

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † NOVEMBER 17, 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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(Para asistencia en español)

A Single Offering...



Hebrews 10:12

*But this one offered
one sacrifice for
sins, and took his
seat forever at the
right hand of
God ...*

Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

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.

Mon. 11/18/24

7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the Church.

Tues. 11/19/24

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. 11/20/24

Thurs. 11/21/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 11/22/24

Sat. 11/23/24

7am-8am Men's Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am Prayers for Life Liberty & Marriage in the Church, 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & Breakfast with Santa Ticket Sale after 4:30pm Mass.

Sunday 11/24/24

10am OCIA in Conference Room, & Breakfast with Santa Ticket Sale after all masses.

THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

This Sunday is the second to the last Sunday of the church year. The following Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The readings logically speak about the 'last things' (Eschatology). The parable of the fig tree sprouting its leaves points us to late spring and early summer which reminds us of good times for the people. For us Catholic Christians, the end of the world is not God losing control of the earth, rather God bringing things to a triumphant end.

The Book of Daniel is considered the first of the apocalyptic literature in the Bible is filled with joy and hope in the kingdom ruled directly by the Lord. This type of literature is filled with mysterious language in which everything has a symbolic value: numbers, colors, animals, types of clothing etc. and they should be carefully decoded.

The Gospel also opens with the typical images of the apocalyptic literature: The sun will grow dark, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall out of the sky, and the whole universe will be shaken (vv24-25). Jesus takes these images to console them and not frighten them. Plagues, famines, violence and persecutions which they must confront are signs of a world still dominated by evil but as Christians we are people of hope.

Today (33rd Sunday) is the World Day of the Poor:

Why Pope Francis established the day in 2017. After the Year of Mercy, the pope said he wanted to set aside a day so that, throughout the world, Christian communities could become even greater signs of Christ's charity for those in need. We are called, Pope Francis wrote in his first World Day of the Poor message, "to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them, and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself." The pope said that for Christ's disciples, "poverty is, above all, a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty," and he asked Catholics to take as their example Saint Francis of Assisi, who kept his gaze fixed on Christ, allowing him to see and serve the poor.

Next Sunday (Christ the King) a day of Remembrance to pray for Religious Freedom: Attacks on Catholic Churches in the U.S.

At least 360 incidents have occurred across 43 states and the District of Columbia since May 2020. Incidents include arson, statues beheaded, limbs cut, smashed, and painted, gravestones defaced with swastikas and anti-Catholic language and American flags next to them burned, and other destruction and vandalism. This list shows incidents of vandalism, arson, or other destruction at Catholic sites that have been publicly reported in news media. It excludes incidents where circumstances suggest a motive other than hostility toward the Church.

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.

Advent Penance Service:

Please join the parish community for a Penance Service on December 10th. The Faith Formation Team, parents, children will have their penance at 4:30pm in the Church. At 7pm the penance service for all parishioners will take place in the Church.

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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th – *The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul; & St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

6:45am – Gary Curtis by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Gabriel N. Simonetta by Tom & Mary Jiorle

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th –

6:45am – Nancy Johnson by Elaine & Vance Opdyke
 12:10pm – Laura McDonald by Mom, Dad, Jimmy, & Angie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

6:45am – Souls in Purgatory by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Travis Maddock by Vance Opdyke

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st – The

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 6:45am – Margaret & Joe Petchonka by Your children
 12:10pm – Jack Carey by Eileen Carey

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd – St. Cecilia

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd – *St. Clement & St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*

8:00am – Gabriel Simonetta by Sue & Nick Angelozzi
 4:30pm – Sharon Linkowski by Eileen Dean

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:00am – Mariann Fisher by Deacon Rob
 9:00 – Caterina Sestito by Grandson, William Lear
 11:00 – Connor Babula by Family
 1:00pm (SP) – Aurelia Rodríguez by Verónica Rodríguez
 5:30pm - Richard Solt by Family

Stewardship

November 10, 2024:	\$11,493.56
Online Giving:	2,465.50
	\$13,959.06

For the Poor	\$1,331.00
Various Collections:	\$246.78

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

November 24th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Mary O’Sullivan
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Server	Gavin Hayes
	Server	Mark Talpas

November 25th

7:00am	Acolyte	Oliver McKenna
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	Anthony Stefano

9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Minister	Maria Gural
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic

11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Robby Basel
	Server	Luke Sretenovic

1:00pm	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Laura Garcia
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Gladys Jauridez
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez

5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	-
	Server	-

2024 PASTOR’S APPEAL

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Total Received:	\$32,710.00

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 19th at 4:30pm &
Tuesday, November 26th - NO CLASSES**

**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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

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The Knights of Columbus will be offering Christmas cards for sale after all masses November 16th and 17th.

