

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + JANUARY 19, 2025

Mission Statement

To love God and neighbor by sharing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through prayerful celebration of His Sacraments, ministering to all in need, protecting life, and welcoming all who come to us.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:00 am

Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (*Spanish*) & 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses: Monday - Friday:

6:45 am & 12:10 pm

Confessions: Saturdays 10:00 am

& 3:15 pm

Adoration: Monday - Friday:

7:30 am—8 pm in the Chapel

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(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm, Tues.—

Thurs. 9am-12:30pm (Closed for lunch)

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

THE
WEDDING
FEAST AT
CANA



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/19/25

10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall, 1pm Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall, & Columbiettes Postulants & Seminarians Collection after all masses.

Mon. 1/20/25

Church Office & Adoration Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church.

Tues. 1/21/25

9am-10am Legion of Mary in Conference Room, 4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in the Conference Room, 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

Wed. 1/22/25

7pm Spanish Mass in Church.

Thurs. 1/23/25

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 1/24/25

Sat. 1/25/25

7am-8am Men’s Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am Prayer for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church, & 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

Sunday 1/26/25

10am OCIA in Conference Room, 11am Mass for start of Catholic School Week in Church & 1pm-3pm Open House at SSPJ School.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

January 18 - 25th every year is devoted to praying for Christian Unity. More on this topic in the Memorials & Feast section of the Bulletin. As we step into Ordinary Time, we are still getting to know the personality of Jesus. Jesus begins his public ministry with his mission statement 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good news to the poor'. At the beginning of his public ministry Mary plays an important role in revealing the Heart of Jesus - Mary, the mother of Jesus' love and compassion reaching out to the poor and needy as proclaimed in the Gospel today.

Mary will also be present at the end of Jesus' public ministry once again to reveal the Heart of Jesus - Jesus thus makes Mary the priority for all his beloved disciples. Those who look up to the Cross of Jesus, are made to look at Mary as their Mother for comfort and strength. The Disciple accepts Mary and takes her home, thus the salvation that Jesus offers to the church is symbolized in and through Mary. Mary would continue to intercede on our behalf because she lives with us, and she is one of us.

As Mary enriches the Church through her holiness and humble submission for the Glory of God and love for her children, we too can enrich the church through our own participation in making God known and loved. The Second Reading gives us the list of the many gifts that we enjoy from God. They could be grown and harvested for the glory of God so that we can feed the poor and needy of our society. Mary spoke to the servers - she speaks to all of us. Her message is one of service!

On the 22nd of January, the Church remembers the Unborn. Please remember the needs of young mothers and the well-being of pregnant women in our community.

Parish Survey:

My sincere thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council in putting together the survey for the parish with regard to mass scheduling. As we observed during Christmas an increased participation of parishioners and thanks to all of you for an increasing offertory during Christmas, I continue to encourage you and stress the importance of Sunday Worship as it is the source and summit of our Christian living.

There were times we had about 5 or 6 priests in the rectory ministering to various needs of the parish. So far, thanks to the extraordinary ministries of Monsignor Corona and Father Barbella we could continue to offer six masses during the weekend. Discussions with our Bishop, councils and other individuals, we understand the wisdom in reducing just one mass as we did for the weekdays. I thank you for your inputs and time invested in completing the survey and all your prayers. Please continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in leading our parish community.

Jubilee Year 2025: (Jubilee of World Communications - Jan 24-26)

Pope Francis has announced that the Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year in 2025, with the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Bishop Checchio opened the 2025 Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Metuchen on Saturday, December 28, 2024, the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In the Jubilee Year, various jubilees are planned and scheduled to be celebrated. In the month of January, we just have one jubilee. From the 24th-26th of January, the Church celebrates the Jubilee of World Communications. The Church remembers and prays for all involved in the work of communications and media: All those who profess Jesus and His Gospel, professionals or students pursuing a career in communication. This includes diocesan and secular media, videographers, graphic designers, writers, publishers and people who work in public relations, marketing, public information, and digital and social media.

