

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 11, 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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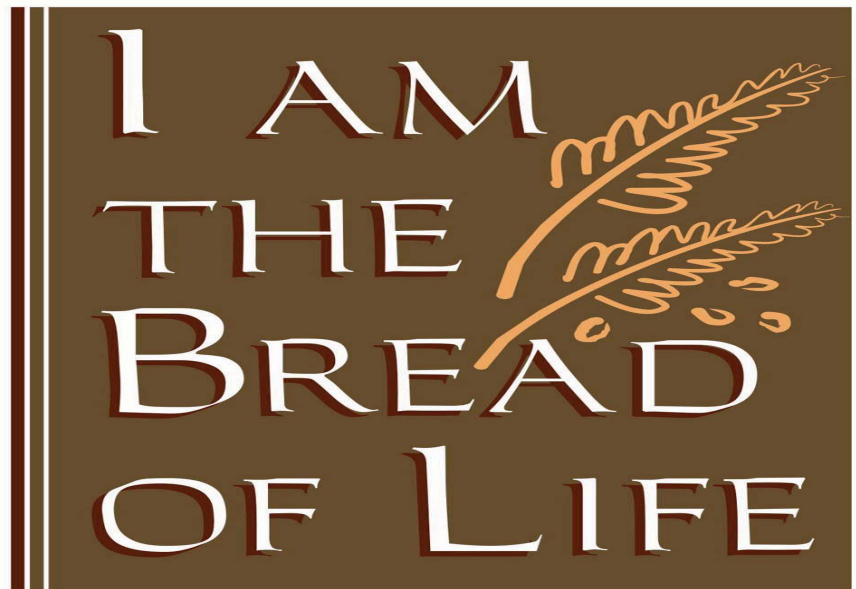
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Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9am-12:30pm
(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



JOHN 6:48

Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 8/11/24

2pm-Empanada Sale in front of the Church.

Mon. 8/12/24

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

Tues. 8/13/24

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

Wed. 8/14/24

Parking Lot.

4pm-5:30pm Free Produce Market in Mercy Hall

Thurs. 8/15/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 8/16/24

Sat. 8/17/24

7am-8am Men's Fellowship Group in PMR, & 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

Sunday 8/18/24

10am "The Blues" Group in the PMR & 11am-3pm Multicultural Food Festival in Mercy Hall

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

We continue to reflect the 'Bread of Life' discourse in the Gospel of John. The Word of God is indeed the food for the prophets in the Old Testament. Ezekiel was asked to eat the scroll and prophesy to the people (Ezekiel 3:1). When Jeremiah devoured the words, they brought joy to his life (Jeremiah 15:16) and in the First Reading today we see Elijah was asked to eat and be strengthened by the food 'for the journey will be too long' (1Kings 19:4-8)

On Thursday as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, we are reminded of how the Word of God became flesh in our Mother. The Word of God became food for our Mother just like it became food for the prophets in the Old Testament. The outcome of making the Word of God as our food is extraordinary as we see in the lives of prophets. It brought people back to God; it restored the community; it grew them in holiness. The outcome of making the Word of God as her food, her life and her everything, Mary paved the way for God to bring redemption to humankind. Her Assumption is a sign for all of us! Let us honor her by making the Word of God as our very food and nourishment.

Saint John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, notably known as the Curé of Ars, was asked once how long he loved Our Lady, his response, "I loved her almost before I could know her." Vianney writes, "The Father takes pleasure in looking upon the heart of the most Holy Virgin Mary, as the masterpiece of His hands; for we always like our own work, especially when it is well done." The Assumption is one such moment the Father delights with our Blessed Mother.

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

After much reflection and discussion with parents and School Advisory Council, I have appointed Mrs. Sara Siano as the new principal for our school. I want to thank Sara for accepting the responsibilities of Principal. We wish and pray for Sara as she assumes new and important responsibility.

