

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

## 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.)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT † APRIL 6, 2025



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 4/6/25

10am OCIA in the Conference Room, 10am General Meeting in Mercy Hall, 10am "Blues" Grieving Group in PMR & 3pm-7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in PMR.

#### Mon. 4/7/25

7pm-9pm Spanish Charismatic Group Lenten Program in PMR & 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall.

#### Tues. 4/8/25

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

#### Wed. 4/9/25

10am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room, 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall, & 7pm Spanish Mass in the Church.

#### Thurs. 4/10/25

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

#### Friday 4/11/25

3pm, 7pm (English) & 8pm (Spanish) Stations of the Cross in the Church & 4pm to 7pm Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner in Mercy Hall.

#### Sat. 4/12/25

9am-1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, 9:30am-12:30pm Day of Reflection in Mercy Hall, & 10am-2pm Confirmation Retreat in PMR.

#### Sunday 4/13/25

Palm Sunday Masses 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, & 5:30pm.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Dear Family!

As the Holy Week nears, I remind you of your personal preparation and also of our preparation as a parish to witness the Paschal Mysteries taking deep roots within us. We have advertised and announced to the parish of the LENTEN MISSION for this year (Next Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>) I humbly urge you to make every attempt to attend and be inspired. Your very presence is a great boost of faith to your brother and sister who is struggling in his/her faith journey.

The readings focus on our growth in spiritual life and the means to achieve it. Especially the gospel gives us hints to maturity in discipleship by focusing on avoiding rash judgment on people.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2478 teaches, "To avoid rash judgment, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds in a favorable way: Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved. (St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises, 22.)

The Church demands the tempering of justice with mercy. St. Augustine is a master in explaining how mercy is embodied in the person of Jesus. "The two of them were left on their own, the wretched woman and Mercy ... gently he asked her, 'Has no one condemned you?' She replies, 'No one, Lord.' And he says, 'Neither do I condemn you; I who perhaps you feared would punish you because in me you have found no sin.' Lord, can it be that you favor sinners? Assuredly not. See what follows: 'Go and sin no more.' Therefore, the Lord also condemned sin, but not the woman" (St. Augustine, In Ioann. Evang., 33, 5-6). God never tires in forgiving us, are we tired of seeking his mercy?

### **150th Anniversary of Catholic Education in Phillipsburg**

As the anniversary approaches near, preliminary preparations need to happen. On April 6<sup>th</sup> we will have a general meeting at Mercy Hall after the 9am Mass. We need to form a leadership team to plan and execute. All are welcome!

### **Diocesan programs in the near future:**

**Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC**, (Sept. 20), the **Jubilee Mass Series for Hispanic Youth and Young Adults** (last Friday of each month). and the **Multicultural Fair** (May 10).

### **Jubilee Year 2025: (Jubilees in March and April 2025)**

We have three important Jubilees coming up in April. April 5-6 we celebrate the Jubilee for the Sick & the World of Health; April 25-27 we celebrate the Jubilee for Teenagers and on April 28-29 the Jubilee of People with Disabilities.

### **Parish Survey on Mass Cancellation:**

The Parish Pastoral Council, after carefully looking at the survey and statistics, have consulted with me regarding the cancellation of 7am. The majority (90+ families out of 127) would prefer to keep the 9am mass as it concerns the children. It will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

### **Lenten Retreat for our Parish:**

We are grateful to Father Luke Mary Fletcher and Brother Pius from the Blue Army Shrine to preach this year's Lenten Recollection for our parish. All are welcome. Please see the last page for more information.

### **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



**SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:00am – For the People  
 9:00 – Bert O’Neill by Adrienne Parrott  
 11:00 – David Lee Hall by Elia & Anthony Pengue  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Luis Quizhpe by Family  
 5:30pm – George Kober by Kim & Robby

**MONDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> - St. John Baptist de la Salle**

6:45am – Lillian Mutz by Dan & Terri Starosciak  
 12:10pm – John Romano, Jr. by Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Tarquinio Rossini by Ron Rossini  
 12:10pm – John & Marie Bower by Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Fran Rosznagle by Patrick Rosznagle  
 12:10pm – Roger LeMar Sr. by Kelly Balas & Mike Karabinus  
 7pm (SP) - \*Sp. Int. Quizhpi by Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Mark Starosciak by Danny & Terri Starosciak  
 12:10pm – Ann Marie Duetsch by Danny & Terri Starosciak

