in the Bible; if God could call Saul 'a jealous, revenge-seeking murderer' to be one of the greatest missionary of the Catholic Church, you should not have a doubt that you are called. The readings this Sunday focus on the call of God.

Hesitating to respond to God's call is common - Great personalities in the Bible & in History hesitated. But eventually they responded. You are called to build the community! How would you do that? What does it mean when Pope Francis said, 'The shepherds should smell like the sheep'. I smell like my sheep by getting to know them, to talk and relate to them, to plan and execute collective growth as people; encourage a culture of life in them.

Young people! Demand God-time from your parents! You are entitled to it. A parent who encourages God-time for their children acts holistically. You are called to be a disciple (A person who learns) but also you are called to be an apostle (A person who is sent from church to people with a message from God). And the message is - You.

## **Mrs. Sara Siano is appointed as the Principal of our School:**

After much reflection and discussion with parents and School Advisory Council I appoint Mrs. Sara Siano as the new principal for our school. Mrs. Siano has been the vice-principal of our school since under Mrs. Donna Kucinski. I thank Sara for accepting the responsibilities of Principal and will start August 1st. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Patricia Bell for serving as our Principal till the end of the month and would move on to her next phase in life. We wish both of them our very best and pray for them as they assume new responsibilities.

## **Thanking the Welcoming Committee and Hispanic Committee!**

I thank all the volunteers of the Welcoming Committee in hosting this event in welcoming Fr. Fredy! Thank you all for your support and prayers for Fr. Fredy as he starts his ministry in our parish. Special word of thanks to our Hispanic Committee for the luncheon they prepared to welcome Fr. Fredy. Thank you also for your generous support towards the Missionary Appeal for the Diocese of Kurnool in India. The collection will be sent to the diocese shortly.

## **Eucharistic Renewal & other important events:**

Our Pope appointed Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle as his special envoy to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Let us keep all the 63 diocesan participants from our diocese who are attending this event in our prayers. On July 28<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. After the 11am Mass we will have a felicitation at Mercy Hall. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, in Flemington our Diocese is partnering with Franciscan University to give us training on various parish ministries. Please call the parish for more details. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, will be commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass held at the Shrine.

## **Bishop's Appeal:**

My sincere thanks to all of you for supporting our Bishop's annual appeal 2024. So far we have pledged \$56,913 which is 73% 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, JULY 14<sup>th</sup> – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – \*Sp. Int. for Ann Foose by Camille  
 9:00 – \*Sp. Int. Eldon Isai Martinez by Nolasco Family  
 11:00 – Mary Bartolotta by Antoinette, Stephanie, & Pam  
 1:00pm (SP) – Elías García by Family  
 5:30pm – Margaret Pavkovic by Chris Citl

### MONDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup> - St. Bonaventure

6:45am – James Ludwig by Giamoni Family  
 12:10pm – Florence Flynn by Rosemary & Bill Kowalchuk

### TUESDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup> – *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

6:45am – Rich Greene by Katie & Terry O’Connell  
 12:10pm – Henry Malick by Merrie Mulrine

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Sarah Edith Ramirez-Rocha by Cousins  
 12:10pm – Cecile Franceschino by Patricia Gazzana

### THURSDAY, JULY 18<sup>th</sup> - *St. Camillus de Lellis*

6:45am – David A. Soto, Sr. by Friend  
 12:10pm – John Flynn by Family

### FRIDAY, JULY 19<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – John W. Bronico by Fran & Tom  
 12:10pm – Sr. Ann Marie Lafferty (A) by Catalli Family

### SATURDAY, JULY 20<sup>th</sup> - *St. Apollinaris*

8:00am – Diane DeMarco by Friend  
 4:30pm – Frederick Juliano by The Talpas Family

### SUNDAY, JULY 21<sup>st</sup> – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Clara & John Poch by Deacon Rob  
 9:00 – Margaret A. Pavkovic by Antoninette & Greg Martin  
 11:00 – Dick & Glenda Lawler by Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – Enrique García by Family  
 5:30pm – \*Sp. Int. Irma Suyapa Tabaro-Nolasco by Nolasco Family