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

Diocese of Metuchen organized a **Fiat Day** - a Day of Discernment for Girls (August 10). For the first time the **National March for Life** organization will be working with Pro-Life groups across New Jersey in hosting the New Jersey State March for Life on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 11am. Please call the office for more information. 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 22nd, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, will be commemorating the **100th anniversary** of the 1st Mass held at the Shrine. Hispanic Bible Seminars (August 11th & 24th) and the **Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce** (August 23-24).

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 the 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 making a request 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 your 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 \$64,746 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 11th - 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12th - *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

6:45am – Carol Lupi by Chantal & Bobby Meyers
 12:10pm – Alejandra Abat by Felicia Gretta

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13th - *Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus*

6:45am – William Harry Spencer by Spencer Family
 12:10pm – Emil Pohorely by Peppe Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th - *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Justo Chapoñan by Jenny Chapoñan
 12:10pm – Florence Flynn by Perrucci Family
 7:00pm – *Sp. Int. G. Garica by Jenny Chapoñan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45am – Valerie Bates by Camille
 12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin
 7:00pm – (SP) – For the people

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th - *St. Stephen of Hungary*

6:45am – Souls in Purgatory by Jenny Chapoñan
 12:10pm – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th

8:00am – Ladislao Duran (A) by Daughters
 4:30pm – Bernie Brotzman, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – *Sp. Int. Sobeyda Rosibel Nolasco-Martinez by Children
 9:00 – Virginia Fahr by Patrick Rosnagle
 11:00 – James F. Quigley by Tami Quigley
 1:00pm (SP) – Miguel Santillan by Family
 5:30pm – Frances E. De Pillo by Frasca, Serafin & De Lorenzo Families

Stewardship

August 4, 2024	10,305.00
Online Giving:	2,690.00
	12,995.00
Repairs & Renovations:	1,795.00
Various Collections:	375.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

August 17 th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odimma
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	-
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
	Server	Chimbuza Odimma
August 18 th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	-
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Owen Case
9:00am	Acolyte	Aiden Hayes
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Server	Gavin Hayes
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Emma Giacalone
	Server	Erin Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Laura García
	Lector	Iván Lam
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Juan Lalama
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 8/11 Eileen Catalli, 8/18 Anne Coyle, & 8/25 Magnolia Mateo.

Brakeley Nursing Home: 8/11 Val Patti & 8/18 Deacon Francisco.

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

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$64,746.25
Total Received:	\$64,062.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$13,253.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	83.01%
Percent of Goal Received:	82.13%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$311.28

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

Registration for the 24-25 SPSJ Faith Formation Year is open. Please visit our website at spsj.org to register.

Classes begin September 10th

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.

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 12th the church office hours on Fridays will be from 9am to 1pm. This will be in effect until Friday, August 30th. (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, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, 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.

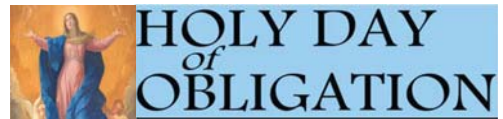
Pray for our Military

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.



Thursday, August 15th is the Feast of the **Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The following masses fulfill this obligation:

- ❖ **Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00pm in English.**
- ❖ **Thursday, August 15th at 6:45am & 12:10pm both in English and 7:00pm in Spanish.**

WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY



Last Sunday we welcomed to the Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, Sheslyn A. Ulloa-Aguirre daughter of Mr. Luis M. Ulloa & Ms. Cecilia Aguirre and Nico A. Belen son of Mr. & Mrs. Jose A. Belen.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, August 18th, at 10:00 am in the Parish Meeting Room. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

DEACON'S CORNER

If you haven't had the chance to read the article on this subject from last week, I recommend accessing it first before proceeding. You can find the article online on our website's bulletin section. Reading the article will provide you with important background information to better understand the content that follows.

Judgment: What happens to our soul after we die? Our actions and choices will be judged, and we'll be held accountable for what we've done and what we've failed to do. It's like a final evaluation by Christ at the end of time when he'll judge everyone who has ever lived.

The Father has given all judgment to the Son, who came not to condemn but to save and give life. When we turn away from grace and love, we're actually judging ourselves and may end up separating from God's love forever. Some people think God is too loving to send anyone to hell, but it's our choices and actions, especially serious sins, which can lead us there.

