

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † FEBRUARY 23, 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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Thurs. 9am-12:30pm (Closed for lunch)

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 2/23/25

10am OCIA in the Conference Room.

Mon. 2/24/25

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

Tues. 2/25/25

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

Wed. 2/26/25

10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room & 7pm Spanish Mass in the Church.

Thurs. 2/27/25

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

Friday 2/28/25

Sat. 3/1/25

8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church, 9am Timon Committee in PMR, & 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

Sunday 3/2/25

10am OCIA in Conference Room & 3pm-7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in PMR.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

As we come to the close of the first part of the Season of the Ordinary Time after the 8th Sunday (next weekend) and begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) the Gospel especially continues to focus on ‘Discipline of a Christian’ in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke’s Gospel). This Sunday the emphasis is on ‘speech’. The Christian Discipline requires that our speech be one of kindness, compassion and forgiveness as opposed to divisive and judgmental.

We produce good or bad in the store of our hearts; good person produces good but evil person produces evil. Most often we blame the speech as if the good or evil is produced by our words or actions. The good or evil is revealed by our words and actions. The Catechism beautifully teaches the truths of our Moral Conscience in CCC 1776.

“Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths”

The words of Saint John Paul II is so relevant as we reflect on the readings this Sunday: “The only path to peace is forgiveness. Forgiveness given and received enables a new kind of relationship among people, breaking the spiral of hatred and revenge and shattering the chains of evil which bind the hearts of those in conflict with one another. For nations in search of reconciliation and for those who hope for peaceful co-existence between individuals and peoples, there is no other way than this: forgiveness given and received.”

Diocesan programs for parishes in Feb and Mar: The **Jubilee Mass Series for Hispanic Youth and Young Adults** (the last Friday of each month), the **Parish Ministry for Seniors Roundtable** (March 1), the **Rite of Election** (March 9), the **Christian Anthropology Workshop** (March 20) and the **Choices Matter Conference** (March 29).

Jubilee Year 2025: (Jubilees in February 2025)

In the month of February, there are three important Jubilees: the Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police, & Security and the Jubilee for Artists, these two took place earlier this month; and from the 21st to 23rd we have the Jubilee of the Deacons. We are grateful for all our deacons Enock, Larry, Rob and Francisco and the Deacon Candidates Rob and Oscar. Our bishop ordained Jan Magcawas to the order of Deacons yesterday at St. Joseph’s Church, North Plainfield - a great day to honor our deacons! Coming up in March we have the following Jubilees: World of Volunteering (8-9), On the 28th we have a “24 Hours for the Lord” - a special day of prayer for the Jubilee and Jubilee of Missionaries of Mercy (28-30).

2025 Lenten Obligation:

March 5th Ash Wednesday and April 18th Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, & 11 are days of abstinence. Fasting applies to only Catholics between ages 18 and 59. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

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, FEBRUARY 23rd – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People
 9:00 – Fred Ferber by Jeannine Riotto
 11:00 – Ruth & Howard James by Pat & Mike James
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Jonathan Sinchi by Louisa
 5:30pm – Antonio & Marie Caccese by Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

6:45am – Timothy Balas (A) by Family
 12:10pm – Matthew Perry by Kevin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

6:45am – Andrzej Kokoszka by Zmuda Family
 12:10pm – John Galvin by Kevin

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

6:45am – David Armata by Zmuda Family
 12:10pm – Frank B. Pologruto by Rose Bladies
 7pm (SP) – Darryl E. Fritz

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th - *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – For the People
 12:10pm – Ann Marie Deutsch by Pat Verdon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

6:45am – Msgr. Joseph Francis Sheehan (A)
 12:10pm – Frank “Whitey” Spirk by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st

