

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † NOVEMBER 10, 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 11/10/24** 9am Children's Mass, 10am OCIA in Conference Room, 11am Knights of Columbus Mass, & Columbiettes Jewelry Sale after all Masses.
- Mon. 11/11/24** 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the Church.
- Tues. 11/12/24** 8:30am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 6pm Giving Tree Ornaments Making in PMR, 6:30pm Parish Fundraising Meeting in MH, and 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.
- Wed. 11/13/24** 7PM Spanish Mass in the Church, and 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall.
- Thurs. 11/14/24** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.
- Friday 11/15/24**
- Sat. 11/16/24** 7am-8am Men's Fellowship Group in PMR, 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, 6pm Prayer Service in the Church. Breakfast with Santa ticket sale after 4:30pm Mass, & Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards sale after 4:30pm.
- Sunday 11/17/24** 10am "Blues" Grieving Group in Mercy Hall, 1pm Legion of Mary Curia Meeting in Mercy Hall, Breakfast with Santa Ticket Sale after all masses, & Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards Sale after all masses.

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The elections are completed! We congratulate and wish the new administration all the very best and we pray for all our leaders. As public service demands self-giving from leaders, the readings focus on the art of self-giving. The first reading and the gospel both teach us that is not what you give but why you give. If the motive behind our self-giving is expecting some sort of a reward, we need to look into the life of Jesus more closely.

The widow in the first reading and the widow in the gospel reading made offerings of very little worth materially but were precious to God because they offered from their meager resources. They represent all the generous hearts who continue to give without expecting anything in return. Pope Francis talks about three 'irrevocable gifts' from God. God's love is irrevocable in nature that 'when God gives a gift, this gift is irrevocable.' The Pope identifies the first gift of election. We are God's chosen people, elected by God. The second gift is the gift of promise. God promised us of love and compassion. God promised us a life in abundance. The third is the gift of Covenant. This gift reminds us of God's faithfulness to us.

We enjoy these gifts every day of our life. The point of reflection needs to be our response to these gifts as we receive them with open hearts. How do I perceive the election that God calls me to be a Christian every day and not just one hour on a Sunday? How do I live the promise of salvation in my life? How am I faithful to God's covenant? By reflecting on these gifts, I am moved with spirit to give and be generous like the widows in the readings (First reading & the Gospel).

The most blessed part of the Gospel is that the widow's generosity is witnessed by God, where others could care less or ignore. All our attempts to revitalize the church with Eucharistic Renewal, the synod, the Jubilee year 2025 etc., are focused on re-awakening of our Christian vocation and respond to God's call in generosity. Your every attempt of being and becoming an active, participative Christian in your parish is witnessed by God and blessed by God.

Free access to Catechetical Formation for all leaders in ministry:

Please visit franciscanathome.com for more information. This is a free platform, and we thank our Diocese to make this available to all of us for free.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): (Previously known as RCIA)

We started the OCIA program a few Sundays ago in our parish. We thank all the members of this program along with Deacon Larry. We pray for all the candidates and wish them well!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec 9th:

Please remember that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it is transferred to another day. So, Dec 9th, Monday is a Day of Obligation.

Month of November:

November is celebrated as the Black Catholic History Month. And the USCCB dedicates November as the Indigenous Peoples Month and the National Adoption Month. The Universal Church celebrates the World Youth Day on the 24th of November right around Thanksgiving Day (28th).

Jubilee Year 2025:

Pope Francis has announced that the Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year in 2025, with the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In preparation for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is asking Catholics to prepare by dedicating time to study the documents of the Second Vatican Council and focus on prayer. All the four constitutions of Vatican II (On Sacred Liturgy, Light to the Nations, Word of God and the Church in the Modern World) need revisiting. Please stay tuned for more information on this topic.

Pastor's Appeal, Thanks to the Finance Council and Faith Formation Team:

I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. I thank all the members of the Finance Council in presenting to all of you the importance of the Appeal this year. I also thank all the children who were involved in the presentation. 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.

