

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † SEPTEMBER 1, 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:

7:30 am—8 pm in the Chapel

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Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9/1/24

Mon. 9/2/24

Church Office & Adoration Closed

3pm Labor Day Picnic in Mercy Hall & 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.)

Tues. 9/3/24

8:30am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

Wed. 9/4/24

Thurs. 9/5/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 9/6/24

6pm First Friday Holy Hour in the Chapel.

Sat. 9/7/24

7am-8am Men’s Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am First Saturday Devotion, 9am-11am Committee Timon in PMR, & 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The readings this Sunday help us to reflect on objectives of our Christian Faith. Too often the 'externals' constitute who we are as Catholics. Our ritual practices, our decorations, our insistence and compulsions on rules, rules and more rules may very well enslave us to the basic level of life as Christians.

Priesthood for example if concerned with only the externals such as Priests say mass beautifully externally, preach with conviction and clarity externally, administer sacraments so pastorally externally but internally always have hidden agendas of abuse, malpractice or 'climbing the Vatican Ladder' such a priesthood is a mockery on Christianity. The personal commitment and promise made to God were internal resolutions.

"Moral evolution and scientific research must go hand in hand", writes Pope Benedict XVI, "and that Charity must animate them in a harmonious interdisciplinary whole, marked by unity and distinction". (Caritas in Veritate, No. 31) What we see is just the opposite: we have reached the zenith of scientific research, and our moral evolution has been buried deep and rotting. What goes inside is the body and blood of our Lord, thus every Christian is given the responsibility to bring out Christ in all that we do and say.

How do we discern for ourselves how we can best serve and love God? It calls for a great deal of honesty, integrity and a supreme level of real freedom. By freedom I mean to choose what is good, what is graceful and what is more loving. Our Christian Faith provides a vision of a truly human life lived for God among other people.

Bishop's Mass on September 14th - Rite of Candidacy:

Our Bishop will be visiting our parish for the Rite of Candidacy that will be celebrated on Saturday, September 14th at our 4:30pm Mass. Usually this rite takes place at the diocesan center but starting this year, the Bishop moved to parishes where the Candidates (for the diaconate) come from. We have Robert Anselmo from our parish to be accepted by our Bishop as a candidate for Diaconate.

There will be a reception after mass. All are welcome! Please come and show your support to Robert and other candidates from the diocese and also to pray for them and their families.

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 which will be hosting the New Jersey State March for Life on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 11am. Please call the office for more information. The National Eucharistic Revival moves into 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 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!

Bishop's Appeal:

My sincere thanks to all of you for supporting our Bishop's annual appeal 2024. So far we have pledged \$65,746 which is 84% 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, SEPTEMBER 1st - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney
 9:00 – Margret A. Pavkovic by Pam & Keith Pensabene
 11:00 – Kimberlee Pisarek by Breann & Emilee Pisarek
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Hayley Narvaez by Jessica Kemmerer
 5:30pm – Ania Niedbala Gut by Marie Chisman

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

6:45am – **No Mass**
 9am – Antony Loiacono by Franics & Kathryn Lennon
 12:10pm – **No Mass**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd – St. Gregory the Great

6:45am – *Sp. Intention Joan McCaffrey
 12:10pm – Thomas “Tiny” Houck (A) by Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

6:45am – For the People
 12:10pm – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th - St. Teresa of Calcutta

6:45am – Kathy Daniels by Family
 12:10pm – Anthony Giordano by Francis & Kathryn Lennon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

6:45am – Frank Kyrpczak
 12:10pm – Theresa Merlo by Daughter & Grandsons

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

8:00am – Arthur A. Stannard, Jr. by Children
 4:30pm – Rosa Duque by Darío F. Duque

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – *Sp. Int. Julia Michnej by Parents
 9:00 – Clelia & Oreste Marinelli by Granddaughter Lisa Marinelli
 11:00 – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Layla, Kylie, & Travis
 1:00pm (SP) – * Int. Esp. Yasila-Rocha Family by Mother
 5:30pm – Julita Pono by Family

Stewardship

August 18, 2024	8,179.33
Online Giving:	2,243.00
	10,422.33
Various Collections:	277.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

September 7 th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Mark Talpas
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Server	Chiazam Odimma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
September 8 th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Oliver McKenna
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Sebastian Mendoza
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Rosemary Carnali
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Owen Case
11:00am	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Emma Giacalone
	Server	Erin Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Gladys Jauridez
	Lector	Ivan Lam
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Lissette Herrera
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	-
	Server	-

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 9/1 Eileen Catalli, 9/8 Ron Rossini, & 9/15 Ed Socci.

