

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † SEPTEMBER 22, 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 9/22/24** 2pm Empanada Sale in front of the Church.
- Mon. 9/23/24** 9am—5pm Drop off for Rummage Sale - MH
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.)
- Tues. 9/24/24** 8:30am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 9am—5pm Drop off for Rummage Sale - MH, 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD)
Classes at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.
- Wed. 9/25/24** 9am—5pm Drop off for Rummage Sale - MH
- Thurs. 9/26/24** 9am—5pm Drop off for Rummage Sale - MH & 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.
- Friday 9/27/24** 9am—5pm Drop off for Rummage Sale - MH & 7pm Healing Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio in the Church
- Sat. 9/28/24** 7am-8am Men's Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am Prayers for Life Liberty & Marriage, 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

We began our Faith Formation classes last Tuesday! With God's guidance and the wisdom of our Catechists we can share our Christ-Experience with our children and form them in faith. We have some large classes of children, especially our 8th grade both in School and in Faith Formation. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Faith Formation Team for all their dedication and service to our parish community. It is never too late to enroll your children into Faith Formation - please call the office and make an appointment to see Mrs. Escarlen Duran.

The readings talk about Service and Suffering as they are two sides of the same coin of the Christian experience. Though the Church is the sinless Bride of Christ, the Church is made up of sinners who are in need of repentance and salvation. Church can be a loving family but at the same time it is subject to all human failings. At times we experience opposition from outside of our church, but we feel betrayed when that happens from within. Jesus experienced suffering and betrayal from many of His brethren, including his own Apostle, Judas Iscariot.

In the gospel, Jesus gave his disciples the second prophecy of his Passion as He warned them of His coming betrayal. He taught them about humility and service. He puts the child in the midst of the church today as our model for discipleship. 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me' - Mary is a model and mother who received the Child and along with Joseph named the Child Jesus. It is so fitting to see the mother encouraging us to be childlike in accepting and living the Life-giving Word.

Faith Formation:

I express my heartfelt gratitude towards our Catechists and their service. We have 144 children in our Faith Formation this year, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Duran and all the Catechists. It makes me happy to see the number increase and we need to do more for our children. They need constant spiritual care like our SSPJ School children who are fortunate to have religious education, monthly mass and confessions and other pious activities.

We need to make sure all our children are attended to irrespective of where they go to school. I request you to join our parish community in praying for our efforts to make Faith Formation a great priority for all parents.

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. We continue to receive help from families. As you have heard me say more than a few times now that this year our parish's focus will be our children and investing in our children. The demands of the church is such that we put in extra care in this venture to making our church a vibrant community. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping us with the Pastor's Appeal this year so that our planned ideas could be implemented in time for our children and for our parish.

Special Healing Mass on September 27th, 7pm:

Ministering to the sick and the elderly is an integral part of Jesus' mission. This is also the Church's mission. We continue to visit hospitals and nursing homes to cater to the needs of the sick. We also visit all the homebound in our parish. We will have a special healing mass on September 27th at 7pm with special Anointing of the Sick towards the end of the Mass. I request you to spread the word around. If you know people who are in need of Anointing and prayers for healing, please bring them in for this special Mass.

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Terry Boyle by Volk Family
 9:00 – Anna & Art Ostilli by Joe & Valerie Lusardi
 11:00 – Elfida “Freda” Ruiz-Johnson by Eileen Catalli
 1:00pm (SP) – Aurora Mercedes Salas by Dilone Rodríguez
 5:30pm Ronald Gubin, Jr. by Kevin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:45am – Jermin Padilla-Valdes by Friend
 12:10pm – Blanche Flynn by Family
 7pm – For the People

