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Psalm 133: 1

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"



FAMILY DAY 2026

September 2026

SWL Appointment Ceremony

February 15, St. Elizabeth Church

FOF marked a meaningful milestone with its first SWL appointment ceremony, held during the February 15 Community Gathering.

The ceremony had 3 parts.



1

The Senior Woman Leader appointment of Evelyn DeJesus , Corinne Yorobe and Shiela Bugarin (starting from the left) by our Senior Coordinator, Nilo Natural.



2

Praying over, Nilo invited the family members who were present to stand behind the newly-appointed SWLs as he led the community in praying over both them and their families.



3

Presentation of Symbolic Gift. Each newly-appointed SWL was presented with an Oil Lamp representing their role as an SWL. As this marked our first SWL appointment ceremony that included symbolic gift-giving, we likewise presented symbolic gifts to our current SWLs, Tita Alday and Menchie Natural, in acknowledgement of their continued service.

LSS Weekend

Built by me, Rebuilt by God!

JIREH hosted the Life in the Spirit Seminar at Liebenzell Retreat Center for young adults from Friday night to Sunday (Feb 20th to 22nd). 25 participants were baptized in the Holy Spirit!

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God!"
Hebrews 3:4





Kairos North America

Michindoh Conference Center

Hillsdale, Michigan

March 27-29

The YES Retreat was a three-day, two-night high school retreat for Sword of the Spirit youth and their friends. The goal for this weekend was to create an environment where the youth have the chance to say YES to the Lord's call of discipleship. The retreat also aims to bring our youth to initial or deeper conversion, to pray with them for Baptism in the Spirit, to help them grow in confidence in worship, and to encourage them in the use of the gifts of the Spirit.



Our contingent was composed of six high schoolers and five staffers. They all traveled with our brothers and sisters from POH.





Women's Tea Time

Hand Knitting

April 25, 2026
Joson's Residence



In a community setting, women can bring together an array of different skills. Everyone has the opportunity to share and learn. April 25th was one of these occasions that FOF women got to gather to have a fun learning activity after a sumptuous breakfast. In this Women's Tea Time, we learned how to knit with our fingers instead of needles.

Everybody started by making a slip knot. Step 1 done. YAY! Then we continued on to make our chains, one...two...three...Many stopped after a few, others continued to make more. After making the chains, most had some challenges. Working our way up was when the first-timers hit mishaps – missed loops, tight loops, loose pops. Some noticed the error early on and unraveled the yarn to redo. Others did not notice until many rows had been stitched. Some had the patience to rework and correct, ınaking adjustments to improve. Others chose to continue on, hoping the flaw won't be noticeable.

As the adage goes, time flies when you're having fun. Although most did not get to the end of their yarn ball, it was time well-spent with sisters who love the Lord. As our talents are God-given, the skills we develop are ours to nurture in order to give glory to the Lord. Some might have discovered a new practical way of expressing love and devotion to God; to Him who deserves all, and our all.

Legacy Conference

The Legacy Conference for young professionals was hosted this year by Family of Faith. Young professionals from the Sword of the Spirit, North American Region gathered in Edison, New Jersey for a restful and rejuvenating weekend. This year's theme was "Rest For Your Soul: Finding Rest In Christ Alone" with the guiding verse of Matthew 11:28-30.

28 *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* ***29*** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ***30*** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Held Memorial Day weekend, May 22-24, at Courtyard Edison Woodbridge, guests heard from speakers on the rest that can be found through a committed relationship with Jesus Christ.





Brunch with the CADA attendees from Michigan



Post-event fellowship at the Bugarin's residence

LSS Seminar

The community hosted a Life in the Spirit Seminar through six sessions from May 1 - June 13. It was held every Friday night at the St. Cecilia Church Parish Basement.







Daddy-Daughter K-Pop Night

June 6, St Cecilia Church

A night of dancing, fun games and delicious Korean food! Another unforgettable event for Dads and Daughters as they create lasting memories together.











Feast of the Covenant

June 7, St. Elizabeth Church

Summary of James Mannarino's words of encouragement to the Community on Covenant and Discipleship

A covenant is a sacred commitment rooted in God's relationship with His people. Unlike a contract, which is based on mutual benefit and can be broken, a covenant involves a lifelong, faithful commitment modeled after God's covenant with humanity through Jesus Christ.

The message emphasized that covenant community is a response to God's covenant in Christ. Members commit to:

Walking together as brothers and sisters in faith.
Supporting, encouraging, and holding one another accountable.
Sharing life, prayer, worship, service, and mission.
Living as one body in Christ, following the example of the early Church described in Acts.

