

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 4, 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

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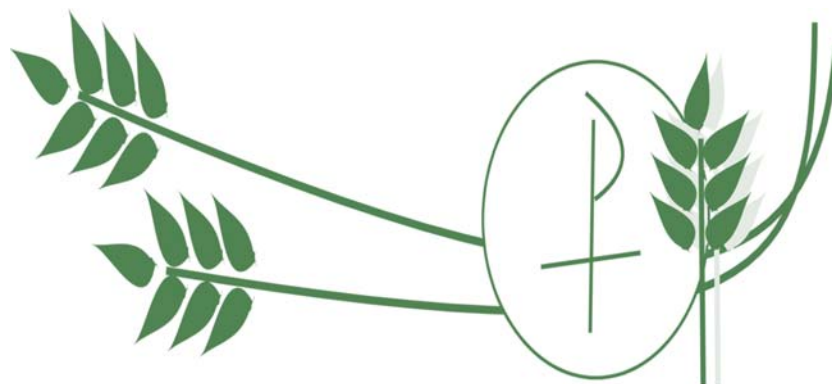
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(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



*Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."*

*John 6:27*

## Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 8/4/24

3pm—7pm Spanish Charismatic Group/Prayer Cenacles in PMR.

### Mon. 8/5/24

7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.)

### Tues. 8/6/24

9:00am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

### Wed. 8/7/24

### Thurs. 8/8/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

### Friday 8/9/24

### Sat. 8/10/24

7am—8am Men's Fellowship Group in PMR,  
8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church, &  
9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

### Sunday 8/11/24

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

The second reading this Sunday could be seen as a unifying element of the readings on God's life-giving love to us. Saint Paul reminds us that we must no longer live as Gentiles do. He teaches us that once we come to know Christ, there must be a radical change within us. This leads us to a holy way of life and care for the other.

The Eucharist is the source of all goodness (Gospel). We are better people because of the Eucharist and only by the Eucharist. We are no longer gentiles but believers because of the Eucharist. We are kind, gentle, compassionate, and sensitive to the needs of others because of our love for the Eucharist. Catechism (CCC 1333) teaches us that "at the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return what he did on the eve of his Passion: "He took bread..." "He took the cup filled with wine...". The Church sees in the gesture of the king-priest Melchizedek, who Brought out bread and wine, "a prefiguring of her own offering."

In the same way, our love for the Blessed Mother comes from our devotion to the Eucharist. Our love for the Blessed Mother helps us to have a deep love for the Eucharist.

### **Mrs. Sara Siano has been appointed Principal of our School:**

After much reflection and discussion with parents and School Advisory Council, I appointed Mrs. Sara Siano as the new principal for our school. Mrs. Siano has been the vice-principal of our school; since under the leadership of Mrs. Donna Kucinski. I thank Sara for accepting the responsibilities of Principal which began as of August 1st. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Patricia Bell for serving as our Principal until the end of July. She has moved on to her next phase in life. We wish both of them our very best and pray for them as they assume their new responsibilities.

### **National March for Life in New Jersey & other important events:**

For the first time the **National March for Life** organization is working with Pro-Life groups across New Jersey to host the New Jersey State March for Life on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 11am. The venue is: New Jersey Statehouse Annex, 145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

The day will begin with a Mass at 9:30am in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption (151 North Warren St, Trenton). Cardinal Joseph W Tobin will be the main celebrant and Bishop David O'Connell will be the homilist. Please call the office for more information. If we have a large enough group, we could even organize a bus! On August 14, in Flemington, NJ 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 commemorate the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the first Mass held at the Shrine.

### **Pastor's Appeal:**

I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. You are running this parish with all your heart and with great sacrifice! With your generosity two years ago, we raised over \$90,000 and you provided the much needed security alarm system for the school and also the much needed repairs to bring Mercy Hall to code with the installation of fire doors. With the support of the Finance Council, I bring before you this year's Pastor's Appeal. The theme for this appeal is centered around our children. We want the best for our children and their future. With the Eucharistic Renewal this year, it would be a great mission and ministry to invest in our children. Please support this important appeal as letters are being sent to all parishioners! I thank all of you for your generosity!

