St. Philip& St. James Catholic Church

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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.

Holy Mass

Saturday Evening
4:30 pm
Sunday
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm *(Spanish)* & 5:30 pm
Daily Mass—Monday - Friday: 6:45, 8:00 am & 12:10 pm
Saturday 8am
Confession Saturdays, 9:00am,

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss *Pastor*
Nancy Ensley *Parish Sec. ext. 404*
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Fr. Patrick Boyle *ext. 404*
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Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 8am—4pm

Monday nights 5-8pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Jan. 1, 2023

Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/1/23 Mass at 7, 9, and 11am, 1pm NO 5:30pm Mass; New Year's Day Dinner at 3pm in Mercy Hall.

Mon. 1/2/23 Office is closed. Adoration 8:30am—8pm in the chapel; 7pm Novena in the Chapel with Deacon Enock;

Tues. 1/3/23 Adoration 8:30am—8:00pm; 8:30 Sanctuary Guild in Church; 9:00am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall; 4:00pm CCD at SSPJ; 5:30pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Rm.; 6pm Vocations Mass in church all are welcomed; 7pm Vocations dinner mtg. at Flynn's on the Hill; 7pm Sp. Charismatic P. G. in Church; 7pm Cenacles of Life in the chapel

Wed. 1/4/23 Adoration 8:30am—8:00pm in the chapel; 7pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group in Church

Thurs. 1/5/23 Adoration 8:30am—8:00pm in the chapel; 6:00pm Choir Practice in Church; 7pm Blue Army Prayer Group in the chapel

Friday 1/6/23 First Friday of the Month; No Events

Sat. 1/7/23 8:30am First Saturday Devotions; 9am—9:30am Confessions in the Church 9am – 1pm Soup kitchen at Mercy Hall; 3:15-4:15pm Confessions in the Church; 4:30pm Mass

Sunday 1/8/23 Mass at 7, 9, 11am, 1:00pm & 5:30pm; 10am Confirmation Class in PMR; 10am RCIA Class in Conf. Room; 10am Legion of Mary Library; 3pm—7pm Sp. Charismatic Prayer Group in PMR.

Happy New Year!

Dear Family!

I wish you all a God-filled New Year! As many of you know that Christmas is not just a day but a season, we are filled abundantly by God with graces and blessings in all these days of the season. Our happiness is multiplied by many important feasts days that we celebrate in this season starting with Saint Stephen, the First Martyr (December 26), Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist (December 27) Holy Innocents (December 28) and the feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (December 30)

The Octave Day of Christmas is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God** (January 1st). With three other memorials (St. Basil & St. Gregory (January 2), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4) and St. John Neumann (January 5) we also celebrate three optional memorials this week: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus* (January 3), *Saint Andre Bessette* (January 6) and *Saint Raymond Penyafort* (January 7).

The **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** is celebrated next Sunday and with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9th we conclude the season of Christmas and enter into Ordinary Season.

The Old Testament Reading on the first day of the year has one of the finest blessings in the Bible. We need God's grace and blessings everyday to keep our time holy and God-filled. God's gift of time is an invitation to everyone to seek His Face, His Kingdom. Mary as the Mother of God experienced the 'restlessness' in her heart. The light in her to fulfill God's will never missed to affect her Son in the womb. Jesus was not only sharing her blood for nourishment but also her spirituality. We are given that Marian Spirituality as a gift on the first day of the New Year. As her sons and daughters we fulfill God's will for us, for our families and for our community.

We also pray for world peace today. Pope John Paul II said, "To pray for peace is to open the human heart to the inroads of God's power to renew all things. To pray for peace is to pray for Justice, for a right-ordering or relations within and among nations and peoples. It is to pray for freedom of every individual. It is to seek God's forgiveness, and to implore the courage to forgive those who have trespassed against us."

