

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † January 14, 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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(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 1/14/24 Columbiettes Postulate & Seminarian Collection after all Masses, 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

Mon. 1/15/24 Church Office & Adoration Closed

Tues. 1/16/24 8:30am Sanctuary Guild in Church, 9am Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ school, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room & 7pm Cenacles of Life in Chapel.

Wed. 1/17/24 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in MH

Thurs. 1/18/24 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in Chapel.

Friday 1/19/24 March for Life Bus Trip leaving from SSPJ School.

Sat. 1/20/24 7am—8am Men's Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 9:45am Legion of Mary Curia Meeting in MH, 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in MH.

Sunday 1/21/24 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Family!

We just concluded the Season of Christmas. What did we experience as a praying community? “When we assemble for liturgy in the Season of Christmas, then, we are a church haunted by a child with many faces. Each of us brings to the assembly the image of the child within, whether that child be possibility or prison. Each of our local communities brings the images through by our devotional arts, whether those images be of past childishness or future maturity.” (Jennifer Glenn) Thus the sentiments of Christmas expressed in our liturgies proclaim the spirituality of all the Baptized.

We enter into the Ordinary Season (Lent will be here in no time!). Time is so precious to the secular world in terms of commercializing it in all possible ways. Time is so precious for the believer also but not in terms of commercial value but in terms of spiritual value. The Sunday worship is the basic structure upon which liturgy is built. The Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter have their expansive celebrations centered on Sunday worship.

There is nothing ordinary about this Season, let alone be ‘ordinary’ time which could mean ‘not so important’. The St. Andrew Bible Missal explains, “What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all Sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian Living.”

‘Sunday Worship’ could be compared to the discovering The Rabbi, the Way, the Truth and the Life - Jesus as expressed in the Gospel. Andrew finds Jesus and he brings Peter to Jesus. Our Christian Vocation is exactly this: find Christ and bring your loved ones to Christ. Sunday Worship makes the Presence of Christ alive in us.

Catholic School Week (Jan 28 - Feb 3): With the help of our Bishop and other pastors in our County, we want to make the most of this week with letters, postcards, posters advertising our School. There will be teams going to different parishes presenting our school to parents. Please see the letter at the end of the bulletin. I request you to support and help us to spread the news and create awareness!

Eucharistic Revival Seminar: My sincere thanks to the ‘72 Disciples’ ministry, for hosting our Vicar General’s presentation on ‘Eucharist and Saint John Paul II’. I also thank our Vicar General Fr. Jay Tabrowsky for accepting our invitation and gave a wonderful presentation amidst all his busy schedule. I continue to encourage community learning as it is indispensable for our faith.

Bible Study: All are welcome! **Our last Bible Study was on Jan 9th, 5pm in Mercy Hall.** We were learning “**On the Way of Discipleship**” (8:27 - 10:52). The last Bible Study for January will be on the 15th at 5pm. Please join us! This will immensely help you with your Sunday Mass experience as Year B reflects on St. Mark. Please stay tuned for the next Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles. Details will follow.

New Employees: We have hired a new Maintenance person for our School, **Janusz Cichowski**, and a part-time janitorial support **Collette Clothilda** for the school along with Rosanna Caprio our regular support staff at the School. We also hired a new Maintenance person **Steve Webber** for our Cemetery and Lawn Care. We hope and pray all our properties are well taken care off by our staff and wish them well!

Ordinary Maintenance Projects: We have just repaired and tuned our **security system**. We will spend a week in repairing the much needed **wall repair** at the back of the Risen Christ Statue in the Church. We are also pondering over the **removal of old carpet in our Chapel** and replacing it with hardwood. We also need to do some maintenance work at the **Sacristy**. These are all Ordinary Maintenance projects, something simple, not a major undertaking. Your prayers and support are always needed!

Be assured of my love and prayers for you and family!

