

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † OCTOBER 6, 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)



... “Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

*Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”*

**Mark 10:14-15**

## Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 10/6/24

8am-3pm Rummage Sale in Mercy Hall, 2pm Life Chain in front of the Church, & Cenacles 3pm-7pm in PMR.

### Mon. 10/7/24

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. 10/8/24

8:30am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, and 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

### Wed. 10/9/24

### Thurs. 10/10/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

### Friday 10/11/24

### Sat. 10/12/24

7am-8am Men’s Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in Church, and 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

### Sunday 10/13/24

2pm Empanada Sale in front of the Church and 2pm—8pm Spanish Charismatic Couples Retreat in Mercy Hall & PMR.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The month of October is very special for us Catholics: We remember this month as Month of the Rosary as well as Pro-Life month.. The USCCB also remembers it as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. In October we also celebrate the World Food Day (October 20<sup>th</sup>) and World Mission Sunday (Last Sunday of October). Pope Francis wrote: “The theme of this year’s World Mission Day — ‘Go & Invite everyone to the Banquet’ (Mt 22:9), is a summons to each of us to ‘own’ and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for ‘she exists to evangelize’ (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Jesus is our message as Jesus is the Wisdom of God. This wisdom touches the hearts of people.

Pope Saint John Paul II’s ‘Theology of the Body’ in light of marriage as a sacrament. As you may know the 129 catechetical address that the Saint gave between 1979 and 1984 have revolutionized the church’s priority of love, sexuality and marriage. The first feature is that of the Law of the Gift. The married couples learn how to love from the Trinity. The Second feature is that of Original Solitude that reflects our 1st reading today. Adam understands that he also has a spiritual dimension unlike the rest of the creation. In solitude he reflects on the difficulty of the Law of Gift.

The third feature is the Original Unity where God provides grace to Adam in exercising the Law of Gift. He can now freely gift himself to the ‘bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh’. John Paul II notes ‘this is the first time man manifests joy’. He continues to write the 4<sup>th</sup> feature on Original Nakedness and fifth feature on Original Shame.

As the Bible begins with Marriage (Adam & Eve in Genesis) and ends with Marriage (Wedding Feast of the Lamb in Revelation), the church understands the role of Marriage in society. Catechism teaches that ‘Marriage is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership for the whole life’ (1601), Marriage exists not only for the good of the partners and their children, but also for the good of the church and society (II Vatican).

“In every family founded on sacramental marriage, Christ and the church prolong their divine and human witness of a love that is indissolubly faithful and fruitful”. (Cardinal Marc Ouellet).

**Special Second Collection on October 27<sup>th</sup> to assist with Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts:** The diocese will be sending all the proceeds to the relief. Let us keep in prayer all those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods and with those who are responding with rescue and repair efforts. Thank you for your support!

### **Special Days in October:**

On October 9<sup>th</sup> there is the Online Webinar on the upcoming election sponsored by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Catholic Conferences. Our diocese will have the following Masses: Hispanic Heritage Mass on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass and celebration is on October 20<sup>th</sup>. As well as a special Annual Blue Mass on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Confirmation is on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

We will have the Confirmation Mass on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5pm in our Church presided by Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli. At present we have 42 children collectively. I thank our Faith Formation Team, Mrs. Escarlen Duran and our Confirmation Coordinator Deacon Rob Fisher and the parents in forming our children for this important sacrament. Sunday Mass attendance is the source of all faith formation!

### **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.

Please remember Bishop Paul Bootkoski in your prayers. Recently he has had some health issues which has been tough for him and now hampers his mobility.