Mary is the model of the Church and a great source of inspiration to all of us. By remembering her faithfulness to God, we live out her values and inspiration all the days of this year and the years to come. Let us make all our God-given time holy by following the example of Mary, the Mother of God. Amen.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Antony

MINISTRY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 7th – Jan. 8th

Jan. 7th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Nicholas Socci
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Maria Gural
	Minister	Edward Socci
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
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Jan. 8th		
7:00am	Acolyte	Steven Fulse, Jr.
	Lector	Kathy Fulse
	Server	Julian Mendoza
	Server	Sebastian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Luciana Perna
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Server	Owen Case
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Gladys Jaurides
	Server	Erin Giacalone
	Server	Emma Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Suyapa Jaurides
	Minister	Francisco Jaurides, Jr.
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-Garcia
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-Garcia
5:30pm	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Rosemary Carnali
	Server	Brett Bruckman
	Server	Trent Moore

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec. 31st 4:30pm
Sunday Jan. 1st: 7am, 9am 11am and 1pm in Spanish; NO 5:30pm MASS

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home, 1/1/23 Ed Socci 1/8/23 Bob Hopkins, 1/15/23 Ron Rossini, 1/22/23 Paul Juliano, 1/29 Eileen Catalli
Brakeley Nursing Home – Deacon Francisco
Phillipsburg Nursing Home 1/15/23 Judy Leone

NEW YEARS DINNER

Come & start the New Year right with your parish, family. New Year's Dinner is on Sunday, January 1st, at 3pm in Mercy Hall. Don't be alone on New Year's Day. Call 908-454-9880 for reservation. Please leave your name & phone number. Walk ins are welcomed.

+ MASSES FOR THE WEEK +

SUNDAY, Jan. 1st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
7:00 – Mary Jarrell by Ken Jarrell
9:00 – Mary Jabbour by Bob & Dee Ellwood
11:00 – Adam Lokitis by Ronnie Maier
1:00 (SP) – For the People of the Parish
5:30pm – **NO MASS**

MONDAY, Jan. 2 Sts. Basil & Gregory
6:45 – Eileen Wieller by Bill & Barbara Casey
8:00 – Mass Association Mass
12:10pm – Adam Lokitis by Mary & Robert McDougal

TUESDAY, Jan. 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
6:45 – Ethel Gibbons by Fran Ludwig & Family
8:00 – Dave Pierfy by Fran & Tom
12:10pm – Andrew McCluskey, Jr. by sister, Marcella Snyder & Family
6:00pm– Vocations Mass (All are welcomed)

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:45 – Msgr. Patrick Francis Connolly (A)
8:00 – Yolanda Goretti by Michael Johnson
12:10pm – John Butchko by Mary Lilly

THURSDAY, Jan. 5th St. John Neumann
6:45 – Eugene Savin by Nancy Ensley
8:00 – Gunnar Dominic Bickhardt by Moscaritolo Family
12:10pm – Gerald A. Bladies by Rose, Pat & Bernie

FRIDAY, Jan. 6 St. André Bessette
6:45 – Angelo Sciascia by Mabel Lucas
8:00 – Frank Trapani by Nancy Ensley
12:10pm – John "Jack" Boyle by Rose Bladies

SATURDAY, Jan, 7 St. Raymond
8:00am – Alfred Kucinski by SPSJ Choir
4:30pm – Kathy Verdon by Ann Foose

SUNDAY, Jan, 8 The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 – Jimmy Richline by Mom
9:00 – Jane Merlo (A) by Bob & Patti Merlo
11:00 – Ruth & Howard James by Pat & Mike James
1:00 (SP) – *Sp. Int. Grandchildren by Maria C. Roussenouff
5:30pm – Joyce Gasparovic by Ayala Family

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are having Eucharistic Adoration on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st with a special Holy Hour starting at 11:00pm to Midnight in the Church. You are invited to come to spend the last hour of the Year with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to thank Him for His blessings for the past year and receive His blessing at the very beginning of the New Year 2023. No mass at Midnight on the 31st.