## Stewardship

	6/30/24	7/7/24
	8,753.50	9,106.16
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<u>4,158.00</u>	<u>3,832.50</u>
	<b>12,911.50</b>	<b>12,938.66</b>
	<b>For the Poor: 2,333.00</b>	
	<b>Mission: 2,400.00</b>	
<b>Various Collections:</b>	216.00	112.00

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



July 20 <sup>th</sup> 4:30pm	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Anthony Ventura Kelechi Odimma Beth Dispoto Melody Talpas Chimbuzo Odimma Mark Talpas
July 21 <sup>st</sup> 7:00am	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Dominic Russo Susan Gerhardt Sebastián Mendoza Julián Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Andrew Sretenovic Lisa DeGerolamo Julie Duffy Michael Duffy Gabriel Sretenovic Adam Sretenovic
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 Oscar Dilone María C. Rossenouff Jaime Rocha Miguel Quizhpi-García Jackie Quizhpi-García José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Brett Bruckman Craig Ellis

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home** 7/14 Anne Coyle, 7/21 Marion Smith & 7/28 Ron Rossini.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 7/14 Val Patti & 7/21 Deacon Francisco.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 7/14 Lisa Spanopolous & 7/21 Beth Dispoto.

## 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged :</b>	<b>\$56,913.25</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$55,895.75</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$21,086.75)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>72.97%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>71.66%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$280.36</b>

# Around the Parish

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

**Registration for the 24-25 SPSJ Faith Formation Year is open. Please visit our website at [spsj.org](http://spsj.org) to register.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and continues through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Within these years the Sacraments of First Holy Communion (in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Confirmation (in 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL)

## SACRAMENTAL PICTURES

The First Holy Communion & Confirmation pictures have arrived and can be picked up at the church office. Please stop by during business hours.

## CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS



As of Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> the church office hours on Fridays will be from 9am to 1pm. This will be in effect until Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. (The office hours from Monday thru Thursday remain the same.)

## HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on August 2, 2024 (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community.

## 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, Jaxson Rand, Martha Richline, Owen McCaffery, Grace Epo, Roger DiVittorio, & Rich Dantine.*

## 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.

## LEGION OF MARY SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

Please note there has been a change. There will be NO Scapular Investiture after the 9am on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

The Legion of Mary apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

## "THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

## SPSJ BAKING COMMITTEE

Love to Bake?! The SPSJ Baking Committee is looking for bakers for our church's fellowship events. You will only be contacted when baked goods are needed. Please contact the church office at 908-454-0112 to join the committee.

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**July 14 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 15 - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church – Memorial**

### **Prayer of St. Bonaventure**

Pierce the depths of my soul, O sweetest Lord Jesus, with the most delightful and most wholesome wound of your love, with true, serene, and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may always languish and melt with love and longing for you. May it yearn for you and swoon for your courts, and long to be unloosed and be with you. Grant that I may hunger for you, the bread of angels, the refreshing food of holy souls, our daily, life-sustaining bread, containing all sweetness and relish, and all delicate delight.

May I always hunger for you and feed on you--you on whom the angels desire to gaze. May the depths of my soul be filled with the sweetness of your taste. May my heart always thirst for you, the flowing source of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the gushing stream of pleasure, the abundance of the house of God.

May my heart always desire you, seek you and find you. May I run to you and reach you; meditate on you, speak of you and do all things to the praise and glory of your name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance until the end.

May you always be my only hope, my complete assurance, my wealth, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my delicacy, my fragrance, my sweetness, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my inheritance, my possession and my treasure--in you, may my mind and heart be fixed and fastened and immovably rooted now and always. Amen.

*July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Optional Memorial*

O beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a Pure Virgin, assist me in this necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help and protect me!

Show me that thou art my Mother.

