

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

PALM SUNDAY † APRIL 13, 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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Office Hours Mon. 9am-12:30pm

(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.)



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 4/13/25** Palm Sunday Masses, 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), & 5:30pm.
- Mon. 4/14/25** 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall and 7pm-9pm Spanish Charismatic Group in PMR.
- Tues. 4/15/25** 8:45am-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. 4/16/25** 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room.
- Thurs. 4/17/25** ***Mauddy Thursday: Church Office & Adoration Closed.***  
8am Morning Prayer & 7pm Last Supper Mass both in the Church.
- Friday 4/18/25** ***Holy Friday: Church Office and Adoration Closed.***  
8am Morning Prayer, 12noon Service in Spanish, 3pm Service in English, 6pm Stations of the Cross in English, & 8pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish. (All in the Church)
- Sat. 4/19/25** ***Holy Saturday:*** 9am-1:00pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, 12:30pm Blessing of the food and 7pm Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass in the Church.
- Sunday 4/20/25** ***Easter Sunday Masses:*** 7am, 9am, 11am, & 1pm (Spanish).  
No 5:30pm Mass

## **PALM SUNDAY OF LENT**

Dear Family!

After five weeks of preparation, we enter into Holy Week. 'Hosanna' means 'save us'. This is the first cry of the people as Jesus rides into Jerusalem. That's what exactly Jesus did - he completed the race - he followed through. Jesus' journey of the Holy Week has the beginning in the prayerful intercessions of people. His complete surrender to the Father is the key to how we journey our Holy Week. Let us meditate on what the contemporary popes taught us in recent times:

Pope Benedict focusing on the procession with the palms shared, "the procession of the palms is also a procession of Christ the King: We profess the kingship of Jesus Christ; we recognize Jesus as the Son of David, the true Solomon, the King of peace and justice. Recognizing him as King means accepting him as the One who shows us the way, in whom we trust and whom we follow. It means accepting his word day after day as a valid criterion for our life. It means seeing in him the authority to which we submit. We submit to him because his authority is the authority of the truth." —*Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007*

"However, faith in Christ can never be taken for granted. The reading of his Passion sets us before Christ, living in his Church. The Easter Mystery that we will relive during the days of Holy Week is always present. Today we are contemporaries of the Lord and, like the multitude in Jerusalem, like the disciples and the women, we are called to decide if we are to be with him, or flee, or just be spectators at his death. *Pope John Paul II, Palm Sunday, 2002*

"Jesus is pleased with the crowd's showing their affection for him. When the Pharisees ask him to silence the children and the others who are acclaiming him, he responds: "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out" (*Lk 19:40*). Nothing could dampen their enthusiasm for Jesus' entry. May nothing prevent us from finding in him the source of our joy, true joy, which abides and brings peace; for it is Jesus alone who saves us from the snares of sin, death, fear and sadness." *Pope Francis, Palm Sunday, 2016*

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

As the anniversary approaches near, there are preliminary preparations that need to happen. We need to form a leadership team to plan and execute. We are looking for volunteers to be part of the leadership team. 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 April 2025)**

We have two important Jubilees coming up in April. 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. Thank you for all of your participation and support.

#### **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 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

**MONDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Bruce Thompson by the Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – \*Sp. Int. of Jenni Chapañan-Munante

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – \*Sp. Int. for Keith Hoffman by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Gabriel Lantos by the Lantos Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – For the Souls in Purgatory by the Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – John & Elizabeth Pologruto by Rose Bladies

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday**

7pm – Deceased Priest of SSPJ

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

12pm (SP) – For the People  
 3pm – Deceased Deacons of SPSJ  
 6pm – Stations of the Cross (English)  
 8pm – Station of the Cross (Spanish)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday**

12:30pm – Blessing of the Food in the Church  
 7pm - Easter Vigil Mass – Bilingual

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

7:00am – For the People  
 9:00 – Joyce Kowalchuk by Family  
 11:00 – Charlene Jiorle by Dave Jiorle  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. for Luis Quizhpe by Family  
 5:30pm – **No Mass**