Justice means giving each person what they deserve. Our actions have consequences, good or bad. Christ's judgment isn't about anger or revenge; it's about fairness. He simply reveals the true outcome of our decisions.

Remember to trust in God's mercy, but also understand His justice. Recognize your mistakes, confess them, and work to move away from them. By doing acts of penance, praying, fasting, and helping others, we can make up for our past wrongs.

Thinking about facing judgment can motivate us to stay on the right path and act with kindness and integrity. God has given us the tools we need (especially the Sacrament of reconciliation) to avoid a future of regret.

To be continued.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

August 11 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious - Optional Memorial

August 13 - St. Pontian, Pope & St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs - Optional Memorial

August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr - Memorial

On June 15, Kolbe was able to send his mother a letter.

"Dear Mama, At the end of the month of May I was transferred to the camp of Auschwitz. Everything is well in my regard. Be tranquil about me and about my health, because the good God is everywhere and provides for everything with love. It would be well that you do not write to me until you will have received other news from me, because I do not know how long I will stay here. Cordial greetings and kisses, affectionately, Raymond."

Only a few weeks later, Kolbe offered his life in exchange for another. A prisoner charged with working at the starvation bunker, reported that Kolbe led the men in prayer and hymns to Mary. After 15 days, four men were still alive. They were injected with carbolic acid and cremated on Aug. 14, 1941. Kolbe was 47 years old.

August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday)

PERENNIAL TEACHINGS OF MARY'S TRIUMPH

And here is the salient thought, from which today's spiritual encounter arose. It concerns the feast celebrated today, one of the most famous and dearest of our liturgical year: the feast of the glory of Mary, of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

Well, the solemnity of the Assumption can be defined as the epilogue of the story of Mary Most Holy. It is in fact the culmination of her entire mortal life and of the mission that Our Lady had, from Christ, to fulfill the mandate, the divine plan assigned to her on earth. Therefore, this date would propose a summary meditation on all the mysteries concerning the Holy Virgin, on the entire elect earthly biography of her, with all the treasure of graces, privileges, worship, which is concentrated in her blessed and most singular person.

It is done, in fact, to ask, in summary: who is Mary? what was his task in the world? what did the Lord want from you? And furthermore: what feats has Mary carried out to be what she is: the blessed among all women; and to be, in our humanity, the most chosen daughter, the most beautiful, the kindest, the most privileged; and gifts given to her by the Lord, to be so close to us and to reveal herself to be the sister, the mother, the most real and authentic representative of our humanity with Christ and with God?

SUBLIMATE AND PERFECT HARMONIES IN THE MOTHER OF GOD

From this summit, one would have to admire the complete panorama of the Catholic doctrine on the Madonna. Nonetheless, only one point will suffice: that is, to study how the mysteries of Mary's temporal life relate to her life of celestial bliss, with this other great, unique mystery of her assumption, which anticipates, to the resurrection and to the association. to Christ and the eternal glory of Heaven, not only his blessed soul but also his immaculate and virgin flesh, which had the privilege of giving human nature to the Son of God and making him a son of man. (Excerpt from the homily of Pope Paul VI on August 15, 1963)

August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary - Optional Memorial

NOW HIRING!



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

PT Spanish Teacher
Substitute School Nurses

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

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.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 163 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 16th – St. Jude National Shrine & Baltimore Inner Harbor. The cost is \$75, departing at 7:30am and returning around 8pm.
- ❖ Friday, December 6th – 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.