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, January 14th – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Angela Bush & Carmella Fisher by Deacon Rob

9:00 – Beatty Haviland by Friend

11:00 – Eileen Mondzak by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

1:00pm (SP) – Grace Nuñez by Family

5:30pm – Marie Louisina N. Bonheur by Juliet Bonheur

MONDAY, January 15th

9:00am – Phil Kays by Catalli Family

TUESDAY, January 16th

6:45am – Dr. John “Jack” Emery by the Volk Family

12:10pm – Rosemarie Severino by Peter Burke

WEDNESDAY, January 17th – St. Anthony Abbot

6:45am – Albina Garlasco by Tina Holly

12:10pm – Lucy Haney by Barbara & David Bruckman

THURSDAY, January 18th

6:45am – Phil Kays by Frank & Carol Wismer

12:10pm – Mark Reda by Jane Hanisek

FRIDAY, January 19th

6:45am – Rose Ritz by Felicia Gretta

12:10pm – Florence M. Longenbach by Dr. Lauren Lusardi & Dan Vergalito

SATURDAY, January 20th – St. Fabian & St. Sabastian

8:00am – Deceased members of SPSJ by Ron Rossini

4:30pm – Joseph T. Romagnoli by Graziosi Family

SUNDAY, January 21st – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Lucy Haney by Mary Lilly

9:00 – Joseph Consentino by Family

11:00 – John F. O'Donnell by Family

1:00pm (SP) – Guillermo Canales Nieves by Family

5:30pm – Phil Kays by Ed & Dolly Duffy

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on January 21st for Sts. Philip & James School. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Church Office and Adoration will be closed on Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther, Jr. King Day.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



January 20th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Josh Romero
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Frances Ludwig
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Server	Mark Talpas
	Server	Brett Bruckman

January 21st

7:00am	Acolyte	Oliver McKenna
	Lector	Judy Leone
	Server	Anthony Stefano
	Server	

9:00am	Acolyte	Aiden Hayes
	Lector	Christina Anselmo
	Minister	Maria Gural
	Minister	Thomas Casey
	Server	Cole Rautenberg
	Server	Gavin Hayes

11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Denise Kassick
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Minister	Veronica Mendez
	Server	Trent Moore
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

1:00pm	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Minister	Giovanni Lam
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García

5:30pm	Acolyte	
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 1/14 Paul Juliano & 1/21 Anne Coyle.

Barkeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 1/14 Lisa Spanopolous, & 1/21 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

January 7, 2024,	\$ 6,227.10
Online Giving:	\$ 3,327.50
	\$ 9,554.60

Food for the Needy:	\$ 1,829.10
Various Collections:	\$ 435.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- The following paperwork is now due: Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form & the Saint Project Form.
- The 10 Weekly Reflection Forms should be handed in as soon as they are completed (on weekly basis.)
- Christian Charity Form is due February 29, 2024.
- The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10am to 2pm in Mercy Hall.

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



We are looking boys and girls, who have received their First Holy Eucharist, who are willing to make a commitment to become a member of our wonderful Altar Server team!

What a GREAT way to teach your children the concept of "Stewardship." Open to all children of the parish and school (who have received their First Holy Eucharist). Parents, please email Escarlen Duran at eduran@spsj.org if interested.

Pray for the Sick

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Thomas Ernest, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Ernest E. Finizio, Sr, August Vinti, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, Irene Benatti, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Sharon Donovan, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Jacob Hille, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, & Frederick Juliano.

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, Kevin Jirole, 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 and God Bless.



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 154 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! The

Soup Kitchen is in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly; as well as store brought cookies or puddings. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.factsmgt.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.

WARREN COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES

#474

The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 will be having their annual collection for our Postulants and Seminarians on January 13th and 14th after all masses. Please help support them on their journey to do God's work. Thank you!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Come join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 19, 2024. Join a half million people who are standing up for life! Bus leaves from St. Philip & St. James Catholic School at 6:30am. Mass in the church at 6:00am. For those who cannot walk, you can visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 and leave a message.

SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

St. Philip & St. James Parish is running a bus trip to see Daniel at Sight & Sound on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Tickets: the standard price for an Adult is \$140 and for a Child (3-12) it is \$100. This includes the ticket, bus and driver gratuity. Visit to Kitchen Kettle Village (on your own) after the Matinee. Bus leaves Phillipsburg at 7:30am and the return is 7:00pm. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for reservations.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(January 14)

January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

“In times of trial, it is good to remember that we are not alone, that someone is at our side, watching over and protecting us. Saint Anthony the Abbot, the founder of Christian monasticism, also faced terrible times in Egypt, when prayer became a difficult struggle. His biographer, Saint Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, recounts one of the worst episodes in the life of the hermit saint when he was about 35, a time of middle age that for many people involves a crisis. Anthony was disturbed by the ordeal, but he resisted. When calm finally returned, he turned to his Lord with an almost reproachful tone: “But Lord, where were you? Why did you not come immediately to put an end to my suffering?” And Jesus answered: “Anthony, I was there. But I was waiting to see you fight” (Life of Anthony, 10). Fighting in prayer. And very often, prayer is combat.” (*General Audience of Pope Francis on May 12, 2021 - 33. The Struggle of Prayer*)

International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

“The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of Chemin Neuf, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso.”

“The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered “neighbor”. In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.” USCCB

January 20 - Optional St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr

DEACON’S CORNER

Although this may not seem like much, this gospel is telling me that Jesus is asking for us to follow Him just like Andrew and Simon. I believe the simplicity of this gospel is intentional and reinforces that Jesus does not often ask much of us. What he does ask is for us to trust in Him and His word. Of course, we do not always follow through. We are imperfect and sometimes we allow life to get in the way of our relationship with Jesus. With Lent quickly approaching, this gospel is there to remind us that as long as we stay committed to following Him, the rest will be forgiven. Remember that Lent is the perfect time to strengthen those ties.

Deacon Francisco

SPSJ Parish History...Did you know?

- On December 25, 1860, the first Mass was celebrated in the uncompleted church, with window drafts and poor lighting.
- In December of 1886, the Sisters of Mercy from North Plainfield NJ expressed an interest in buying property at 518 S. Main Street which became the convent.
- December of 1889 the present Gothic Structure of the Church (minus the tower clock, the steeple, and the front façade) was formerly dedicated.
- In December of 1906, The Very Rev. Patrick F. Connolly was invested and became the first rector of SPSJ to bear the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor.

ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY

RECAP OF 1-3-24

This lesson focused on the **Clean Hands, Distant Hearts, Who Do You Say that I Am?, The First Prophecy of the Passion and the Rebuking of Peter**. The following reflections are from *The Gospel of Mark* by Mary Healy.

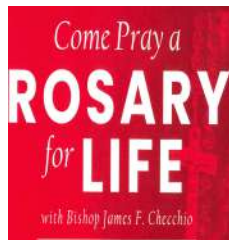
- **Clean Hands, Distant Hearts** - The Pharisees and some Scribes who had come from Jerusalem noticed that some of Jesus disciples ate their meals with unwashed hands. Jesus chastised the Jewish leaders for prioritizing human tradition over a purity of heart. He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophecy about hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. In vain do they worship me teaching, as doctrines, human precepts." "You disregard God's commandments, but cling to human tradition." Mark places a lengthy dispute in his Gospel over legal Jewish customs. In this passage regarding "human tradition" it is crucial to note that Jesus is not rejecting tradition *per se*, He is merely rejecting traditions that are not based on God's word or negate the intent of God's word.
- **Who Do You Say That I Am?** - Mark's version of Peter's confession is the most simple and stark. Peter's affirmation that Jesus is the Messiah, may seem like an obvious conclusion to draw from all that has taken place. But, this real-life proclamation of the Messiah represented penetrating insight, an earth shattering revelation that broke through the current notions of what the Messiah would be. The popular notion was that the Messiah (Anointed One) would be a Davidic Warrior King who would expel the Romans and restore independence to Israel. Others envisioned a priestly Messiah descended from Aaron. Still others foresaw a superhuman figure who would usher in a new age of prosperity and peace. But none had described a Messiah like Jesus, a humble rabbi who walked the villages of Galilee teaching, healing and casting out demons. For Peter to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah means, "You are the one whom through God will accomplish all that He promised!" Jesus mission had nothing to do with using political or military power to overthrow the enemies of Israel.