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

6:45am – Thomas B. Smith by Marion
 12:10pm – Sara Frinzi by Rick & LuAnne

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

6:45am – Mirna Duran by Family
 12:10pm – Terry Boyle by SPSJ Class of 1971

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th – *Ss. Cosmas & Damian*

6:45am – Maria Jose by Anthony
 12:10pm – Frank Kyrpczak by Merrie Mulrine

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th – St. Vincent de Paul

6:45am – Eva Duran by Family
 12:10pm – Christine A. (Chando) Erck by Joelyn Kullman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th – *St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions*

8:00am – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney
 4:30pm – Rose Solt by Katherine & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Angela Bush by Deacon Rob
 9:00 – James Sciascia by Lorraine & Jack Simonof
 11:00 – Dr. Mike Tovino by Lisa Garcia
 1:00pm (SP) – Ana Mercedes Ramírez by Dilone-Rodríguez Family
 5:30pm Kathy Verdon by Family

Stewardship

September 15, 2024	10,173.98
Online Giving:	<u>2,163.00</u>
	12,336.98
SSPJ School:	1,008.99
Various Collections:	122.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

September 28 th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odimma
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	William Casey
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
September 29 th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Oliver McKenna
	Lector	Lisa Gerolamo
	Server	Sebastián Mendoza
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Ines Berluche
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Robby Basel
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Maria Rossenouff
	Lector	Jaime Rocha
	Minister	Giovanni Lam
	Announcements	Laura Garcia
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	-

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 9/22 Anne Coyle, 9/29 Magnolia Mateo, & 10/6 Ron Rossi.

Brakeley Nursing Home: September-Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/13 Lisa Spanopolous & 10/20 Beth Dispoto.

2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Total Received:	19,685.00

Let's keep the momentum going in order to meet our goal of \$150,000.00!

Thank you for your generosity.

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



Faith Formation Classes at the SSPJ School
at 137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg NJ.

Tuesday, September 24th &
Tuesday, October 1st
4:30pm

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 starting on October 6th. Weekly practice is on Sunday 10:00am to 10:20am! Please sign up by calling Lisa Sforza 908-310-3495!

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,
Thank you for your support of my classmates and me for the Rite of Candidacy mass on September 14. My brother candidates and our families are grateful for the hospitality of the parish!

With the grace of God, we will complete our studies with Immaculate Conception Seminary and be ordained into the diaconate in 2027. We are studying for a master's in theology, but what we are really learning is how to love Christ and His community on a more intimate level. The call to the diaconate is one of service. Please keep my classmates and our families in your prayers as we are giving up two nights per week and most of our weekends to read and write papers so we can be servants for our parishes. God Bless...Rob Anselmo

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 & Kevin Stannard.

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.

DECEMBER BUS TRIP

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.

Justice

the harvest
of peacemakers

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

September 22 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest - Memorial

September 26 - St. Cosmos & St. Damian, Martyrs - Optional Memorial

September 27 - St. Vincent De Paul, Priest - Memorial

“Our Lord humbles in order to raise up and allows the suffering of interior and exterior afflictions in order to bring about peace. He often desires some things more than we do but wants us to merit the grace of accomplishing them by several practices of virtue and to beg for this with many prayers.”

“God asks that we never do good in one place to make ourselves look important in others but, rather, that we always regard Him directly, immediately, and without intermediary in all our actions and allow ourselves to be guided by His paternal hand.”

September 28 - St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs - Optional Memorial

September 29 - 110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

The images of the biblical exodus and of migrants share several similarities. Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair.

Yet the fundamental reality of the Exodus, of every exodus, is that God precedes and accompanies his people and all his children in every time and place. God’s presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: “The Lord your God goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you” (Deut 31:6). For the people who came out of Egypt, this presence manifested itself in different forms: a pillar of cloud and fire showing and illuminating the way (cf. Ex 13:21), the meeting tent that protected the ark of the covenant, making God’s closeness tangible (cf. Ex 33:7), the pole with the bronze serpent assuring divine protection (cf. Nm 21:8-9), manna and water (cf. Ex 16-17) as

