

# St. Philip & St. James

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † MARCH 2, 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 3/2/25** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room & 3pm-7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in PMR.
- Mon. 3/3/25** 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group "Aliento de Vida" in the Church & 6:30pm Knights of Columbus in MH.
- Tues. 3/4/25** 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. 3/5/25** 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room & 1pm Over 50's Group in Mercy Hall. **Ash Wednesday Mass schedule: 6:45am, 12:10pm, 4:30pm-Prayer Service, 6:30pm, & 8pm in Spanish.**
- Thurs. 3/6/25** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.
- Friday 3/7/25** 3pm, 7pm & 8pm (Spanish) Stations of the Cross in Church, 6pm First Friday Holy Hour in the Church, & 4pm-7pm Fish Dinner in Mercy Hall.
- Sat. 3/8/25** 8:30am Duff Prayer Group in the Church & 9am-1:00pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.
- Sunday 3/9/25** 10am OCIA in Conference Room

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

In my last week's note, we were reflecting on the conclusion of the first part of the Season of the Ordinary Time and welcoming the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>). On Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, our diocese held a special day of prayer at the Cathedral to pray for our Pope's health. It is never too late; you could do it at any time - Please remember our Pope in your personal prayer.

The readings prepare us to the season of Lent in many ways especially working on the quality of honesty. Remembering St. Paul's words "Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor." (Rom 12:9-10) is refreshing. There are so many ways honesty compels us to reflect the heart of God. In a particular way the readings focus on 'Honestly in proclaiming the Word.'

Sirach in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading teaches us that the words are credible if they can stand the test of tribulation without faltering, and the examination of honesty that is readily discernible in one's life. Paul in the second reading reaffirming this quality of honesty in proclaiming the Word to "be firm, steadfast, always devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain". The Gospel invites us to demonstrate the righteousness of Jesus in our lives by proclaiming the word and action. The two short parables in the gospel encourages us to be honest with ourselves and others. This warning applies to us even today.

A great piece of advice that we learn from the Catechism 1757-61, "The object, the intention, and the circumstances make up the three 'sources' of the morality of human acts. The object chosen morally specifies the act of willing accordingly as reason recognizes and judges it good or evil. An evil action cannot be justified by reference to a good intention. A morally good act requires the goodness of its object, of its end, and of its circumstances together. One may not do evil so the good may result from it".

### **The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Catholic Education in Phillipsburg**

Traditionally since the 1<sup>st</sup> mass being celebrated in our parish church in 1860 on December 25<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Nativity of our Lord has been so special for our community thanks to Fr. Cornelius J. O'Reilly (3<sup>rd</sup> pastor) who made that possible for our community. The 1<sup>st</sup> marriage (Joseph Drake and Mary Ochenfuss) that took place in our parish church was also on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 1889, thanks to Fr. Robert Emmett Burke (4<sup>th</sup> Pastor). In 1973, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening our new church was renovated and opened for Mass, thanks to Monsignor Joseph Kozak.

Our parish celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1989, thanks to Monsignor Michael Corona. Our parish also celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, thanks to Fr. John Barbella. In this line of thought, as graced by Monsignor Joseph Kozak to combine parish and school anniversaries together with one celebration, we are in discussion with our Bishop to find a date for our celebration. It will be close to Christmas as our tradition suggests.

### **Planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

We are forming a Leadership Committee to celebrate the anniversary. There are many possibilities such as an outdoor mass in the School grounds, a good size fundraiser to continue Catholic Education, a parish wide participation and family based entertainment etc. We are looking for volunteers to help us with ideas, means and direction. Please come and meet with me, email me or call me.

### **Diocesan programs for parishes in March:**

The **Parish Ministry for Seniors Roundtable** (Mar. 1), the **Rite of Election** (Mar. 9), the **Christian Anthropology Workshop** (Mar. 20) and the **Choices Matter Conference** (Mar. 29). Please call the office for more information.

### **Jubilee Year 2025: (Jubilees March 2025)**

In March we have the following Jubilees: World of Volunteering (8-9), On the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday and April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> – *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

6:45am – Rich & Harvey Rosznagle by Patrick Rosznagle  
 12:10pm – Dec. Members of the Matt P. Flynn Family by Grandchildren

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> – *St. Casimir*

6:45am – Patricia & Theresa Forman by Goettsch Family

12:10pm – Millard Barlieb by Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> – ASH

#### WEDNESDAY

6:45am – Mary Louise Rosznagle by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn & Family

12:10pm – Kathryn McDonald by Peg Lilly

4:30pm – Prayer Service (No mass)