Pastor's Appeal:

I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. The roof repair has begun in the Mercy Hall Building. As promised we have completed initial repairs to the roof. We will restart the permanent renovation in the spring. In the meantime, we will be acquiring all the restroom and flooring materials for the 3rd floor. 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, JANUARY 19th – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People
 9:00 – Gabriel Lantos by Friends of Lafayette
 11:00 – Frank Joseph Donahue Jr. by McGeary Family
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Anthony & Joana Sinchi by Louisa
 5:30pm – Frances Fulse by Mondzak Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 20th – *St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr*

6:45am – **No Mass**
 9:00am – Marjorie Blodgett by Mary Lilly
 12:10pm – **No Mass**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st – *St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr*

6:45am – Donald R. Gretta (A) by Wife & Children
 12:10pm – John F. O'Donnell by Peg Lilly

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd

6:45am – Deceased Members of SSPJ BY Ron Rossini
 12:10pm – Mason Kinsey by Kevin
 7:00pm – *Sp. Int. Anthony & Johana Sinchi by Luisa

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23rd – *St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

6:45am – Rosa Suscal by Louisa
 12:10pm – Selena Quintanilla-Pérez by Kevin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th – *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Luis Tacuri by Louisa
 12:10pm – Margaret “Peggy” Zarbatany by Kelly Ballas & Milcle Karabinus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th – FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE

8:00am – Kathleen Reynolds by Catalli Family
 4:30pm – *Special Intention by Jeannine Riotto

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People
 9:00 – Living & Deceased Members of SSPJ Class of 1960 by Thomas & Barbara Sullivan
 11:00 – Eva Dyrek by Renie Popovice
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Anthony & Joana Sinchi by Louisa
 5:30pm – Jeanne Ruppert by Bruce & Joan Tibbott

Stewardship

January 12, 2025	
	\$9,169.10
Online Giving:	<u>2,930.50</u>
	\$12,099.60
Together in Charity	\$1,375.55
Various Collections:	\$1,090.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

January 25th		
4:30pm	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Anthony Ventura Lisa De Gerolamo - Melody Talpas Mark Talpas Chimbuza Odimma
January 26th		
7:00am	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Oliver McKenna Susan Gerhardt Brett Bruckman Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	- Rachel Lazier María Gural Marion Smith Luke Sretenovic Gabriel Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Joseph Cruz Carol Bevilacqua Paul Juliano Karen Juliano Andrew Sretenovic Adam Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector Lector Minister Announcements Server Server Server	Oscar Dilone Anyelina Rodríguez Gladys Jauridez Juan Lalama - Ayeisha Jauridez José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte Lector Server Server	- R. Craig Ellis - -

2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Total Received:	\$44,801.00

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

Thank you for your generosity.

**On Monday, January 20th,
 the Church Office & Adoration
 will be closed in Observance of
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**Faith Formation Classes at the SSPJ School at
137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg NJ.
Tuesday, January 21st – 4:30pm
Tuesday, January 28th – 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 February 7, 2025 (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, Paxton John Bowman & John Carrig.

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.

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: 1/26 Ed Socci, 2/2 Eileen Catalli & 2/9 Anne Coyle

Brakeley Nursing Home: 1/26 Deacon Francisco, 2/2 Eileen Dean & Mike Burke & 2/9 Deacon Francisco

Phillipsburg Care Center: 2/2 Lisa Spanopolous & 2/9 Beth Dispoto

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY & MARRIAGE

Join us on January 25th, after the 8am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will pray specifically for the unborn & mothers in crisis pregnancies.

DAY OF PRAYER & NOVENA

Did you know? This Wednesday, January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance, respectlife.org/january-22. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying for the protection of human life January 16-24. Sign up today at 9daysforlife.com!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

The Knights of Columbus will have a bus going to the March for Life on Friday, January 24th in Washington DC. The bus will leave Immaculate Conception Church Annandale at 7am with another pick up in Flemington at 7:30am in the Harbor Freight RT 206 parking lot. The cost will be \$75 per adult, which will include dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant on the way home. Please contact Bill Smith at smithbuilders@hotmail.com or call 908-797-7359 for more information.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

January 19 Sun - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18-25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*).

