

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † SEPTEMBER 8, 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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(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

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 9/8/24

10am Blues Grieving Group in MH, 2pm Empanada Sale in front of the Church, & 3-7 Cenacles Prayers in Spanish in PMR.

### Mon. 9/9/24

6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in MH & 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.)

### Tues. 9/10/24

8:30am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 4:30pm Mass for Faith Formation (CCD) in the Church, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

### Wed. 9/11/24

7pm Columbiettes Meeting in MH.

### Thurs. 9/12/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

### Friday 9/13/24

### Sat. 9/14/24

7am-8am Men's Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in Church, 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & 6pm-9pm Anniversary Prayer Vigil in the Church.

### Sunday 9/15/24

9am Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall. Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of Catechist at 11am Mass.

## **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

There are at least seven occasions in the New Testament we see Aramaic words are used to stress the power of Jesus words. My favorite of them all is the Aramaic word 'Abba' (Mark 14:36). We also find others like 'Talitha kum' (Mark 5:41), 'Raca' (Matthew 5:22), 'Rabbouni' (John 20:16), 'Eli Eli lema sabachthani' (Matthew 27:46) and 'Hosanna' (Mark 11:9). The gospel today uses 'Ephphatha' Be opened! (Mark 7:34).

We read Jesus, putting a finger into each of the man's ears, associating Himself with the condition with His fingers, and putting on his tongue something of Himself. This is quite intimate of an event. Then after a sign, that is after expressing the deep sorrow he says, 'Ephphatha'. "Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. In the sacraments, Christ continues to 'touch' us in order to heal us." (CCC 1504).

The Catechism continues (CCC 1505), "Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own. But he did not heal all of the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world." By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion."

### **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 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!

### **Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday:**

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. We will have a special blessing and commissioning of our parish Catechists at the 11am Mass and a reception at Mercy Hall after Mass. Please join our community in wishing and praying for all our Catechists.

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> - 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter Claver

6:45am – Richard Van Benschoten by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 12:10pm – Patricia McMann by Patti & Bob Merlo  
 7pm – For the People

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Marie Tron by Spencer Family  
 12:10pm – Margaret Petchonka by Children

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Mary Louise Rossnagle by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Family  
 12:10pm – Connor Babula by Family

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> – *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

6:45am – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney  
 12:10pm – Bernard A. Bladies by Rose Bladies

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> – St. John Chrysostom

6:45am – Jim Ludwig by Kelly & Chris  
 12:10pm – Arleen Pelletier Heuess by Tina Holly

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am – Bernadin Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche  
 4:30pm – Mark Reda (A) by Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Robert Fisher by Deacon Rob  
 9:00 – Richard Morello by Patrick Mattingly  
 11:00 – Joseph Todaro by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua  
 1:00pm (SP) – \* Int. Esp. Melissa Rocha by Mother  
 5:30pm Deceased Members of the Maguires Family by Family

## Stewardship

August 18, 2024	8,625.00
Online Giving:	<u>2,088.00</u>
	10,713.00
For the Poor:	1,397.00
Various Collections:	67.00

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

September 14 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
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September 15 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Nancy Ensley
	Server	Anthony Stefano
	Server	-
9:00am	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Ines Berluche
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Gavin Hayes
	Server	
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Laura García
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Minister	María Rossenouff
	Announcements	Jaime Rocha
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	-
	Server	-

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 9/8 Ed Socci, 9/15 Eileen Catalli, & 9/22 Anne Coyle.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** September- Deacon Francisco.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 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

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm  
Faith Formation Mass in the Church.



Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm  
Faith Formation Classes at the SSPJ School  
at 137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg NJ.

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 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 10:20am! Please sign up by calling Lisa Sforza 908-310-3495!

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



The Catholic Daughters meeting will be held in Mercy Hall on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on October 4, 2024 (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community.

### 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.

### 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.

### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

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

Please contact Camille at 908-319-2719 for more information and/or to make reservations.



Divine Mercy Pilgrimage from July 10, 2024 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.  
An amazing spiritual experience, join us October 16<sup>th</sup> for the bus trip to St. Jude Shrine in Baltimore Maryland.

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **September 8 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Though it is the Birthday of our Blessed Mother, Sunday obligation supersedes the feast, yet we can reflect briefly on these powerful words of saints about our mother: It is typical in the Church to celebrate a saint's death-day instead of the saint's birthday, for "the Church always argued that it was premature to celebrate a birthday because the rest of the life of the person born on that day was subject to such ambiguity" (Pope Benedict XVI). The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an exquisite exception since "her soul was the space from which God was able to gain access into humanity" (Pope Benedict XVI). "Today God welcomes on earth the holy throne which he had prepared for himself. He who established the heavens in wisdom has fashioned a living heaven" (Byzantine Liturgy). We celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary because our Lady's birth introduced to the world the one who had been graced by a singular honor and vocation, the preservation from the slightest taint of original sin from the first moment of her conception. In celebrating her birthday, we celebrate the beginning of a life of total and yet ever deepening union with God – a union that allowed Mary to become God's own Mother. Thus we "see with what sentiments of tender devotion the Lord would have us honor Mary, in whom he has placed the plenitude of all good" (St. Bernard of Clairvaux).