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: 11/17 Ed Socci, 11/24 Eileen Catalli & 12/1 Anne Coyle.
Brakeley Nursing Home: 11/17 Deacon Francisco, & 11/24 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques.
Phillipsburg Care Center: 11/17 Beth Dispoto.

"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.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

As of Friday, December 6th the church office will close at 1pm on Fridays. The hours from Monday to Thursday will remain the same.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

November 17 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day of the Poor)

The **World Day of the Poor** is celebrated on the 33rd since 2017. It was established by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, issued on 20 November 2016 to celebrate the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The following two paragraphs are from the reflection of Pope Francis on the World Day of Poor 2024. “1. The prayer of the poor rises up to God (cf. Sir 21:5). In this year dedicated to prayer in anticipation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, this expression of biblical wisdom is most fitting as we prepare for the Eighth World Day of the Poor, which will be observed on 17 November. Indeed, Christian hope embraces the certainty that our prayer reaches God’s presence; not just any prayer but rather the prayer of the poor! Let us reflect on this word and “read” it on the faces and in the stories of the poor whom we encounter daily, so that prayer can become a path of communion with them and a sharing in their suffering.” “7. The World Day of the Poor has now become a fixture for every ecclesial community. It is a pastoral opportunity not to be underestimated, for it challenges every believer to listen to the prayer of the poor, becoming aware of their presence and needs. It is an opportune occasion to implement initiatives that concretely help the poor and to recognize and support the many volunteers who dedicate themselves passionately to those most in need. We must thank the Lord for the people who make themselves available to listen to and support the poorest among us. They are priests, consecrated persons, lay men and women who, by their testimony, give voice to God’s response to the prayer of those who turn to him. This silence, therefore, is broken every time a person in need is welcomed and embraced. The poor still have much to teach us because in a culture that has placed wealth at the forefront and often sacrifices the dignity of people on the altar of material goods, they swim against the tide, highlighting that what is essential for life is something else entirely.”

October 18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin - Optional Memorial

November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial

“Hail, holy throne of God, divine sanctuary, house of glory, jewel most fair, chosen treasure house, and mercy seat for the whole world, heaven showing forth the glory of God. Purest Virgin, worthy of all praise, sanctuary dedicated to God and raised above all human condition, virgin soil, unplowed field, flourishing vine, fountain pouring out waters, virgin bearing a child, mother without knowing man, hidden treasure of innocence, ornament of sanctity, by your most acceptable prayers, strong with the authority of motherhood, to our Lord and God, Creator of all, your Son who was born of you without a father, steer the ship of the Church and bring it to a quiet harbor” (adapted from a homily by St. Germanus on the Presentation of the Mother of God).

November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr - Memorial

November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr- Optional Memorial

DEACON’S CORNER

Be on the Watch

Reflecting on our gospel passage for today, Jesus speaks of His second coming. He states the three events that are connected with this occurrence in time. This day of the Lord is to be preceded by a time of wars and the darkening of the sun and the moon. Lastly the Jews are to be gathered back to Palestine from the four corners of the earth.

There are three special points in this passage. It refers to Jesus’ prophecies about the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple. Only the Father knows the day or the hour that Jesus will come again. It is obvious to us that the prediction of His coming would be very unsuccessful. We live in the shadow of eternity. There is no reason for fear, but it means that our day to day work must continue to be pleasing to our Creator, helping our neighbor and growing in love and forgiveness. We must live so that when He does return, we are ready to meet Him face to face because HE IS COMING!

Remember: F. A. I. L.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

THE “UPPER ROOMS” OF MERCY HALL



On Sunday, November 3rd we heard from some of our Faith Formation students about what they are learning in their Faith Formation Class. I remember back to my days in CCD that took place in the Mercy Hall building. I remember coming to the church during our classes to learn different things about the mass, the Saints, & even the statues in the church. But besides that, there was our Mercy Hall Building. You can walk through the hall & remember the classrooms & the teachers. The rooms were beautiful, filled with laughter & friends.

