

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 18, 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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Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



...Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

John 6:53



Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 8/18/24

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

Mon. 8/19/24

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

Tues. 8/20/24

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. 8/21/24

Thurs. 8/22/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 8/23/24

Sat. 8/24/24

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

Sunday 8/25/24

1pm Legion of Mary Curia Meeting in Mercy Hall &
2pm Empanada Sale in Front of the Church.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

We continue to reflect the 'Bread of Life' discourse in the Gospel of John. We began reflecting on the 'Bread of Life' discourse in John from the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time. This week is the fourth installment of the discourse from the same 6th Chapter of John (John 6:51-58). Next Sunday we conclude the discourse by reflecting the last passage (John 60-69). The theme of this Sunday revolves around the Divine Meal. Jesus provides a Divine Meal to nourish us on the journey to salvation. This divine meal is the 'thanksgiving' meal of the Eucharist. In the Old Testament the Israelites called it the 'Todah' meal; that is where we get the word 'Eucharist' from. The early Christians applied the same Greek word 'Eucharist' to the sacred meal Jesus instituted at the Last Supper.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2837 states that "Daily" (*epiousios*) occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. Taken in a temporal sense, this word is a pedagogical repetition of "this day," to confirm us in trust "without reservation." Taken in the qualitative sense, it signifies what is necessary for life, and more broadly every good thing sufficient for subsistence. Taken literally (*epi-ousios*: "super-essential"), it refers directly to the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ, the "medicine of immortality," without which we have no life within us. Finally in this connection, its heavenly meaning is evident: "this day" is the Day of the Lord, the day of the feast of the kingdom, anticipated in the Eucharist that is already the foretaste of the kingdom to come. For this reason, it is fitting for the Eucharistic liturgy to be celebrated each day."

Every human being is blessed with an insatiable longing for God. This hunger for God is so essential for us without which our world will eventually realize the emptiness of our lives without Him.

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

For the first time the **National March for Life** organization working with Pro-Life groups across New Jersey will be hosting a New Jersey State March for Life on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 11am. Please call the office for more information. 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 first Mass held at the Shrine. Other events are Hispanic Bible Seminars (August 17th & 24th) and the **Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce** (August 23-24). In addition, the National Eucharistic Revival moves into the missionary phase with the Walk With One campaign.

This website:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/year-of-mission> explains this phase and provides the Playbook which is available online in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

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 metal 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!

Bishop's Appeal:

My sincere thanks to all of you for supporting our Bishop's annual appeal 2024. So far we have pledged \$64,846 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 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 19th - *St. John Eudes*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. for Jenny Chapoñan

12:10pm – Virginia Fahr by William Fahr

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20th - *St. Bernard*

6:45am – Ralph Stagg by Ron Rossini & Dave
Treffinger

12:10pm – Matt P. Flynn by Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st - *St. Pius X*

6:45am – Theresa Merlo by Daughters & Grandsons

12:10pm – Helen Sostak by Patti & Bob Merlo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd - *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:45am – Patricia Hardart by Merrie Mulrine

12:10pm – Jack Finegan by Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd - *St. Rose of Lima*

6:45am – Mixnor Berluce by Deacon Enock & Ines
Berluce

12:10pm – Frank B. Pologruto (A) by Rose Bladies

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th – *St. Bartholomew*

8:00am – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney

4:30pm – Brenard Fey by Wife & Children

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Alice Mauren by Mary Lilly

9:00 – Michael A. D'Anthony by Notaroberto Family

11:00 – Samatha Pesaresi by Deacon Larry & Carol
Bevilacqua

1:00pm (SP) – Sebastian Garcia-Castro by Children

5:30pm – *Sp. Int. Blanca Peña & Family by Nolasco
Family

Stewardship

August 11, 2024	9,205.44
Online Giving:	<u>2,990.50</u>
	12,195.94

Various Collections: 485.72

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

August 24th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	William Casey
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

August 25th

7:00am	Acolyte	Brett Bruckmann
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Sebastian Mendoza
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Chiazam Odimma
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
1:00pm	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Lector	Oscar Dilone
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Lissette Herrera
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

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

Brakeley Nursing Home: 8/18 Deacon Francisco.
Phillipsburg Care Center: 8/18 Beth Dispoto.

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$64,846.25
Total Received:	\$64,162.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$13,153.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	83.14%
Percent of Goal Received:	82.26%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$310.27

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, & 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are donated by Camille Rapenesi in Memory of Valerie Bates.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 181 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.

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.

