

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, 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) 1 pm - 5 pm

Tues. - Thurs. 9 am-12:30 pm

(Closed for lunch) 1 pm - 4 pm,

& **Friday** 9 am-1 pm

(Asistencia en español durante horas de atencion.)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/13/26	11am - 3pm Multicultural Fair-Mercy Hall Parking lot
Monday	9/14/26	6pm Cathlic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	9/15/26	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4:30pm Faith Formation Mass (CCD) at SSPJ School 6:30pm Parish Fundraising Meeting in the Conference Room 7pm Healing Mass in the Church 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
Wednesday	9/16/26	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	9/17/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	9/18/26	
Saturday	9/19/26	9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 10am Confessions in the Church 3:15pm Confessions in the Church 6pm - 9pm Aliento de Vida Anniversary Prayer Vigil in the Church and PMR
Sunday	9/20/26	10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection: From the 18th Sunday on we have been closely reflecting on the personality of Peter in the Gospel Readings: Peter played a huge role in the multiplication of loaves (18th), walks on the water (19th) intercedes for the Canaanite woman (20th), declares his confession and conviction that Jesus is the Son of God (21st), learns from Jesus to take up and carry the cross (22nd), learns about community building (23rd) and learns the secrets of happiness and peace to be shared with the community in the readings for this this Sunday (24th).

We could in a way see the reflection of St. Peter in all Christians from all these biblical passages that reveal the personality of St. Peter. Today's Gospel talks about forgiveness at home circles, finding models of holiness at home. Forgiveness is a personal choice, a personal initiative, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct of 'pay-back' or 'revenge'

Saint John Paul II wrote "As a natural institution, the family community was willed by God in the "beginning", with the creation of man and woman, for the good of humanity. A family's identity and mission is willed by God to 'guard, reveal and communicate love'. Every family must be a true communion of persons, with respect to the dignity of the members who compose it. The family for the people of our time is a "sanctuary of life". Christian family is a "domestic church". The family that lives the requirements of love and forgiveness to the full becomes the main bulwark of the civilization of love and the hope for the future of humanity." (*Familiaris Consortio*).

Start of the New Academic Year:

As we begin a new Academic year, let us remember and pray for our school. We commence this year amidst huge financial challenges, not to forget the contribution from the diocese to complete last year. It is never too late to enroll your children to our school as the future relies heavily on the enrollment. Please continue to keep our principal, staff and all the children in your daily prayers!

Pride in Our Priests Banquet: Our Knights of Columbus Metuchen Chapter is continuing its tradition of generosity towards our priests. As they have in the past, the Knights are inviting all the priests of our diocese to join them at their "**Pride in Our Priests**" Banquet on Tuesday, September 15, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at The Grand Marquis, 1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

BEWARE OF "PASTOR TO PARISHIONER"

E-MAIL SCAMS! Please beware of the phony emails supposedly from a priest of a parish, asking for gift cards. The scammer will create an email address using the priest's name, so it will look credible. Two things that should identify a scam:

1. The scammer will only communicate to you through e-mail and will have a reason they can't speak to you (of course they can't. You'd know it's not Father's voice).
2. Scams won't ask for cash. They almost always are going to ask you to buy gift cards. They will ask you to scratch off the security tape on the back, and either send them a photo of the card's account and PIN numbers or send the numbers in an email.

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life & NJ March for Life

On Thursday, October 8th, 9:30am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, there will be a special NJ Bishops' Mass for Life, and the NJ Rally and March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. A bus will be departing from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center at 7:15am. Space is limited! To register visit: <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

Hispanic Heritage Mass (Sept 18), **OCIA Formation Days** (Sept 26, Nov. 14 and Jan 23), the **NJ Bishops' Mass for Life** (Oct. 8), **PCL Formation Day** (Oct. 8), **Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18), **Blue Mass** (Oct. 21), the **Feminine Genius Brunch** (Oct. 24), and the **Multicultural Mass & Fair** (Nov. 7). Also included is information regarding the **Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes**, **National Black Catholic History Month** (Nov.) and the **Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress**.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, September 13th – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Robert Fisher by Deacon Rob Fisher
11:00am – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Layla, Kylie, & Travis
1:00pm – (SP) For the People
5:30pm – Clifford Bonney by Rick & Lou Anne Bonney

MONDAY, September 14th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:45am – Bernadin Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
12:10pm – Paul & Elizabeth Opdyke by Vance Opdyke