Brakeley Nursing Home: September- Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 9/1 & 9/8 Lisa Spanopoulos & 9/15 Beth Dispoto.

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$65,746.25
Total Received:	\$65,062.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$12,253.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	84.29%
Percent of Goal Received:	83.41%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$313.08

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 as soon as possible.

Classes begin September 10th

Contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL) at 908-454-0112 x406, if you have any questions.

COME JOIN THE SPSJ YOUTH CHOIR AND SING, SING, SING!



Our Youth Choir sings once a month at the 9:00am Sunday Mass of every month starting on October 6th. Weekly practice will begin on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00am to 10:20am! Please sign up by calling Lisa Sforza 908-310-3495!

SPSJ ADULT CHOIR



Adult Choir Practice will begin August 29th on Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the church. We will sing at Mass starting on Sunday, September 8th at the 11:00am Mass. If you are interested in joining the choir, please call Lisa Sforza at 908-310-3495, or email me at: elisasforza1625@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR



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

LABOR DAY



The Church office & Adoration will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. There will be only a 9am Mass.

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER MEETING



There will be a mandatory meeting for all SPSJ altar servers after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, September 8, 2024 in the church. If you are planning to serve on the altar this year, or earn Christian charity hours, you must attend in person to register so your name is not dropped from rotation. PLAN AHEAD. Let's put God first. There will still be plenty of time to attend sports or extracurricular events after the meeting. We will discuss proper liturgical procedures, attendance, dress code, absences, individualized training and plans for altar server outings. At least one parent is required to be present. Any new servers (must have done First Communion) should attend this training. All questions or extenuating circumstances can be directed to Deacon Rob at rfisher@spsj.org.

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

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, & Airman Seth Reyes.



Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur.
Thank you & God Bless.

OVER 50's CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, September 4th 2024 is our first Over 50's meeting of the 2024-2025 year. We would like to welcome back all our current members and invite anyone wishing to become a new member to join us. Our business meeting will begin at 1 pm in Mercy Hall at SPSJ church. After the meeting we will have refreshments and bingo. Dues will be collected by our Financial Secretary. Officers will have a meeting at 12pm. Any questions please contact Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-1067.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Hope and Act with Creation)

“Hope and Act with Creation” is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held on 1 September 2024. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

1. Let us begin with a question, one perhaps without an immediately obvious answer. If we are truly believers, how did we come to have faith? It is not simply because we believe in something transcendent, beyond the power of reason, the unattainable mystery of a distant and remote God, invisible and unnamable. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, it is because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are believers because the very love of God “has been poured into our hearts” (Rom 5:5) and the Spirit is now truly “the pledge of our inheritance” (Eph 1:14), constantly prompting us to strive for eternal goods, according to the fullness of Jesus’ authentic humanity. The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit’s way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other (cf. Gal 5:16-17). We know that the first fruit of the Spirit, which sums up all the others, is love. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God and can turn to him with the words “Abba, Father” (Rom 8:15), just as Jesus did. Moreover, they can do so with the freedom of those who no longer fall back into the fear of death, for Jesus has risen from the dead. This is our great hope: God’s love has triumphed and continues to triumph over everything. Indeed, even in the face of physical death, future glory is already assured for those who live the new life of the Spirit. Nor does this hope disappoint, as was affirmed in the recent Bull of Indiction of the forthcoming Jubilee. [1] (*Excerpt from the Message from Pope Francis on September 1, 2024*)

September 3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church - Memorial

One of three popes to be called “the Great,” Gregory was born as barbarian tribes assaulted Rome – the bloody beginning of the Middle Ages. Born of a noble family, served as prefect of Rome and after a distinguished career in civil service, Gregory renounced all and entered the monastery. He was elected pope in 590 A.D. Despite his frail health, Gregory placed himself at the service of all, from the Lombard invaders to the twelve poor people with whom he dined every evening. Gregory’s livelihood, yet profoundly prayerful, approach maintained the peace and won souls for Christ from among the invading tribes. Gregory was the first pope to sign himself “the Servant of the Servant of God.” “It is fitting,” he wrote, “that the Lord’s priest should shine brightly in his morality and in his life, so that the people entrusted to him may be able both to choose what to follow and see what to correct, as if in the mirror of this life.” Through The Dialogues, accounts of the heroism of the saints, and his many letters, he guided and formed his flock. “Study, I beg you, and each day meditate on the words of your Creator,” he wrote. “Learn the heart of God in the words of God, so that you long more ardently for eternity.” Gregory died in 604 A.D.