O Mary, Conceived without sin,

Pray for us who have recourse to thee!

Mother and Ornament of Carmel, Pray for us!

Virgin, Flower of Carmel, Pray for us!

Patroness of all who wear the Scapular, Pray for us!  
Hope of all who die wearing the Scapular, Pray for us!

O sweet Heart of Mary, be my Salvation! Amen.

*July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest - Optional Memorial*

*July 20 - Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr - Optional Memorial*

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

The Message and the Mercy of the King

When the apostles went out to preach to people, they did not create a message; they brought a message. They did not tell people what they believed and what they considered probable; they told people what Jesus had told them. It was not their opinions they brought to people; it was God's truth. The person who would bring an effective message to others must first receive it from God.

To the people they brought the King's Message; and the King's message was Repent. To repent means to change one's mind and then to fit one's actions to this change. Repentance means a change of heart and a change of action. It is bound to hurt, for it involves the bitter realization that the way we were following is wrong. It is bound to disturb because it means a complete reversal of life. The change is not necessarily from robbery, theft, murder, adultery and glaring sins. The change may be from a life that is completely selfish, instinctively demanding, totally inconsiderate, the change from a self-centered to a God centered life.

To the people they brought the King's Mercy. Not only did they bring this shattering demand upon people; they also brought help and healing. They brought liberation to the poor, and to the demon possessed men and women. From the beginning, Christianity has aimed to bring health to both body and soul; it was always aimed not only at soul salvation, but at whole salvation.

Remember: F.E.A.R.

+ God Bless+

Deacon Larry

## SPSJ ALTAR SERVER'S VISIT TO PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH IN NEW MEXICO



*Anthony Ventura: first row third one from the right.*

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Anthony Ventura, I am an altar server at SPSJ, and I am also a Boy Scout. Last month I was given a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico with a crew of five of my fellow scouts and four of my advisors to hike through the New Mexico backcountry.

While on this trip I served my crew as the crew's Chaplain Aide. As the crew's Chaplain it was my responsibility to care for the spiritual needs of my fellow scouts and advisors. This meant that before we set out on our twelve day, sixty-five mile journey, I was responsible for leading my crew to religious services that were offered at basecamp. Despite the wide variety of religious backgrounds, the majority of my crew joined me for the Catholic Mass that was offered. As we set out into the wild backcountry of Philmont I led my crew daily in grace before meals, prayer along the trail, and an evening worship service. These services were some of the most amazing experiences of my life. Through these services I got to see my fellow scouts and advisors join me in song and in prayer, and even if it was just for twenty minutes, I got to see them give themselves to God.

Every night as we moved further down the trail the services were held in a variety of different locations; some were very scenic and serene while others were quite the opposite. One of the most scenic of these services I held at an elevation of 11,736 ft above sea level on the summit of Mt. Phillips.

This service was especially scenic as we started around eight in the evening and as the service concluded we watched the sun set over the surrounding landscape. In sharp contrast, a few nights earlier we had a not so scenic service in our campsite which had been overrun by mosquitos. However, being that it was Sunday to not hold the service would be unthinkable so with the assistance of a Jewish scout him, and I stood in the center of our campsite and held a Jewish Shabbat service and celebrated the Liturgy of The Word while our crew sought refuge from the mosquitos and participated from their tents. Through our twelve day journey through the New Mexico wilderness with no cell service and almost complete isolation from the outside world we all grew closer to God, and I was very privileged to experience that alongside my peers and advisors. After this trip I can bear witness and honestly say when given the opportunity young people will pray and connect with God. For two weeks I got to experience this and lead my crew in prayer and song ,and scripture in what the Philmont Hymn proudly calls, "God's Country."

## SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 128 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, as well as peanut butter and jelly. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am 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.