**Stewardship**

March 30, 2025

**Weekly Offertory:** \$10,391.10  
**Online Giving:** 3,437.50  
 \$13,828.60

**Various Collections:** \$135.00

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

April 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Acolyte Acolyte Lector Server Server Server	Anthony Ventura Andrew Sretenovic Ron Rossini Adam Sretenovic Gabriel Sretenovic Luke Sretenovic
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	Acolyte Acolyte Lector Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma Chiazam Odimma Robert Anselmo Chimbuzo Odimma
April 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Acolyte Acolyte Acolyte Lector Lector Lector Lector Lector Server Server	Anthony Ventura Chiezimuzo Odimma Gavin Hayes Carol Bevilacqua Kelechi Odimma Gladys Juaridez Maria C. Rossenouff Rachel Lazier Chimbuzo Odimma Jose Jauridez
4:30pm	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Anthony Ventura Kelechi Odimma Thomas Casey Edward Socci Chimbuzo Odimma Chiezimuzo Odimma
April 20 <sup>th</sup> 7:00am	Acolyte Lector Server Server	Oliver McKenna Susan Gerhardt Brett Bruckman Anthony Stefano
9:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Andrew Sretenovic Lisa De Gerolamo - Eileen Catalli Luke Sretenovic Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte Lector Minister Minister Server Server	Joseph Cruz Rachel Lazier Pat James Marion Smith Robby Basel -
1:00pm	Lector Lector Minister Announcements Server Server Server	Oscar Dilone Anyelina Rodríguez Francisco Jauridez Laura Garcia Miguel García Ayeisha Jauridez Jackie García

## 2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$ 35,352.50
Total Received:	\$ 31,277.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$42,647.50)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	45.32%
Percent of Goal Received:	40.10%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$287.42

## Around the Parish

### Faith Formation News



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

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Break – **No Classes**

Contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL) at  
908-454-0112 x406, if you have any questions.



James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, 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, Micheal Boyle, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, & Al Redondo.

### 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:** 4/13 Anne Coyle, 4/20 Magnolia Mateo, & 4/27 Ron Rossini

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 4/13 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, 4/20 Deacon Francisco, & 4/27 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques

**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

6pm - 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**

**If you haven't yet read last week's article on this topic, I recommend doing so for important context. It's available in the bulletin section of our website.**

### **Testimony of a Former Unbeliever**

Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament can transform even the most hardened hearts. T.K. Coleman grew up in a Pentecostal home where the power of prayer was a core lesson from his pastor father and evangelist mother. They taught him that prayer was the most powerful force for change.

Years ago, if you had asked his wife who she thought would never become Catholic, she would have said, "My husband." T.K. firmly stated he would never convert, fearing the stress of attending Mass. However, an invitation to Camp Veritas, a Catholic youth camp, changed everything. He attended to support a friend and had never experienced Eucharistic Adoration before. During that night's session, he felt an indescribable stirring within him before the Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Back in his cabin, a voice echoed in his mind: "You're Catholic." Initially dismissing it, he soon felt clarity and curiosity replace his skepticism about the Catholic faith.

Reflecting on his journey, T.K. saw the power of prayer he learned from his parents coming to life. His wife's daily Rosary prayers had laid the groundwork for his transformation, even when he was unaware. When he shared his experience at home, his wife rejoiced, having prayed for his heart to open. His newfound interest in Catholicism led him to RCIA, where he became drawn to the sacraments and the Eucharist. Each Mass nourished his spirit, and praying the Rosary together deepened their bond.

With each prayer, his desire to pray grew. He found ways to incorporate prayer into his daily routine, feeling guided by Mary to make space for God in his life. His attraction to Eucharistic Adoration also motivated him to attend confession and Mass regularly.

T.K.'s testimony highlights the transformative power of spending time with the Blessed Sacrament. By visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at least once a week—and inviting a lapsed Catholic or unbeliever—you all can experience this change too. Jesus is waiting for you.

Remember, Jesus loves you, and so do I.

Cheers,

Deacon Enock

**"Could you not watch one hour with me."**

We need adorers for Friday at 11 am and 2:00 pm, or any time between 7:30 am and 8:00 pm Monday through Friday. Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**April 13 Sun - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**April 17 Thu - Holy Thursday**

**April 18 Fri - Good Friday**

**April 19 Sat - Holy Saturday**

*Excerpts from Pope Francis' homily on the Jubilee of the Sick & Health Care workers* "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Is 43:19). God addressed these words to the people of Israel through the prophet Isaiah while they were in exile in Babylon. For the Israelites, it was a difficult time: it seemed that all was lost. A new people was being born. A people that, having experienced the failure of past false securities, now discovered what is essential: to remain united and walk together in the light of the Lord (cf. Is 2:5).

A people that would be able to rebuild Jerusalem because, far from the Holy City where the temple lay in ruins and where solemn liturgies could no longer be celebrated, it has learned to encounter the Lord in another way: through conversion of heart (cf. Jer 4:4), through the practice of the law and justice, through caring for the poor and needy (cf. Jer 22:3), through works of mercy.