DEACON’S CORNER

Acting on God’s Word

In the second reading, James reminds us that all good things come from God. He is unchanging and always gives us what we need. We must embrace His word and act on it. Hearing God’s word is not enough. We must put it into action. True faith is shown by our deeds, especially in caring for those in need. James also teaches that pure religion means helping the vulnerable and keeping ourselves pure. This shows our commitment to God and His teachings. By acting on His word, we live out our faith every day.

True Purity

The Gospel of Mark tells us about a time when Jesus was challenged by the Pharisees. They were focused on external rituals, like washing hands, rather than the heart. Jesus explained that true purity comes from within. Our thoughts and actions show our true selves. Evil thoughts and actions come from within and defile us. Jesus teaches that what matters most is our inner purity.

Deacon Francisco



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are donated by Ellen & Al Piperata in Memory of Terry Boyle.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, September 7th, after the 8am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10am & 3:15pm.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 183 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.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Join us on Labor Day, September 2nd at 3pm for a picnic in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home alone, come and enjoy the day with us.

2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

So far the Pastor's Appeal is at \$16,685.00. Let's keep the momentum going in order to meet our goal of \$150,000.00! Thank you for your generosity.

Diocesan News

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

Bus Trip: NEW JERSEY MARCH for LIFE Thursday, September 26, 2024. Bus leaving St. John Vianney, 420 Inman Ave. Colonia at 7:15am – to allow attendance at 9:30am Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, 11 am Rally, and 12pm March to follow

Visit: NJ.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG

dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life

For SJV bus info call/text Carolyn @973-349-4626 or contact the St. John Vianney rectory @732-574-0150

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 **VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL** **TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

Las lecturas de este domingo nos ayudan a reflexionar sobre los objetivos de nuestra fe cristiana. Con demasiada frecuencia, lo “externo” constituye lo que somos como católicos. Nuestras prácticas rituales, nuestras decoraciones, nuestra insistencia y compulsión en reglas, reglas y más reglas pueden muy bien esclavizarnos al nivel básico de vida como cristianos.

El sacerdocio, por ejemplo, si se preocupa sólo de lo externo, como los sacerdotes que dicen la misa hermosamente externamente, predicán con convicción y claridad externamente, administran los sacramentos de manera pastoral externamente pero internamente siempre tienen agendas ocultas de abuso, mala praxis o “subir la escalera del Vaticano”, un sacerdocio de ese tipo es una burla al cristianismo. El compromiso personal y la promesa hecha a Dios fueron resoluciones internas.

“La evolución moral y la investigación científica deben ir de la mano”, escribe el Papa Benedicto XVI, “y esa caridad debe animarlas en un conjunto interdisciplinario armonioso, marcado por la unidad y la distinción”. (Caritas in Veritate, No. 31) Lo que vemos es exactamente lo contrario: hemos alcanzado el cenit de la investigación científica, y nuestra evolución moral ha sido enterrada profundamente y podrida. Lo que va dentro es el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor, por lo tanto, cada cristiano tiene la responsabilidad de sacar a Cristo en todo lo que hacemos y decimos.

¿Cómo discernimos por nosotros mismos cómo podemos servir y amar mejor a Dios? Requiere una gran dosis de honestidad, integridad y un nivel supremo de libertad real. Por libertad me refiero a elegir lo que es bueno, lo que es amable y lo que es más amoroso. Nuestra fe cristiana proporciona una visión de una vida verdaderamente humana vivida para Dios entre otras personas.

Misa del Obispo el 14 de septiembre - Rito de Candidatura:

Nuestro Obispo visitará nuestra parroquia para el Rito de Candidatura que se celebrará el sábado 14 de septiembre en nuestra Misa de las 4:30 pm.

Generalmente este rito se lleva a cabo en el centro diocesano, pero a partir de este año, el Obispo se trasladó a las parroquias de donde provienen los Candidatos (para el diaconado). Tenemos a Robert Anselmo de nuestra parroquia para que sea aceptado por nuestro Obispo como candidato al Diaconado. Habrá una recepción después de la misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Por favor, vengan y muestren su apoyo a Robert y otros candidatos de la diócesis y también oren por ellos y sus familias.