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> - St. Stanislaus**

6:45am – Anna Shaneberger by Danny & Terri Starosciak  
 12:10pm – Norman Rosznagle by Arlene & Ed Duffy

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am – Pauline Smith by Marion  
 4:30pm – G. Joseph Devlin by Baltz, Luzzetti, Talpas Families

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

7:00am – For the People  
 9:00 – Tumulty Family by Patricia Tumulty  
 11:00 – David Lee Hall by Rossana Caprio & Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Luis Quizhpe by Family  
 5:30pm – Shirley Emery by Kullman Family

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

April 12 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Robert Anselmo
	Minister	William Casey
	Server	Chimbuzo Odemma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odemma
April 13 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Server	Oliver McKenna
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	-
1:00pm	Lector	Ivan Lam
	Lector	Lissette Herrera
	Minister	Frank Anthony
	Announcements	Anyelina Rodriguez
	Server	Miguel Garcia
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	Jackie Garcia
5:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	-
	Server	-

**2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$ 33,172.50</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$ 29,831.25</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$44,827.50)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>42.53%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>38.25%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$290.99</b>

**Stewardship**

March 30, 2025

Weekly Offertory:	\$8,645.26
Online Giving:	<u>1,233.00</u>
	\$9,878.26
Various Collections:	\$137.00

**PASTOR'S APPEAL 2024**

So far, the Pastor's Appeal has raised \$46,601.00. Let's keep the momentum going toward our goal of \$150,000.00! Thank you for your generosity.

## Around the Parish

### Faith Formation News

**Faith Formation Classes at the SSPJ School**  
137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg, NJ

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm**  
**Tuesday, April 15<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 May 2, 2025 (First Friday) at 6:00 pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community.



James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, The Qesada-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, Micheal Boyle, Jennie Rossetti, & Terry LaBar.

### **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 Sergeant 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 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:** 4/6 Eileen Catalli, 4/13 Anne Coyle, & 4/20 Magnolia Mateo.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 4/6 Eileen Dean & Mike Burke, 4/13 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, & Deacon Francisco.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 4/20 Lisa Spanopolous & 4/27 Beth Dispoto.

### *Holy Week & Easter Sunday*

*Maundy Thursday, April 17*  
7pm - Mass of the Last Supper

*Holy Friday, April 18*  
12 noon - Service in Spanish  
3pm - Service in English  
6:30pm - Stations of the Cross in English  
8pm - Stations of the Cross in Spanish

*Holy Saturday, April 19*  
12:30pm - Blessing of the Food  
7pm - Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

*Easter Sunday, April 20*  
Masses at 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish)  
No 5:30pm Mass

*The Church Office & Adoration will be closed*  
*April 17, 18, & 21*

## **DEACON'S CORNER**

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

In our Parish we are blessed with a beautiful Chapel in which Jesus is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. You can experience the greatest peace, calm and joy when you spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. No one, certainly nothing else on this earth, will ultimately satisfy our deepest longings.

Eucharistic Adoration is not one of the ministries. Every ministry should point to it. Everything we do points to it because the Savior, the Lamb of God is present in the Eucharist exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. We do better in other ministries as we come to realize that apart from Jesus we can do nothing. As we spend time with Him he gives us the grace to be better Eucharistic ministers, better lectors, better choir members, better ushers and better servants of the Lord. Every group involved in ministry who had an audience with the Holy Father, St John Paul II, encouraged them to visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Why? He said "Get your spiritual energy from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in order to be tireless workers of his Gospel." It is my prayer that every member of St Philip and St James will participate in the devotion of Eucharistic adoration.

The most powerful source of Christ's grace comes from adoring our lord in the Blessed Sacrament. "Jesus asked his disciples "Could you not watch one hour with me." Why did he plead with them to stay awake with him? Because it was important for him. We all know when something is important for us; we make time to do it despite our busy schedule. Husbands and wives who have small children alternate in babysitting in order to go out. Sometimes they hire a babysitter for one hour or two in order to go out to accomplish something important. If you are taking care of an elderly parent or spouse, you ask another member of the family to be there while you go out to do something important. Despite how busy or preoccupied you are, you make time to go out to accomplish the things that are important to you.

Spending time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is very important for your spiritual life. Make time to come to spend one Hour once a week before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! As Catholics, you truly believe that Jesus is really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

This belief should give you the desire to come daily to see Jesus, but we are not asking you to come daily but only once a week.

