

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

PALM SUNDAY † March 24, 2024

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 8:00am

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: 9 am—8 pm in the Chapel

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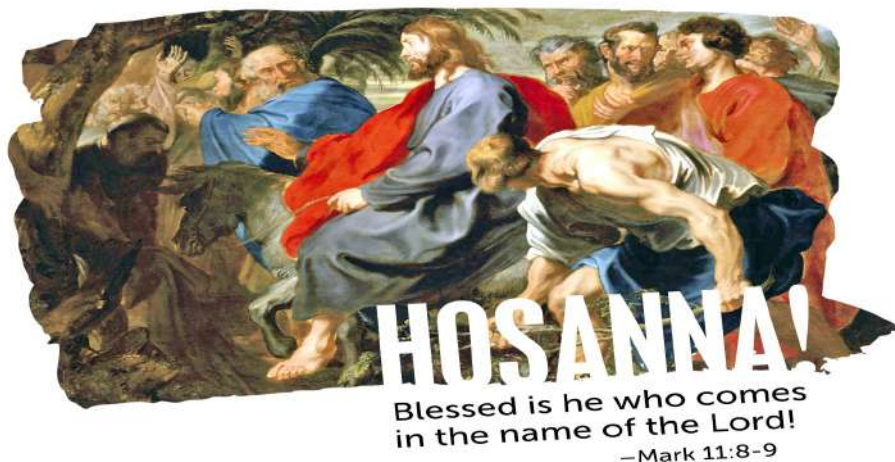
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Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9am-12:30pm
(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 3/24/24** 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in MR.
- Mon. 3/25/24** 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church. (Mass in Spanish 2nd & 4th Monday’s of the month.)
- Tues. 3/26/24** 8:30am Legion of Mary in MH, 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, & 7pm Cenacles of Life in the Chapel.
- Wed. 3/27/24**
- Thurs. 3/28/24** **Holy Thursday - Church Office & Adoration Closed**
1:00pm Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles in Mercy Hall & 7pm Mass of the Last Supper.
- Friday 3/29/24** **Holy Friday - Church Office & Adoration Closed**
12 noon Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion (Spanish), 3pm Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion (English), 4-7pm Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner in Mercy Hall, & Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in English & 8pm in Spanish in the Church.
- Sat. 3/30/24** **Holy Saturday**
7am - 8am Men’s Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage, 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & 7pm Easter Vigil Mass.
- Sunday 3/31/24** **Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord**
Masses 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm in Spanish, & No 5:30pm.

Palm Sunday

Dear Family!

As we begin Holy Week 2024, let us be reminded that we strive to be holy in both word and deed as holiness is overwhelmingly internal. We see Jesus marching into Jerusalem and people welcoming Jesus with palms in their hands as palms stand for victory. They want Jesus to win a war! Little did they know what he is waging the war against! We may be preoccupied with palms that we may forget the presence and importance of the donkey.

Let us be reminded that those palms are actually for peace - the royal anthem of Jesus is peace! 'Donkey' is traditionally seen in the Eastern concept as the image of peace and humility. This is about time our hands hold fast to the palms that are oriented towards the donkey as our Lord and Savior rides into the inroads of our hearts.

The Readings are organized uniquely as the 1st and 2nd readings are the same every year (Isaiah 50:4-7 & Phil 2:6-11) but the Passion Reading is taken from St. Mark this year. On Good Friday, every year we read from the Gospel of John.

Jesus' 'triumphal entry' seem like a mockery and a political satire on human craving for power and dominion. Jesus, in orchestrating the whole event of 'entry into Jerusalem' teaches us that he humbly rejects pomp and wealth, and violence but loves to identify with poor. Good social order is possible when we hear and put to work the Word of God.

Our Prayers for RCIA Candidates & a Sincere thanks to our RCIA Team!

I thank Deacon Larry and the whole team of volunteers in guiding the RCIA team. As these new Candidates are incorporated into our community of worshippers it is all the more necessary and it is our obligation to pray for Preston Cryan, Emmanuel Sostre & Tairina Paul. Please remember all the candidates who have received their sacraments at Easter Vigil.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles: All are welcome! As you probably know it takes hours of preparation to put together a Bible Study. I thank all those who have signed up for these studies. **Every Thursday at 1:30 pm in Mercy Hall we gather to study the scripture.** It is never too late to join the study.