James stressed the importance of gathering regularly, worshiping together, and building deep relationships, citing Scripture's encouragement to persevere in fellowship despite life's busyness and challenges. He contrasts ordinary church attendance with the deeper bonds found in covenant communities, describing them as spiritual families marked by genuine love, support, and belonging.

A major theme is the cost of discipleship. Covenant life requires sacrifice, commitment, and sometimes giving up personal ambitions to follow God's call. Quoting Dietrich Bonhoeffer, James reminded us that authentic Christian community and discipleship carry a real cost but produce rich spiritual fruit.

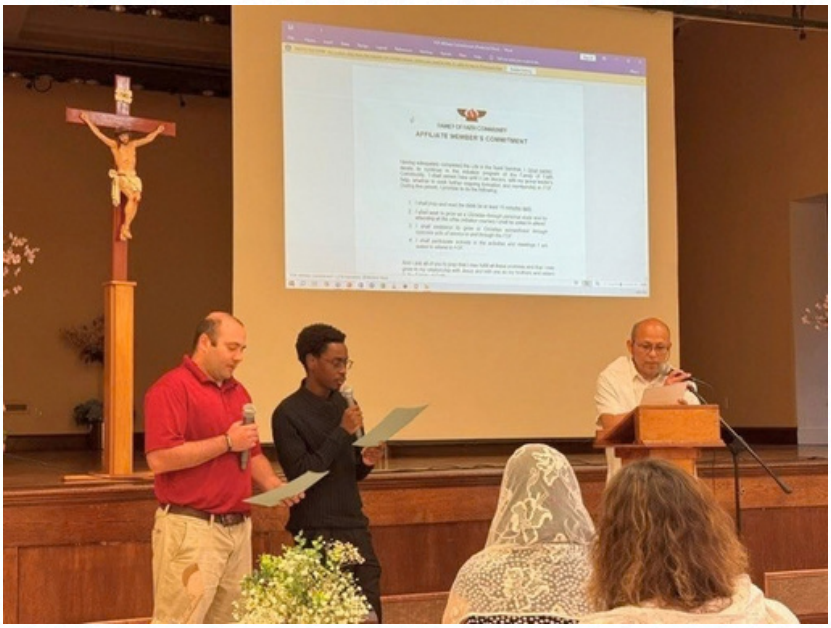
He also highlighted the growing crisis of loneliness in modern society, noting that many people lack meaningful relationships. Covenant communities provide an answer by offering friendship, belonging, and mutual care.

Using the story of Ruth and Naomi, he illustrated covenant faithfulness through Ruth's commitment: “Where you go, I will go." Ruth's loyalty serves as a model for the kind of lifelong devotion covenant members should have toward one another.
He concluded by challenging the community to recognize the treasure they have been given and to "waste their lives on Jesus" by fully pouring themselves out in love, service, discipleship, and covenant commitment to both Christ and one another.

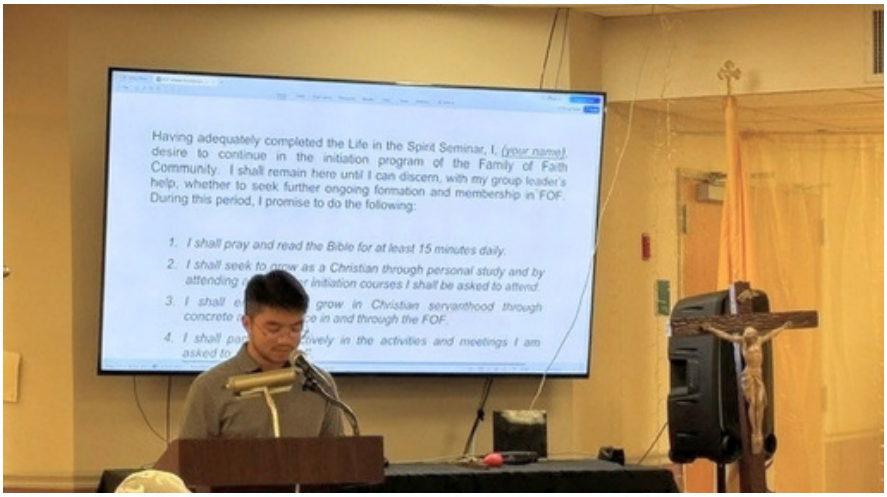
Covenant community is a sacred gift from God that calls believers to deep commitment, mutual love, faithful discipleship, and wholehearted devotion to Jesus Christ.