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Terry Boyle by SPSJ Class of 1971  
 9:00 – Peg Brotzman by Children & Grandchildren  
 11:00 – Jason Noel by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua  
 1:00pm (SP) – Rafael E. Rodríguez by Dilone-Rodríguez Family  
 5:30pm - Phil Kays by Catholic Daughters

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of the Rosary

6:45am – Jack Lilly by Family  
 12:10pm – Tammy Torres by Zmuda Family

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Ben Patti (A) by Val Patti  
 12:10pm – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> - *St. Denis & Companions; & St. John Leonardi*

6:45am – Clara & Jim McDonald by Children  
 12:10pm – Emil Pohorely by Peppe Family

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Sarah B Seibert by Peppes  
 12:10pm – Jim Amos (A) by Val Patti

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> – *St. John XXIII*

6:45am – Joseph Petchonka by Children  
 12:10pm – John Emery Brower by Family

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Fermina Rossini by Ron Rossini  
 4:30pm – Edward Shakal by Family

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Elmer & Ruth Van Benschoten by Ed & Margaret Connolly  
 9:00 – Enzo Marinelli by Lisa Marinelli  
 11:00 – Alice & Frank Doyle by Pat & Mike James  
 1:00pm (SP) – Eveani Sanchez by Dilone-Rodriguez Family  
 5:30pm - Peggy Howlin by Eileen Carey

## Stewardship

September 29, 2024:	\$8,541.50
Online Giving:	1,858.00
	\$10,399.50

Various Collections:	\$112.00
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**Church office and Adoration will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday October 14, 2024.**

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

October 12 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	-
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiazam Odimma
October 13 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Lisa DeGerolamo
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Robert Anselmo
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Erin Giacalone
	Server	Emma Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Oscar Dilone
	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Gladys Jauridez
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	-
	Server	-

## NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 10/6 Ron Rossi, 10/13 Ed Socci, & 10/20 Eileen Catalli.

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

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

## 2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Total Received:	\$25,905.00

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, October 8<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at  
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 9:00 am Sunday Mass starting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Weekly practice is on Sunday 10:00 am to 10:20 am! Please sign up by calling Lisa Sforza 908-310-3495!

### HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on November 1, 2024 (First Friday) at 6:00 pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

#474



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be holding its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer and Juvenile Diseases Charities Golf Outing on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> at Green Pond Country Club in Bethlehem, PA. The fee for each golfer will be \$110 with a 9 am shotgun start. Anyone interested please call Andy Horun at 908-319-6440.

### LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Come & join us in prayer for the unborn & for women in crisis pregnancies for Life Chain Sunday on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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 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 10 am and returning around 7 pm. Please contact Camille at 908-319-2719 for more information and/or to make reservations.

### PRAYERS FOR CONCEPTION

There will be Prayers for those who are trying to conceive a child on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 4:30 pm Mass. Please come to the front of the church by the altar after the mass. We will pray for you to conceive a child.

### SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 184 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

The following Mass Etiquette List is not original (except for my commentary), however sometimes I think we need to be reminded of these things as our world and lifestyle changes. Many need an explanation as to “why” we do what we do, whereas when I was growing up, we did so because we were told to do so, and didn’t question authority for the purpose of criticism.

1. **Fast:** (Do not eat any food **an hour** before or during the Mass. We do this as a sign of respect for Jesus and to prepare for the sacrament.)
2. **Arrive early or at least on time:** (This allows 10-15 minutes for meditation before Mass. We all come to church with “baggage.” Coming early helps put us in the right frame of mind to reflect on the Mass while we put our worldly problems behind us.. if even for an hour).
3. **Dress Respectfully:** (This is to show decency and honor to God. This means no shorts, flip flops, low-cut or immodest types of dress, etc. I’m shocked at how people show up to Mass.... Even in our prominent families who should know better! If you are reading on the Altar, are a Eucharistic Minister, or altar server...dress appropriately!)
4. **No cell phone usage:** (Turn off your cell phone or switch it to vibrate. Hearing your cell phone ring during Mass is just plain rudeness. If you need to take a call, go outside to do so. No one wants to hear your conversation!)
5. **Talk in the vestibule, not in the church itself.** (Once you bless yourself with Holy Water and pass through the second set of double doors, all conversation should be no louder than a whisper. This is of course, in respect of Jesus in the Tabernacle. You are highly encouraged to socialize with others in the vestibule or outside.)
6. **Genuflect:** (This means kneeling your right knee to the ground while in the direction of the Tabernacle before entering your seat and before leaving. This shows respect for Jesus-the real body, blood, soul and divinity in the Tabernacle.)