It had everything to do with overthrowing the power of sin through the Cross.

- **The First Prophecy of the Passion and the Rebuking of Peter** - "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him. At this Jesus turned around and, looking at His disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me Satan. **You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.**" Jesus response is a warning of how perilous the kind of misunderstanding of the gospel that is displayed by Peter. **He turned** as if setting His face against a grievous temptation. Looking at His disciples, their faces still crestfallen in dismay over His words, Jesus must have drawn resolve from the thought of how far astray they could have been led by Peter's false **Triumphalism**. Peter had rebuked Jesus, but now the Master rebukes Peter. The sharpest reprimand in the Gospel is reserved for the one chosen to lead others and strengthen them in their faith. **Get behind me** expresses Jesus rejection of **Satan**, who was using the unwitting Peter as a mouthpiece. And, at the same time, it expresses His command to Peter to follow behind Him as His disciple, not presume to lead Him. Peter or any Pope is qualified to lead others **only** if they are first a follower of the **true teachings of Jesus Christ**, not the false teachings of the world.

Triumphalism today can be witnessed in the new "Prosperity Gospel" that is being preached by modern day evangelists. Salvation cannot be bought! This thinking does not line up with Jesus actual words in scripture, it lacks humility and suffers from the great sin of presumption. In Jesus own words, "Not everyone who calls me Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the Will of my Father who is in Heaven."

Diocesan News



ROSARY FOR LIFE – JANUARY 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country).

Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024, at 1:00pm on Main Street in Woodbridge, NJ. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend.

For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

RETROUVAILLE

Stress in Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 2-4, 2024. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0742 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

In this season, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Community News

VOLUNTEER AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Volunteer Opportunity

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

Thrift store & Food Pantry in Phillipsburg

is in need of volunteers. If you would like more information, call Sister Michaelita at 908-859-5447.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

INFORMACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN

- Ya se debe entregar la siguiente documentación: formulario de elegibilidad del patrocinador de confirmación y formulario del proyecto santo.
- Los 10 formularios de reflexión semanal deben entregarse tan pronto como estén completados (semanalmente).
- Tienen hasta el 29 de febrero de 2024 para entregar el formulario de caridad cristiana.
- El Retiro de Confirmación se llevará a cabo el sábado 2 de marzo de 2024 de 10 am a 2 pm en Mercy Hall.

Los documentos pueden entregarse a los catequistas, llevar a la oficina de la Iglesia o colocarse en la canasta de colecta marcada a la atención de Escarlen Durán.

SERVIDORES DE MISA

¡Estamos buscando niños/niñas que hayan recibido su Primera Eucaristía y que estén dispuestos a comprometerse a convertirse en miembros de nuestro maravilloso equipo de Servidores del Altar! Qué gran manera de enseñarles a sus hijos el concepto de "mayordomía". Abierto a todos los niños de la parroquia y de la escuela parroquial (que hayan recibido su Primera Eucaristía). Padres, envíen un correo electrónico a eduran@spsj.org para ser agregados a la lista.

DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

¡Querida familia!

Acabamos de concluir la Temporada de Navidad. ¿Qué experimentamos como comunidad de oración? “Cuando nos reunimos para la liturgia en el tiempo de Navidad, somos una iglesia perseguida por un niño con muchas caras. Cada uno de nosotros trae a la asamblea la imagen del niño interior, ya sea que ese niño sea una posibilidad o una prisión. Cada una de nuestras comunidades locales transmite las imágenes a través de nuestras artes devocionales, ya sean imágenes de puerilidad pasada o madurez futura.” (Jennifer Glenn) Así, los sentimientos de Navidad expresados en nuestras liturgias proclaman la espiritualidad de todos los bautizados.