### **Requesting prayers**

As you probably noticed I am taking a few weeks off to attend to my health. I am requesting for you to pray for me. I have organized weekday masses with our priests and a few visiting priests. On the weekends we have Fr. Pat and Fr. Fredy for masses and confessions. Please call the office for needs and questions.

### **Bishop's Appeal:**

My sincere thanks to all of you for supporting our Bishop's annual appeal 2024. So far we have pledged \$64,438 which is 83% 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, AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Leo Bush by Deacon Rob  
9:00 – Margaret A. Pavkovic by Stephanie & Jerry Hallman  
11:00 – Elizabeth Cervasi by Gloria Cervasi  
1:00pm (SP) – Miguel Santillan by Family  
\*Sp. Int. Melany Nolasco by Nolasco Family

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> - *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

6:45am – Scott Reda by PCHS Class of 1974  
12:10pm – Alan Slack by Joe & Lilian Daniel

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6:45am – Carol Lupi by Chantal & Bobby Meyers  
12:10pm – Florence Flynn by Zgoda Family

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> - *St. Sixtus II & Companions, & St. Cajetan*

6:45am – For the People  
12:10pm – John Finegan by Family

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> - *St. Dominic*

6:45am – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney  
12:10pm – John & Rose Tolotta by Gloria Tolotta

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> - *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

6:45am – Frank Gasparovic by Ayala Family  
12:10pm – Peter & Theresa Schiro (A) by Rose Bladies

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> - *ST. LAWRENCE*

8:00am – Zoriana Steele by Kevin  
4:30pm – Rosemarie & Edward Shakal by Family

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup> - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Florence Flynn by Volk Family  
9:00 – Janice & Italo Lusardi by Joe & Valerie Lusardi  
11:00 – Elfida Ruiz-Johnson by MaryAnn & Michael Smith  
1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Nichole Yasila by Grandmother  
5:30pm – Margaret Pavkovic by Rick & Lou Ann Bonney

## Stewardship

<b>July 28, 2024</b>	<b>8,425.90</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>2,618.00</b>
	<b>11,043.90</b>
<b>Various Collections:</b>	<b>153.00</b>

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

August 10 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odimma
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
August 11 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Oliver McKenna
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Sebastián Mendoza
	Server	Julián Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	-
	Server	-
11:00am	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Emma Giacalone
	Server	Erin Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Minister	Oscar Dilone
	Announcements	Lissette Herrera
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Craig Ellis
	Server	
	Server	

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home** 8/4 Ed Socci, 8/11 Eileen Catalli, & 8/18 Anne Coyle.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 8/4 Deacon Francisco & 8/11 Val Patti.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 8/11 Lisa Spanopolous & 8/18 Beth Dispoto.

## 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged :</b>	<b>\$64,438.25</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$63,723.25</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$13,561.75)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>82.61%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>81.70%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$314.33</b>

# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News

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

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 September 6, 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, 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.

### NOW HIRING!



The St. Philip and St. James School has the following positions available:

PT Spanish Teacher

PT Music Teacher

FT Upper Elementary Classroom Teacher

Substitute School Nurses

Please call the School Office at 908-859-1244 and ask for Mrs. Sara Siano.

### WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY



Last Sunday we welcomed to the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, Mason J. Roman-Talpas son of Mr. Damien Roman & Ms. Maria Talpas.



## **DEACON'S CORNER**

### **The "four last things":**

Over the next four weeks, we will delve into the contemplation of the "four last things": death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Throughout history, the Catholic Church has encouraged its followers to reflect on these fundamental aspects of human existence: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. By keeping these profound aspects of our destiny in mind, we can guard ourselves against mortal sin and the risk of eternal damnation.