+ MASS ASSOCIATION INTENTIONS +

Monday, Jan. 2nd Sts. Basil & Gregory

Brooke Campbell by Pisano Family
Joseph George by Judy Leone
Abrehet Tewolde by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
Joseph Duddas by Julianna Duddas
Irene Natisin by Jean Weston

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism Angel Aguilar son of Mr. Christian Argueta and Ms. Ellen Aguilar.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Dec. 18th: $10,849.00
Dec. 25th Not available at time of printing
Food for the Needy: $85.00
SPSJ School: $817.00

November online: $13,521.50

Parish Capital Campaign
Total Pledged as of 11/4/22: $1,555,801.55
Total Collected as of 11/4/22: $1,513,020.19

SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION
Immaculate Conception: $158.00
Christmas: $1,075.00
Christmas Decorations: $214.00
Retirement for Religious: $60.00

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office and adoration will be closed on Monday January 2, 2023.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry will be holding an open house on Sunday, Jan. 15th after the 9am Mass in the Youth Ministry rooms on the second floor of Mercy Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be an Altar Servers meeting on January 27, 2023 for all existing and new servers and parents. Please join us in the church from 7-8pm for a brief meeting and training session. If you have any questions please reach out to Rob Anselmo at Robert.anselmo@yahoo.com.

THNAK YOU!

Thank you to the Decorating Committee for making our Church look so beautiful with all the Christmas Decorations.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Angela Young, Rachel Pusey, James Tersigni, Robert McGotty, Margaret Stocker, Jamey Perrone, Antoinette Pantaglio, Bob Hannagan, George Abruzzo, Thomas Ernest, Lorraine Wonder, Rachel Clark, Rosa Zeralles, Manuel Venegas

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY (Jan 1 Sunday)

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January - Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
January 3 - *Optional Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

(Catechism of Catholic Church - Footnotes are not presented here)
430 Jesus means in Hebrew: "God saves." At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, "will save his people from their sins". In Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men.

432 The name "Jesus" signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, so that "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

433 The name of the Savior God was invoked only once in the year by the high priest in atonement for the sins of Israel, after he had sprinkled the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies with the sacrificial blood. The mercy seat was the place of God's presence. When St. Paul speaks of Jesus whom "God put forward as an expiation by his blood", he means that in Christ's humanity "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself."

434 Jesus' Resurrection glorifies the name of the Savior God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the "name which is above every name". The evil spirits fear his name; in his name his disciples perform miracles, for the Father grants all they ask in this name.

435 The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer. All liturgical prayers conclude with the words "through our Lord Jesus Christ". The *Hail Mary* reaches its high point in the words "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." The Eastern prayer of the heart, the *Jesus Prayer*, says: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word "Jesus" on their lips.

January 4 - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA)
January 5 - Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop (USA)
January 6 - *Optional Memorial of Saint Andre Bessette, Religious (USA)*
January 7 - *Optional Memorial of Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

PRAYER LIST

Anyone who has a family member, friend who is in need of prayers please call the church office with their name and phone number. Along with your name and phone number. These names of the people needing prayers will be placed on the Prayer List. If anyone has any questions please call the church office. Thank you.

MILITARY PRAYERS

Anyone who has a loved one or a friend in the military please call the church office with their name, branch of service they are in.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 20th. Come and walk with us to the Capital to stand up for Life! It is an amazing experience to walk with over a half million people. Bus will leave St. Philip & St. James School on Roseberry Street at 6:30am. We will stop for dinner, and arrive back around 10:30pm. To reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 & leave your name and phone number.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS (CCD)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Friday, February 24th at 5pm and the rehearsal is on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6pm both days in the church. All enrolled candidates should have the following handed in by now: the Confirmation Sponsor Certification and the Saint Projects forms. The Weekly Mass Reflection and Christian Charity forms are due in January.

THANK YOU

The Giving Tree Committee would like to thank you for your generous support of those in need this Christmas season. You insured that the children in the community and those in a nursing home would have some joy on Christmas morning. You are a very giving community and we can't thank you enough.