Welcome to our new affiliate members!

We're thrilled to have you in our community!



We welcomed Bill Pentangelo and Irvin Joseph last June 7 during the Feast of the Covenant gathering at St. Elizabeth Church.



We welcomed Miko Villadolid last September 12 during our Community Gathering at St. Cecilia Church.

POG Camp 2026

The Greatest Adventure!!



July 12th - 18th, All Saints Camp, Emlenton, PA

28th Annual People of God Summer Camp

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Three children (Athena Hernandez, Kat Bugayong, Amelia Joson) from the Family of Faith attended the camp. From Bible studies, prayer times, skits, campfires and many recreational activities, the children enjoyed the whole week with fellow campers.





Men's Breakfast

Uplifting mornings where the men blend spiritual enrichment with physical activity. Whether you're an early riser or just looking to start your day with purpose, these gatherings offer a perfect opportunity to nurture both your faith and fitness. Enjoy a mix of engaging discussions, invigorating exercises, and hearty breakfasts designed to foster fellowship and camaraderie. Come as you are, and leave feeling inspired, rejuvenated, and more deeply connected to a community of like-minded men on a shared journey of growth.



August 15 - Holmdel Park



June 13 - D&R Canal

Faith Fitness Fellowship



March 23 - St Paul, Princeton

Women’s Tea Time

Learning Tai Chi

August 8, 2026
St. Cecilia Church



a healthy way to start the day.

Many thanks to Corinne Yorobe for organizing our Women's tea time event on August 8, 2026. Learning Tai Chi was such a unique and fun experience led by Dr. Gang Huang, who began his Tai Chi training in China at age 12. Having studied under renowned Tai Chi masters, he is a certified instructor with the International Yang Family Tai Chi Association, a decorated competitor in national and international events, and the founder of Seeking Tai Chi in Bridgewater, NJ.

We all gathered on Saturday morning at 7:30 am at the basement of St. Cecilia. After Bekah opened the session with a prayer, followed by a sharing of what everyone would like to achieve from the session, Dr. Gang gave us a brief introduction and history of Tai Chi.

It was a "first time" for most of us who attended the event, which consisted of women from as young as 13 to as old as 81. With the goal of building strength, developing coordination, improving balance and gaining a calm, focused mindset, we were led by Dr. Gang in an hour of beginner level tai chi. He began by demonstrating to us the right Tai Chi posture and guided us through the different progressions of Tai Chi movements from our heads down to our feet.

He was very kind and patient in recognizing and identifying our strengths and weaknesses in a light, fun, and positive way. He made sure that everyone followed at their own comfort level. It was truly an effective way to "relax to stretch" and a healthy way to start the day.

Of course, a women's gathering is never complete without fellowship. After Tai Chi, we all enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast which included blueberry crunch bagels, overnight oats, zucchini bread, brownies, fruits and many others.

The room was filled with laughter and energy. This event was more than just about physical wellness. It was a testament to the love that binds us as sisters. With everyone having their own share of fun (and challenging) moments from Tai Chi, this event is undoubtedly one beautiful morning to remember.

WORD GIFTS

Prophetic Words from our Community Gatherings

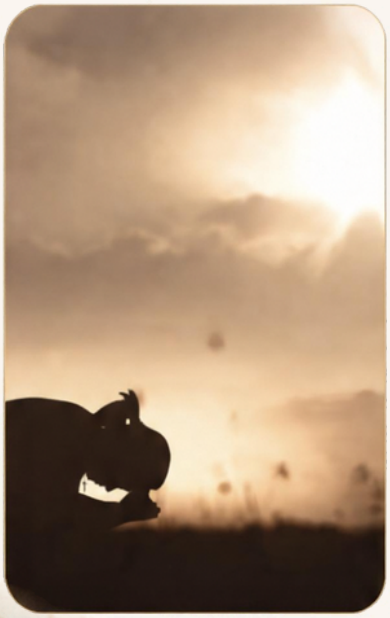


Brothers and sisters, the Lord has told me - My love for you is not based off of your accomplishments, nor is it affected by your failures and shortcomings. You are My children, and that is more than enough for Me.

Lord, we love you. The Lord is just showing us. brothers and sisters, that we are His children, and that we will always have His unconditional love, no matter what happens in the future, and no matter what has happened in the past.