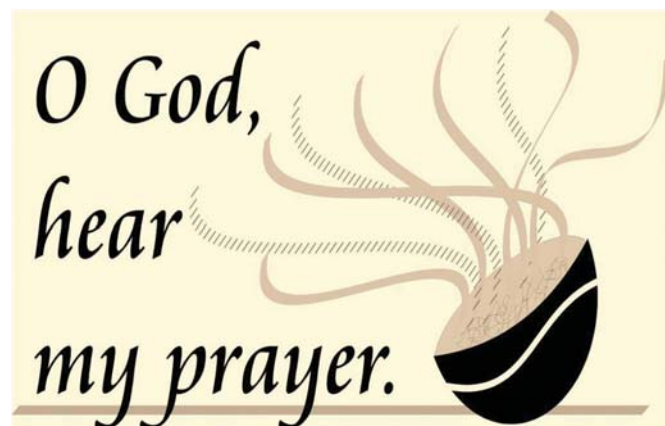
God’s gifts to the hungry and thirsty people. The tent is a form of presence especially dear to the Lord. During David’s reign, God chose to dwell in a tent, not a temple, so that he could walk with his people, “from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling” (1 Chr 17:5).

Many migrants experience God as their traveling companion, guide and anchor of salvation. They entrust themselves to him before setting out and seek him in times of need. In him, they find consolation in moments of discouragement. Thanks to him, there are good Samaritans along the way. In prayer, they confide their hopes to him. How many Bibles, copies of the Gospels, prayer books and rosaries accompany migrants on their journeys across deserts, rivers, seas and the borders of every continent! (Pope Francis on Sunday September 29, 2024)

DEACON’S CORNER

This Gospel reading teaches us a very important lesson, that is, the true measure of greatness is not in power, status, or wealth, but in humility and service to others. In our society, it is easy to be tempted to measure ourselves by what we have or what we have achieved. We are often driven by the desire for power, fame, or success. However, Jesus shows us that the **real greatness lies in serving others, especially the least among us**. When Jesus used a child as an example, He was saying that we should become like children in our humility, innocence, and dependence on God. Children are not concerned about status, wealth, or power. They are honest, open, and trusting. In the same way, we should strive to be humble, honest, and open-hearted, trusting in God’s plan for our lives.

Deacon Francisco



NJ MARCH FOR LIFE

Come with us to the First NJ March for Life on Thursday, September 26th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NJ State Capitol Annex, 125 W. State St, Trenton, NJ. There will be a Rally for Life from 11:00 am to 12 noon, followed by a walk to Planned Parenthood. There will also be a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St, Trenton, at 9:30 am with Cardinal Joseph Tobin & Bishop David O'Connell. Anyone interested in going, please call 908-454-9880 & leave a message. We will be carpooling. There will be a bus from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale. Contact Bill Smith for additional information: 908-797-7359 or at smithbuilders@hotmail.com

HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF ST. PADRE PIO

Come to the Healing Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio on Friday, September 27th, at 7:00 pm. Please come to the front of the church after mass for the prayers for healing with a Second Class Relic of Padre Pio.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Come & join us in prayer for the unborn & for women in crisis pregnancies for Life Chain Sunday on Sunday, October 6th, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in front of St. Philip & St. James Church. It is a powerful quiet time of prayer for the unborn & their mothers.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 202 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.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on Saturday, September 28th, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will pray specifically for the unborn & women in crisis pregnancies.

Diocesan News

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, October 9, 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 QUINTO DOMINGO DEL** **TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

¡Comenzamos nuestras clases de Formación de la Fe el martes pasado! Con la guía de Dios y la sabiduría de nuestros catequistas, podemos compartir nuestra experiencia de Cristo con nuestros niños y formarlos en la fe. Tenemos algunas clases grandes de niños, especialmente nuestros de octavo grado, tanto en la escuela como en Formación de la Fe. Extiendo mi más sincero agradecimiento al Equipo de Formación de la Fe por toda su dedicación y servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Nunca es demasiado tarde para inscribir a sus hijos en la Formación de la Fe; llame a la oficina y haga una cita para ver a la Sra. Escarlen Duran.