TUESDAY, September 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45am – *Sp. Int. for Scotty McCall by Friend
12:10pm – Donald R. Gretta by Wife

WEDNESDAY, September 16th – Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Matyrs

6:45am – Souls in Purgatory by Gomes-Aversa Family
12:10pm – Daniel Lilly by Family

THURSDAY, September 17th – St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Tarquinio Rossini by Ron Rossini
12:10pm – Deceased Members of Maguire Family by Family

FRIDAY, September 18th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Liam Kelly by Rose Kelly
12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin

SATURDAY, September 19th – St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8am – Donna Kowalchuk by Family
4:30pm – Frank Rapinesi by Camille

SUNDAY, September 20th – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Joe & Fran Fulse by Family
11:00am – Margaret Pavkovic by Family
1:00pm – (SP) Angel Astudillo & Delia Calle by Olga Astudillo
5:30pm – For the People

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



September 19th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

September 20th

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw
11am	Acolyte	Adam Sretenovic
	Lector	
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Gabriel Srentenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
1pm	Acolyte	Kaely Bustamante
	Lector	Laura García
	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Minister	Maria Cristina Rossenouff
	Annoncements	Juan Lalama
	Server	Grégory Cano
	Server	Aaron Cano
5:30pm	Acolyte	Allyssa Palos
	Lector	
	Server	-
	Server	-

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,432.25
Total Received:	\$47,579.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,567.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	62.09%
Percent of Goal Received:	61.00%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$264.66

Stewardship

Due to early bulletin deadline the Stewardship information was not available. It will be included in the next bulletin.

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**26-27 SPSJ ONLINE
REGISTRATION FOR THE
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
IS OPEN Visit:
<https://www.spsj.org/ccd>**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 4:30pm
Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ School
137 Roseberry St.**

Is God calling you to do more? Become a Catechist or volunteer to help in the SPSJ Faith Formation Program! Call the Church Office at 908-454-0112 x406

Pray FOR THE SICK

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke, Hannah Paxton, Ruth Ann, Scott Visco, Ann Janasek Visco, Lynn Trimmer, Russell Perna, Angel, Ellen Piperata, & Pam McMichael.

Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Staff Sergeant Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, Major Joseph Skopowski, Airman Seth Reyes, Marine LCpl Chad Bruckman, Angelo Luzzetti Army, Marine LCpl Steven Fulse, & Robby Anselmo.



Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur.
Thank you & God Bless.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, September 20th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 10:30am the First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, 10:30am the Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 10:30am 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: 9/13 Ron Rossini, 9/20 Anne Coyle & 9/27 Bettina Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 9/13 Melody Talpas, 9/20 Eileen Dean, & 9/27 Gladys Jauridez

Phillipsburg Care Center: 9/13 Lisa Spanopolous and 9/20 & 9/27 Beth Dispoto

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on October 2nd (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

SPSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen's current needs are: Ziploc style gallon storage bags. Please not the SLIDER type. We also could use the FLAP style sandwich bags. We now have a registry on Amazon as well. We are listed as: SPSJ Soup Kitchen. We want to thank all of you for everything you do for us. Thus far this calendar year we have feed 5308 people in our community. We are able to do this because of your continued support. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in MH. Thank you!

RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage sale items are now being accepted Monday - Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm and on Saturdays from 9:30am - 11:30am in Mercy Hall. Please remember **No** electronics, books, Appliances, Undergarments, Large Furniture, Dishes or glassware will be accepted.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

September 13th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, Mon - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“The feast that we celebrate today speaks of a marvelous and ceaseless action of God in human history, in the history of every man, woman and child. The Cross of Christ on Golgotha has become for all time the center of this saving work of God. *Christ is the Saviour of the world*, because in him and through him the *love with which God so loved the world* is continuously revealed: “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” (*Ibid.* 3, 16).

– The Father *gave him* so that this Son, who is one in substance with him, would become man by being conceived of the Virgin Mary.

– The Father *gave him* so that as the Son of Man he would proclaim the Gospel, the Good News of salvation.

– The Father *gave him* so that this Son, by responding with his own infinite love to the love of the Father, might offer himself on the Cross.

5. From a human point of view, Christ’s *offering of himself on the Cross was a sign of contradiction*, an unthinkable disgrace. It was, in fact, *the most profound humiliation possible*.