This year's theme is taken from John 11:26 "Do you believe this?" For this year, 2025, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our days. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

January 20 Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Optional Memorial of St. Sebastian, Martyr

January 21 Tue - Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

January 22 Wed - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 23 Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, Optional Memorial of St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

January 24 Fri - Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Pope Francis in his Catechesis on Wednesday, 28th December, 2022: *"In this Christmas season, our reflections on Jesus' birth can be enhanced by some thoughts of the great Doctor of the Church, Saint Francis de Sales. Today, on the fourth centenary of his death, I have published a new Apostolic Letter to recall some of the richness of his teaching.*

For Francis de Sales, the mystery of Christmas directs our gaze to the poverty and simplicity of the manger as the sign of Christ's true identity as God among us. God, who knows our weaknesses, our sins and our hardness of heart, chose to draw us to himself by bonds of love, coming into our world as a newborn child. The birth of Jesus thus reveals God's utterly free, gracious and indeed "disarming" love. Saint Francis teaches us to welcome the Lord into our hearts by joyfully imitating his detachment from worldly wealth and power, and, like the infant Jesus, by learning "to desire nothing and to refuse nothing, to accept everything that God sends us", with complete confidence in his loving providence. May the lowly manger of Bethlehem inspire us to imitate that boundless love of God, made flesh in the Child of Bethlehem, the Savior of the world."

January 25 Sat - Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

DEACON'S CORNER

In John's Gospel, Jesus' miracles are called "signs" because they point to something deeper than the miracle itself. In the story of the wedding at Cana, Jesus turns water into wine, which symbolizes the transition from the old order to the New Covenant. This is a sign that Jesus is the Messiah, who will bring an abundance of new wine, a symbol of God's goodness. God's glory is not what humans expect it to be but is instead a quiet miracle that fulfills God's service to creation. Faith is a gift that comes from a wonder at the miracle of Christ. Without faith, good works are based on the wrong premise of self-preservation or utilitarianism. Mother Mary tells the servants, "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you". Some say that the present tense in which she speaks makes it seem like she's speaking directly to us, telling us to do what Jesus tells us to no matter the circumstance. The word "hour" refers to the era of eschatological fulfillment, especially Jesus' glorification through his death, resurrection, and ascension.

Deacon Francisco

INVESTING IN THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN

In introducing the Jubilee Year 2025 as the Year of Hope, Pope Francis talked about the young people, our children in the following words: "Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike, and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope.... For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

Our action plan for this year is to get our roof repaired and renovate all the 5 classrooms on the top floor of Mercy Hall. This includes brand new restrooms also. Please continue to pray for this important project. Thank you!

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Youth Group will be having their annual Pasta Supper on Sunday, February 2nd from 12pm-6pm. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and children under 5 are free. Gluten free options will be available. If you have any questions, please contact St. Mary's Parish Office at 908-454-0444.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 159 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. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall.

The advertisement features a background image of a school building with trees. At the top left is the logo for 'Saints Philip & James School EST 1875'. At the top right is the 'RaiseRight' logo with the tagline 'Simply the right way to fundraise'. The main text reads 'SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Help Catholic families pay tuition WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME!'. A yellow banner at the bottom of the main text area says 'Order Gift Cards for the things *you* need.' Below the banner, it lists 'In one of 3 Easy Ways :'. The three ways are: 'Online - Go to RaiseRight.com and sign up with code 5CF9F42E1L56', 'In-Person - Visit SSPJ School Monday-Friday', and 'After Mass - Gift cards on sale after 11am & 1pm Mass on Jan. 26, 2025'. At the bottom, there are three icons: a phone icon with the number '(908) 859-1244 x713', a globe icon with the URL 'sspjn.org/raiseright', and a person icon with the email 'raiseright@spsj.org'.