Las lecturas hablan del servicio y del sufrimiento, ya que son dos caras de la misma moneda de la experiencia cristiana. Aunque la Iglesia es la Esposa de Cristo sin pecado, está formada por pecadores que necesitan arrepentimiento y salvación. La Iglesia puede ser una familia amorosa, pero al mismo tiempo está sujeta a todas las fallas humanas. A veces experimentamos oposición desde fuera de nuestra iglesia, pero nos sentimos traicionados cuando eso sucede desde dentro. Jesús experimentó el sufrimiento y la traición de muchos de sus hermanos, incluido su propio apóstol, Judas Iscariote.

En el Evangelio, Jesús dio a sus discípulos la segunda profecía de su Pasión, al advertirles de su traición inminente. Les enseñó acerca de la humildad y el servicio. Pone al niño en medio de la iglesia actual como nuestro modelo de discipulado. “El que reciba a un niño como éste en mi nombre, a mí me recibe”. María es un modelo y madre que recibió al Niño y junto con José lo bautizó como Jesús. Es muy apropiado ver a la madre animándonos a ser como niños al aceptar y vivir la Palabra que da vida.

Formación en la fe:

Quiero expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a nuestros catequistas y a su servicio. Este año contamos con 144 niños en nuestro programa de Formación en la fe, gracias a los esfuerzos de la Sra. Duran y de todos los catequistas. Me alegra ver que el número aumenta y debemos hacer más por nuestros niños. Ellos necesitan un cuidado espiritual constante, como los niños de la escuela SSPJ, que tienen la suerte de tener educación religiosa, misa mensual y confesiones y otras actividades piadosas. Debemos asegurarnos de que todos nuestros niños reciban atención independientemente de la escuela a la que asistan. Les pido que se unan a nuestra comunidad parroquial para orar por nuestros esfuerzos para hacer de la Formación en la fe una gran prioridad para todos los padres.

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. Seguimos recibiendo ayuda de las familias. Como me han escuchado decir más de una vez, este año el enfoque de nuestra parroquia serán nuestros niños y la inversión en ellos. Las demandas de la iglesia son tales que ponemos especial cuidado en esta iniciativa para hacer de nuestra iglesia una comunidad vibrante. Les pido que consideren en oración ayudarnos con el Llamado del Pastor este año para que las ideas que hemos planeado se puedan implementar a tiempo para nuestros niños y para nuestra parroquia.

Misa de sanación el 27 de septiembre a las 7pm

Atender a los enfermos y ancianos es parte integral de la misión de Jesús. Esta es también la misión de la Iglesia. Seguimos visitando hospitales y residencias de ancianos para atender las necesidades de los enfermos. También visitamos a todos los confinados en sus hogares en nuestra parroquia. Tendremos una misa especial de sanación el 27 de septiembre a las 7pm con una Unción especial de los enfermos hacia el final de la misa. Les pido que difundan la información. Si conocen a personas que necesiten la Unción y oraciones por la sanación, por favor tráiganlas a esta misa especial.

Padre Antony

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



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

**Martes 24 de septiembre y
Martes 1 de octubre**

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

MISA DE SANACIÓN EN HONOR A SAN PADRE PÍO

Ven a la Misa de Sanación en honor a San Padre Pío el viernes 27 de septiembre a las 7:00 pm. Por favor, acércate al frente de la iglesia después de la misa para las oraciones de sanación con una Reliquia de Segunda Clase del Padre Pío.

APELACIÓN DEL PASTOR 2024

Hasta ahora, la Apelación del Pastor ha recaudado \$19,685.00. ¡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.