6:30pm – Living & Dec. Members of Colon-Canales Fam. By Gladys

8pm (SP) – Graciela Palomeque by Granddaughters

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Fermina Rossini by Ron Rossini

12:10pm – Theresa & Peter Schiro by Rose Bladies

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> – *Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

6:45am – Marie Anne Berluche by Deacon Enock & Ines

12:10pm – Mark Reda by Family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> – *St. John of God, Religious*

8:00am – Rosa Duque by Darío Duque

4:30pm – Ann Marie Deutsch by Baltz-Talpas Luzzetti Families

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00am – For the People  
 9:00 – Frances Fulse by Mr. & Mrs. Marsh  
 11:00 – Warren County Columbiettes  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Jonathan Sinchi by Louisa  
 5:30pm – Jeanette Kassis by Kane Family

## Stewardship

**February 23, 2025**

**Weekly Offertory:**      **\$9,189.50**

**Online Giving:**            **2,328.00**  
    **\$11,517.50**

**Various Collections:**      **\$382.00**

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 8 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Mark Talpas
	Lector	Kelechi Odinna
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Chimbuzo Odinna
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odinna
March 9 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Oscar Dilone
	Server	Miguel García
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Allan Palos Jr.
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	Allyssa Palos
	Server	Alana Palos

### 2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$ 6,952.00</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$ 6,952.00</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$71,084.00)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>8.91%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>7.98%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$198.63</b>

### 2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$44,801.00</b>
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, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm  
Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 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.*


### OVER 50'S CLUB

The Over 50's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 1pm in Mercy Hall. We will have a business meeting, refreshments and bingo. New members welcome. Any questions please call Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-1067.

### SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 3/9 Eileen Catalli, 3/16 Anne Coyle & 3/23 Magnolia Mateo  
**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 3/9 Deacon Francisco, 3/16 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques & 3/23 Deacon Francisco  
**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 3/9 Beth Dispoto

### SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 211 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.

### UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE

On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm in St. Philip & St. James Church, there will be an Unborn Prayer Service. This is a special service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion. An opportunity to name your child is expressed compassionately and confidentially through meditative prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Mass will follow at 4:30pm.

### LEGION OF MARY ACIES

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

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**March 2 Sun - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*March 3 Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

*March 4 Tue - Optional Memorial of St. Casimir*

**March 5 Wed - ASH WEDNESDAY**

*March 7 Fri - Optional Memorial of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

*March 8 Sat - Optional Memorial of St. John of God, Religious*

### **Excerpts from Pope's Message for Lent 2025**

Dear brothers and sisters, We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn 10:28; 17:3).

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us.

First of all, to journey. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone?

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others.

Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself?

Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" ( 1 Tim 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (The Exclamations of the Soul to God, 15:3). May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

### **Rules for Life and Living**

Jesus uses this parable to illustrate the tendency to criticize others while being blind to one's own faults. The passage can be a reminder to be more self-aware and to look at others with understanding and generosity. He suggests that the faults we criticize in others are often much smaller than the faults we have in ourselves, and the passage can also be a reminder to seek God's mercy, grace and to help others with their problems.

People cannot be judged in any other way than by their deeds. Fine words will never take the place of great deeds. That is relevant today. We fear the menace of communism and of other secular movements. We will never defeat evil by writing books, pamphlets and holding discussion groups. The only way to prove the superiority of Christianity is to show by our lives that it produces better men and women. This is a battle of Good versus Evil. We have been dancing with the Devil too long. We need to stand up against Evil.

Remember: G. W. N. Y. N.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

## **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **COUNCIL #474**

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be having their first Fish Dinner on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Mercy Hall and the cost is \$12. As well as on the following dates: March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **150<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4:00pm – 7:00pm. 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](mailto:pchsalumniassociation1@gmail.com).

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

6:45am, 12:10pm, 6:30pm & 8pm (Spanish)

4:30pm Prayer Service

## **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.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.

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

By now you have received a letter of Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in the Saint Phillip and James Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Father Antony, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

## **SILVER & GOLD & 5 YEAR WEDDING** **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 50+ or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service 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](mailto: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**  
**OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO**  
**ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

En mi nota de la semana pasada, reflexionamos sobre la conclusión de la primera parte del Tiempo Ordinario y dimos la bienvenida al Tiempo de Cuaresma el Miércoles de Ceniza (5 de marzo). El 26 de febrero, nuestra diócesis celebró un día especial de oración en la Catedral para pedir por la salud de nuestro Papa. Nunca es demasiado tarde; puedes hacerlo en cualquier momento. Por favor, recuerda a nuestro Papa en sus oraciones personales.