Is Jesus calling you to be a priest, deacon or religious or lay ministers? Is he calling you for a deeper relationship? Is he calling you for just wanting you to listen to him? Yes he is inviting you to come to the Holy family chapel once a week: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Those of you who have not signed up yet, I encourage you to step in faith and sign-up. Do not reject Jesus' invitation to "come and see." Jesus will structure your time and busy schedule for you in return. He did it for so many of us; He'll do it for you.

We need adorers for Friday at 11AM and 2:00 PM. Call Dea. Enock at **908-310-8990**

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers...Deacon Enock

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **April 6 Sun - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*April 7 Mon - Optional Memorial of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

In 1950, Pope Pius XII named him patron of schoolteachers for his efforts in upgrading school instruction. He founded the Brothers of the Christian School (Christian Brothers, or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepare teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents.

"What is nobler than to mold the character of the young? I consider that he who knows how to form the youthful mind is truly greater than all painters, sculptors and all others of that sort" (St. John Chrysostom).

*April 11 Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

The son of nobles, Stanislaus was elected bishop of Krakow, Poland in 1072 A.D. After he rebuked King Boleslaus II for immoral practices, the king had Stanislaus murdered while he said Mass. Stanislaus' canonization followed upon the reports of numerous miracles. His tomb at Wawel Cathedral became the center of prayer for the Polish nation. "The earth has been filled with martyrs as if with the seed of blood, and from that seed there has resulted a harvest for the Church. They asserted Christ more when they were dead than when they were alive. Today they assert him, today they preach to him: their tongues are silent, it is their deeds that speak" (St. Augustine).

"Men desire authority for its own sake that they may bear a rule, command and control other men, and live uncommanded and uncontrolled themselves" (St. Thomas More, *A Dialogue of Comfort*).

**JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
10 THINGS TO KNOW - #2**

2. Holy Doors. Pope Francis opened the Jubilee 2025 on December 24, at 7 p.m., with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. Four other Holy Doors have been designated in Rome: St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls and Rebibbia Prison, a Roman prison Pope Francis has visited twice before to celebrate Mass and wash inmates' feet on Holy Thursday. The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity. Pope Martin V opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. John Lateran - the Diocese of Rome's cathedral - for the first time for a jubilee in 1423. Pope Alexander VI opened Holy Doors at Rome's four main basilicas for the Holy Year of 1500. At the end of a holy year, these Holy Doors are formally closed and then bricked over by masons.

Reflection: Open doors are signs of welcome to enter. How welcoming are we to others in our homes? More importantly, does the door of our heart remain open to Jesus? But the door especially represents Christ Himself – the one and only way to eternal life. As Jesus said in John 10:9: "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." But he will not force us to enter. He stands at the door of our hearts knocking (Revelation 3:21).

We must open our hearts to Him and cross the threshold of hope, striving for holiness. The holy door invites us to enter God's house, symbolically letting God into our hearts. (This series is adapted from America, The Jesuit Review, 10 December 2024) Thanks to Fr. Abraham Orapankal

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #474**

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 would like to thank everyone for their support of the Fish Dinner. Hope you all enjoyed it. We will have one more on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you're not there you're missing out on a great dinner BUT also those awesome desserts served by the Columbiettes!

**HOME ENTHRONEMENT**

Invite Jesus into your home by scheduling your Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by phoning Gwen at 973-769-3011. Pilgrim Virgin Statue for one week in your home is available by phoning Pat at 908-454-0767. (Facilitated by the SPSJ Legion of Mary)

**Community News**    

**VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS AT HOME**

Drivers needed for the Meals at Home program of Warren County. If interested, please contact Michele Ried at 908-319-1393 for information.

**Diocesan News**   

**2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**  
***Pilgrims of hope: Journeying Together  
in Faith, Hope and Charity***

Central to our understanding of Christian stewardship is the concept of accountability. To safeguard the gifts you have entrusted to our care, we recently set up a special foundation, a separate trust, where all the money from this Appeal goes so that it can be used only for those ministries advertised in the Appeal materials and website. You can be assured that your gift is well protected and well used; making a difference in meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of the people we serve. A gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a worthy investment.