Every time you participate you will appreciate the rich treasures of the Wisdom of the Word of God. This will be in preparation for the Easter Season 2024.

Confessions

As you are aware we have confessions on Saturdays both in the morning and in the afternoon, I extend the invitation to all the Sacrament of Confession during the week also. It is never too late to go to confession. The priests are available during office hours on weekdays. Please call the parish office for more information.

Eucharistic Renewal:

The next Seminar will be on April 10th, 6:30 pm. The topic we will reflect and learn together is "Eucharist is a Community Prayer" presented by Monsignor John Gordon. As I always encourage all of you - community learning is integral to our faith. Please make an effort to be part of the community and learn together. We started the Eucharistic Revival Seminars in our parish in May, 2023 and the next seminar would complete one full year of community learning. We will continue to spend this precious time every month for prayer and reflection. We are about four months away from the National Eucharistic Congress. If you would like to know more about the event or would like to travel to Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024, please visit our diocesan page <https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>.

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: We have formed a volunteer group to paint the front doors of the church in the Spring. I thank all the volunteers who signed up for this project. Our chapel renovation will be starting soon as we are working to get the schedule ready to relocate adoration opportunities for parishioners. Now that the floor of Mercy Hall is repaired we have started to renovate the bathrooms on the 3rd floor. I thank all the volunteers who were part of this project. It is an old building and in need of constant maintenance. Skilled people such as painters, electricians, plumbers and carpenters are all welcomed to volunteer in these projects.

Wish you a grace-filled Holy Week!

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, March 24th – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:00am – Diane Trinidad by Friend
 9:00 – Yola Marinelli by Lisa Marinelli
 11:00 – Joseph Zrowka by Jeannine Riotto
 1:00pm (SP) – *Sp. Int. Jenny Chapoñan
 5:30pm – Antonio & Maria Caccesa by Family

MONDAY, March 25th

6:45am – Barry Rosznagle by Lorna, Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Family
 12:10pm – Deceased Members of the Mulrine Family by Merrie Mulrine

TUESDAY, March 26th

6:45am – Mary Frances Patterson by Family
 12:10pm – Deceased Members of the Napoli Family by Graziosi Family

WEDNESDAY, March 27th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Jenny Chapoñan
 12:10pm – Angelo DeNicuola by Daughter

THURSDAY, March 28th – HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:45am – **No Mass** & 12:10pm – **No Mass**
 7pm – Deceased Priest of SPSJ & Bishop Vincent DePaul Breen

FRIDAY, March 29th - THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)

6:45am – **No Mass**
 12:00noon – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)
 3:00pm – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (English) Deceased Deacons of SPSJ
 6:30pm – Stations of the Cross (English)
 8pm – Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

SATURDAY, March 30th – HOLY SATURDAY

8:00am – **No Mass**
 12:30pm – Blessing of the Food in Church
 7:00pm (Vigil Mass) – Will Spencer by Paul McCluskey, Jr.

SUNDAY, March 31st – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:00am – Joseph Riotto by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren
 9:00 – Frank Manasseri by Family
 11:00 – Mitchell Parker by Jeannine Riotto
 1:00pm (SP) – Souls in Purgatory by Jenny Chapoñan
 5:30pm – **No Mass**

Church Office & Adoration Closed

Thursday, March 28th
 Friday, March 29th

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 28 th 7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Please refer to Ministry Scheduler
March 29 th 12:00pm 3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Please refer to Ministry Scheduler Please refer to Ministry Scheduler
March 30 th 7:00pm	Easter Vigil Mass Please refer to Ministry Scheduler
March 31 st 7:00am	Easter Sunday Masses Acolyte Dominic Russo Lector Susan Gerhardt Server Sebastian Mendoza Server Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte Andrew Sretenovic Lector Henrietta Schupper Minister Michael Duffy Minister Julie Duffy Server Adam Sretenovic Server Gabriel Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte Joseph Cruz Lector Ivanna Méndez Minister Carol Bevilacqua Minister Eileen Catalli Server Brett Bruckman Server Chimbuzo Odimma
1:00pm	Lector Gladys Jauridez Lector Juan Lalama Minister Francisco Jauridez Announcements Lissette Herrera Server Miguel Quizhpi-García Server Jackie Quizhpi-García Server Jose Jauridez
5:30pm	No Mass

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 3/24 Eileen Catalli, 3/31 Anne Coyle, & 4/7 Magnolia Mateo.

Brakeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 4/14 Lisa Spanopolous & 4/21 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

March 17 th	
	\$ 11,318.50
Online Giving:	\$ <u>2,253.00</u>
	\$ 13,571.50
SSPJ School	\$ 1,238.00
Various Collections:	\$ 229.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- All enrolled candidates should have the following handed in by now: the Confirmation Sponsor Certification, the Saint Project and Christian Charity forms.
- The 10 Weekly Reflection Forms should be handed in by March 26th.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 5pm and the rehearsal is on Monday, April 22nd at 6pm, both days in the church.

Paperwork may be handed in to catechists, dropped off at the Church office, or may be placed in the collection basket marked to the attention of Escarlen Duran.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION*

- Parents, please contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran, as soon as possible, at the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Antony.
- First Reconciliation date: Saturday, April 6th at 11am in the Church.
- First Holy Communion Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11am.

*Please note this applies to children currently registered in the SPSJ Faith Formation program that are in their second year of First Communion.



BIBLE STUDY On the Acts of the Apostles has begun and meets on Thursdays, in Mercy Hall at 1:30 pm with refreshments at 12:45 pm. Commentary Book by William S. Kurz, SJ.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Our Lord promises to wash away our sins and the punishment due to our sins on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please prepare by praying the novena located by the entrances of the church starting on Good Friday. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, at 3:00pm, we will be having the Divine Mercy Celebration with prayers & reflections, Confessions, and Mass at 5:30 pm. Join us for the cleansing of your soul!

2024 LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 fish dinner will be on March 29th. It will be held at Mercy Hall from 4pm to 7pm. Please join us in supporting our Knights. Price is \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children.

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged :	\$35,000.00
Total Received:	\$28,958.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$43,000.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	44.87%
Percent of Goal Received:	37.13%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$269.23

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 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.factsmtg.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. 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.

Pray for the Sick

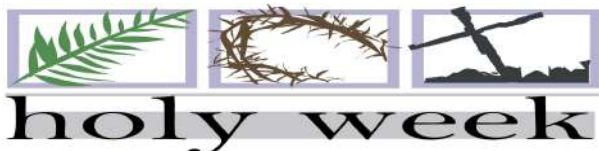
James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Jasmin Tricoche, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, August Vinti, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, Irene Benatti, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Sharon Donovan, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Joan McCaffrey, Eric Godleski, & Paul Pierce.

Pray for our Military

Christian Finizio, 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, Corporal Ryan M. Bell, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Staff Sargent Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, & Major Joseph Skopowski.



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



Palm Sunday, Mar 24

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, Mar 28

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm in the Church

Good Friday, Mar 29

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

12 pm in Spanish & 3:00pm in English

Stations of the Cross:

6:30 pm in English & 8:00pm in Spanish

Holy Saturday, Mar 30

12:30 pm Blessing of Easter food in Church

7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Mar 31

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish

*No 5:30 pm Mass

EASTER DINNER

Join us on Easter Sunday at 3 pm, for our Easter Dinner in Mercy Hall. Do not sit at home alone. Come celebrate Easter with us! Call for reservations at 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

HOME ENTHRONEMENT FACILITATED BY LEGION OF MARY



Invite Jesus to reign in your heart, life and home. Schedule a Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and/or the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visitation by contacting Gwen at 973-769-3011.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 175 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! Thank you for your generosity response with the Peanut Butter. We are in need of Jelly and store brought cookies or pudding cups.

Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall.

DEACON'S CORNER

What Is a Permanent Deacon? (Part 4 of 5)

Shortly thereafter, the time became ripe, and the fathers of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) voted to restore a married permanent diaconate while maintaining a celibate transitional diaconate for those going on to the priesthood. Both forms of the diaconate are sacramentally and canonically equal.