It has indeed been quite some time since we last heard a sermon on this crucial topic. Today, let us commence by reflecting on death. From the moment of our birth, the journey towards death begins, even as we grow in good health. Contemplating death enables us to prepare for the inevitable and unavoidable end, prompting us to assess our earthly attachments and pursuits.

When St. John Bosco established the Salesian Society in honor of St. Francis de Sales, he introduced the practice of the "Exercise for a Happy Death" into the order's regular spiritual regimen. Each month, the community dedicates a day to reflection, treating it as though it were their final day on earth. They pray as if it were their last time, confess their sins as if it were their final confession, and celebrate Mass as if it were their last encounter with God. This practice aims to awaken them from worldly complacency, reminding them to live and pray as if every moment were of utmost importance.

Do you, too, live each moment as if it were your last hour? Embracing a mindset of perpetual readiness for death is a noble and virtuous path, requiring profound detachment and unwavering trust. Seek God's grace to realign your life towards charity, love for God, and love for your neighbor. Pray for the strength to make the most of every moment gifted to you by God before the inevitable reality of death arrives.

To be continued.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*August 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major - Optional Memorial*

### **August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast**

Moses and Elijah, which is the law and the prophets, were seen talking with the Lord. Because those five men were there, these words were fulfilled, 'On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be sustained. What could be more firmly founded or more certain than God's word, revealed in the ringing tones of both Old and New Testaments in harmony? Here the teaching of the evangelists and the documentary evidence of ancient witnesses harmonize. The one covenant thus reinforces the other. The signs which went before had promised Jesus under the veil of mystery. But now the blaze of the present glory has shed a dazzling light upon him. This is because, as St John says, 'The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.' In Jesus have been fulfilled the promise of the prophetic images and the purposes of the regulations of the law. By his presence he demonstrates the truth of prophecies, and by his grace makes possible the acts God has commanded us. (Pope Saint Leo the Great: Sermon 51)

*August 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest - Optional Memorial*

### **August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest - Memorial**

"This great Saint reminds us that in the heart of the Church a missionary fire must always burn. It must be a constant incentive to make the first proclamation of the Gospel and, wherever necessary, a new evangelization. Christ, in fact, is the most precious good that the men and women of every time and every place have the right to know and love! And it is comforting to see that in the Church today too there are many pastors and lay faithful alike, members of ancient religious orders and new ecclesial movements who spend their lives joyfully for this supreme ideal, proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel!" Pope Benedict XVI's General Audience on Feb 3, 2010)

*August 9 - St. Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr - Optional Memorial*

## August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr - Feast

“A martyr is so called as being a witness to the Christian faith, which teaches us to despise things visible for the sake of things invisible, as stated in Hebrews 11. Accordingly, it belongs to martyrdom that a man bear witness to the faith in showing by deed that he despises all things present, in order to obtain invisible goods to come. Now so long as a man retains the life of the body he does not show by deed that he despises all things relating to the body. For men are wont to despise both their kindred and all they possess, and even to suffer bodily pain, rather than lose life. Hence Satan testified against Job (Job 2:4): *Skin for skin, and all that a man hath he will give for his soul.* Therefore, the perfect notion of martyrdom requires that a man suffer death for Christ's sake.” (St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* II-II, q.124, a.4)

## SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 153 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. Thank you to all that help feed those in need and all who donate, we truly appreciate it! 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.

## UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- ❖ Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Jude National Shrine & Baltimore Inner Harbor. The cost is \$75, departing at 7:30am and returning around 8pm.
  - ❖ Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Joy to the World Christmas Show at American Music Theatre. The cost is \$95 per Adult and \$75 per Child, departing at 10am and returning around 7pm.
- Please contact Camille at 908-319-2719 for more information and/or to make reservations.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL**

### **DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY DECIMOCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

La segunda lectura de este domingo podría ser vista como un elemento unificador de las lecturas sobre el amor vivificante de Dios hacia nosotros. San Pablo nos recuerda que ya no debemos vivir como lo hacen los gentiles. Nos enseña que una vez que llegamos a conocer a Cristo, debe haber un cambio radical dentro de nosotros. Esto nos lleva a una forma de vida santa y al cuidado del otro.