## RICE BOWL, LENTEN CAMPAIGN

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. This program reminds us of our responsibility to the most vulnerable people around the world. We can bring hope to these people with our prayers and our support. For more information about this program, people's stories, and ways to donate, please visit: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>



Join us to  
Celebrate our  
**40th Anniversary Mass**  
**June 12th, 2025**  
5 pm Mass at Saint Francis Cathedral  
6 pm Reception to follow  
(Free will offering)

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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
(call 732.516.0911 to RSVP!)

**June 26th, 2025**  
3rd Annual  
Somerset Patriots Game!  
Gates open at 5:30  
Game starts at 6:35  
Fireworks to follow  
Our goal is  
250 Life Choices Fans!

Tickets are \$15 per person!  
Choose Life shirts will be sold  
at the gate prior to the game!  
\$12 for 1 / \$20 for 2

## NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¡Querida familia!

Al acercarse la Semana Santa, les recuerdo su preparación personal y también la nuestra como parroquia para presenciar cómo los Misterios Pascuales se arraigan profundamente en nosotros. Hemos anunciado a la parroquia la MISIÓN DE CUARESMA de este año (el próximo sábado 12 de abril).

Les insto humildemente a que se esfuercen por asistir y se inspiren. Su sola presencia es un gran impulso de fe para sus hermanos y hermanas que están luchando en su camino de fe.

Las lecturas se centran en nuestro crecimiento espiritual y los medios para alcanzarlo. En particular, el Evangelio nos da pistas para la madurez en el discipulado, enfocándose en evitar juzgar precipitadamente a las personas.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 2478, enseña: «Para evitar un juicio temerario, cada uno debe procurar interpretar, en la medida de lo posible, los pensamientos, palabras y obras de su prójimo de forma favorable: Todo buen cristiano debe estar más dispuesto a dar una interpretación favorable a la declaración de otro que a condenarla. Pero si no puede hacerlo, pregunté cómo la entiende el otro. Y si este la entiende mal, que lo corrija con amor. Si esto no basta, que el cristiano busque todos los medios adecuados para que el otro la interprete correctamente y se salve.» (San Ignacio de Loyola, Ejercicios Espirituales, 22).

La Iglesia exige que la justicia se modere con la misericordia. San Agustín es un maestro al explicar cómo la misericordia se encarna en la persona de Jesús. «Los dos se quedaron solos, la desdichada y Misericordia... le preguntó con dulzura: “¿Nadie te ha condenado?”. Ella respondió: “Nadie, Señor”. Y él dice: “Yo tampoco te condeno; yo, a quien quizá temías que te castigara, porque en mí no has encontrado pecado”. Señor, ¿es posible que favorezcas a los pecadores? ¡Claro que no! Mira lo que sigue: “Vete y no peques más”. Por lo tanto, el Señor también condenó el pecado, pero no a la mujer» (San Agustín, In Ioann. Evang., 33, 5-6). Dios nunca se cansa de perdonarnos; ¿nos cansamos nosotros de buscar su misericordia?

## **150.º Aniversario de la Educación Católica en Phillipsburg**

A medida que se acerca el aniversario, es necesario realizar preparativos preliminares. El 6 de abril tendremos una reunión general en Mercy Hall después de la misa de las 9 am. Necesitamos formar un equipo de liderazgo para planificar y ejecutar. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**Programas diocesanos en el futuro cercano: Peregrinación Jubilar Diocesana al Santuario Nacional en Washington, DC, (20 de septiembre), la Serie de Misas Jubilar para Jóvenes y Adultos Jóvenes Hispanos (último viernes de cada mes), el y la Feria Multicultural (10 de mayo).**

**Año Jubilar 2025: (Jubileos en abril de 2025)**

En abril se celebran tres Jubileo importantes. Del 5 al 6 de abril, el Jubileo de los Enfermos y del Mundo de la Salud; del 25 al 27 de abril, el Jubileo de los Adolescentes; y del 28 al 29 de abril, el Jubileo de las Personas con Discapacidad.

**Encuesta Parroquial sobre la Cancelación de Misas:**

El Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, tras analizar detenidamente la encuesta y las estadísticas, me ha consultado sobre la cancelación de la misa de las 7:00 am. La mayoría (más de 90 familias de 127) preferiría mantener la misa de las 9:00 am por el bien de los niños. Entrará en vigor el 1 de enero de 2026.