Despite the many decades after the restoration and the number of permanent deacons continually rising, the diaconate still remains a mystery for many. Its absence from the Church for more than a millennium has led to an underdeveloped theology. Along with its placement as a final step in the path to priestly ordination, in the minds of many it is seen as an incomplete order. As a result, deacons are often perceived as "half-baked" priests. Lost in such a misperception is the beauty and grandeur of the order itself and, perhaps most regrettably, a diminishing witness of Christ the Servant to the Church.

Regardless of this lack of theological development in the past, recent insights have helped provide a deeper understanding of the nature and mission of the diaconate. Studying the biblical term diakonia from which we derive the word "servant" or "deacon," some scholars have concluded that, far from simply helping the needy, the term was used to describe those taking on a special apostolic mission to take the Word of God abroad. Here, the deacon is primarily seen as an envoy or emissary of the apostles and acts with boldness in the exercise of his ministry. Of course, none of this precludes the deacon as a minister of mercy to the poor. That, too, is part of the apostolic mission.

Remember F. O. F.

+ God Bless You +

Deacon Larry

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP

Wednesday, July 10th with a cost of \$80. Board 7am at 137 Roseberry Street (SSPJ School parking lot) and return 10:30pm. Bring your lunch. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for details and reservations.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday (March 24)

1. “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord... Hosanna in the highest!*” (Mk 11:9-10). Jesus enters Jerusalem mounted on a colt, according to the words of the prophet: “Tell the Daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Mt 21:5).

The animal chosen indicates that it was not a triumphal entry, but that of a king meek and humble of heart. However, the multitudes gathered in Jerusalem, almost unaware of this expression of humility or perhaps recognizing in it a messianic sign, greet Christ with words full with joy: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mt 21:9). When Jesus enters Jerusalem, the whole city is in agitation. People are asking themselves, “‘Who is this?’ And the crowds [say], ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee’” (Mt 21:10-11).

This was not the first time that the people recognized Christ as the king they expected. It had already happened after the miraculous multiplication of the loaves, when the crowd wanted to carry him in triumph. Jesus knew however that his kingdom was not of this world; for this reason, he had fled from their enthusiasm. He now sets out for Jerusalem to face the trial that awaits him. He is aware that he is going there for the last time, for a “holy” week, at the end of which the passion, cross and death await him. He faces all this with complete willingness, knowing that in this way the Father’s eternal plan will be fulfilled in him.

Since that day, the Church throughout the world has repeated the words of the crowd in Jerusalem: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”. She repeats it every day while celebrating the Eucharist, shortly before the consecration. She repeats it with particular emphasis today, Palm Sunday.

2. The liturgical readings present the suffering Messiah to us. They refer first of all to his sufferings and his humiliation.

The Church proclaims the Gospel of the Lord’s *passion* according to one of the Synoptics; the Apostle Paul, instead, in his Letter to the Philippians, offers us a marvelous synthesis of the mystery of Christ, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (2:6-11).

This hymn of inestimable theological value presents a complete synthesis of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Good Friday to the Sunday of the Resurrection. These words from the Letter to the Philippians, progressively repeated in an ancient responsory, will accompany us throughout the *Triduum Sacrum*.

St Paul's text contains the announcement of the resurrection and glory, but the Liturgy of the Word for Palm Sunday concentrates primarily on the *passion*. Both the first reading and the responsorial psalm speak of it. In the text, which is part of the so-called “songs of the Servant of Yahweh”, the moment of his scourging and his crowning with thorns are sketched out; in the psalm the painful agony of Christ on the cross is described with impressive realism: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Ps 22 [21]:2). (St. Pope John Paul II, Palm Sunday, March 23, 1997)

Community News

The Warren County Meals at Home Program is in need of drivers to provide meals to seniors and other volunteers. Please call Debbie Fox at 908-914-8982.

Diocesan News

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Your gift supports the mission of the ***Office of Human Life and Dignity***, remaining steadfast in its efforts to promote the sanctity of human life in all stages and in all conditions. Your support also brings the grace of the sacraments and compassionate care to those in hospitals and prisons through our ***clergy chaplains*** and has a tremendous impact on the lives of so many in need through our ***Catholic Charities***.