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 toda Nueva Jersey, juntos organizarán 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 Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional pasa a la etapa misionera con la campaña Camina Con Alguien.

Esta página web:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/year-of-mission> explica esta etapa y está disponible en inglés, español y vietnamita.

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 cumpliera con el código con la instalación de puertas cortafuegos. Con el apoyo del Consejo de Finanzas, les presento la Campaña del Pastor de este año. El tema de esta campaña 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 campaña ya que se ha enviado 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 2024. Hasta ahora hemos prometido \$65,746, que es el 84% 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

INFORMACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE DE ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

La inscripción para el Año de Formación de Fe SPSJ 24-25 está abierta.

Visite nuestro sitio web en spsj.org para registrarse lo antes posible.

Las clases comienzan el 10 de septiembre

**Comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Duran
(Directora de Catequesis Parroquial)
al 908-454-0112 x406,
sí tiene alguna pregunta.**

DIA DEL TRABAJO

La oficina de la Iglesia estará cerrada y no habrá Adoración en la Capilla el lunes 2 de septiembre en conmemoración del Día del Trabajo.

HORA SANTA

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

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 10am 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

Lunes, 2 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Curso Apocalipsis

Lunes, 2 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Curso Cartas Paulinas I

Miércoles, 4 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Taller Bíblico Virtual. Antropología Bíblica: Los Relatos de la Creación

Jueves 5 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Curso Sapienciales y Curso Libros Históricos

Para información sobre la Escuela Bíblica Hispana, 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.

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.

**Moisés,
oye
lo que
Yo enseño.**





Saints Update

MONSIGNOR SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP:

Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions are awarded each July to families who otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To contribute, simply place your donation in the collection basket inside a clearly marked envelope. Making online donations? Please consider adding the scholarship fund to your monthly donations.

SUPPORT THE SAINTS FUND:

Interested in contributing to Saints Fund, and making a donation toward the general operating costs of Saints Philip and James School? Visit sspjnj.org and click the gold donate button located on the top right to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

SPIRIT NIGHT:

Don't forget to join us at Panera on Tuesday, September 17, from 4-8PM. Visit sspjnj.org to print the flyer and help our school raise funds!

MUM SALE:

Mums vouchers are still available until 9/20 or until we sell out. Plants are \$8 each or 3 for \$20, and can be picked up from Cierech's Greenhouse from 9/9 until 9/30. All proceeds benefit SSPJ S.T.R.E.A.M. initiatives. Visit our school website for more info.

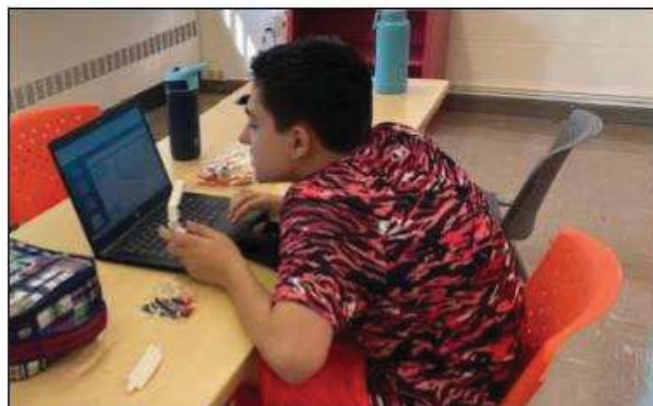
SHOE DRIVE:

Thank you to everyone that has donated! New and gently used shoes may still be dropped off in the church foyer or at Saints Philip and James School (in the brown box outside of the main entrance). Questions? Contact sspjhsa@gmail.com

HELP WANTED:

SSPJ School is currently in search of a special education / in-class support teacher. All certifications and clearances are required. Email resumes & letters of interest to sspjschool@spsj.org.

Our Robotics Club had a fantastic time at Robotics Camp and accomplished so much! Thank you to Mrs. Scarponi for leading this important S.T.R.E.A.M. club, and thanks to everyone who has donated items to the S.T.R.E.A.M. Lab!



St Philip & St James 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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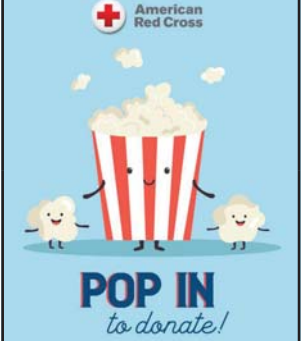
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