Hell....Hell in Catholic theology, is often described as a state of eternal separation from God reserved for those who die in a state of mortal sin without repentance. The Catechism of the Catholic Church portrays hell as a place of immense suffering, perpetual remorse, and a fire that torments the soul without consuming it. This depiction serves as a solemn warning about the consequences of rejecting God's love and grace.

Critics of the concept of hell often question how a loving God could condemn anyone to such a fate. They argue that the idea of hell may be a tool used by the Church to instill fear and compliance among believers. However, from a theological perspective, hell is a consequence of the choices individuals make during their lives. It is the result of a deliberate rejection of God's mercy and a refusal to seek forgiveness for one's sins.

The belief is that when individuals persist in a state of sin and fail to seek reconciliation with God through repentance and sacramental grace, they effectively choose to separate themselves from God's love.

In this state of spiritual alienation, they face the prospect of eternal damnation in hell.

The teaching about hell serves as a reminder of the gravity of sin and the importance of seeking reconciliation with God. It underscores the need for a life lived in accordance with God's will, marked by repentance, humility, and a desire for spiritual growth. By embracing God's grace and mercy, individuals can avoid the despair of hell and strive for the ultimate goal of union with God in heaven.

Therefore, the Catholic perspective on hell emphasizes the importance of living a life guided by faith, love, and moral integrity. It encourages believers to turn away from sin, seek forgiveness, and cultivate a deep relationship with God. Through this spiritual journey, individuals can avoid the fate of hell and instead find eternal peace and fulfillment in the presence of God.

To be continued.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers...Deacon Enock

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

August 18th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19th - St. John Eudes, Priest - Optional Memorial

August 20th - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church – Memorial

August 21st - St. Pius X, Pope - Memorial

“Holy communion is the shortest and surest way to Heaven. There are others, innocence, for instance, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of the trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be spared. Once for all, beloved children, the surest, easiest, shortest way is by the Eucharist. It is so easy to approach the holy table, and there we taste the joys of Paradise.”

August 22nd - Queenship of Mary - Memorial

Pope Pius XII's encyclical letter, *Ad Caeli Reginam*, establishing the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary notes in part:

"Let all, therefore, try to approach with greater trust the throne of grace and mercy of our Queen and Mother, and beg for strength in adversity, light in darkness, consolation in sorrow; above all let them strive to free themselves from the slavery of sin and offer an unceasing homage, filled with filial loyalty, to their Queenly Mother. Let her churches be thronged by the faithful, her feast-days honored; may the beads of the Rosary be in the hands of all; may Christians gather, in small numbers and large, to sing her praises in churches, in homes, in hospitals, in prisons. May Mary's name be held in highest reverence, a name sweeter than honey and more precious than jewels; may none utter blasphemous words, the sign of a defiled soul, against that name graced with such dignity and revered for its motherly goodness; let no one be so bold as to speak a syllable which lacks the respect due to her name."

August 23rd - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin - Optional Memorial

August 24th - St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

“Returning to the scene of Nathanael's vocation, the Evangelist tells us that when Jesus sees Nathanael approaching, he exclaims: "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile!" (Jn 1: 47). This is praise reminiscent of the text of a Psalm: "Blessed is the man... in whose spirit there is no deceit" (32[31]: 2), but provokes the curiosity of Nathanael who answers in amazement: "How do you know me?" (Jn 1: 48).

Jesus' reply cannot immediately be understood. He says: "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you" (Jn 1: 48). We do not know what had happened under this fig tree. It is obvious that it had to do with a decisive moment in Nathanael's life. His heart is moved by Jesus' words, he feels understood and he understands: "This man knows everything about me, he knows and is familiar with the road of life; I can truly trust this man". And so, he answers with a clear and beautiful confession of faith: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (Jn 1: 49). In this confession is conveyed a first important step in the journey of attachment to Jesus.”

(General Audience, Pope Benedict on October 4th, 2006)

NOW HIRING!

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

Substitute School Nurses

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

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.

Community News

FREE PRODUCE MARKET

On Wednesday, September 11, 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.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY **DECIMONOVENO DOMINGO DEL** **TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Querida Familia!