EL RINCÓN DEL DIÁCONO

Esta lectura del Evangelio nos enseña una lección muy importante: la verdadera medida de la grandeza no está en el poder, el estatus o la riqueza, sino en la humildad y el servicio a los demás. En nuestra sociedad, es fácil caer en la tentación de medirnos por lo que tenemos o lo que hemos logrado. A menudo nos dejamos llevar por el deseo de poder, fama o éxito. Sin embargo, Jesús nos muestra que la verdadera grandeza está en servir a los demás, especialmente a los más pequeños entre nosotros. Cuando Jesús utilizó a un niño como ejemplo, estaba diciendo que deberíamos volvernos como niños en nuestra humildad, inocencia y dependencia de Dios. A los niños no les preocupa el estatus, la riqueza o el poder. Son honestos, abiertos y confiados. De la misma manera, debemos esforzarnos por ser humildes, honestos y de corazón abierto, confiando en el plan de Dios para nuestras vidas.

Diácono Francisco

MERCADO DE VERDURAS GRATIS



El miércoles 9 de octubre de 2024, el LocalShare con la colaboración de la Coalición contra el Hambre del Condado de Warren se instalará en el estacionamiento del Mercy Hall de 4pm a 5:30pm. Por favor, compártelo con aquellos que conozcan que se beneficiarán de este gesto caritativo.

NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

Escuela Bíblica Hispana

Curso Apocalipsis

- lunes, 23 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Escuela Bíblica Hispana-Curso Cartas Paulinas I

- lunes, 23 de septiembre, 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Escuela Bíblica Hispana-Curso Sapienciales

jueves, 26 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Escuela Bíblica Hispana - Curso Libros

Históricos - jueves, 26 de septiembre de 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm

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.

The background of the poster is a light beige color, decorated with watercolor-style illustrations of pumpkins and autumn leaves. The pumpkins are in various colors, including shades of orange, pink, and green, and are scattered throughout the page. The leaves are in shades of orange, red, and yellow, and are also scattered throughout. The text is centered and reads:

SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL

PUMPKIN PATCH

COME PICK THE PERFECT PUMPKIN!

All proceeds will benefit SSPJ School S.T.R.E.A.M. initiatives and the school garden project. Prices will range \$5-\$10 per pumpkin, depending on size. Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, or Venmo.

Please note: credit card / Venmo payments will be subject to an additional fee

Friday, October 4th, 2:35 PM-4:00 PM
SSPJ School (Outside of the Cafeteria)

Questions? Please contact
schooloffice@spsj.org

Special thanks to Franklin Springs Farm and the Barlieb Family for making this fundraiser possible!

RUMMAGE SALE

Don't miss out on your chance to SAVE!

Clothing

Home Decor

Kitchenware

Games & Toys

Jewelry

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October 5th & 6th

Time 8 A.M. – Time 6 P.M. (Saturday)

Time 8 A.M. – Time 3 P.M. (Sunday)



Donate gently used items September 9th to
September 26th

Drop off in Mercy Hall 10-6 P.M. (weekdays)

Sunday, September 15th & 22nd (8 A.M.-12 P.M.)

No books, appliances, glassware or electronics!!

**Small furniture items only! No couches,
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Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 9:30-37

Jesus says blessed are those who put others first. They will be first in Heaven.

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Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me.

- Mark 9:37



Below are words showing behaviors towards God's children...

Color the **GOOD ACT BLOCKS** yellow (the ones who put others first).

Color the **SELFISH ACT BLOCKS** blue (the ones who put themselves first).



<p>Not sharing</p>	 <p>Sharing a snack</p>	<p>Being a bully</p>
<p>Doing somebody's chores</p> 	<p>Teaching your talents to others</p>	 <p>Thank you God for my talents</p>
<p>Bragging about yourself</p>	<p>Praying for those in need</p>	<p>Saying mean things</p>
<p>Not inviting everyone to play</p>	<p>Inviting friends to play</p> 	<p>Thinking you are better than others</p>

We have learned, as followers of Jesus, we must carry our _____.

Hint: See yellow colored blocks above.

Our talents come from God - be thankful and humble, but not boastful to others.

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