## PILGRIMAGE TO EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES IN ITALY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You're cordially invited to join us on a deeply meaningful pilgrimage to Italy from October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Together, we'll embark on a spiritual odyssey to explore the profound mysteries of the Eucharist and pay homage to the revered St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Throughout our pilgrimage, we'll delve into the rich tapestry of Eucharistic miracles that have graced the land of Italy, witnessing firsthand the miraculous presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. These encounters will serve as profound reminders of the awe-inspiring power and boundless love of our Lord.

Our journey will also lead us to the hallowed grounds of San Giovanni Rotondo, where the incorruptible body of St. Padre Pio serves as a beacon of faith and devotion to millions around the world. Here, we'll have the opportunity to venerate this beloved saint, seek his intercession, and draw inspiration from his remarkable life of holiness and service.

This pilgrimage isn't just a trip; it's a transformative — that promises to deepen our connection to the Eucharist and strengthen our faith in profound ways. It's an invitation to step outside of our everyday lives and immerse ourselves in the — beauty and spiritual richness of Italy.

We warmly encourage you to join us on this journey of discovery, prayer, and fellowship as we seek to renew our hearts and souls in the presence of Christ and the legacy of St. Padre Pio.

For further details and to reserve your place, please contact Juan Ignacio Zurita at 786-656-0594.

Fr. Fredy Triana



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## ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

Cancer is a word that is one of the most frightening words in the English language. It conjures up nothing but negative thoughts more fearful than a horror story or movie. Yet, try as we may, many of us will not escape its clasp. We have medical remedies which may eradicate the disease or at best prolong the life of the victim. Yet, besides the medicinal remedies alluded to, one should bear in mind the spiritual aids that are available. We have one in St. Peregrine, whose statue graces our chapel and was designed in a studio in Italy. It is placed next to the statue of Our Beloved Mother, Mary. St. Peregrine is the patron of Cancer patients and is invoked for relief from that malady. One who invokes the help of this saint for himself/herself, or a family member, may not be cured physically, but will be rewarded spiritually with untold graces.

Father Antony has allowed me to have a weekly novena to St. Peregrine. It will commence on July 16 at 7 pm in the chapel as part of the Cenacles of Life. The first half of the Cenacles will be devoted to the Rosary where we pray for the souls of our nation, priests, deacons, and religious. We then follow with the Divine Mercy chaplet. The second part of the hour will be dedicated to the Saint Peregrine novena. At the conclusion, there will be a veneration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> class relic of St. Peregrine. I pray that you will attend.

Yours in St. Peregrine,  
Patrick

## Diocesan News

### 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 10:00am - 11:30am. 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

### SILVER & GOLD & 5 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. **This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.** Registration is required.

Please register online at:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

## Community News

### FREE PRODUCE MARKET

On Wednesday, August 14, 2024, LocalShare with the collaboration of Warren County Hunger Coalition will be set up in the Mercy Hall parking lot from 4pm-5:30pm. Please share with those you may know that will benefit from this charitable gesture.

### WARREN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Would you give a few hours of your time to volunteer helping to cover Warren County Right of Life’s booth at the upcoming Warren County Farmers Fair, Sat. July 27<sup>th</sup> – Sat. August 3<sup>rd</sup>? Volunteers are an important part of the booth’s success. Please call Anne at 973-876-3580. Time slots may fill quickly, so please call today.

### NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

### DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY DECIMOQUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Hay mucha presión sobre los jóvenes para que desarrollen una imagen de fe en sí mismos. La mayoría de sus amigos ya no van a la iglesia; sus padres están divorciados o no son católicos practicantes; Siempre hay deportes dominicales por la mañana (como contribuyente, no puedes cuestionar el sistema). Los jóvenes se ven obligados a crear sus propias excusas como “me duele la cabeza, me duele el cuerpo, tengo tarea” y cosas por el estilo. ¿Podemos culparlos completamente por su forma de pensar actual? Se preguntan: ‘¡Soy la única persona joven y la iglesia está llena con más de 50 personas! ¡Éste no es un lugar para mí!