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Jimmy Richline by Mom
 9:00 – James Dieda by Family
 11:00 – Ben Patti by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. for Eduardo Jurado
 5:30pm - Diane Maslonka by Ed & Dolly Duffy

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th – St. Martin of Tours

6:45am – Rita De Caste by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 12:10pm – Msgr. William A. Gilfillan (A)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th – St. Josaphat

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kirby by Family
 12:10pm – Thomas Rapisarda by Kathy Clemente

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

6:45am – Cameron McGuinness by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Michael Kevin Slowey by Rita Gureczynski
 7pm (SP) – For the People

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

6:45am – Rhea Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th – St. Albert the Great

6:45am – Russ Heller by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – *Special Intention by Jane Hanisek

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th – St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

8:00am – Jean Connolly by Ed & Margaret Connolly
 4:30pm – Mahoney Family by Dieu Mahoney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Mary Rose Bartolotta by Ann Flynn & Family
 9:00 – Gino & Ludevina Angelozzi by Niece, Lisa Marinelli
 11:00 – Joseph Varga by Dave & Linda Varga
 1:00pm (SP) – Miguel Santillan by Maria Santillan & Family
 5:30pm - Mr. & Mrs. James Sciascia by The Kullman Family

Stewardship

November 3, 2024:	\$11,059.00
Online Giving:	<u>3,375.00</u>
	\$14,434.00
All Saints	\$2,060.00
All Souls	\$1,459.00
Various Collections:	\$496.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

November 16 th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Chiazam Odemma
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Minister	Frances Ludwig
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odemma
	Server	Chimbuza Odemma
November 17 th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Oliver McKenna
	Server	Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
	Server	-
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Lector	Lissette Herrera
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Announcements	Ivan Lam
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	-
	Server	-

2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Total Received:	\$32,110.00

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, November 12th &

Tuesday, November 19th at 4:30pm

Contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL) at

908-454-0112 x406, if you have any questions.

HOLY HOUR



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

Pray for the Sick

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Eric Godleski, Martha Richline, Owen McCaffery, Grace Epo, Rich Dantine, Kevin Stannard, Cecilia Malizzi, & Michael Boyle.

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.

WARREN COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES

#474

The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 will be having a religious jewelry sale on November 9th & 10th at St. Philip & St. James Church and at St. Mary's Church in Alpha, after all masses. Our fundraisers allow us to help our charities in our community.

SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, starting at 10am: First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and the Third Tuesday at Phillipsburg nursing home. During this time sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick are available to the Catholic residents who desire them. In addition, Holy Communion is distributed to the Catholic residents of these facilities every Sunday. If you would like to participate in the ministry and pray with our elderly residents, please contact the Legion of Mary or Deacon Enock.

NURSING HOME SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS



Lopatcong Nursing Home: 11/10 Ron Rossini, 11/17 Ed Socci, & 11/24 Eileen Catalli.

Brakeley Nursing Home: 11/10 Mike Burke & Michael St. Jaques, 11/17 Deacon Francisco, & 11/24 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques.

Phillipsburg Care Center: Lisa Spanopolous 11/10 & 11/17 Beth Dispoto.

GIVING TREE

If you would like to help make the ornaments for the church's giving tree, we will be doing that on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 pm in the Parish



Christmas Giving Tree

Music Room. Please bring a single-hole punch and your Christmas cheer. Refreshments will be provided. Many hands make quick work.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, November 17th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES BY OVERDOSE OR SUICIDE

On Saturday, November 16th, at 6 pm in the Church, there will be a Prayer Service for those who lost loved ones by overdose or suicide. Our hearts are broken as we remember our loved ones. Bring a picture of your loved one to reflect & remember them. Candle Service included.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

November 10 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop - Memorial

“On a bitterly cold day, a famous legend goes, Martin met a poor man, almost naked, trembling in the cold and begging from passersby at the city gate. Martin had nothing but his weapons and his clothes. He drew his sword, cut his cloak into two pieces, gave one to the beggar and wrapped himself in the other half. Some of the bystanders laughed at his now odd appearance; others were ashamed at not having relieved the man’s misery. That night in his sleep Martin saw Christ dressed in the half of the garment he had given away, and heard him say, “Martin, still a catechumen, has covered me with his garment.” (Legend attributed to St. Martin)

November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr - Memorial

Prayer:

O Saint Josaphat, wonderful Saint and heroic martyr for the union of our Church with the Vicar of Christ, the Pope of Rome. Thou are glorious on account of thy zeal in the propagation of the true Catholic faith among our people. Thou art wonderful because of thy heroic martyrdom for the unity of faith of our people with the Holy See of Rome, the true center of orthodox Catholicism.