Las lecturas nos preparan para la temporada de Cuaresma de muchas maneras, especialmente trabajando en la cualidad de la honestidad. Recordar las palabras de San Pablo “Que el amor sea sincero; aborrezcan el mal, aférrense al bien; ámense unos a otros con afecto mutuo; preocupémonos unos por otros en el respeto mutuo” (Romanos 12:9-10) es refrescante. Hay muchas maneras en que la honestidad nos obliga a reflejar el corazón de Dios. De manera particular, las lecturas se centran en “Proclamar honestamente la Palabra”.

En la primera lectura, de Eclesiástico nos enseña que las palabras son creíbles si pueden soportar la prueba de la tribulación sin vacilar y el examen de la honestidad que se percibe fácilmente en la vida de uno. Pablo, en la segunda lectura, reafirma esta cualidad de honestidad al proclamar la Palabra: “Sed firmes, constantes, dedicados siempre a la obra del Señor, sabiendo que vuestro trabajo en el Señor no es en vano”. El Evangelio nos invita a demostrar la justicia de Jesús en nuestras vidas proclamando la palabra y la acción. Las dos breves parábolas del Evangelio nos alientan a ser honestos con nosotros mismos y con los demás. Esta advertencia se aplica a nosotros también hoy.

Un gran consejo que aprendemos del Catecismo 1757-61: “El objeto, la intención y las circunstancias constituyen las tres “fuentes” de la moralidad de los actos humanos. El objeto elegido especifica moralmente el acto de la voluntad según la razón lo reconoce y juzga bueno o malo. Una acción mala no puede justificarse por referencia a una buena intención. Un acto moralmente bueno requiere la bondad de su objeto, de su fin y de sus circunstancias al mismo tiempo. No se puede hacer el mal para que de él resulte el bien”.

**El 150 aniversario de la educación católica en Phillipsburg:**

Tradicionalmente, desde la primera misa celebrada en nuestra iglesia parroquial en 1860 el 25 de diciembre, el día de la Natividad de nuestro Señor ha sido muy especial para nuestra comunidad gracias al Padre Cornelius J. O'Reilly (tercer párroco) que lo hizo posible para nuestra comunidad. El primer matrimonio (Joseph Drake y Mary Ochenfuss) que tuvo lugar en nuestra iglesia parroquial también fue el 25 de diciembre de 1889, gracias al Padre Robert Emmett Burke (cuarto párroco). En 1973, el 24 de diciembre por la tarde, nuestra nueva iglesia fue renovada y abierta para la misa, gracias a Monseñor Joseph Kozak. Nuestra parroquia celebró su centenario el 25 de diciembre de 1989, gracias a Monseñor Michael Corona. Nuestra parroquia también celebró su 150 aniversario el 25 de diciembre de 2010, gracias al Padre John Barbella. En esta línea de pensamiento, y tal como Monseñor Joseph Kozak nos ha concedido la gracia de combinar los aniversarios de la parroquia y de la escuela en una sola celebración, estamos en conversaciones con nuestro Obispo para encontrar una fecha para nuestra celebración. Será cerca de Navidad, como sugiere nuestra tradición.

**Planificación para el 150° aniversario:**

Estamos formando un Comité de liderazgo para celebrar el aniversario. Hay muchas posibilidades, como una misa al aire libre en el terreno de la escuela, una recaudación de fondos de gran tamaño para continuar con la educación católica, una participación de toda la parroquia y entretenimiento familiar, etc. Estamos buscando voluntarios que nos ayuden con ideas, medios y orientación. Ven a reunirse conmigo, envíame un correo electrónico o llámame.

**Programas diocesanos para las parroquias en Marzo:**  
**La Mesa Redonda del Ministerio Parroquial para Personas Mayores** (1 de marzo), el **Rito de Elección** (9 de marzo), el **Taller de Antropología Cristiana** (20 de marzo) y la **Conferencia “Choices Matter”** (29 de marzo). Llame a la oficina para obtener más información.

**Año Jubilar 2025: (Jubileos Marzo 2025)**

En marzo tenemos los siguientes Jubileos: Mundial del Voluntariado del 8-9, El día 28 tenemos las “24 Horas para el Señor” – jornada especial de oración por el Jubileo y Jubileo de los Misioneros de la Misericordia del 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

### **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.

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



**Martes 4 de marzo – 4:30 pm en la escuela**

**Martes 11 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.**



### **SEMINARIO BÍBLICO DE CUARESMA**

El Padre Gustavo Rodríguez nos guiará en el conocimiento del libro de las Lamentaciones, y en una reflexión profunda sobre la confianza en Dios, en los momentos difíciles. Será el sábado 22 de marzo de 2025 de 9:30am a 3pm, el costo es de \$25 almuerzo incluido. St. John Newmann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway, NJ. Inscripciones en [www.diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion](http://www.diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion). Para más información contáctenos en [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) o llame al 732-243-4573.