### **September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest - Memorial**

### **9/11 PATRIOT DAY**

On December 18, 2001, President George W. Bush signed an amendment of the U.S. Code designating September 11<sup>th</sup> as "Patriot Day". On the anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11, let us join together to show that we will not forget those innocent people that lost their lives that morning – the passengers, the pilots, and those who were working at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Let us join together to show our appreciation for the brave firefighters, police officers and EMT personnel, many who lost their lives trying to help others. Our prayers are with them!

*September 12 - The Holy Name of Mary - Optional Memorial*

### **September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church - Memorial**

### **September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast**

From a human point of view, Christ's *offering of himself on the Cross was a sign of contradiction*, an unthinkable disgrace. It was, in fact, *the most profound humiliation possible*. Through his *self-emptying on Golgotha*, in the disgrace of the Cross and the crucifixion (at least in the human way of understanding these events) Christ receives the highest exaltation. In God's eyes, the Cross is the greatest triumph. The way of human judgement is very different from God's. God's judgement far surpasses ours. What seems to us to be failure is, in God's eyes, the victory of sacrificial love. It is precisely this Cross of human disgrace that bears within itself the source of the exaltation of Christ in God." (St. Pope John Paul II, *Homily on 14th September, 1988*)

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

Many times, in the Gospel, Jesus works a miracle with a mere word. But sometimes he performs miracles with a physical act, as in this case, when he puts his finger into the man's ears and touches his tongue with spittle. What are we to make of this? What can we learn from it? Many times, our healing requires a human effort. Action must be taken. We are not purely spiritual beings, but body and spirit woven into one. So, our physical side plays a part. We kneel to pray. We go into the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We make an effort to read Scripture. We do all of these physical things so that our entire being, both body and soul, can be healed of sin and grow closer to Christ.

Lord Jesus, I come to you once again in prayer. Even though I cannot see you, my faith tells me that you are present. You are ready to listen and desire to speak with me. Your presence gives me hope, because you are the all-powerful God, the creator of heaven and earth. You are the source of all that is good in my life. Nothing happens to me without your knowing and permitting it. My hope leads me to love. I want to be one with you in mind and heart, identifying myself with your will and your standards.

Deacon Francisco

## SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 201 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.

## **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 TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Hay al menos siete ocasiones en el Nuevo Testamento en las que vemos que se utilizan palabras arameas para enfatizar el poder de las palabras de Jesús. Mi favorita de todas ellas es la palabra aramea “Abba” (Marcos 14:36). También encontramos otras como “Talitha kum” (Marcos 5:41), “Raca” (Mateo 5:22), “Rabbouni” (Juan 20:16), “Eli Eli lema sabachthani” (Mateo 27:46) y “Hosanna” (Marcos 11:9). El evangelio de hoy utiliza “Ephphatha” (¡Ábrete!) (Marcos 7:34).

Leemos que Jesús introduce un dedo en cada oído del enfermo, se asocia con sus dedos a la enfermedad y pone en su lengua algo de Sí mismo. Es un acontecimiento muy íntimo. Luego, después de una señal, es decir, después de expresar el profundo dolor, dice: “Effatá”. “Con frecuencia Jesús pide a los enfermos que crean. Se sirve de signos para curar: saliva, imposición de manos, barro y lavatorios. En los sacramentos, Cristo continúa “tocándonos” para curarnos” (CIC 1504).

El Catecismo continúa (CIC 1505): “Cristo, conmovido por tantos sufrimientos, no sólo se deja tocar por los enfermos, sino que hace suyas sus miserias. Pero no cura a todos los enfermos. Sus curaciones son signos de la venida del Reino de Dios. Anuncian una curación más radical: la victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte mediante su Pascua. En la cruz, Cristo tomó sobre sí todo el peso del mal y quitó el “pecado del mundo”. Por su pasión y muerte en la cruz, Cristo dio un sentido nuevo al sufrimiento: puede configurarnos a partir de ahora con él y unirnos a su pasión redentora”.