Through his self-emptying on Golgotha, in the disgrace of the Cross and the crucifixion (at least in the human way of understanding these events) Christ receives the highest exaltation. In God’s eyes, the Cross is the greatest triumph. The way of human judgement is very different from God’s. God’s judgement far surpasses ours. What seems to us to be failure is, in God’s eyes, the victory of sacrificial love. It is precisely this Cross of human disgrace that bears within itself the source of the exaltation of Christ in God.” (St. Pope John Paul II, Homily on 14th September, 1988)

September 15, Tue - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword Simeon foretold pierced her soul. Here are the seven sorrows of Our Lady:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)
7. The burial of Jesus (Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

September 16, Wed - Memorial of St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian, Martyrs

September 17, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Doctors of the Church.

September 19, Sat - Optional Memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

GROUND MAINTENANCE HELP

HELP WANTED

We are in the process of interviewing for a ground’s maintenance person. The person will be responsible for the mowing and weed whacking of the lawn at the rectory and back parking lot, assisting at the cemeteries and school. This will also include the removal of snow and ice and salting during the winter months. Knowledge of maintenance of equipment is a plus. If you are interested in this job, please call the church office at 908-454-0112.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ENVELOPE COMPANY

We sincerely apologize for not meeting the timeline we had communicated. Our team continues to work diligently to complete production and mail all remaining envelopes as quickly as possible.

Please ask parishioners to use a plain envelope they have on hand or an older offertory envelope that includes their envelope number. This will help ensure their contributions are properly credited until their new envelope packets arrive.

Thank you for your patience and continued partnership. We appreciate the opportunity to serve your parish.

DEACON'S CORNER

Reflection: The Power of Forgiveness

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "How often must I forgive my brother?"

Jesus answers, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Jesus teaches us that forgiveness cannot have a limit. God has forgiven us many times, so He asks us to forgive others.

The servant in the Gospel received great mercy from his master, but he refused to show that same mercy to another person.

Sometimes we are like that servant. We ask God to forgive our sins, but we find it difficult to forgive those who hurt us.

Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was right. It means that we choose not to let anger and resentment control our hearts.

Today, Jesus asks us: Who do I need to forgive?

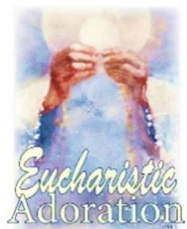
Let us remember: God's mercy toward us should become mercy toward others.

Lord, give us the grace to forgive as You have forgiven us. Amen.

Deacon Francisco

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

We urgently need Adorers for Mondays at 9am.

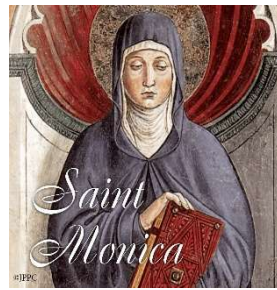


...also, we need adorers for **Mondays 10am, Wednesdays 7pm; Thursdays 10am, Noon & 6pm; and Fridays 11am & 2pm.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Deliver meals to Homebound Seniors
Call Warren County Division of
Aging & Disability Services at
908-475-6591

ST. MONICA PRAYER MINISTRY



The **St. Monica Ministry** is dedicated to offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. Like St. Monica, its members pray unconditionally for loved ones who have left the Church. St. Monica prayed for 20+ years for her wayward son and her prayers were answered. St. Monica's great faithfulness was rewarded as her son, St. Augustine, converted and went on to become one of the greatest theologians in Church History and was declared a Doctor of the Church. This is a testimony to perseverance in prayer!!! ***NOTHING IS FAR FROM GOD!!!***
Please join us on Wednesday's at 4:00pm in the Adoration Chapel for the St. Monica Prayer Ministry.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE IN PHILADELPHIA

The pilgrimage is on Friday, November 6th from 7am to 5:30pm, departing from 137 Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, with a stop at the Reading Terminal Market for lunch & shopping. The cost is \$60/person; optional tour cost are: Basilica Shrine & Rosary Walk \$15 and Marian Art Museum \$12, please write out a separate check for each tour.

For more information contact Camille Bates at 908-319-2719.

LAZARUS MINISTRY

The **Lazarus Ministry** is a function of the Legion of Mary and is designed to assist the **Souls of the Faithful Departed** and their families by praying the Rosary prior to a **Viewing or Funeral Mass**. If you would like this devotion to be performed for your deceased loved one, please send your request to: lazarusministry@spsj.org.

This is a **free ministry** that will greatly assist your loved one on their journey toward heaven!

St. Padre Pio on the Rosary, "Its costs so little and is worth so much to a precious soul!!!"

HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF ST. PADRE PIO

Come to the Healing Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 7:00 pm. There will be prayers for healing with a Second Class Relic of Padre Pio & First Class Relic of St. Peregrine.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following date: **Sept. 17th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The September topic is TBD.

OUR MISSION: To build our *Knowledge* of the Faith; to help us *Explain* the Faith; & to encourage us to *Share* the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion from September 23rd-November 1st during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, [66 East Washington Ave](#), Washington, NJ. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net, [973-525-6692](tel:973-525-6692), or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. ~Joshua 1:9

HUMANITARIAN HELP

We recently graciously donated in solidarity to the people of Venezuela & the Philippines following the earthquakes they experienced. Recently, a powerful earthquake in Colombia and mudslide in Nepal has prompted us once again to invite members of our parish to show solidarity with those affected through prayer and financial support. CRS is working with Caritas Colombia to provide an on-the-ground response.

For more information, please visit www.crs.org



The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 would like to thank you for your overwhelming donations of school supplies. We were able to give the school supplies to four different schools in the Alpha and Phillipsburg area along with Phillipsburg High School. The children of our communities are blessed and will be ready for a successful school year.

Diocesan News

VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS

Parents are invited to a virtual bi-monthly discussion of the book, "The Temperament God Gave Your Kids" beginning on September 25th. Meetings take place 2 Fridays per month from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Zoom. To register, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You are invited to join CHAMPIONS for CATHOLIC CHARITIES—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 70,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren. Catholic Charities continues to work each day to renew hope and bring wholeness to those broken in body and spirit, and we invite you to join us in putting love into action by becoming a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/Champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to Champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
24º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: Desde el 18.º domingo, hemos reflexionado detenidamente sobre la personalidad de Pedro a través de las lecturas del Evangelio: Pedro desempeñó un papel fundamental en la multiplicación de los panes (18.º), caminó sobre las aguas (19.º), intercedió por la mujer cananea (20.º), proclamó su fe y convicción de que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios (21.º), aprendió de Jesús a tomar y cargar la cruz (22.º), aprendió sobre la construcción de la comunidad (23.º) y, en las lecturas de este domingo (24.º), aprende los secretos de la felicidad y la paz para compartirlos con la comunidad.

En cierto modo, podemos ver el reflejo de San Pedro en todos los cristianos a través de los pasajes bíblicos que revelan su personalidad. El Evangelio de hoy nos habla del perdón en el ámbito familiar y de encontrar modelos de santidad en el hogar. El perdón es una elección personal, una iniciativa propia, una decisión del corazón de ir en contra del instinto natural de «pagar con la misma moneda» o de buscar venganza.

San Juan Pablo II escribió: «Como institución natural, la comunidad familiar fue querida por Dios en el "principio", con la creación del hombre y de la mujer, para el bien de la humanidad. La identidad y la misión de la familia son queridas por Dios para "custodiar, revelar y comunicar el amor". Toda familia debe ser una verdadera comunión de personas, respetando la dignidad de los miembros que la componen. Para las personas de nuestro tiempo, la familia es un "santuario de la vida". La familia cristiana es una "iglesia doméstica". La familia que vive plenamente las exigencias del amor y del perdón se convierte en el principal baluarte de la civilización del amor y en esperanza para el futuro de la humanidad» (Familiaris Consortio).

Es, en efecto, nuestra responsabilidad cristiana reconciliarnos con Dios y esforzarnos al máximo por reconciliar a nuestros seres queridos con Él. Esta reconciliación sana, edifica y restaura la integridad de nuestra comunidad, en la cual Dios es la fuerza que nos une. Esta comunidad es guiada por la maravillosa presencia de Dios, tal como Jesús nos asegura: «Donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos».

Inicio del nuevo año académico:

Al comenzar un nuevo año académico, recordemos y oremos por nuestra escuela. Iniciamos este año en medio de grandes desafíos económicos, sin olvidar la contribución de la diócesis para cerrar el año anterior. Nunca es tarde para inscribir a sus hijos en nuestra escuela, ya que el futuro depende en gran medida de las inscripciones. ¡Por favor, sigan teniendo presentes en sus oraciones diarias a nuestra directora, al personal y a todos los niños!

Banquete «Orgullo por nuestros sacerdotes»:

El Capítulo de Metuchen de los Caballeros de Colón continúa con su tradición de generosidad hacia nuestros sacerdotes. Al igual que en ocasiones anteriores, los Caballeros invitan a todos los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis a acompañarlos en el banquete «Orgullo por nuestros sacerdotes», que se celebrará el martes 15 de septiembre, de 6:00 pm a 10:00 pm, en The Grand Marquis (1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857).