Seguimos reflexionando sobre el discurso del “Pan de Vida” en el Evangelio de Juan. Comenzamos a reflexionar sobre el discurso del “Pan de Vida” en Juan el 17º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Esta semana es la cuarta entrega del discurso del mismo capítulo 6 de Juan (Juan 6:51-58). El próximo domingo concluimos el discurso reflexionando sobre el último pasaje (Juan 60-69). El tema de este domingo gira en torno a la Cena Divina. Jesús nos ofrece una Cena Divina para nutrirnos en el camino hacia la salvación. Esta cena divina es la cena de “acción de gracias” de la Eucaristía. En el Antiguo Testamento, los israelitas la llamaban la cena “Todah”; de ahí proviene la palabra “Eucaristía”. Los primeros cristianos aplicaban la misma palabra griega “Eucaristía” a la cena sagrada que Jesús instituyó en la Última Cena.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 2837, afirma que las palabras “cada día” (epiousios) no aparece en ningún otro lugar del Nuevo Testamento. En sentido temporal, esta palabra es una repetición pedagógica de “este día” para confirmarnos en la confianza “sin reservas”. En sentido cualitativo, significa lo necesario para la vida y, más ampliamente, todo bien suficiente para la subsistencia. En sentido literal (epi-ousios: “superesencial”), se refiere directamente al Pan de Vida, al Cuerpo de Cristo, “medicina de inmortalidad”, sin la cual no tenemos vida en nosotros. Finalmente, en este contexto, es evidente su significado celestial: “este día” es el Día del Señor, el día de la fiesta del Reino, anticipado en la Eucaristía que es ya el anticipo del Reino que ha de venir. Por eso conviene que la liturgia eucarística se celebre cada día.

Todo ser humano está dotado de un deseo insaciable de Dios. Esta hambre de Dios es tan esencial para nosotros, sin la cual nuestro mundo eventualmente se dará cuenta del vacío de nuestras vidas sin Él.

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

Por primera vez, la organización **Marcha Nacional por la Vida**, trabaja con grupos Pro-Vida en todo Nueva Jersey, organizará una Marcha Estatal por la Vida en Nueva Jersey el jueves 26 de septiembre de 2024 a las 11 am. Llame a la oficina para obtener más información. 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. Otros eventos son los Seminarios Bíblicos Hispanos (17 y 24 de agosto) y el Retiro de Heridas que Da Vida para Hijos Adultos de Divorcios (23 y 24 de agosto). Además, el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional pasa a la fase misionera con la campaña “Walk With One”. Esta página web <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org> explica esta fase y proporciona el Manual de estrategias que está disponible en línea en inglés, español y vietnamita.

Apelación del Pastor:

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 de metal. Con el apoyo del Consejo de Finanzas, les presento la Apelación del Pastor 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!

Campaña del Obispo:

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos ustedes por apoyar la campaña anual de nuestro Obispo para 2024. Hasta ahora hemos prometido \$64,846, lo que representa 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.

Padre 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 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 11 de septiembre 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.

PRÓXIMOS VIAJES EN AUTOBÚS

- ❖ Miércoles 16 de octubre: Santuario Nacional de San Judas y puerto interior de Baltimore. El costo es de \$75, con salida a las 7:30am y regreso alrededor de las 8pm.
- ❖ Viernes 6 de diciembre: Espectáculo navideño "Joy to the World" en el Teatro "American Music". El costo es de \$95 por adulto y \$75 por niño, con salida a las 10 am y regreso alrededor de las 7pm.

Comuníquese con Camille al 908-319-2719 para obtener más información o para hacer reservas.

NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS RESERVE LA FECHA!!

Escuela Bíblica Hispana

Curso Apocalipsis

Lunes 19 y 26 de agosto de 2024, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Curso Cartas Paulinas I

Lunes 19 y 26 agosto de 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Curso Sapienciales

Jueves 29 de agosto de 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

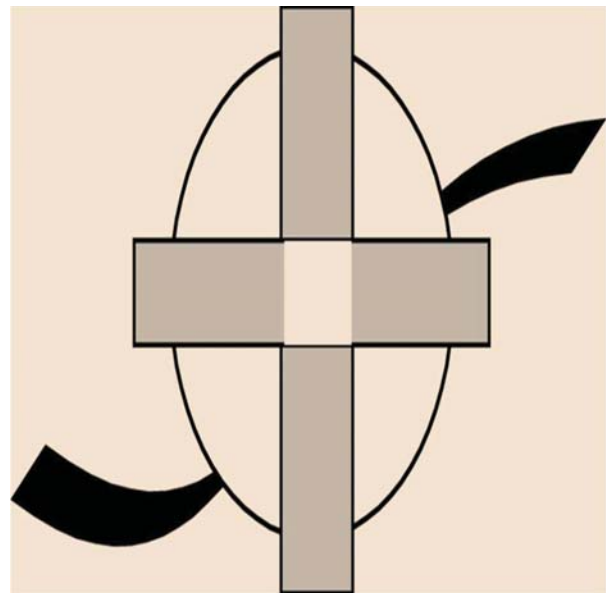
Curso Libros Históricos:

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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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