A menudo me pregunto cuando la gente dice: “¡Dios lo llamó a servir!” A algunos les resulta difícil creer que Dios lo llamo. Si Dios pudiera llamar a Moisés ‘un asesino’ para ser uno de los más grandes profetas; si Dios pudiera llamar a David, ‘un monstruo egoísta’ para ser uno de los reyes más grandes de la Biblia; Si Dios pudo llamar a Saúl ‘un asesino celoso y vengativo’ para ser uno de los más grandes misioneros de la Iglesia Católica, no debes tener dudas de que estás llamado. Las lecturas de este domingo se centran en el llamado de Dios.

Es común dudar en responder al llamado de Dios: grandes personalidades de la Biblia y de la historia dudaron. Pero finalmente respondieron. ¡Estás llamado a construir la comunidad! ¿Cómo lo harías tú? ¿Qué significa cuando el Papa Francisco dijo: "Los pastores deben oler como las ovejas"? Huelo a mis ovejas al conocerlas, hablar y relacionarme con ellas, planificar y ejecutar el crecimiento colectivo como personas; fomentar en ellos una cultura de la vida.

¡Jóvenes! ¡Exige tiempo de Dios a tus padres! Tienes derecho de esto. Un padre que fomenta el tiempo dedicado a Dios para sus hijos actúa de manera integral. Estás llamado a ser discípulo (una persona que aprende) pero también estás llamado a ser apóstol (una persona que es enviada desde la iglesia a las personas con un mensaje de Dios). Y el mensaje es: tú.

#### **Se ha nombrado a la Sra. Sara Siano como Directora de nuestra escuela:**

Después de mucha reflexión y discusión con los padres y el Consejo Asesor Escolar, nombro a la Sra. Sara Siano como la nueva directora de nuestra escuela. La Sra. Siano ha sido la subdirectora de nuestra escuela bajo la dirección de la Sra. Donna Kucinski. Agradezco a Sara por aceptar las responsabilidades de Directora a partir del 1 de agosto. Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a la Sra. Patricia Bell por servir como nuestra directora hasta fin de mes y pasar a la siguiente etapa de su vida. Les deseamos a ambas lo mejor y oramos por ellos mientras asumen nuevas responsabilidades.

#### **¡Agradeciendo al Comité de Bienvenida y al Comité Hispano!**

Agradezco a todos los voluntarios del Comité de Bienvenida por organizar este evento y dar la bienvenida al p. Fredy! Gracias a todos por su apoyo y oraciones para el al iniciar su ministerio en nuestra parroquia. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestro Comité Hispano por el almuerzo que prepararon para darle bienvenida al p. Fredy. Gracias también por su generoso apoyo a la Campaña Misionera para la Diócesis de Kurnool en India. La colecta será enviada a la diócesis en breve.

#### **Renovación Eucarística y otros eventos importantes:**

Nuestro Papa nombró al Cardenal Luis Antonio Tagle como su enviado especial al Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis del 17 al 21 de julio. Mantengamos en oración a los 63 participantes diocesanos de nuestra diócesis que asistieran a este evento. El 28 de julio celebraremos el Día Mundial de los Abuelos y las Personas Mayores. Después de la Misa de las 11 am tendremos una felicitación en Mercy Hall. El 14 de agosto, en Flemington, NJ, nuestra Diócesis se asociará con "Franciscan University" para brindarnos capacitación sobre varios ministerios parroquiales. Por favor llame a la parroquia para más detalles. El 22 de agosto, la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC, conmemorara el centenario de la primera Misa celebrada en el Santuario.

#### **Apelación del obispo:**

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos ustedes por apoyar la campaña anual de nuestro Obispo para 2024. Hasta ahora hemos prometido \$56,913, que es el 73% 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

#### **NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS** **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.

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



## PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE DE ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

**La apertura de la matrícula para la Formación en la Fe de SPSJ del año 24-25 está abierta. Visite nuestro sitio web en [www.spsj.org](http://www.spsj.org) para registrarse.**

El programa de la formación en la fe St. Philip & St. James (SPSJ) está abierto a familias registradas con la iglesia SPSJ. Si su familia no está registrada en la parroquia, pase por la oficina parroquial (durante los horarios operativo) para obtener un formulario de registro familiar.