7. **Participate:** (The hymnals are available in the pews for a reason. Use them. Sing, respond, listen, follow along and pray. I am amazed at the overall lack of response in Mass at our parish.)
8. **Receive the Eucharist worthily:** I hear this saying all the time: The Communion lines are long, but the Confession lines are short. Only those without mortal sin should be in the Communion line. Remember that you can always come up for a blessing if you are unworthy to receive the Eucharist.
9. **Be Respectful of Others:** (Leave the pew in better condition than you found it. If any papers or hymnals are tossed about, put them where they belong for the next Mass.)
10. **Be still:** (At least wait till the Priest reaches the door before you decide to exit the church. I often see people rush for the parking lot to get out before the rest. Take time to reflect on what just took place in the Mass.)

May God always be pleased with us,  
Deacon Rob

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

**October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Papal Statements for the Month of Life:**

1) The Church opposes abortion but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let’s all take encouragement from these words of Pope St. John Paul II: “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to His mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.” (Evangelium Vitae, #99).

2) "It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." (Evangelium Vitae).

### **October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial**

Pope Benedict XVI said: "Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the center, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each "Hail Mary"."

*October 9 - St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs & St. John Leonardi, Priest - Optional Memorial*

*October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope - Optional Memorial*

*"The family, founded upon marriage freely contracted, one and indissoluble, must be regarded as the natural, primary cell of human society. The interests of the family, therefore, must be taken very specially into consideration in social and economic affairs, as well as in the spheres of faith and morals. For all of these have to do with strengthening the family and assisting it in the fulfillment of its mission."*

— *Pacem in Terris*, 1963

## **Diocesan News**

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 18 - 20. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) for more information.

### **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.

## **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 SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL** **TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Querida Familia!

El mes de octubre es muy especial para nosotros los católicos: recordamos este mes como el Mes del Rosario y también el Mes Pro-Vida. El USCCB también lo recuerda como el Mes de Concientización sobre la Violencia Doméstica y el Mes de Concientización sobre la Pérdida del Embarazo y la Infancia. En octubre también celebramos el Día Mundial de la Alimentación (el 20 de octubre) y el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones (último domingo de octubre). El Papa Francisco escribió: “El tema de la Jornada Mundial de las Misiones de este año — “Vayan e inviten a todos al banquete” (Mt 22,9), es un llamado a cada uno de nosotros a “apropiarse” y llevar a los demás lo que llevamos en nuestros corazones.

Esta misión siempre ha sido el sello distintivo de la Iglesia, porque “ella existe para evangelizar” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Jesús es nuestro mensaje como Jesús es la Sabiduría de Dios. Esta sabiduría toca los corazones de las personas.

La “Teología del Cuerpo” del Papa San Juan Pablo II a la luz del matrimonio como sacramento. Como sabéis, las 129 catequesis que el Santo dio entre 1979 y 1984 han revolucionado la prioridad de la Iglesia en cuanto al amor, la sexualidad y el matrimonio. El primer rasgo es el de la Ley del Don. Los esposos aprenden a amar desde la Trinidad. El segundo rasgo es el de la Soledad Original que refleja nuestra 1ª lectura de hoy. Adán comprende que él también tiene una dimensión espiritual a diferencia del resto de la creación. En la soledad reflexiona sobre la dificultad de la Ley del Don.

El tercer rasgo es la Unidad Original, donde Dios concede gracia a Adán para ejercer la Ley del Don. Ahora puede donarse libremente al “hueso de mis huesos y a la carne de mi carne”. Juan Pablo II señala que “esta es la primera vez que el hombre manifiesta alegría”. Continúa escribiendo el cuarto rasgo sobre la Desnudez Original y el quinto rasgo sobre la Vergüenza Original.