It is the same message that we find, in a different way, in today's Gospel (cf. Jn 8:1-11). Here too there is a person—a woman—whose life has been destroyed, is a sinner, and seems to be no hope for her either. Yet God does not abandon her but defends her and saves her from their violence, thus giving her the opportunity to begin a new life.

“Go your way,” he says to her, “you are free,” “you are saved” (cf. v. 11). No situation of exile, no violence, no sin, no fact of life can prevent him from standing at our door and knocking (cf. Rev 3:20). Indeed, it is precisely when the trials become more difficult that his grace and love embrace us all the more in order to raise us up.

Illness is certainly one of the harshest and most difficult of life’s trials. Yet even in these times, God does not leave us alone, and if we surrender our lives to him, precisely when our strength fails, we will be able to experience the consolation of his presence. By becoming man, he wanted to share our weakness in everything (cf. Phil 2:6-8). He knows what it is to suffer (cf. Is 53:3). Therefore, we can turn to him and entrust our pain to him, certain that we will encounter compassion, closeness and tenderness.

In his faithful love, the Lord invites us in turn to become “angels” for one another, messengers of his presence, to the point where the sickbed can become a “holy place” of salvation and redemption, both for the sick and for those who care for them. Dear doctors, nurses and health care workers, in caring for your patients, especially the most vulnerable among them, the Lord constantly affords you an opportunity to renew your lives through gratitude, mercy, and hope (cf. Spes Non Confundit, 11).

Dear friends, let us not exclude from our lives those who are frail, as at times, sadly, a certain mentality does today. Let us not banish suffering from our surroundings. On the contrary, let us turn it into an opportunity to grow together and to cultivate hope, thanks to the love that God first poured into our hearts (cf. Rom 5:5), the love that, above all things, remains forever (cf. 1 Cor 13:8-10, 13).

### **DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION**

The Feast of Divine Mercy is Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the church. On this day, the "greatest day of the feast," all sin and punishment can be wiped away by those who say the Divine Mercy Chaplet, worthily receive the Eucharist, trust in the Lord's mercy, and are merciful to others. The Lord also generously answers many prayers. Go to [MercySundayMomentum.org](http://MercySundayMomentum.org) for more information. Divine Mercy Pamphlets are in the back of the church. Start the novena on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VICTIMS OF ABORTION**

On Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, there will be The Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion in front of the Planned Parenthood on Rt. 57 (Washington Ave.) in Washington, NJ. Please join us!

### **EASTER DINNER**

Join us on Easter Sunday at 3:00 pm for an Easter Dinner. Don't stay home alone, come & enjoy a good Easter meal!

### **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***

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospitals or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

### **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/>

## HISPANIC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS - JUBILEE MASS SERIES

The 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope” Jubilee Year is a time turn our gaze toward all those who represent hope and all those who need hope in our parishes. Is a time to recognize the value of our Hispanic youth and young adults. Please join us on the last Friday of the month, at Diocesan Bilingual Mass with our Hispanic youth and young adults at a parish in our Diocese. Friday April 25, 2025 at 7:30 pm St Luke Parish, North Plainfield (286 Clinton Ave, North Plainfield, NJ 07063). If you would like to receive more information about dates, times and locations, please email [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.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)

*life choices*  
Metuchen, NJ

**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 DOMINGO DE RAMOS

¡Querida familia!

Tras cinco semanas de preparación, entramos en la Semana Santa. «Hosanna» significa «sálvanos». Este es el primer grito del pueblo cuando Jesús entra en Jerusalén. Eso es exactamente lo que hizo Jesús: completó la carrera, la perseveró. El camino de Jesús en la Semana Santa comienza con la intercesión de la gente. Su completa entrega al Padre es la clave de cómo transitamos nuestra Semana Santa. Meditemos sobre lo que los papas contemporáneos nos han enseñado recientemente:

El Papa Benedicto XVI, al referirse a la procesión de las palmas, dijo: «La procesión de las palmas es también una procesión de Cristo Rey: Profesamos la realeza de Jesucristo; reconocemos a Jesús como el Hijo de David, el verdadero Salomón, el Rey de la paz y la justicia. Reconocerlo como Rey significa aceptarlo como Aquel que nos muestra el camino, en quien confiamos y a quien seguimos. Significa aceptar su palabra día tras día como criterio válido para nuestra vida. Significa reconocer en él la autoridad a la que nos sometemos. Nos sometemos a él porque su autoridad es la autoridad de la verdad». —*Domingo de Ramos, 1 de abril de 2007*