Now we are in need to refurbish the classrooms. But first we need to repair the roof. Then the next step is to repair the “Upper Rooms.” Let’s take a minute & ask ourselves about the “The Upper Rooms” Does this ring a bell with anyone? We were taught about Jesus’ teaching in the Upper Room his disciples. Our children are our future. They will be our disciples for future generations. Let us teach our children in the Upper Rooms & let us bring them to the church to continue the learning process of our Faith. Learning about the mass & maybe one day one of our children will ask God, what can I do for you? Hopefully, they will hear the answer – to maybe become a priest or religious or even maybe the vocation of matrimony. This all starts with Faith Formation & a new Roof. Any contribution big or small will help us reach the goal of \$150,000, which we are currently at around \$32,000. Feel free to stop in the office for a tour of the building or to ask more questions. It seems like a lot to ask for, but the flat roof needs to be replaced & the slate roof needs repairs. So, I ask you will you help fix the “Upper rooms” for future disciples?

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.

LEGION OF MARY SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying “*receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire....it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace.*” The Scapular Investiture will take place on Saturday, December 7th after the 4:30pm Mass.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 188 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.

Diocesan News

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, December 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.

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 TERCER DOMINGO DEL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Querida Familia!

Este domingo es el penúltimo domingo del año eclesiástico. El domingo siguiente celebraremos la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Las lecturas hablan lógicamente de las “últimas cosas” (escatología). La parábola de la higuera que echa hojas nos lleva a finales de la primavera y principios del verano, lo que nos recuerda los buenos tiempos para el pueblo. Para nosotros, los cristianos católicos, el fin del mundo no es que Dios pierda el control de la tierra, sino que Dios lleve las cosas a un final triunfal.

El libro de Daniel, considerado el primero de la literatura apocalíptica de la Biblia, está lleno de alegría y esperanza en el reino gobernado directamente por el Señor. Este tipo de literatura está llena de un lenguaje misterioso en el que todo tiene un valor simbólico: números, colores, animales, tipos de ropa, etc. y deben ser descifrados con cuidado.

El Evangelio también se abre con las imágenes típicas de la literatura apocalíptica: el sol se oscurecerá, la luna no dará su luz, las estrellas caerán del cielo y todo el universo se sacudirá (vv. 24-25). Jesús toma estas imágenes para consolarlos y no para asustarlos. Las plagas, las hambrunas, la violencia y las persecuciones que deben afrontar son signos de un mundo todavía dominado por el mal, pero como cristianos somos personas de esperanza.

Hoy (33° domingo) se celebra la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres:

Por qué el Papa Francisco instituyó esta jornada en 2017. Después del Año de la Misericordia, el Papa dijo que quería dedicar una jornada para que, en todo el mundo, las comunidades cristianas pudieran convertirse en signos aún mayores de la caridad de Cristo hacia los necesitados. Estamos llamados, escribió el Papa Francisco en su primer mensaje para la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, "a acercarnos a los pobres, a encontrarlos, a encontrar su mirada, a abrazarlos y hacerles sentir el calor del amor que rompe su soledad. Su mano extendida es también una invitación a salir de nuestras certezas y comodidades, y a reconocer el valor de la pobreza en sí misma".

El Papa dijo que para los discípulos de Cristo, "la pobreza es, sobre todo, una llamada a seguir a Jesús en su propia pobreza", y pidió a los católicos que siguieran como ejemplo a San Francisco de Asís, que mantuvo su mirada fija en Cristo, permitiéndole ver y servir a los pobres.

El próximo domingo (Cristo Rey) será un día de recuerdo para orar por la libertad religiosa:

Ataques a iglesias católicas en EE. UU.

Al menos 360 incidentes han ocurrido en 43 estados y el Distrito de Columbia desde mayo de 2020. Los incidentes incluyen incendios provocados, estatuas decapitadas, miembros cortados, destrozados y pintados, lápidas profanadas con esvásticas y lenguaje anticatólico y banderas estadounidenses quemadas junto a ellas, y otros tipos de destrucción y vandalismo. Esta lista muestra incidentes de vandalismo, incendios provocados u otros tipos de destrucción en lugares católicos que han sido reportados públicamente en los medios de comunicación. Excluye incidentes en los que las circunstancias sugieren un motivo distinto a la hostilidad hacia la Iglesia.

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 que, el lunes 9 de diciembre es un Día de Precepto.

Servicio de penitencia de Adviento:

Únase a la comunidad parroquial para un servicio de penitencia el 10 de diciembre. El equipo de formación en la fe, los padres y los niños tendrán su penitencia a las 4:30 pm en la iglesia. Y las 7 pm se llevará a cabo el servicio de penitencia para todos los feligreses en la iglesia.

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 \$32,710.00. ¡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 19 de noviembre a las 4:30pm y
Martes 26 de noviembre – No Habrá Clases**

**Comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Duran
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al 908-454-0112 x406, si tiene alguna pregunta.**

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El miércoles 11 de diciembre 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.

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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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