O glorious martyr of our Catholic Church, remember the nation of which thou wert a son, look at our people and pray to God for future reunion of all Ukrainians under one fold and one shepherd. May the day come soon in which all thy Brethren will assemble before thy holy relics in a free and independent Ukraine to give thanks to God for the union of all Ukrainians with the Holy See. Amen.

November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - Memorial

“Did a Magdalene, a Paul, a Constantine, an Augustine become mountains of ice after their conversion? Quite the contrary. We should never have had these prodigies of conversion and marvelous holiness if they had not changed the flames of human passion into volcanoes of immense love of God.” “I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him.”

November 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church - Optional Memorial

Even in our modern times, Saint Albert’s influence has continued to hold sway in the discussion of the relationship between faith and reason.

For instance, Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI both recognized this great saint as being among the first to recognize that philosophy and the sciences needed to be viewed distinctly from theology, if they were to perform well in their respective fields of research. As Pope Benedict XVI put it, “Saint Albert the Great reminds us that there is friendship between science and faith and that through their vocation to the study of nature, scientists can take an authentic and fascinating path of holiness.”

November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin - Optional Memorial

DEACON’S CORNER

The Love of Self

In this passage Jesus makes a series of charges against the scribes. They liked to walk about in flowing robes. A long robe which swept the ground was the sign of nobility. It was the kind of robe in which no one could either hurry or work and was the sign of the leisured man of honor.

At all events they liked to dress in such a way that drew attention to themselves and the honor they enjoyed. They liked greetings in the market place. The very title Rabbi means "My great one." To be so addressed was agreeable to their vanity. They liked the front seats in the synagogue. In the synagogue, in front of the ark where the sacred volumes were kept was a bench where the distinguished sat. It had the advantage of being in full view of the admiring congregation.

Jesus spoke very sternly in this passage. He warns against the desire for prominence. Is it still true that many people accept promotions in the life because they think they had earned it, rather than their desire to render selfless service to the people of God? Everyone likes to be treated with respect. And yet a basic fact of Christianity is that it ought to prepare a person to obliterate self rather than to exalt self.

He warns against self- gain. Is it still possible to use connections for self-gain and self-advancement? This is a warning to all who are in the society, for what they can get out of it and not for what they can put into it. We may feel that we have little in the way of material and personal gifts to give to God, but if we put all that we have and are at His disposal, He can do wonders with it and with us that are beyond our comprehension.

Remember: F. A. I. L.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

SACRED LINENS MINISTRY

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers of the Sacred Linens Ministry. Over the years, they have dedicated countless hours to ensure that our parish has clean and ready-to-use linens for our liturgical celebrations. I am confident that God will continue to bless and reward them for their efforts. Thank you to the following volunteers for their support of the Linens Ministry: Gwen Fisk, Jane Hanisek, Kelechi Odimma, Gladys Jauridez (Team Captain), Luisa Tacuria, Maria Rubi, Deydania Anyelina Rodriguez, and Virginia Garcia. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to call me at 908-310-7264. Angela M. Hardison – Coordinator.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Ticket sales for the December 8th Breakfast with Santa Event will start on November 16th after all masses. Cost is \$10 for ages 9-100, \$5 for ages 5-8, and free for children 4 and under. Please see the flyer within the bulletin for more information.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Alone? Without family? Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 12 noon for our Thanksgiving Dinner in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home by yourself, come and enjoy the day with us! For reservations, call 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

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

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.