8:00am – Frank Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle
 4:30pm – Francis Flynn by Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People
 9:00 – Joseph Novotny by Maryann & Randy
 11:00 – Margaret Ann Ranieri by SPSJ Choir
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Jonathan Sinchi by Louisa
 5:30pm – Ann Heller (A) by Family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 1 st		
4:30pm	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Anthony Ventura Mary O’Sullivan Thomas Casey Margie Markus Allyssa Palos Alana Palos
March 2 nd		
7:00am	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Oliver McKenna Susan Gerhardt Anthony Stefano -
9:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Cole Rautenberg Lisa De Gerolamo Anne Coyle Micheal St. Jacques Andrew Sretenovic Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Gabriel Sretenovic Kelechi Odinna Carol Bevilacqua Eileen Catalli Chimbuza Odinna Luke Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector Lector Minister Announcements Server Server Server	Juan Lalama María Rubí Frank Anthony Iván Lam - Ayeisha Jauridez José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Brett Bruckman Michael Boylan - -

Stewardship

February 16, 2025

Weekly Offertory:	\$8,025.00
Online Giving:	<u>2,828.00</u>
	\$10,853.00
SSPJ School:	\$1,038.00
Various Collections:	\$217.00

2025 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$ 3,017.00
Total Received:	\$ 3,017.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$74,983.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	3.87%
Percent of Goal Received:	3.87%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$335.22

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.

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**Faith Formation Classes at the SSPJ School at
137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg NJ.
Tuesday, February 25th – 4:30pm
Tuesday, March 4th – 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 March 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, 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 Dantinne, 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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, March 1st, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

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: 3/2 Ed Socci, 3/9 Eileen Catalli & 3/16 Anne Coyle

Brakeley Nursing Home: 3/2 Eileen Dean & Mike Burke, 3/9 Deacon Francisco, & 3/16 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques

Phillipsburg Care Center: 3/2 Lisa Spanopolous & 3/9 Beth Dispoto

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 146 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.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN PHILLIPSBURG

Attention all alumni of Phillipsburg Parochial High School, SPSJ High School, Phillipsburg Catholic High School, All Saints Regional High School and SSPJ School. On May 3rd we will be having a social event to celebrate 150 years of Catholic School Education in Phillipsburg. It will be held at the Roseberry Street School from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us for light hors d'oeuvres. More information to follow closer to the event. Please share this information with your family, friends, and classmates. Any questions please email pchsalumniassociation1@gmail.com.

DEACON'S CORNER

If you haven't had the chance to read the article on this subject from last week, I recommend accessing it first before proceeding. You can find the article online on our website's bulletin section. Reading the article will provide you with important background information to better understand the content that follows.

Reflection on the Spirituality of the Deacon

In our collective journey of faith, we are all summoned to be beacons of hope for one another, particularly in times of need. The role of a deacon embodies this calling in a profound and unique way. Deacons are not merely assistants to the clergy; they are spiritual leaders who reach out to those in distress, offering comfort, guidance, and the presence of Christ in their trials.

One of the most significant aspects of a deacon's ministry is the call to serve in moments of great urgency and sorrow. When a parishioner finds themselves in a hospital, perhaps far from the comfort of their home, it is often the deacon who steps in to provide solace. In situations where a priest may not be immediately available, the deacon becomes the hands and feet of Christ, bringing viaticum to the dying. This sacramental presence is immensely comforting, not only to the individual receiving it but also to their families, who find peace in knowing that someone is there to accompany their loved one in their final moments.

The spirituality of the deacon is deeply rooted in service. Through their actions, they embody the teaching of Christ: "Whatever you do to the least of my people, you do unto me." This call to serve challenges deacons to grow in holiness and humility. It is a constant reminder that in serving others, they are serving Christ Himself. This connection to Jesus not only enriches their own spiritual lives but also transforms the lives of those they serve.

Embracing the vocation of a deacon means committing to go the extra mile. Each deacon's journey is unique, shaped by their individual abilities and circumstances, but the underlying principle remains the same: to be a source of hope and support. They are called to be present in moments of despair, to offer encouragement, and to illuminate the path toward healing and grace. As a deacon serving the parishioners of St. Philip and St. James, I find joy and purpose in this sacred calling.