Sin embargo, la fe en Cristo nunca puede darse por sentada. La lectura de su Pasión nos sitúa ante Cristo, viviendo en su Iglesia. El Misterio Pascual que reviviremos durante los días de la Semana Santa está siempre presente. Hoy somos contemporáneos del Señor y, como la multitud en Jerusalén, como los discípulos y las mujeres, estamos llamados a decidir si estamos con él, si huimos, o si nos limitamos a ser espectadores de su muerte. *Papa Juan Pablo II, Domingo de Ramos, 2002*

Jesús se complace con el cariño que la multitud le demuestra. Cuando los fariseos le piden que silencie a los niños y a los demás que lo aclaman, responde: «Les digo que si estos callaran, las piedras gritarían» (Lc 19,40). Nada podría apagar su entusiasmo por la entrada de Jesús. Que nada nos impida encontrar en él la fuente de nuestra alegría, la verdadera alegría, que perdura y trae paz; porque solo Jesús nos salva de las trampas del pecado, la muerte, el miedo y la tristeza. *Papa Francisco, Domingo de Ramos, 2016*

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

A medida que se acerca el aniversario, es necesario realizar preparativos preliminares. Necesitamos formar un equipo de liderazgo para planificar y ejecutar. Buscamos voluntarios para formar parte del equipo de liderazgo. ¡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), él y la Feria Multicultural (10 de mayo).**

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

En abril se celebran dos Jubileos importantes. 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. Gracias por su participación y apoyo.

### **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

## **SERIE DE MISAS DEL JUBILEO - JÓVENES HISPANOS**

El Año Jubilar de los "Peregrinos de Esperanza" de 2025 es un momento para reconocer el valor de nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos hispanos. Acompáñanos en la Misa mensual bilingüe, organizada por jóvenes y jóvenes adultos de nuestra diócesis, el último viernes de cada mes en una parroquia de nuestra diócesis. Viernes 25 de abril de 2025 a las 7:30 pm Parroquia St Luke, North Plainfield (286 Clinton Ave, North Plainfield, NJ 07063)

## **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 15 de abril - 4:30 pm**

**Martes 22 de abril – No habrá clases**

**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.**

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## **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.crsricebowl.org/es>

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**Where:** 137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg N.J. 08865 *(In the school gym)*

**Time:** 4:00 - 7:00 PM

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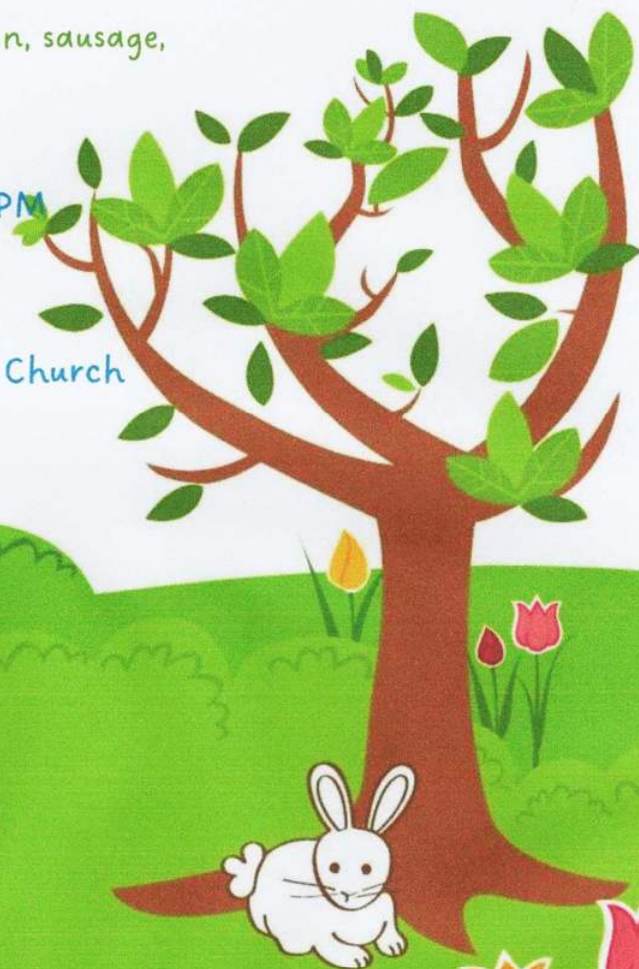
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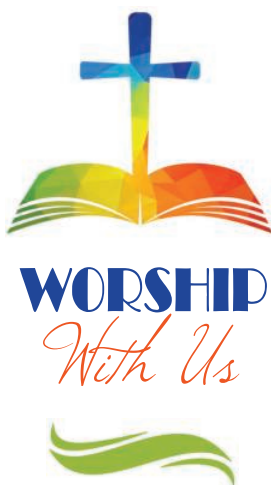
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