Nuestra esperanza es caminar junto con las familias en la formación de sus hijos en la fe católica, que comienza en sus hogares. Nuestro programa de formación en la fe comienza en el primer grado y continúa hasta el octavo grado. Dentro de estos años se celebran los Sacramentos de la Primera Comunión (en el segundo grado) y la Confirmación (en el octavo grado). De acuerdo con los requisitos establecidos por la Diócesis de Metuchen, un niño debe prepararse durante dos años antes de recibir estos sacramentos. La preparación para la Primera Comunión comienza en el primer grado, continúa en el segundo grado y al final del segundo año el niño recibe su Primera Comunión. Lo mismo con la Confirmación los años de preparación son en los grados séptimo y octavo y al final del octavo grado recibe la Confirmación.

Sra. Escarlen Duran (Directora de Catequisis Parroquial)

### FOTOS SACRAMENTALES

Las fotos de la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación han llegado y se pueden recoger en la oficina de la iglesia.

### HORA SANTA

Todos son bienvenidos a reunirse para la Hora Santa el 2 de agosto de 2024 (primer viernes) a las 6:00 pm en la Iglesia. Pasemos una hora con nuestro Señor como comunidad.

### HORARIOS DE VERANO DE LA OFICINA DE LA IGLESIA

A partir del viernes 12 de julio el horario de atención de la iglesia los viernes será de 9 am a 1 pm. Esto estará vigente hasta el viernes 30 de agosto. (El horario de atención de lunes a jueves sigue siendo el mismo).

## MERCADO DE VERDURAS GRATIS



El miércoles 14 de agosto 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 4pm a 5:30pm. Por favor, compártelo con aquellos que conozcan que se beneficiarán de este gesto caritativo.

## NOVENA DE SAN PEREGRINA

Cáncer es una palabra que es una de las más aterradoras. No evoca nada más que pensamientos negativos más aterradores que una historia o una película de terror. Sin embargo, por mucho que lo intentemos, muchos de nosotros no escaparemos de su control. Disponemos de remedios médicos que pueden erradicar la enfermedad o, en el mejor de los casos, prolongar la vida de la víctima. Sin embargo, además de los remedios medicinales a los que se alude, hay que tener en cuenta las ayudas espirituales disponibles. Tenemos uno en St. Peregrine, cuya estatua adorna nuestra capilla y fue diseñada en un estudio en Italia. Está situado junto a la estatua de Nuestra Amada Madre, María. San Peregrino es el patrón de los pacientes con cáncer y se le invoca para aliviar esa enfermedad. Quien invoca la ayuda de este santo para sí mismo o para un miembro de su familia, puede que no se cure físicamente, pero será recompensado espiritualmente con gracias incalculables.

El Padre Antony me ha permitido tener una novena semanal a San Peregrino. Comenzará el 16 de julio a las 7 pm en la capilla como parte de los Cenáculos de Vida. La primera mitad de los Cenáculos estará dedicada al Rosario donde oramos por las almas de nuestra nación, sacerdotes, diáconos y religiosos. Luego seguimos con la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. La segunda parte de la hora estará dedicada a la novena de San Peregrino. Al finalizar, habrá una veneración de la reliquia de segunda clase de San Peregrino. Rezo para que asistas.

Patrick



## 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 [sspjn.org](http://sspjn.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!

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3. The family of the transfer student will receive 1 month's tuition credit applied to the May 2025 statement.

Cannot be combined with any other special offer or bonus. All other financial obligations for the 2024-2025 school year must be fulfilled before the credit will be issued. One transfer incentive per family.

## Summer Reading Assignments

Are available on our school website at [www.sspjn.org/summer-reading](http://www.sspjn.org/summer-reading)