Como la Biblia comienza con el matrimonio (Adán y Eva en Génesis) y termina con el matrimonio (la fiesta de bodas del Cordero en Apocalipsis), la Iglesia entiende el papel del matrimonio en la sociedad. El Catecismo enseña que “el matrimonio es una alianza por la que un hombre y una mujer constituyen entre sí un consorcio para toda la vida” (1601). El matrimonio existe no sólo para el bien de los cónyuges y de sus hijos, sino también para el bien de la Iglesia y de la sociedad (Concilio Vaticano II). “En toda familia fundada sobre el matrimonio sacramental, Cristo y la Iglesia prolongan el testimonio divino y humano de un amor indisolublemente fiel y fecundo”. (Cardenal Marc Ouellet)

**Segunda colecta especial el 27 de octubre para ayudar con los esfuerzos de socorro tras el huracán Helene:** La diócesis enviará todos los ingresos a las labores de socorro. Mantengamos en oración a todos aquellos que han perdido a sus seres queridos, sus hogares y sus medios de vida y a aquellos que están respondiendo con esfuerzos de rescate y reparación. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

#### **Días especiales en octubre:**

El 9 de octubre se llevará a cabo el seminario web en línea sobre las próximas elecciones, patrocinado por las conferencias católicas de Nueva Jersey y Pensilvania. Nuestra diócesis tendrá las siguientes misas: Misa de la Herencia Hispana el 11 de octubre, la Misa y celebración de las Bodas de Plata y Oro será el 20 de octubre; y la Misa especial Azul Anual el 30 de octubre.

#### **La Confirmación será el 7 de mayo de 2025:**

Tendremos la Misa de Confirmación el 7 de mayo de 2025 a las 5:00 pm en nuestra Iglesia presidida por el Reverendísimo Arthur Serratelli. En la actualidad, tenemos 42 niños en conjunto. Agradezco a nuestro Equipo de Formación en la Fe, a la Sra. Escarlen Duran y a nuestro Coordinador de Confirmación, el Diácono Rob Fisher, y a los padres por formar a nuestros niños para este importante sacramento. ¡La asistencia a la Misa dominical es la fuente de toda formación en la fe!

### **Llamado del Pastor:**

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. Seguimos recibiendo ayuda de las familias. Como me han oído decir más de una vez, este año el enfoque de nuestra parroquia serán nuestros niños y la inversión en ellos. Las exigencias 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 la Campaña del Pastor este año para que nuestras ideas planificadas puedan implementarse a tiempo para nuestros niños y para nuestra parroquia.

Recuerden al obispo Paul Bootkoski en sus oraciones. Recientemente ha tenido algunos problemas de salud que han sido difíciles para él y ahora dificultan su movilidad.

Padre Antony

**La oficina de la iglesia y la adoración estarán cerradas en conmemoración del Día de Colón el lunes 14 de octubre de 2024.**

### **HORA SANTA**

Todos son bienvenidos a reunirse para la Hora Santa el 1 de noviembre de 2024 (primer viernes) a las 6:00pm en la iglesia. Pasemos una hora con nuestro Señor como comunidad.

### **APELACIÓN DEL PASTOR 2024**

Hasta ahora, la Apelación del Pastor ha recaudado \$25,905.00. ¡Mantengamos el impulso para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$150,000.00! Gracias por su generosidad.

### **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.

### **ORACIONES POR LA CONCEPCIÓN**

El sábado 19 de octubre, después de la misa de las 4:30 pm, se realizarán oraciones por quienes están tratando de concebir un hijo. Por favor, acérquese al altar, después de la misa.

### **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 8 de octubre y**

**Martes 15 de octubre**

**Comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Duran**

**(Directora de Catequesis Parroquial)**

**al 908-454-0112 x406, si tiene alguna pregunta.**



### **MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

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