**Retiro de Cuaresma para nuestra parroquia:**

Agradecemos al Padre Luke Mary Fletcher y al Hermano Pius del Santuario del Ejército Azul por predicar el Retiro Cuaresmal de este año en nuestra parroquia. Todos son bienvenidos. Para más información, consulten la última página.

**Apelación del Pastor:**

Les estaré eternamente agradecido por su generosidad. Ya comenzó la reparación del techo del edificio Mercy Hall. Como prometimos, hemos completado las reparaciones iniciales. Reanudaremos la renovación permanente en primavera. Mientras tanto, adquiriremos todos los materiales para los baños y el piso del tercer piso. Les pido que consideren con oración ayudarnos con la Campaña del Párroco este año para que las ideas que hemos planeado se implementen a tiempo para nuestros niños y nuestra parroquia.

P. Antony

**APELACIÓN DEL PASTOR 2024**

Hasta ahora, la Apelación del Pastor ha recaudado \$46,601.00. ¡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 8 de abril - 4:30 pm  
Martes 15 de abril - 4:30pm  
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.**

**CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO, 2025  
PEREGRINOS DE ESPERANZA: Caminando  
Juntos en la Fe, la Esperanza y la Caridad**

El concepto de rendición de cuentas es central para nuestra comprensión de la administración Cristiana. Para salvaguardar los aportes que nos han confiado, recientemente hemos creado una fundación especial, un fideicomiso independiente, donde se destina todo el dinero de esta Campaña para que sea utilizado únicamente para los ministerios anunciados en la promoción y en el sitio web de la Campana. Puede estar seguro de que su donación está bien protegida y bien utilizada; marcando una diferencia en la respuesta a las necesidades espirituales, educativas y sociales de las personas a las que servimos. Una donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo es una inversión valiosa.

**PLATO DE ARROZ, CAMPAÑA DE CUARESMA**

Plato de Arroz de CRS es el programa de Cuaresma de Catholic Relief Services, la agencia oficial de ayuda y desarrollo de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. En este mismo momento, millones de nuestros hermanos y hermanas más vulnerables se enfrentan a niveles de hambre, inseguridad alimentaria y desnutrición que amenazan sus vidas. Este programa nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad con las personas más vulnerables alrededor del mundo, a quienes podemos llevar esperanza, por medio de nuestras oraciones y nuestra ayuda. Para obtener más información sobre este programa, las historias de las personas beneficiadas y las formas de donar, visite: <https://www.csricebowl.org/es> Adicionalmente, si desea formar parte la Comunidad de Solidaridad de CRS - Diócesis de Metuchen (español), comuníquese con [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org)





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing that we have so many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries! I write to remind you that we also have **forty retired priests** of our diocese who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our parish communities.

While all of our retired diocesan priests receive a monthly stipend to assist them with expenses, some go to live with relatives, while twelve live at our *Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests*. Here our retired priests live each day with dignity while being able to live in community with brother priests. Those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth and serving the poor and vulnerable. *Next weekend, April 12 and 13, as we celebrate Palm Sunday*, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the *Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests*. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests.

Thank you for your generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen



Saints Philip and James HSA

# Easter



## BREAD SALE

Fresh baked Easter breads from **Easton Baking Co.** are now available for purchase! Please submit orders by **Thursday, 4/10.**

All proceeds go directly to SSPJ school.

**PICKUP Saturday, 4/19 from 12:00-1:30PM at the school cafeteria.**

**Lg Easter Egg Bread  
2 for \$28**

### Easter Egg Bread

Small: bread with one colored egg drizzled with icing - \$9  
Large: bread with two colored eggs drizzled with icing - \$15