Lord, we are your seeds. As such, we hear your words. We understand them a bit by now. We continuously pray that you assist and help us to bear more and more fruits, all for your greater honor and glory Lord. Fill us ever with your kind of love, always forgiving, always kind, always merciful. That we bring our brothers and sisters into your kingdom, praising and worshiping together with the angels and the saints in heaven. Oh, what a beautiful sight! Thank you, Lord, for this privilege. We are eternally grateful while we are here on this earth. Muchas gracias. Señor. Muchas gracias.





God works in every season of our lives. The sower does not plant only once, like a farmer who returns every planting season, in the same way God never stops sowing His Grace, His word, and His invitations into our lives. Every season, whether joyful, difficult, or ordinary, is another opportunity for God to cultivate our hearts and bring forth new life. God is an extravagantly generous sower. The farmers cut their seed everywhere, even on the path, among the rocks, and among the thorns, where the chances of growth seem very small. This reflects God's abundant mercy. He does not withhold His love from anyone, or wait until we are good enough. He generously offers His Word and grace to every person, always hoping that the hardest part may one day become perfect soil. Our response is to become good soil, and it's not too late. The question is whether we are willing to receive His word. We are called to open our hearts, remove whatever hardsens it or chokes our faith and cooperate with divine form. When we yield ourselves to Him, His word bears fruit in our lives 30, 60, and even a hundredfold. Brothers and sisters, yes, it's not too late. God never tires in sowing; He is generous beyond measure. May we allow Him to cultivate our hearts, so that His word may take deep root and produce an abundant harvest.

LET'S Celebrate

BIRTHDAYS!

- Teya - 10/8
- Monette - 10/8
- Dennis - 10/9
- Tita Ofel - 10/13
- Vicen - 10/14
- Mik - 10/16
- Kheil B - 10/24
- Eliza B - 10/24
- Marita - 10/31
- Jasmin - 11/2
- Cheng - 11/10
- Clarence - 11/11
- Corinne - 11/16
- Eric - 11/22
- Bheng - 12/2
- Roy - 12/3
- Rhea - 12/17
- Mell - 12/19
- Makayla C - 12/21
- Meeko N - 12/21
- Vanni - 12/21
- Debs - 12/24
- Noel V - 12/24
- Rodel - 12/28



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- Dennis/Portia - 10/12
- Patrick/Michelle - 10/17
- Arnold/Yen - 10/28
- Bogs/Shiola - 10/29
- Joseph/Evelyn - 11/22
- Hendrick/Jasmin - 12/15
- Eric/Bheng - 12/16
- Dan/Mik - 12/19
- Roy/Chelle - 12/21
- Nilo/Mench - 12/23

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

- Nate - 10/7
- Cassey E - 10/25
- Eliezer - 11/7
- Cymon E - 11/11
- Lissa - 11/11
- Cheng - 11/23
- Caitlin A - 11/25
- Gabe G - 11/25
- Lyla - 12/3
- Cherry - 12/10
- Medel - 12/10
- Angelica - 12/14
- Chino B - 12/15



About Us

The Family of Faith (FOF) is a Catholic Charismatic Community based in New Jersey, USA. We are a community of lay people (married couples, singles, youth and children) that seeks and actively participates in the Church's mission to the world.

We stand and work for: Conversion to Christ and Christian maturity, love and worship of God, Christian personal relationships and Community, daily life in Christian character, commitment to Evangelization, promotion of Christian unity, and defense of the Gospel.

Through a life of prayer, worship, service and mutual support, we seek to bring the light of Christ to the world.

FOF is a member community of Christ the King Association (Association of Catholic Communities) and Sword of the Spirit - swordofthespirit.net (Ecumenical Association of Christian Communities)

The Family of Faith is a registered 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.
To know more about us and our various activities, visit our website: http://fofnj.org

Our Mission and Vision

OUR MISSION IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER AND HOLINESS, TAKE ON THE WAYS OF GOD AND BECOME WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER AND THE GREATER CHURCH.

OUR VISION IS TO BE A CATHOLIC COVENANT COMMUNITY WITH A COMMON WAY OF LIFE THAT EXPRESSES GOD'S TRUTH AND WORD IN ACTION.

OUR LOGO IS A PICTURE OF WHAT WE ARE AS COMMUNITY:
A FAMILY EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE A LIGHT IN THE WORLD.

OUR NAME WAS INSPIRED BY ST. PAUL'S WORDS IN GALATIANS 6:10:

"SO THEN, WHILE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF THE FAITH."