POPE FRANCIS' CONSOLING WORDS TO THE VICTIMS OF THE FLOODING IN VALENCIA, SPAIN

I wished to greet the “Virgen de los Desamparados”, Our Lady who takes care of the poor, Patroness of Valencia; Valencia, which is suffering greatly, and also other parts of Spain, but Valencia which is underwater and suffering. I wanted her to be here, the Patroness of Valencia. This little image that the Valencians themselves gave to me. Today, in a special way, let us pray for Valencia and for the other areas of Spain that are suffering because of the flooding.



SPSJ CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO CANDIDATES



*Confirmation Candidates of the
SPSJ Faith Formation Program*



*Christian Charity Hours at the
Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner.*

Diocesan News

BLACK CATHOLIC GATHERING

There will be a Diocesan Black Catholic Gathering on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. This is a multi-ethnic committee of passionate Catholics, working to implement the Pastoral Plan of Action recommended by the National Black Catholic Congress last July. To register visit: www.diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry.

For more information contact mperez@diometuchen.org or deaconrickfortune@gmail.com.

RETROUVAILLE

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 28 – March 2, 2025**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or via email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES – PRESENTED BY FR. GLENN J. COMANDINI, S.T.D.

Eschatology Part I: Vision of Hope

\$20 - February 6 to March 13 - St. John Neumann Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

This introductory course will propose that the study of the last things, end times and creation of a new heaven and new earth pivots on the axis of hope. We will explore the major themes of eschatology: the Second Coming, Heaven, hell and purgatory and also examine the resurrection of the body, particular judgment and final judgment.

Eschatology Part II: The Book of Revelation

\$20 - March 20 to May 29 - St. John Neumann Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
In this continuation of the first course, we will examine this final book of the New Testament and the Apocalypse. We will dedicate extra attention, using Catholic exegesis, on The Seven Letters, The Seven Seals, The Seven Trumpets, The Woman Clothed with the Sun, The Dragon and the Lamb, The Seven Bowls, the Fate of Babylon and The Heavenly Rider.

For more information or to register: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation or call 732-562-1543.

Community News

FREE PRODUCE MARKET



On Wednesday, November 13, 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - THANKSGIVING BASKETS DRIVE

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking for the month of November food donations for Thanksgiving Baskets to distribute to those in need at the Social Services Center, 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg. If you would like to assist in this endeavor, please deliver the groceries or turkeys to the back entrance of the building. The food pantry is open Monday to Friday 10am – 3:30pm. God bless you for your generosity.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Thrift Store and Food Pantry at 387 South Main Street in Phillipsburg are in need of volunteers. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, contact Maria Hunter at 732-387-1315 for more details. Please consider this opportunity to practice the Works of Mercy and bring hope to someone in need. The most critical need is for the Thrift Store from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL
DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
TRIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Querida Familia!

¡Las elecciones han terminado! Felicitamos y deseamos lo mejor a la nueva administración y oramos por todos nuestros líderes. Como el servicio público exige entrega de los líderes, las lecturas se centran en el arte de la entrega. La primera lectura y el evangelio nos enseñan que no es lo que damos, sino por qué damos. Si el motivo detrás de nuestra entrega es esperar algún tipo de recompensa, debemos examinar la vida de Jesús más de cerca.

La viuda de la primera lectura y la viuda del Evangelio hicieron ofrendas de muy poco valor material, pero que eran preciosas para Dios porque ofrecieron de sus escasos recursos. Representan a todos los corazones generosos que siguen dando sin esperar nada a cambio. El Papa Francisco habla de tres “regalos irrevocables” de Dios. El amor de Dios es irrevocable por naturaleza, de modo que “cuando Dios da un regalo, este regalo es irrevocable”. El Papa identifica el primer regalo de la elección. Somos el pueblo elegido de Dios, elegidos por Dios. El segundo regalo es el regalo de la promesa. Dios nos prometió amor y compasión. Dios nos prometió una vida en abundancia. El tercero es el regalo de la Alianza. Este regalo nos recuerda la fidelidad de Dios hacia nosotros.

Disfrutamos de estos dones todos los días de nuestra vida. El punto de reflexión debe ser nuestra respuesta a estos dones al recibirlos con el corazón abierto. ¿Cómo percibo la elección de que Dios me llama a ser cristiano todos los días y no solo una hora del domingo? ¿Cómo vivo la promesa de salvación en mi vida? ¿Cómo soy fiel a la alianza de Dios? Al reflexionar sobre estos dones, me siento movido con espíritu a dar y ser generoso como las viudas en las lecturas (Primera lectura y Evangelio).