La Eucaristía es la fuente de toda bondad (Evangelio). Somos mejores personas gracias a la Eucaristía y solo por la Eucaristía. Ya no somos gentiles sino creyentes gracias a la Eucaristía. Somos amables, gentiles, compasivos y sensibles a las necesidades de los demás debido a nuestro amor por la Eucaristía. El Catecismo (CIC 1333) nos enseña que “en el corazón de la celebración eucarística están el pan y el vino que, por las palabras de Cristo y la invocación del Espíritu Santo, se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

Fiel al mandato del Señor, la Iglesia sigue haciendo, en su memoria y hasta su glorioso retorno, lo que hizo en vísperas de su Pasión: “tomó pan...” “tomó el cáliz lleno de vino...”. La Iglesia ve en el gesto del rey sacerdote Melquisedec, que sacó el pan y el vino, “una prefigura de su propia ofrenda”.

De la misma manera, nuestro amor por la Santísima Madre proviene de nuestra devoción a la Eucaristía. Nuestro amor por la Santísima Madre nos ayuda a tener un profundo amor por la Eucaristía.

### **La Sra. Sara Siano ha sido nombrada Directora de nuestra Escuela:**

Después de mucha reflexión y discusión con los padres y el Consejo Asesor de la Escuela, nombré a la Sra. Sara Siano como la nueva directora de nuestra escuela. La Sra. Siano ha sido la vicedirectora de nuestra escuela; desde bajo el liderazgo de la Sra. Donna Kucinski. Agradezco a Sara por aceptar las responsabilidades de Directora que comenzaron a partir del 1 de agosto. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a la Sra. Patricia Bell por servir como nuestra Directora hasta fines de julio. Ella ha pasado a la siguiente etapa de su vida. Les deseamos lo mejor a ambos y oramos por ellos mientras asumen sus nuevas responsabilidades.

### **Marcha Nacional por la Vida en Nueva Jersey y otros eventos importantes:**

Por primera vez, la organización Marcha Nacional por la Vida está trabajando con grupos Pro-Vida en todo Nueva Jersey para organizar la Marcha Estatal por la Vida de Nueva Jersey el jueves 26 de septiembre de 2024 a las 11 am. El lugar es: New Jersey Statehouse Annex, 145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. El día comenzará con una misa a las 9:30 am en la Catedral de Santa María de la Asunción (151 North Warren Street Trenton). El cardenal Joseph W. Tobin será el celebrante principal y el obispo David O'Connell será el homilista. Llame a la oficina para obtener más información. Si tenemos un grupo lo suficientemente grande, ¡incluso podríamos organizar un autobús! El 14 de agosto, en Flemington, Nueva Jersey, nuestra Diócesis se asociará con la Universidad Franciscana para brindarnos capacitación sobre varios ministerios parroquiales. Por favor llame a la parroquia para más detalles.



El 22 de agosto, en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC, se conmemorará el centenario de la primera misa celebrada en el Santuario.

### **Apelación del párroco:**

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. ¡Están dirigiendo esta parroquia con todo su corazón y con gran sacrificio! Con su generosidad hace dos años, recaudamos más de \$90,000 y proporcionaron el sistema de alarma de seguridad tan necesario para la escuela y también las reparaciones tan necesarias para que Mercy Hall cumpla con el código con la instalación de puertas cortafuegos. Con el apoyo del Consejo de Finanzas, les presento la Apelación del párroco de este año. El tema de esta apelación se centra en nuestros niños. Queremos lo mejor para nuestros niños y su futuro. Con la Renovación Eucarística de este año, sería una gran misión y ministerio invertir en nuestros niños. ¡Por favor, apoyen esta importante apelación mientras se envían cartas a todos los feligreses! ¡Les agradezco a todos por su generosidad!