### **CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO, 2025**

#### **PEREGRINOS DE ESPERANZA:**

#### ***Caminando Juntos en la Fe, la Esperanza y la Caridad***

En este momento usted ya ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio invitándolo a participar en la Campaña Anual de Obispo 2025. Los ministerios diocesanos que reciben apoyo con esta Campaña impactan directamente a muchos de los feligreses aquí en la Parroquia de Saint Phillip and Saint James. Su donación ofrece oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. En los próximos días, recibirá una carta de nuestro párroco Padre Antony alentando su participación. Si aún no ha hecho su donación, por favor considere hacerlo hoy, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando al sitio web seguro: <https://diometuchen.org>.

### **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.factsmgt.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.

### **HORARIO DE MISAS MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**

6:45 am, 12:10 pm, 6:30 pm y 8pm (español)  
Servicio de oración a las 4:30pm





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Please RSVP no later than March 23 2025, to:

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137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865

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## Saints Update

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Interested in contributing to Saints Fund, and making a donation toward the general operating costs of Saints Philip and James School? Visit [sspjnj.org](http://sspjnj.org) and click the gold donate button located on the top right to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

# Everything's better when we're together.

Join us for a shadow day at SSPJ!



Want to find out why it is great to be a Saint? Contact the school office to set up a shadow day for your child!



Our Kindergarten students completed an experiment and the result was... SNOW SLIME!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - St. Philip &amp; St. James School on Beechery St.</p>	<p>34</p> <p>St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus CH - 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group-Spanish</p>	<p>35</p> <p>St. Casimir CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine</p>	<p>36</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY Mass schedule 6:45, 12:10pm 4:30pm prayer service, 6:30pm 8pm in Spanish, 10AM School Mass CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 1pm Over 50's Group CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary</p>	<p>37</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Cell</p>	<p>38</p> <p>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration CH - Stations of the Cross 3pm, 7pm in English &amp; 8pm in Spanish MH - 4pm-7pm Fish Dinner CH - 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour</p>	<p>01</p> <p>St. John of God, Religions CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Group MH - 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>
<p>02</p> <p>EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CR - 10am OCLA PMR - 3pm-7pm Sp. Prayer Canticles</p>	<p>03</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus CH - 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group-Spanish</p>	<p>04</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine</p>	<p>05</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY Mass schedule 6:45, 12:10pm 4:30pm prayer service, 6:30pm 8pm in Spanish, 10AM School Mass CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 1pm Over 50's Group CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary</p>	<p>06</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Cell</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration CH - Stations of the Cross 3pm, 7pm in English &amp; 8pm in Spanish MH - 4pm-7pm Fish Dinner CH - 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour</p>	<p>08</p> <p>St. John of God, Religions CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Group MH - 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>
<p>09</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT CR - 10am OCLA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Catholic Daughters Mtg. PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten</p>	<p>11</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 8am-3:30pm Utilities Assistance Program CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary MH - 7pm Columbietes Mtg. CH - 7pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 5pm Arc Dance CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Cell</p>	<p>14</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - Stations of the Cross 3pm, 7pm in English &amp; 8pm in Spanish MH - 4pm-7pm Fish Dinner CH - 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour</p>	<p>15</p> <p>MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 2pm Umborn Prayer Service CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>
<p>16</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MH - 10am Blues Greeting Group MH - 1pm Legion of Mary</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick, Bishop CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten</p>	<p>18</p> <p>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine</p>	<p>19</p> <p>SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Cell</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - Stations of the Cross 3pm, 7pm in English &amp; 8pm in Spanish MH - 4pm-7pm Fish Dinner CH - 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour</p>	<p>22</p> <p>MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions MH - 12pm Aides Legion of Mary Sepulchre Investiture CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>
<p>23</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT CR - 10am OCLA SSPJ - 1pm School Open House</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten</p>	<p>25</p> <p>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CH - 7pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Cell</p>	<p>28</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - Stations of the Cross 3pm, 7pm in English &amp; 8pm in Spanish</p>	<p>29</p> <p>CH 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty &amp; Marriage MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>
<p>30</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT CR - 10am OCLA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 9am AARP PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten</p>	<p>01</p> <p>CH 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty &amp; Marriage MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>	<p>02</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CH - 7pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>03</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Cell</p>	<p>04</p> <p>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - Stations of the Cross 3pm, 7pm in English &amp; 8pm in Spanish</p>	<p>05</p> <p>CH 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty &amp; Marriage MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions</p>



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