Entramos en el Tiempo Ordinario (¡la Cuaresma llegará en poco tiempo!). El tiempo es muy valioso para el mundo secular en términos de comercializarlo de todas las formas posibles. El tiempo también es muy valioso para el creyente, pero no en términos de valor comercial sino en términos de valor espiritual. El culto dominical es la estructura básica sobre la cual se construye la liturgia. Las estaciones de Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma y Pascua tienen sus amplias celebraciones centradas en el culto dominical.

No hay nada ordinario en esta Temporada, y mucho menos ser tiempo "ordinario", lo que podría significar "no tan importante". El misal bíblico de San Andrés explica: “Lo que sucede en nuestras iglesias cada domingo es el fruto de nuestra semana. Lo que sucede como fruto de la semana pasada es el comienzo de la semana venidera. El domingo, como todos los sacramentos, es al mismo tiempo un punto de llegada y de salida para los cristianos en su camino hacia la plenitud del Reino. Esto no es nada normal. Éste es el tejido de la vida cristiana”.

El "culto dominical" podría compararse con el descubrimiento del Rabino, el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida: Jesús, tal como se expresa en el Evangelio. Andrés encuentra a Jesús y le lleva a Pedro a Jesús. Nuestra Vocación Cristiana es exactamente esta: encontrar a Cristo y llevar a tus seres queridos a Cristo. La adoración dominical hace viva la presencia de Cristo en nosotros.

Semana de la Escuela Católica (28 de enero - 3 de febrero): Con la ayuda de nuestro Obispo y otros pastores de nuestro Condado, queremos aprovechar al máximo esta semana con cartas, postales y carteles anunciando nuestra Escuela. Habrá equipos que irán a diferentes parroquias presentando nuestra escuela a los padres. Por favor vea la carta en la página final del boletín. ¡Les pido que nos apoyen y ayuden a difundir la noticia y crear conciencia!

Charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico: Mi más sincero agradecimiento al ministerio '72 Discípulos', por acoger la presentación de nuestro Vicario General sobre 'La Eucaristía y San Juan Pablo II'. También agradezco a nuestro Vicario General, el P. Jay Tabrowsky por aceptar nuestra invitación y hacer una presentación maravillosa en medio de su apretada agenda. Sigo fomentando el aprendizaje comunitario, ya que es indispensable para nuestra fe.

Estudio Bíblico: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! **Nuestro último estudio bíblico fue el 9 de enero a las 5 pm en Mercy Hall.** Estábamos aprendiendo “**Sobre el camino del discipulado**” (8:27 - 10:52). El último Estudio Bíblico de enero será el día 15 a las 5pm. ¡Por favor únete a nosotros! Esto te ayudará enormemente con tu experiencia en la Misa dominical mientras el Año B reflexiona sobre San Marcos. Estén atentos al próximo Estudio Bíblico sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Los detalles seguirán.

Nuevos Empleados: Hemos contratado a una nueva persona de mantenimiento para nuestra escuela, **Janusz Cichowski** y a una empleada de limpieza a tiempo parcial, **Collette Clothilda**, para la escuela junto con Rosanna Caprio, nuestro personal de apoyo habitual en la escuela. También contratamos a una nueva persona de mantenimiento, **Steve Webber**, para nuestro cementerio y cuidado del césped. ¡Esperamos y rezamos para que nuestro personal cuide bien todas nuestras propiedades y les deseamos lo mejor!

Proyectos de Mantenimiento: Acabamos de reparar y afinar nuestro **sistema de seguridad**. Pasaremos una semana reparando la muy necesaria **reparación de la pared** en la parte trasera de la Estatua del Cristo Resucitado en la Iglesia. También estamos reflexionando sobre la posibilidad **de quitar la alfombra vieja de nuestra Capilla** y reemplazarla con madera. También necesitamos hacer algunos trabajos de mantenimiento en la **Sacristía**. Todos estos son proyectos de mantenimiento más simple, no una gran empresa. ¡Sus oraciones y apoyo siempre son necesarios!