La parte más bendita del Evangelio es que Dios da testimonio de la generosidad de la viuda, cuando a otros no les importa o la ignoran. Todos nuestros intentos de revitalizar la Iglesia con la Renovación Eucarística, el Sínodo, el Año Jubileo 2025, etc., se centran en despertar nuestra vocación cristiana y responder al llamado de Dios con generosidad.

Cada uno de sus intentos de ser y convertirse en un cristiano activo y participativo en su parroquia es presenciado por Dios y bendecido por Él.

Acceso gratuito a la Formación Catequética para todos los líderes de ministerios: Visite **franciscanathome.com** para obtener más información. Esta es una plataforma gratuita y agradecemos a nuestra Diócesis por ponerla a disposición de todos nosotros de forma gratuita. **(Hay cursos en español.)**

Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OCIA): (Anteriormente conocida como R.I.C.A.) Comenzamos el programa OCIA hace unos domingos atrás en nuestra parroquia. Agradecemos a todos los miembros de este programa junto con el diácono Larry. ¡Oramos por todos los candidatos y les deseamos lo mejor!

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción se traslada al lunes 9 de diciembre:

Recordad que la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción es siempre un Día de Precepto, incluso cuando se traslada a otro día. Así pues, el lunes 9 de diciembre es un Día de Precepto.

El mes de noviembre:

Noviembre se celebra como el Mes de la Historia Católica Negra. La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos dedica noviembre como el Mes de los Pueblos Indígenas y el Mes Nacional de la Adopción. La Iglesia Universal celebra la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud el 24 de noviembre, cerca del Día de Acción de Gracias.

Año de Jubileo 2025:

El Papa Francisco ha anunciado que la Iglesia celebrará un Año de Jubileo en 2025, con el tema de “Peregrinos de la esperanza”. En preparación para el Año de Jubileo, el Papa Francisco pide a los católicos que se preparen dedicando tiempo a estudiar los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II y centrándose en la oración. Es necesario revisar las cuatro constituciones del Vaticano II (Sobre la Sagrada Liturgia, Luz de las Naciones, Palabra de Dios y La Iglesia en el Mundo Moderno). Estén atentos para obtener más información sobre este tema.

Apelación del Pastor, Agradecimientos al Consejo de Finanzas y al Equipo de Formación en la Fe:

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. Agradezco a todos los miembros del Consejo de Finanzas por presentarles a todos ustedes la importancia de la apelación de este año. También agradezco a todos los niños que participaron en la presentación. Les pido que consideren en oración ayudarnos con la apelación del Pastor este año para que las ideas que hemos planificado puedan implementarse a tiempo para nuestros niños y para nuestra parroquia.

Padre Antony

HORA SANTA

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

APELACIÓN DEL PASTOR 2024

Hasta ahora, la Apelación del Pastor ha recaudado \$32,110.00. ¡Mantengamos el impulso para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$150,000.00! Gracias por su generosidad.

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 12 de noviembre y
Martes 19 de noviembre**

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

MERCADO DE VERDURAS GRATIS



El miércoles 13 de noviembre 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.

DESAYUNO CON SANTA



La venta de entradas para el evento Desayuno con Santa del 8 de diciembre comenzará el 16 de noviembre después de todas las misas. El costo es de \$10 para niños de 9 a 100 años, \$5 para niños de 5 a 8 años y gratis para niños de 4 años o menos. Consulte el folleto incluido en el boletín para obtener más información.

NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

SEMINARIO DE ADVIENTO 2024

Seminario de Adviento: El Evangelio según San Lucas

Sábado 23 de Noviembre de 2024, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Los invitamos a participar de este seminario de adviento, donde el Padre Gustavo Amell S.T., explorará diferentes aspectos del evangelio según San Lucas, y nos ayudará a reflexionar sobre el mensaje que nos brinda, a la luz de nuestra vida de fe.

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