**1 Pasca &  
1 Easter Egg Bread  
\$26**

### Pasca Bread

1 loaf - \$14  
2 loaves - \$25

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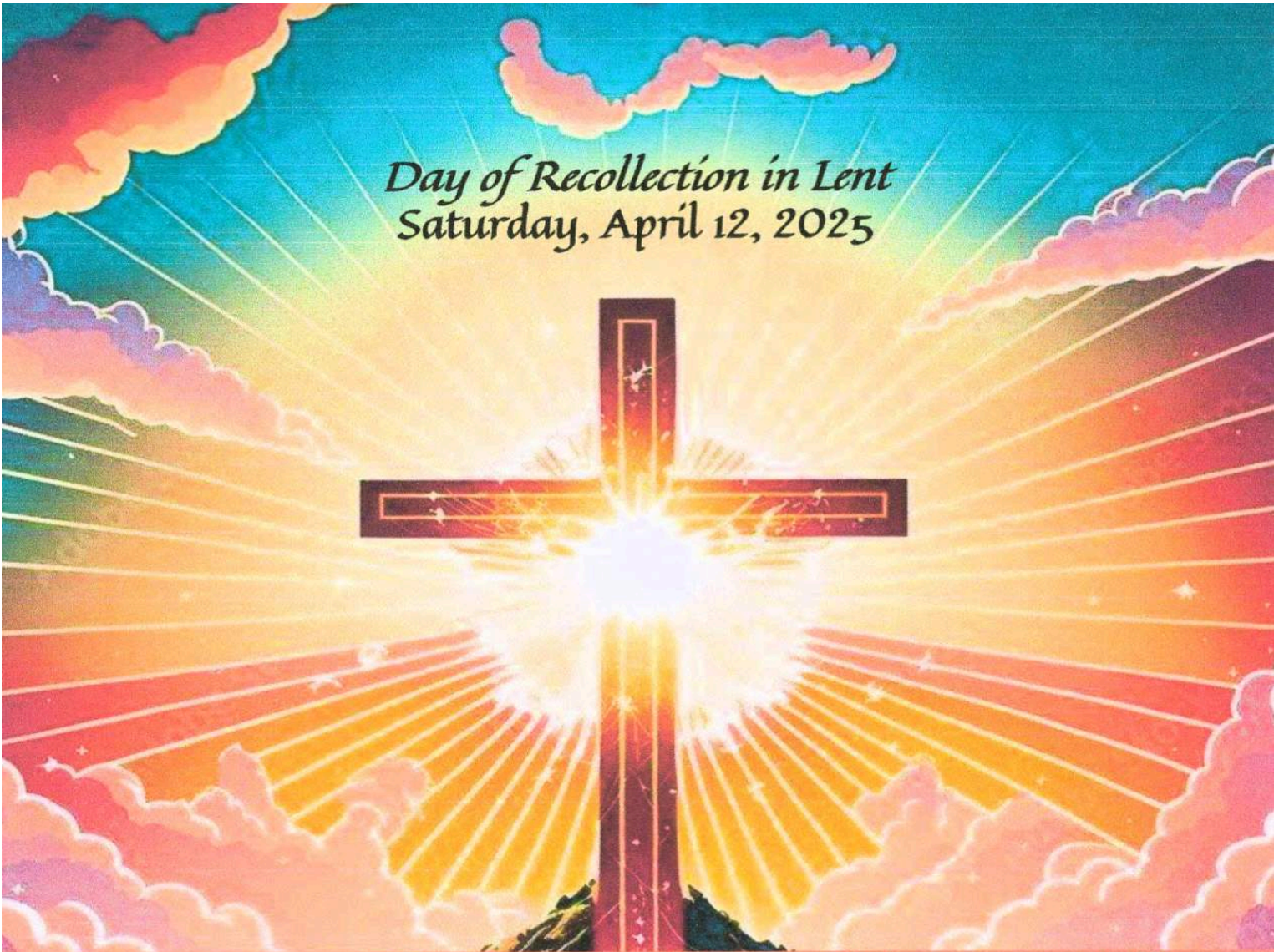
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*Day of Recollection in Lent  
Saturday, April 12, 2025*

*9:00am - Coffee, Donuts, Light snack in Mercy Hall  
9:30am - Adoration in Church*

*10am - 10:45am - First Session in Church  
(Year of Jubilee and Christ's Paschal Mystery)  
Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher*

*10:45am - 11:15am - Group Discussions in Mercy Hall*

*11:15am - 11:30am - Break*

*11:30am - 12:10pm - Second Session in Church  
(Year of Jubilee and its impact in Parish Life)  
Br. Pius*

*12:10pm - 12:30 - Group Discussions in Mercy Hall*

*12:30 - Lunch in Mercy Hall*

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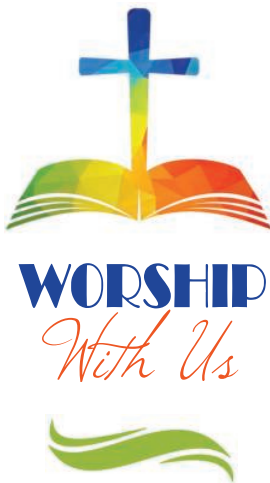
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