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to walk alongside others in their moments of need. In doing so, I am continually reminded of the profound impact that compassionate presence can have on individuals and families alike. May we all strive to be vessels of hope in our communities, reflecting the love of Christ in every act of service. God bless you.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

February 23 Sun - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 27 Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

JUBILEE AUDIENCE - POPE FRANCIS - Saturday, 1 February 2025

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Jubilee is for people and for the Earth a new beginning; it is a time when everything must be rethought within the dream of God. And we know that the word "conversion" indicates a change of direction. Everything can be seen, at last, from another perspective, and so our steps also go towards new goals. This is how hope, which never disappoints, arises. The Bible tells of this in many ways. And for us too, the experience of faith has been stimulated by encounters with people who have been able to change in life and have, so to speak, entered into God's dreams. For even though there is much evil in the world, we can distinguish who is different: their greatness, which often coincides with littleness, wins us over.

In the Gospels, the figure of Mary Magdalene stands out above all others for this. Jesus healed her with mercy (cf. Lk 8:2), and she changed: sisters and brothers, mercy changes, mercy changes the heart, and for Mary Magdalene, mercy brought her into God's dreams and gave new purpose to her journey.

The Gospel of John tells of her encounter with the Risen Jesus in a way that makes us think. It is repeated several times that Mary turned around. The Evangelist chooses his words well! In tears, Mary looks first inside the tomb, then she turns around: the Risen one is not on the side of death, but on the side of life. He can be mistaken for one of the people we encounter every day. Then, when she hears her name spoken, the Gospel says that again Mary turns around.

**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.factsmgt.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.

And this is how her hope grows: now she sees the tomb but not like before. She can dry her tears, because she has heard her own name: only the Master pronounces it in this way. The old world still seems to be there, but it is no more. When we feel that the Holy Spirit is acting in our heart, and we feel that the Lord is calling us by name, do we know how to distinguish the voice of the Master?

Dear brothers and sisters, from Mary Magdalene, whom tradition calls “the apostle of the apostles”, we learn hope. One enters the new world by converting more than once. Our journey is a constant invitation to change perspective. The Risen One takes us into His world, step by step, on the condition that we do not claim to know everything already.

Let us ask ourselves today: do I know how to turn around to see things differently, with a different outlook? Do I have the desire for conversion? An overconfident ego that is too proud prevents us from recognizing the Risen Jesus. Even when we weep and despair, we turn our back on Him. Instead of looking into the darkness of the past, into the emptiness of a tomb, from Mary Magdalene we learn to turn towards life. There our Master awaits us. There our name is spoken. For in real life there is a place for us, always and everywhere. There is a place for you, for me, for everyone. No one can take it because it has always been meant for us. It is bad, as they say in the common parlance, it is bad to leave an empty seat: “This place is for me; if I don't go...”. Everyone can say: I have a place; I am a mission! Think about this: what is my place? What is the mission that the Lord gives us? May this thought help us to take a courageous attitude in life. Thank you.

OVER 50'S BUS TRIP

The Over 50's Club is sponsoring a bus trip to see the show Noah at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on April 29, 2025. Noah has not been seen at the theatre in about thirty years. The trip cost is \$180 per person, which includes the bus show with orchestra seats, and a smorgasbord at the Bird in Hand. If interested, please contact Gloria Tolotta at 908-454-2778 or Felicia Gretta at 908-859-1612.

LEGION OF MARY ACIES

Queen of Peace Curia will be having their ACIES on Saturday, March 22nd at 12:00 pm in the Church. Light refreshments afterwards in Mercy Hall.

2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
***Pilgrims of hope: journeying together
in faith, hope and charity***

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is ***Seminarian Formation***. We are blessed to have 19 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

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 iruggiero@diometuchen.org or call 732-243-4574.

SILVER & GOLD & 5 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations for gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Al llegar al final de la primera parte del Tiempo Ordinario después del octavo domingo (el próximo fin de semana) y comenzar el Tiempo de Cuaresma el Miércoles de Ceniza (5 de marzo), el Evangelio continúa centrándose especialmente en la "Disciplina del cristiano" en el Sermón de la Llanura (Evangelio de Lucas). Este domingo, el énfasis está en el "habla". La Disciplina Cristiana requiere que nuestra palabra sea de bondad, compasión y perdón en lugar de divisiva y crítica.

Producimos el bien o el mal en el almacén de nuestros corazones; la buena persona produce el bien, pero la mala persona produce el mal. Muy a menudo culpamos al lenguaje como si el bien o el mal fuera producido por nuestras palabras o acciones. El bien o el mal se revela por nuestras palabras y acciones. El Catecismo enseña hermosamente las verdades de nuestra Conciencia Moral en el CIC 1776.