SOUP KITCHEN

Our Soup Kitchen is in need of a few more volunteer cooks. We provide a hot meal every Saturday morning to between 70 – 160 people. We use produce and meats donated to us on Friday and cook on Saturday morning. Our distribution time is 11am – 12:30pm, so meals need to be ready to be package by our volunteers at 10:30am. If you are interest in cooking, or would like further information please call Vance at 908-319-0930.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Christian Finizio, Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Lizzetti, Lt. Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Andrew N. Zellers

DEACONS CORNER

Mary the Mother of God

We are gathered here together celebrating, with this Holy Mass, the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God. Before I begin this homily, I want to wish for all of you, that this year will bring you health, peace, and growth in the knowledge of God. Today, besides being a great day for the Church and for us, is a day to meditate on the year that ends and the year that begins. It is a day to feel happy and joyful thinking that, if it starts well, it will surely end well. We should center our good resolutions on a sincere following of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the only one who can save. Through the solemnity today, the Church asks us to contemplate on Holy Scripture, where it says that the Virgin Mary conceived and gave birth to the God Child through the work of the Holy Spirit. In our communities, we observe the love that is so great for the Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of All Humanity.

Besides considering the role that the Virgin had in the mystery that is Christ, we should contemplate her role in the mystery of the Church and how she was associated to God's plan for salvation. We recognize that Mary is the Mother of Christ and therefore the Mother of God. She is also the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Here I want to emphasize, and make clear, that the role of Mary, as Mother of the Church and Mother of Humanity, does not in any way overshadow Christ or demean him. On the contrary, the love that we profess, in an honorable and sincere way, for our Most Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, manifests and underscores the love that we have for Christ. We should remember that humanity could only be saved through the sacrifice that Christ suffered in his own flesh. And it was through the miraculous conception and birth of Jesus that God underscored, at the same time, the divinity, and the humanity of his Son. The Maternity of the Virgin Mother is a fact that highlights and supports the miraculous redemption of all humanity.

Today we begin a New Year and no one here present has the slightest idea of what this New Year will offer, but we can be sure that in the Good and bad of every day, the Most Holy Virgin will always be at our side and Will be on our side. If we ask her, we can be sure that we can count on her help.

Deacon Francisco

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FORMED is a collection of Catholic Bible studies, talks, movies, and other programs for people who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Anyone in our parish can access it by following three simple steps: (1) Google formed.org. (2) Scroll down to where it asks if your parish already subscribes and indicate yes. It will ask you to enter your parish code, which is GMKZ4Q (all capitals). (3) You will then be asked to set up your own account by establishing your own password.

WORD FROM THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Today we hear about the shepherds going in haste to meet Jesus in **Bethlehem**. How appropriate it is that shepherds should travel to the City of David, who was himself a shepherd from this area. Of course, the Messiah's birth in **Bethlehem** was foretold by the prophet Micah. *"But you, **Bethlehem**-Ephrathah least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."* (Mic. 5:1 NAB)

St. Luke saw the importance of Jesus' birth in **Bethlehem** as the point of connection to the family of David. We should remember that Joseph had to go there for the census because he was a member of that family. *"Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called **Bethlehem**, because he was of the house and family of David."* (Lk. 2:4 NAB)

The name "**Bethlehem**" in Hebrew means "house of bread." This provides an interesting connection between the first house Jesus ever knew and the Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life.

Ultimately as we celebrate today Mary as Mother of God, it is interesting to think about the journey Mary and Joseph took to **Bethlehem**. Bargil Pixner in his book, *Paths of the Messiah*, is quite sure that Mary and Joseph passed the palace of King Herod on their journey to **Bethlehem** and that they would have seen the city from a distance due to its hills (p.7). He is also sure Mary and Joseph would have felt joyful to be going to **Bethlehem** because of the family connection (p.7). Yes, he even argues that Mary is also of the family of David, as were many in Nazareth (ch.2).