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of *confirmandi*, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM. To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

Domingo de Ramos

¡Querida familia!

Al comenzar la Semana Santa de 2024, recordemos que nos esforzamos por ser santos tanto en palabra como en obra, ya que la santidad es abrumadoramente interna. Vemos a Jesús marchando hacia Jerusalén y la gente recibió a Jesús con palmas en las manos mientras las palmas representan la victoria. ¡Quieren que Jesús gane una guerra! ¡Poco sabían contra qué está librando la guerra! Es posible que estemos tan preocupados con las palmas que olvidemos la presencia y la importancia del burro.

Recordemos que esas palmas en realidad son por la paz: ¡el himno real de Jesús es la paz! El "burro" se considera tradicionalmente en el concepto oriental como la imagen de la paz y la humildad. Ya es hora de que nuestras manos se aferren a las palmas que están orientadas hacia el burro mientras nuestro Señor y Salvador cabalga hacia las incursiones de nuestros corazones.

Las Lecturas están organizadas de manera única ya que la 1.^a y 2.^a lectura son las mismas todos los años (Isaías 50:4-7 y Fil. 2:6-11), pero la Lectura de la Pasión está tomada de San Marcos este año. Cada año leemos para el Viernes Santo el Evangelio de Juan.

La “entrada triunfal” de Jesús parece una burla y una sátira política sobre el anhelo humano de poder y dominio. Jesús, al orquestrar todo el evento de la “entrada en Jerusalén”, nos enseña que él humildemente rechaza la pompa, la riqueza y la violencia, pero le encanta identificarse con los pobres. El buen orden social es posible cuando escuchamos y ponemos en práctica la Palabra de Dios.

¡Nuestras oraciones por los candidatos de RICA y un sincero agradecimiento al equipo de RICA!

Agradezco al Diácono Larry y a todo el equipo de voluntarios por guiar al equipo de RICA. A medida que estos nuevos Candidatos se incorporan a nuestra comunidad de fieles, es aún más necesario y nuestra obligación orar por Preston Cryan, Emmanuel Sostre y Tairina Paul. Recuerde a todos los candidatos que han recibido sus sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual.

Estudio Bíblico sobre Los Hechos de los Apóstoles: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Como probablemente sepa, se necesitan horas de preparación para organizar un estudio bíblico. Agradezco a todos aquellos que se han inscrito en este estudio. **Todos los jueves a la 1:30 pm en Mercy Hall nos reunimos para estudiar las Escrituras.** Nunca es demasiado tarde para unirse al estudio. Cada vez que participes apreciarás los ricos tesoros de la Sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios. Esto será en preparación para la temporada de Pascua de 2024.

Confesiones

Como saben que tenemos confesiones los sábados tanto por la mañana como por la tarde, extendo la invitación a todos al Sacramento de la Confesión también durante la semana. Nunca es demasiado tarde para confesarse. Los sacerdotes están disponibles durante el horario de oficina de lunes a viernes. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para obtener más información.

Avivamiento Eucarística:

La próxima charla será el 10 de abril a las 6:30 pm. El tema que reflexionaremos y aprenderemos juntos es “La Eucaristía es una oración comunitaria” presentado por Monseñor John Gordon. Como siempre los aliento a todos ustedes, el aprendizaje comunitario es parte integral de nuestra fe. Haga un esfuerzo por ser parte de la comunidad y aprender juntos. Comenzamos las charlas de Avivamiento Eucarístico en nuestra parroquia en mayo de 2023 y la próxima charla completaría un año completo de aprendizaje comunitario. Continuaremos dedicando este precioso tiempo cada mes a la oración y la reflexión. Estamos a unos cuatro meses del Congreso Eucarístico Nacional. Si desea saber más sobre el evento o desea viajar a Indianápolis del 17 al 21 de julio de 2024, visite nuestra página diocesana <https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>.