¡Tenga la seguridad de mi amor y mis oraciones para usted y su familia!

P. Antony

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.factsmtgt.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.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA VIAJE EN AUTOBÚS

Únase a nosotros en la Marcha por la Vida en Washington, DC, el viernes 19 de enero de 2024. ¡Únase a medio millón de personas que luchan por la vida! El autobús sale de la escuela católica St. Philip & St. James a las 6:30 am. Misa en la iglesia a las 6:00 am. Para aquellos que no pueden caminar, pueden visitar el Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción. Para obtener más información o reservar un asiento, llame al 908-454-9880 y deje un mensaje.

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El Consejo Warren Columbiettes #474 tendrá su colecta anual para nuestros Postulantes y Seminaristas el 13 y 14 de enero después de todas las misas. Ayúdenos a apoyarlos en sus caminos para hacer la obra de Dios. ¡Gracias!

HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

21 de enero de 2024 - 1:00pm

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Saints Update

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Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions are awarded each July to families who otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To contribute, simply place your donation in the collection basket inside a clearly marked envelope. Making online donations? Please consider adding the scholarship fund to your monthly donations.

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SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for a special Catholic Schools Week Mass here at the Church of St. Philip and St. James on Sunday, January 28 at 11AM, followed by refreshments in Mercy Hall.

OPEN HOUSE

Come find out why it is so great to be a Saint by attending the Saints Philip and James School open house from 1PM - 3PM on Sunday January 28. For more information call 908.859.1244.



The third grade students have been working hard to master multiplication facts! They competed in a fun game of "Multiplication Bump." They love to compete and "bump" their opponents off the board. Lessons which incorporate play are always a safe bet!



Our Pre-K students are ready for some snow! They enjoyed making puffy paint snowmen in class while keeping a close eye on the weather forecast.



January 8, 2024

Dear Pastors!

Hope the Joy of Christmas Season finds you in great light as Jesus continues to bless your parish community and bring glad tidings of love and peace!

The Principal Ms. Bell and I are reaching out to you as we begin to commemorate the Catholic Schools Week (From January 28th to February 3rd) to promote Catholic Education in Warren County. As you are aware St. Philip and St. James School is the only Catholic School in the entire county and is open to broaden its limit in serving the community at large!

Saint Pope John Paul II insisted on the role of Parents when it comes to educating children in faith. He said, “Not only are the attitudes of teachers crucial for the success of Catholic education but also the attitudes of Catholic parents. Parents must set themselves very definite priorities, such as the determination to have schools in which their children’s faith will be respected, fostered and enriched; schools in which their children learn the value and beauty of the Church’s teaching. They must also see to it that their own homes are places in which these values are first fostered and lived. Parents’ own practice of the faith, their own love for Christ, is of course fundamental.” – *Address of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II to the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Regions of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Milwaukee (USA) on Their “Ad Limina” Visit, May 30, 1998.*

As we all they see how crucial and demanding of a responsibility it is that we (The Catholic School) reach out to all parents in the county and beyond to humbly request them of their support in educating their children in faith. We are requesting all pastors (with the approval of our Bishop) to permit our team (The Principal and Students) to visit and attend your main mass on Sunday of your choice and give a short presentation (5 minutes) of the importance of Catholic Education. We thank you for your support and encouragement. We are grateful for your community in entrusting your children to our care! May God be glorified in and through our ministry in educating our children.

Please help us to spread the word...Thank you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss, Pastor & Ms. Patricia Bell, Principal

**Please note: This letter has been sent out to the pastors' of neighboring parishes. It is shared in the bulletin in hopes that St. Philip & St. James parishioners will spread the word as well.*

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