Finally, he states that Mary and Joseph had really decided to move to **Bethlehem** permanently on this journey (p.4) but later changed their minds after their return from Egypt. *"He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee.* (Matt. 2:21-22 NAB) Did Mary and Joseph go to **Bethlehem** not just for the census, but also because they knew Jesus was the Messiah and wished to fulfill the prophecy of Micah about Him?

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Our First Saturday Devotion will be on Saturday, January 7, 2023, after the 8 AM mass, which includes Rosary, reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Confessions at 9 AM. Our Blessed Mother promises that those who do the First Saturday Devotions for 5 Consecutive months will be granted the grace of eternal salvation.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Annual Collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education will be taken the weekend of January 21-22, 2023. By helping to provide tuition assistance for children attending our diocesan Catholic schools, your gift will make a tremendous impact and offer the promise of a better future to many deserving young students. Please consider supporting this effort and be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS

Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 12:00noon at eh Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or by calling 732-562-1543.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To meet the increased needs of the community, Catholic Charities Food Pantry and Thrift Store, located in Phillipsburg, needs volunteers for the following:

Food Pantry:

Open from 10am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday
Volunteers to unpack donated and purchased food
Volunteers to sort and stack food on our pantry shelves
Volunteers to prepare grocery bags for our clients.
Break down empty boxes and carry them to the trash bins
Provide basic case management services and have an awareness of local resources or be willing to learn

Thrift Store:

Open from 11am – 4pm Monday through Friday
Help sort and put donated items on the shelves
Help price the items donated to the store
Help the customers with any questions they may have about the items purchased/

Call Maria Hunter at 732-738-1315 or email mhunter@ccdom.org.

TOGETHER IN CHARITY

On the weekend of January 7-8, 2023 the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program that provides assistance to parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to help. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year, 33 of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance from this fund. In total, 222 households, consisting of 251 adults and 255 children, were helped by those who gave to the "Together in Charity" collection.

A hallmark of our diocese has been your generous response to those in need. Thanks to your generosity, we have consistently risen to the occasion of following the Gospel mandate "what you have done for the least, you have done for me." In that spirit I ask you to please respond as your means allow, making a sacrificial offering for those in need who seek our help. Your assistance becomes the actual presence of Christ in someone's life.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the generous World Mission Sunday contributions of $1,489.00 from the people of St. Philip and St. James.

United with Catholics throughout the world on World Mission Sunday, your parishioners, answered their baptismal call with exuberance and zeal! "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:18, the Lord asked: and they responded..reaching out to their brothers and sisters in the Missions. Their assistance helps to bring God's love, hop and peace to all His children – especially the poor, as well as those persecuted for the faith, and those yet to know the salvation of the Gospel.

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Saints Update

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions to the fund are awarded each July to families who otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To make a contribution, simply put your donation in a collection envelope marked for the scholarship.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 TUITION ASSISTANCE - ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN
Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2023. 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.

OPEN HOUSES
Come and see why it is so great to be a Saint! Open houses will be held from 1-3pm on Sunday, January 29th and Sunday, March 12th, as well as 6-8pm on Tuesday, April 25th. Please visit sspjnj.org for more information.

HELP WANTED
Saints Philip & James School is currently in search of substitute teachers as well as full-time classroom teachers and teaching assistants. All clearances are required. Please contact Mrs. Kucinski at kucinski.donna@spsj.org.

CALENDAR RAFFLE
Calendar raffle tickets are on sale! They are available for purchase for $10 each. Beginning in February, a winner will be selected each week. There are $1,000 in prizes that will be given away. Some prizes are as large as $200! Each ticket is eligible to win each week. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call 908.859.1244.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year to our entire Saints Philip & James Family!

THE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS SHOW
Our students did an amazing job performing in our annual school Christmas production. We are thrilled to have been able to once again present this special show in-person, which is focused the true meaning of Christmas, and it was wonderful to see so many friends and family in the audience.

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