Proyectos de mantenimiento: Hemos formado un grupo de voluntarios para pintar las puertas de entrada de la iglesia en primavera. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que se inscribieron en este proyecto. La renovación de nuestra capilla comenzará pronto mientras estamos trabajando para preparar el cronograma para reubicar las oportunidades de adoración para los feligreses. Ahora que el piso de Mercy Hall está reparado, hemos comenzado a renovar los baños en el 3er piso. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios que fueron parte de este proyecto. Es un edificio antiguo y necesita mantenimiento constante. Personas calificadas como pintores, electricistas, fontaneros y carpinteros son bienvenidas como voluntarias en estos proyectos.

¡Les deseo una Semana Santa llena de gracia!

P. Antony

NOTICAS DE LA DIÓCESIS

CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO 2024 **QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR:**

Renueva nuestros Corazones y **Envíanos en Misión**

Su donación apoya la misión de la *Oficina para la Vida Humana y la Dignidad*, permaneciendo firme en sus esfuerzos por promover la santidad de la vida humana en todas las etapas y en todas las condiciones. Su apoyo también trae la gracia de los sacramentos y la atención compasiva a quienes se encuentran en hospitales y prisiones a través de nuestros *capellanes del clero*, y tiene un tremendo impacto en las vidas de muchos necesitados a través de nuestras *Caridades Católicas*.

EL PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN PARA **ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PARA LA** **ESCUELA CATÓLICA DE 2024-2025** **ESTA ABIERTO EN LÍNEA**

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través “FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment” en la dirección electrónica <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> . Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del **31 de Marzo de 2024**. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.



SEMANA SANTA

Domingo de Ramos, 24 de marzo
Horario regular de misas de fin de semana

Jueves Santo, 28 de marzo
7:00 pm Misa de la Cena del Señor
Adoración después de la Misa hasta las 10:00pm
en la Iglesia

Viernes Santo, 29 de marzo
Conmemoración de la Pasión del Señor
12:00 pm horas en español y 3:00 pm en inglés
El Vía Crucis
6:30 pm en inglés y 8:00 pm en español

Sábado de Gloria, 30 de marzo
12:30 pm Bendición de la comida en la Iglesia
7:00pm Vigilia Pascual

Domingo de Pascua, 31 de marzo
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Español
*No habrá misa a las 5:30 pm



Saints Update

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SUPPORT THE SAINTS FUND:
Interested in contributing to Saints Fund, and making a donation toward the general operating costs of Saints Philip and James School? Visit sspjn.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!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1-3 PM
COME TAKE A TOUR WITH SSPJ SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MRS. BELL, AND FIND OUT WHY IT IS GREAT TO BE A SAINT!

FAITH & SERVICE

Join us for the annual Faith & Service Dinner on 4/27 as we honor Rev. Patrick Boyle (Class of '71) and Kelly & Kevin Perna for their outstanding contributions to our Parish and School. For more information, please visit our event page at sspjn.org/event and scroll down to the event listing. Event sponsorships are also available.

HOLY WEEK

We wish our school and parish family a blessed Holy Week, and a joyous Easter celebration next Sunday.



We are so proud of our SSPJ School Star Students, Kimora and Hiroshi! Both students were nominated for being hardworkers, as well as demonstrating J.O.Y., and being both kind and helpful to their friends!



Two amazing players made it to the final round of the SSPJ third grade March Madness Multiplication tournament. Stay tuned for an update!



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Year of the Parish Revival (2023-2024)

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12th Talk

Eucharist is a Community Prayer

Monsignor John Gordon

**Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in Mercy Hall
then head to the Church at 7pm for the talk.**

At Our Church, 430 Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865



Please join us for dinner, drinks, and the chance to renew old friendships, as alumni and friends of

Saints Philip and James School and Parish to honor

Rev. Patrick Boyle class of 1971

and

Kelly and Kevin Perna

Saturday, April 27, 2024

at: Mainline (formerly Flynn's on the Hill), 341 Pursel Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey

Cocktail Reception at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

Please RSVP no later than April 15, 2024, to:

Saints Philip and James Faith and Service Committee ATTN: Bill Casey

137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865

Email contact : billcasey2@yahoo.com Phone : 610-704-7429

Dinner ticket: \$70 – Hors d'oeuvres, hot dinner buffet includes two entrees

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Address: _____

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