### **Solicitud de oraciones**

Como probablemente haya notado, me tomaré unas semanas de descanso para cuidar mi salud. Les pido que oren por mí. He organizado misas entre semana con nuestros sacerdotes y algunos sacerdotes visitantes. Los fines de semana, tenemos al padre Pat y al padre Fredy para misas y confesiones. Por favor, llame a la oficina si tiene alguna necesidad o pregunta.

### **Apelación del Obispo:**

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos ustedes por apoyar la campaña anual de nuestro Obispo para 2024. Hasta ahora, hemos prometido \$64,438, lo que representa el 83% de nuestra meta (\$78,000). Gracias por su generosidad. Les pido encarecidamente a que apoyen a nuestro Obispo y a todas las personas que se beneficiarán de esta campaña.

P. Antony

### **HORA SANTA**

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

### **INFORMACIÓN DEL 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 Catequesis Parroquial)

### **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.

### **NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS RESERVE LA FECHA!!**

#### **Seminario "Literatura Profética: Isaías"**

Sábado 17 y 24 de Agosto de 9:00 am a 12:00 pm. Los invitamos a profundizar en el estudio del profeta Isaías, en este seminario presentado por el Padre Gustavo Amell. Valor por persona \$20 (Descuentos para los estudiantes de Biblia). Para más información, escribe a [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) o comunícate al 732-243-4573.

#### **Misa de la Herencia Hispana**

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





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## CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 2024

### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Family!

When I came to our parish two years ago, your support of the Pastors appeal was tremendous. I continue to thank you for all your generosity - your kindness, acceptance, encouragement, support and prayers! With your help in the last pastor's appeal, we installed all the fire doors in Mercy Hall (Old Parochial School) installed brand new external church office doors, a new entry camera for the front doors and a camera on the side entrance doors to Mercy Hall and other improvements to our building security. We modernized the fire alarm system at the elementary school to ensure the safety of our children and our teachers. I am forever grateful for your sacrifices in providing for these important needs of the parish.

As I continue to prayerfully delve deeper into recognizing the most important needs of our parish, I am more and more convinced that investing in our children's future and their spiritual life stands out above all. Our children are our future and the future of the Church, the future of our parish community and the future of the Kingdom of God.

The Mercy Hall Building (Old Parochial School) has not been in use for a substantial period of time and it is our priority



to update the building and start using it for the good of the parish. Currently we are using the main floor for our offices and the Main Hall to host events which we will continue to improve on and expand. Faith formation will take place on the second and third floor of the building. (See reverse

### It all begins with a new roof!

A new roof will build upon the investments that our prior pastors made in improving the church offices, the major refinishing of Mercy Hall (2014) and the construction of the handicapped bathroom in Mercy Hall. As we begin this Appeal, I request your prayers and support! I also request for you to prayerfully consider helping our children to get necessary spiritual nourishment from all of us as a faith-filled community.

The Appeal goal is \$150,000. I am always grateful for your generosity! My sincere thank you to all the families who have built up this community and continue to provide for it!



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## Challenges:

- Given our number of registered parishioners, we have (2300 families), our Faith Formation enrollment has been very challenging in recent years, averaging 130 - 140 children.
- Many families find it difficult to get their children to Faith Formation on Roseberry Street.
- Many parents wait in the parking lot for an hour to take their children back home.
- Lack of Adult Faith Formation
- Lack of knowledge in learning prayers, availing confessions etc.

## Responses:

- Faith Formation needs to start with an Opening Mass and end with a Thanksgiving Mass.
- Having Faith Formation next to the church, will inspire the children to participate in other aspects of the Mass such as Youth Ministry, Altar Server etc.
- While the children are in class the parents can come into Mercy Hall for an Adult Formation Class.



In order to improve the present situation, we need to begin repairing Mercy Hall and move Faith Formation next to the Church for better access for confession and teaching of the church.

We would plan to have a Faith Formation Parent Association to work with our staff in improving enrollment.

We would organize monthly Adult Faith Formation sessions at Mercy Hall for parents, when the children are in their classes. More participation from families who find it hard to get a ride to school would be achieved. Monthly confessions for our parents and children can be scheduled.

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