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. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

SILVER & GOLD & 5 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th 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. 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 DECIMONOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Continuamos reflexionando sobre el discurso del “Pan de Vida” en el Evangelio de Juan. La Palabra de Dios es, en efecto, el alimento de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento. A Ezequiel se le pidió que comiera el rollo y profetizara al pueblo (Ezequiel 3:1). Cuando Jeremías devoró las palabras, le trajeron alegría a su vida (Jeremías 15:16) y en la Primera Lectura de hoy vemos que a Elías se le pidió que comiera y se fortaleciera con la comida “porque el camino será demasiado largo” (1 Reyes 19:4-8)

El jueves, mientras celebramos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de María, recordamos cómo la Palabra de Dios se hizo carne en nuestra Madre. La Palabra de Dios se convirtió en alimento para nuestra Madre al igual que se convirtió en alimento para los profetas del Antiguo Testamento. El resultado de hacer de la Palabra de Dios nuestro alimento es extraordinario, como vemos en la vida de los profetas. Hizo que la gente volviera a Dios; restauró la comunidad; los hizo crecer en santidad.

El resultado de hacer de la Palabra de Dios su alimento, su vida y su todo, María allanó el camino para que Dios trajera la redención a la humanidad. ¡Su Asunción es un signo para todos nosotros! Honrémosla haciendo de la Palabra de Dios nuestro alimento y nutrición.

A San Juan Vianney, patrono de los párrocos, conocido notablemente como el Cura de Ars, le preguntaron una vez cuánto tiempo había amado a Nuestra Señora, su respuesta fue: “La amé casi antes de poder conocerla”. Vianney escribe: “El Padre se complace en mirar el corazón de la Santísima Virgen María, como la obra maestra de sus manos; porque siempre nos gusta nuestro propio trabajo, especialmente cuando está bien hecho”. La Asunción es uno de esos momentos en los que el Padre se deleita con nuestra Santísima Madre.

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, he nombrado a la Sra. Sara Siano como la nueva directora de nuestra escuela. Quiero agradecer a Sara por aceptar las responsabilidades de directora. Deseamos y oramos por Sara mientras asume una nueva e importante responsabilidad.

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

La Diócesis de Metuchen organizó un **Día Fiat**, un Día de Discernimiento para Niñas (10 de agosto). Por primera vez, la organización **Marcha Nacional por la Vida** trabajará 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. Llame a la oficina para obtener más información. El 14 de agosto, en Flemington, Nueva Jersey, nuestra Diócesis se asociará con la Universidad Franciscana para brindarnos capacitación sobre varios ministerios parroquiales. Llame a la parroquia para obtener 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. Seminarios Bíblicos Hispanos (11 y 24 de agosto) y el **Retiro de Heridas que Da Vida para Hijos Adultos de Divorciados** (23 y 24 de agosto).

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 tan necesario sistema de alarma de seguridad para la escuela y también las reparaciones tan necesarias para que Mercy Hall cumpla con el código con la instalación de las puertas contra incendios. 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 hayan 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 \$64,746, que es el 83% de nuestra meta (\$78,000). Gracias por su generosidad. Los alientos encarecidamente a que apoyen a nuestro Obispo y a todas las personas que se beneficiarán de esta campaña.

P. Antony

DÍA SANTO DE PRECEPTO

El jueves 15 de agosto es el día festivo de la **Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María**. Las siguientes misas cumplen con esta obligación:



❖ Miércoles 14 de agosto a las 7:00 pm en inglés.

❖ Jueves 15 de agosto a las 6:45 am y a las 12:10 pm en inglés y a las 7:00 pm en español.

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 para registrarse.

Las clases comienzan el martes 10 de septiembre

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.

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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 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.



Mum Sale

We are thrilled to be working with Cierech's Greenhouse for this awesome fundraiser! All proceeds will benefit SSPJ STREAM Initiatives.

Bundle and save!

\$8 each or 3 for \$20

**Last day to submit orders to the school office:
Friday, September 20**

- Please return completed order form and payment in a clearly marked, sealed envelope to the school office. Vouchers will then be sent home.
- Redeem your vouchers at Cierech's Greenhouse (23 Winters Road, Pohatcong, NJ) between September 9 and September 30, 2024.
- Please note: The vouchers are for late blooming mums which will be closed when picked up; they will bloom in October.
- There are no refunds for unused vouchers.
- There are limited number of vouchers; first come, first serve.

For more info, please call the school office at 908.859.1244.

SSPJ Mum Voucher Order Form

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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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July 2024

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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