“En lo más profundo de su conciencia, el hombre descubre una ley que no se ha impuesto a sí mismo, pero a la que debe obedecer. Su voz, que siempre lo llama a amar y a hacer el bien y a evitar el mal, resuena en su corazón en el momento oportuno... Porque el hombre tiene en su corazón una ley inscrita por Dios... Su conciencia es el núcleo más secreto del hombre y su santuario. Allí está solo con Dios, cuya voz resuena en su interior”

Las palabras de San Juan Pablo II son muy pertinentes cuando reflexionamos sobre las lecturas de este domingo: “El único camino hacia la paz es el perdón. El perdón dado y recibido permite un nuevo tipo de relación entre las personas, rompiendo la espiral de odio y venganza y rompiendo las cadenas del mal que atan los corazones de quienes están en conflicto entre sí. Para las naciones que buscan la reconciliación y para quienes esperan una coexistencia pacífica entre las personas y los pueblos, no hay otro camino que éste: el perdón dado y recibido”.

Programas diocesanos para las parroquias en febrero y marzo: La Serie de misas del Jubileo para jóvenes y adultos jóvenes hispanos (último viernes de cada mes), Mesa redonda sobre el ministerio parroquial para personas de la tercera edad (1 de marzo), rito de elección (9 de marzo), taller de antropología cristiana (20 de marzo) y conferencia: “Choices Matter” (29 de marzo).

Año Jubilar 2025: (Jubileos en febrero de 2025)

En el mes de febrero, hay tres Jubileos importantes: el Jubileo de las Fuerzas Armadas, la Policía y la Seguridad y el Jubileo de los Artistas, estos dos tuvieron lugar a principios de este mes, y del 21 al 23 tenemos el Jubileo de los Diáconos. Estamos agradecidos por todos nuestros diáconos Enock, Larry, Rob y Francisco y los candidatos a diáconos Rob y Oscar. Nuestro obispo ordenó a Jan Magcawas a la orden de diáconos ayer en la iglesia de San José, North Plainfield, ¡un gran día para honrar a nuestros diáconos!

En marzo, tenemos los siguientes Jubileos: Mundo del Voluntariado (8-9), El 28 tenemos "24 horas para el Señor", un día especial de oración por el Jubileo y el Jubileo de los Misioneros de la Misericordia (28-30).

Obligación cuaresmal de 2025:

El 5 de marzo, Miércoles de Ceniza y el 18 de abril, Viernes Santo, son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los demás viernes, el 7, 14, 21 y 28 de marzo, el 4 y 11 de abril, son días de abstinencia. El ayuno se aplica solo a los católicos de entre 18 y 59 años. La obligación de abstinencia se aplica a todos los católicos que hayan cumplido 14 años.

Apelación del Pastor:

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. La reparación del techo ha comenzado en el edificio Mercy Hall. Como prometimos, hemos completado las reparaciones iniciales del techo.

Reiniciaremos la renovación permanente en la primavera. Mientras tanto, adquiriremos todos los materiales para los baños y el piso del tercer 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 niños y para nuestra parroquia.

P. Antony

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



Martes 25 de febrero – 4:30 pm en la escuela
Martes 4 de marzo – 4:30 pm en la escuela
en la 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 marzo 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.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO, 2025

PEREGRINOS DE ESPERANZA:

Caminando Juntos en la Fe, la Esperanza y la Caridad

Uno de los ministerios clave apoyados por la Campaña Anual es la **Formación de Seminaristas**. Somos bendecidos por tener actualmente en la Diócesis de Metuchen 19 hombres estudiando para el sacerdocio. Es una bendición que trae consigo la responsabilidad de proveer para su educación. Una formación de calidad es esencial para nuestros futuros sacerdotes, quienes serán la presencia sacramental del Señor en medio de nuestras parroquias, alimentando y sanando con la Palabra y los sacramentos, a las personas a las que están llamados a servir. Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a sufragar los costos de formar a los futuros párrocos de nuestra Iglesia.

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

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