¡CUIDADO CON LAS ESTAFAS POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO QUE PRETENDEN VENIR DEL PÁRROCO!

Por favor, tenga cuidado con los correos electrónicos falsos que supuestamente provienen de un sacerdote de la parroquia y solicitan tarjetas de regalo. El estafador crea una dirección de correo electrónico utilizando el nombre del sacerdote para que parezca auténtica. Hay dos señales que permiten identificar esta estafa:

1. El estafador se comunicará con usted únicamente por correo electrónico y alegará algún motivo para no poder hablar personalmente (naturalmente, no pueden hacerlo, ya que usted reconocería que no es la voz del sacerdote).
2. En estas estafas no se pide dinero en efectivo. Casi siempre le pedirán que compre tarjetas de regalo. Le solicitarán que raspe la banda de seguridad en el reverso y que les envíe una foto de los números de cuenta y el PIN de la tarjeta, o bien que les facilite dichos números por correo electrónico.

Faltan menos de dos semanas para el 25.º aniversario de los atentados del 11 de septiembre.

Todos hemos observado que, con el paso de los años, la sociedad presta cada vez menos atención a la conmemoración de este día. Sin embargo, creo que los medios de comunicación y los actos locales volverán a situarlo en el centro de la atención pública justo después del Día del Trabajo. Por favor, recuerden orar por los fallecidos y sus familias.

Misa por la Vida de los Obispos de NJ y Marcha por la Vida de NJ

El jueves 8 de octubre, a las 9:30 am, se celebrará una Misa especial por la Vida oficiada por los obispos de Nueva Jersey en la Catedral de Santa María de la Asunción; posteriormente, a las 11:00am, comenzarán el mitin y la Marcha por la Vida de Nueva Jersey en el anexo del Capitolio estatal (Statehouse Annex), situado a poca distancia a pie de la Catedral. Un autobús saldrá del Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann a las 7:15am. ¡El cupo es limitado!

Para inscribirse, visite:

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Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

La Misa de la Herencia Hispana (18 de septiembre) la XI Conferencia Nacional para Músicos Hispanos (25 y 26 de septiembre) y la Misa y Feria Multicultural (7 de noviembre).

P. Antony

AYUDA HUMANITARIA

Recientemente, hicimos una generosa donación en solidaridad con los pueblos de Venezuela y Filipinas tras los terremotos que sufrieron. Recién, un fuerte terremoto en Colombia y en Nepal una avalancha de lodo nos ha impulsado una vez más a invitar a los miembros de nuestra parroquia a mostrar su solidaridad con los afectados mediante la oración y el apoyo financiero. CRS está colaborando con Cáritas Colombia para brindar asistencia directamente a las zonas afectadas.

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



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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Amy Phillips, and I'm grateful to call Saints Philip and James Parish our spiritual home.

As a fellow parishioner and local real estate professional, I wanted to reach out personally to offer my services, not just as someone who works in real estate, but as someone who cares deeply about this community and its future.

My husband and I have four children, and each of them has either attended or is currently attending SSPJ School. We chose SSPJ because we wanted more than just a good education, we wanted a place where our children would grow in faith, character, and community. The values they learn, the relationships they build, and the love they receive from the incredible teachers, priests, and staff are truly irreplaceable.

As many of you know, keeping a faith-based school strong takes the support of the entire community. From classroom resources and technology upgrades to teacher support and facility improvements, every contribution helps make a difference. That's why I've made a personal commitment:

For every real estate transaction I complete from a Saints Philip and James referral, whether it's helping someone buy or sell in New Jersey or Pennsylvania, I will donate \$500 directly to SSPJ School.

The real estate market has changed significantly over the past few years. Higher interest rates, shifting inventory levels, and changing buyer demand have created new challenges and opportunities for homeowners. Whether you're thinking about making a move now, considering an investment property, or simply curious about your home's value, having accurate information and trusted guidance is more important than ever.

If you or someone you know is considering a move, I would be honored to be your resource. There is never any pressure, just honest advice, local market expertise, and service rooted in the values we share as a parish community.

Please feel free to reach out anytime at 908-343-1982 or amyphillips@kw.com. You can also scan the QR code for an approximate home value and to connect with me directly. I'm always happy to answer questions and help in any way I can.

Thank you for being part of such a faithful and generous community. Together, we can continue supporting SSPJ and helping future generations benefit from the same faith-filled education that has meant so much to my family.

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