## **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](http://NJ.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG)

[dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. **This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.** Registration is required. Please register online at:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

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

### **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!

### **El próximo domingo es el Domingo Catequético:**

Los padres son verdaderamente los catequistas principales de sus hijos. Preparan la tierra y plantan las primeras semillas de la fe. El Domingo Catequético, no solo destacamos el trabajo de los catequistas en las parroquias y las escuelas, sino que también elogiamos a los padres y tutores y los alentamos a que tomen en serio su papel de hacer de sus hogares católicos un lugar donde la fe se transmita a la próxima generación. Tendremos una bendición especial y la designación de nuestros catequistas parroquiales en la Misa de las 11 am y una recepción en Mercy Hall después de la Misa. Únase a nuestra comunidad para desear y orar por todos nuestros catequistas.

Padre Antony

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

**Martes 10 de septiembre a las 4:30 pm**  
**Misa de Formación en la Fe en la Iglesia**



**Martes 17 de septiembre a las 4:30 pm**  
**Clases de Formación en la Fe en la escuela**  
**SSPJ - 137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg NJ.**

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

### **APELACIÓN DEL PASTOR 2024**

Hasta ahora, la Apelación del Pastor ha recaudado \$16,685.00. ¡Mantengamos el impulso para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$150,000.00! Gracias por su generosidad.

### **HORA SANTA**

Todos son bienvenidos a reunirse para la Hora Santa el 4 de octubre de 2024 (primer viernes) a las 6:00pm en la iglesia. 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, 9 Septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Escuela Bíblica Hispana - Curso Apocalipsis

Lunes, 9 de Septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

#### Escuela Bíblica Hispana - Curso Cartas Paulinas

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Jueves, 12 de Septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

#### Escuela Bíblica Hispana - Curso Sapienciales

Jueves 12 de Septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

#### Escuela Bíblica Hispana - Curso Libros

#### Históricos

Para información sobre la Escuela Bíblica Hispana, escribe a [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) o comunícate al 732-243-4573.

#### Misa de la Herencia Hispana

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

## 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.

## EL RINCÓN DEL DIÁCONO

Muchas veces, en el Evangelio, Jesús obra un milagro con una simple palabra. Pero a veces realiza milagros con un acto físico, como en este caso, cuando mete su dedo en los oídos del hombre y toca su lengua con saliva. ¿Qué debemos hacer con esto? ¿Qué podemos aprender de ello? Muchas veces, nuestra curación requiere un esfuerzo humano. Hay que actuar. No somos seres puramente espirituales, sino cuerpo y espíritu entrelazados en uno. Así que nuestro lado físico juega un papel. Nos arrodillamos para orar. Nos acercamos a la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. Nos esforzamos por leer las Escrituras. Hacemos todas estas cosas físicas para que todo nuestro ser, tanto cuerpo como alma, pueda sanarse del pecado y acercarse más a Cristo.

Señor Jesús, me dirijo nuevamente a ti en oración. Aunque no te pueda ver, mi fe me dice que estás presente, que estás dispuesto a escucharme y que deseas hablar conmigo. Tu presencia me da esperanza, porque eres el Dios todopoderoso, el creador del cielo y de la tierra. Eres la fuente de todo lo bueno en mi vida. Nada me sucede sin que tú lo sepas y lo permitas. Mi esperanza me lleva al amor. Quiero ser uno contigo en mente y corazón, identificándome con tu voluntad y tus normas.

Diácono Francisco







## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:sspjhsa@gmail.com)

### TRICKY TRAY:

Save the date for our school Tricky Tray, which will be held at SSPJ School on Saturday, November 16. Donations are still needed! Please contact [stettner.bettina@spsj.org](mailto:stettner.bettina@spsj.org) for more information.

*Welcome back to school Saints! May God bless our students, teachers, and staff this 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to KN Sign Design for always making our school celebrations extra special!*



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## Gospel Today

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:31-37

A man who could not hear or speak well was taken to Jesus for healing. Jesus took pity on him and healed his ears to hear and voice to speak by saying "Ephphatha", be opened! After being healed, the man and his friends went out and told everyone. Through all His healings, many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power.

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# Ephphatha! Be Open!

He has done all things well. He makes  
the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:31

Read the text above and answer the questions below... true or false.

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1] The man could not hear or speak well.                           | T | F |
| 2] The man's friends took him to see Jesus.                        | T | F |
| 3] Jesus told them to go away.                                     | T | F |
| 4] Jesus took pity on the man and healed him.                      | T | F |
| 5] The word Jesus used was "Ephphatha", meaning "be open!"         | T | F |
| 6] The man went away ungrateful.                                   | T | F |
| 7] The man and his friends proclaimed the miracle Jesus performed. | T | F |
| 8] Many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power.            | T | F |



Draw your own picture of Jesus healing the man.  
Is the man happy or sad?



Answers:  
1] T 2] T 3] F 4] T  
5] T 6] F 7] T 8] T

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