Diocesan News

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than March 31, 2025. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat February 21-23, 2025 at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington NJ. Rachel's Vineyard is a sanctuary of hope and healing for those carrying the heavy burden of loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. It is a place where hearts broken by pain can be mended, and where the mercy and love of God can soothe even the deepest wounds. Through our confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreats, you will find a safe space to grieve, to release the weight of guilt, shame, or anger, and to begin the journey toward renewal and peace. These retreats are not just about healing; they are about reclaiming your voice, finding forgiveness, and embracing the profound truth that you are loved beyond measure. No matter how much time has passed, you deserve this healing. Whether you're a mother, father, grandparent, sibling, or someone touched by abortion in any way, Rachel's Vineyard welcomes you with open arms. Let this be the moment you step out of the shadows and into the light of restoration and hope. To register, or for more information, please contact Leah at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site. Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org for more information on retreat dates and locations. Healing is waiting for you, and you are not alone.

BEREAVEMENT FACILITATOR TRAINING COURSE

Registration for the Bereavement Facilitator Training Course is now open. This six-session course will be held Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm on Zoom/Teams starting February 12 to March 26, 2025 (No class on March 5, Ash Wednesday). This program is designed for individuals who want to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or who wish to start a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. It can also benefit anyone who ministers to the bereaved in parishes in different capacities.

For more information or to register visit:

<https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition-2025>

MINISTRY FOR SENIORS

If you are part of or would like to start a Parish Ministry for Seniors Citizens you are invited to the Ministry for Seniors Roundtable on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 10am to 12pm. Parish Outreach may include Wellness & Exercise, Prayer Companions, Field Trips, Workshops & Seminars, Home Visits & Meals, and Social Time. This is a free event. To register visit: <https://diometuchen.org/events/ministry-for-seniors-roundtable>. For more information contact jruggiero@diometuchen.org or call 732-243-4574.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Del 18 al 25 de enero de cada año se dedica a rezar por la unidad de los cristianos. Más sobre este tema en la sección conmemoraciones y fiestas del Boletín. A medida que entramos en el Tiempo Ordinario, todavía estamos conociendo la personalidad de Jesús. Jesús comienza su ministerio público con su declaración de misión: "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí...para llevar la buena nueva a los pobres". Al comienzo de su ministerio público, María desempeña un papel importante en la revelación del Corazón de Jesús: María, la madre del amor y la compasión de Jesús, que se extiende a los pobres y necesitados, como se proclama en el Evangelio de hoy.

María también estará presente al final del ministerio público de Jesús una vez más para revelar el Corazón de Jesús, por lo que Jesús hace de María la prioridad para todos sus amados discípulos. Aquellos que miran hacia la Cruz de Jesús, están hechos para mirar a María como su Madre en busca de consuelo y fuerza. El discípulo acepta a María y la lleva a su casa, por lo que la salvación que Jesús ofrece a la iglesia está simbolizada en y a través de María. María seguirá intercediendo por nosotros porque vive con nosotros y es una de nosotros.

Así como María enriquece a la Iglesia a través de su santidad y humilde sumisión para la gloria de Dios y el amor por sus hijos, nosotros también podemos enriquecer a la Iglesia a través de nuestra propia participación en dar a conocer y amar a Dios. La segunda lectura nos da la lista de los muchos dones que disfrutamos de Dios. Podrían cultivarse y cosecharse para la gloria de Dios para que podamos alimentar a los pobres y necesitados de nuestra sociedad. María habló a los servidores, nos habla a todos nosotros. ¡Su mensaje es de servicio!

El 22 de enero, la Iglesia recuerda a los no nacidos. Por favor, recuerde las necesidades de las madres jóvenes y el bienestar de las mujeres embarazadas en nuestra comunidad.

Encuesta Parroquial:

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial por elaborar la encuesta para la parroquia con respecto a la programación de misas.

Como observamos durante la Navidad una mayor participación de los feligreses y gracias a todos ustedes por un ofertorio cada vez mayor durante la Navidad, continúo animándolos y enfatizando la importancia del culto dominical, ya que es la fuente y la cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana.

Hubo momentos en que teníamos unos 5 o 6 sacerdotes en la rectoría ministrando a diversas necesidades de la parroquia. Hasta ahora, gracias a los ministerios extraordinarios de Monseñor Corona y del Padre Barbella, hemos podido seguir ofreciendo seis misas durante el fin de semana. De las discusiones con nuestro Obispo, los consejos y otras personas, comprendemos la sabiduría de reducir una sola misa como lo hacíamos para los días de semana. Les agradezco sus aportes y el tiempo invertido en completar la encuesta y todas sus oraciones. Por favor, continúen orando por la guía del Espíritu Santo para guiar a nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Año Jubilar 2025: (Jubileo de las Comunicaciones Mundiales - 24 al 26 de enero)

El Papa Francisco ha anunciado que la Iglesia celebrará un Año Jubilar en 2025, con el tema "Peregrinos de la Esperanza". El Obispo Checchio inauguró el Año Jubilar 2025 en la Diócesis de Metuchen el sábado 28 de diciembre de 2024, Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. En el Año Jubilar, se planean y programan varios jubileos. En el mes de enero, solo tenemos un jubileo. Del 24 al 26 de enero, la Iglesia celebra el Jubileo de las Comunicaciones Mundiales. La Iglesia recuerda y reza por todos los que se dedican al trabajo de la comunicación y de los medios de comunicación: a todos los que profesan a Jesús y su Evangelio, a los profesionales o a los estudiantes que siguen una carrera en la comunicación. Esto incluye medios de comunicación diocesanos y seculares, videógrafos, diseñadores gráficos, escritores, editores y personas que trabajan en relaciones públicas, marketing, información pública y medios digitales y sociales.

Apelación del Pastor:

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. La reparación del techo ha comenzado en el edificio del Salón de la Misericordia. Como prometimos, hemos completado las reparaciones iniciales del techo. Reiniciaremos la renovación permanente en la primavera. Mientras tanto, estaremos adquiriendo todos los materiales de baños y pisos para el 3er piso. 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 hijos y para nuestra parroquia.

P. Antony

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



Martes 21 de enero – 4:30 pm en la escuela

Martes 28 de enero – 4:30 pm en la escuela

137 Roseberry St.

**Comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Duran
(Directora de Catequesis Parroquial)**

sí tiene alguna pregunta al 908-454-0112 x406.

HORA SANTA

Todos son bienvenidos a reunirse para la Hora Santa el 7 de febrero del 2025 (primer viernes del mes) 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 \$44,801.00. ¡Mantengamos el impulso para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$150,000.00! Gracias por su generosidad.

ASISTENCIA PARA LA MATRÍCULA EN LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS 2025-2026 EL PROCESO DE SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA ESTÁ ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda en la matrícula para asistir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora, a través de la Evaluación de subvenciones y ayuda de FACTS en <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) a más tardar el 31 de marzo de 2025. La Diócesis también exige un **Formulario de Verificación parroquial, que debe estar firmado por su Párroco y presentarse en la escuela o escuelas a las que asisten sus hijos. Los requisitos de elegibilidad, las instrucciones y los formularios se pueden encontrar en <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.** Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o que necesiten acceso a una computadora para presentar la solicitud deben comunicarse con su escuela.



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Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

Please RSVP no later than March 23 2025, to:

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Name: _____ No. Attending _____ Amount: _____

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Email or phone contact: (Please include contact info for everyone in your group – can be added to back of form)

Please list any food allergies or special dietary requirements on your dinner reservations.

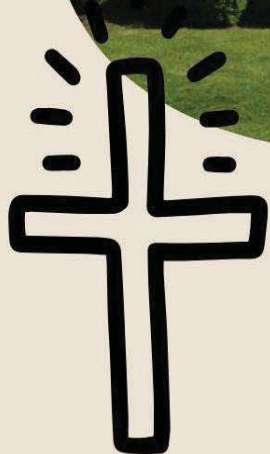
We would like to accommodate your preference for seating and can reserve tables of eight, and limited tables of 9 or 10 guests. Please indicate the guests for your table on the back of this form.

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Presently we have 6 Masses on weekends with the 7AM being the least attended.

The Pastoral Council, in discussion with Fr. Antony, has suggested consolidating the 7AM and 9AM Masses and changing Mass times to:

Saturday 4:30PM

Sunday 8AM, 11AM, 1PM (Spanish), & 5:30PM

Please take a minute to offer your thoughts:

1. Do you agree with consolidating 7AM & 9AM Masses?

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