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FEAST OF ST. PHILIP AND JAMES

Saints Philip and James, also known as St. Philip the Apostle and St. James the Less, are two of the twelve apostles of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who played important roles in the early Christian church. Philip and James share the same feast day because their relics were brought to Rome together in early May of 560 A.D. They were placed in a Basilica dedicated to them, located near the center of Rome. This Basilica has since been rededicated to the Twelve Holy Apostles. Both Philip and James traveled extensively as missionaries, spreading the teachings of Jesus throughout the Mediterranean world. According to tradition, Phillip preached in Greece and Asia Minor, and was eventually martyred in Hierapolis, in present-day Turkey. James, on the other hand, remained in Jerusalem and became the leader of the Christian community there. He was also martyred for his faith.

St. Philip the Apostle is believed to have been born in Bethsaida, a small fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Unlike St. James the Less, who remained a bachelor, Philip was a married man and father to several daughters at the time of his calling. According to the Gospel of John, Philip was one of the first disciples to be called by Jesus. It is believed that he was a disciple of St John the Baptist and as such he was spiritually prepared to accept wholeheartedly the invitation of Jesus, "Follow me" (Jn 1:43). Philip took to heart his mission of evangelization and hastened to bring Nathaniel to Jesus (Jn 1:44-48).

Philip was a sensible and a levelheaded man. He often raised questions and made statements, which no one else would dare to ask. He found it practically impossible buy enough food for about five thousand people in a hill country (Jn 6:7-10). Again, at the Last Supper, Philip raised a startling question, "Lord,

show us the Father; and we will be satisfied" (Jn 14:8).

James was the son of Alphaeus. This apostle is frequently referred to as James the lesser/younger, to distinguish him from James the greater/older, who was also an apostle and the brother of St John. James was at the head of the Church in Jerusalem. A Christian historian of the second century records that he was hurled down from the pinnacle of the Temple of Jerusalem by the fanatical Pharisees of the city and then stoned to death in 62 AD. According to some stories, James the Less looked so much like Jesus that even Mary sometimes confused the two. This story also states that James' resemblance to Christ is the reason why Judas needed to identify Jesus with a kiss when he betrayed Him.

Tradition says that James authored the eponymous epistle, which is perhaps best known for the line, "Faith without works is dead" (Jas 2:20). The Catholic Church also derives the Sacrament of the Sick from the epistle of James (Jas 5:14-15). Saint James became the bishop of the Church in Jerusalem and played a central role in the Church's first council (Acts 15). He confirmed the decision that the Gentiles need not undergo circumcision to follow Christ.

Because of his piety, James earned the nickname "the Just One." He remained a celibate all his life, he never shaved, never cut his hair, nor did he ever consume alcohol or meat. He never wore anything ostentatious, but always a simple linen garment. Since he prostrated himself so much in prayer, he developed callouses on his knees and forehead.

Some lessons from the life of Saints Philip and James are as follows.

1. Call of Jesus is Contagious: Philip responded to the call of Jesus and immediately invited Nathaniel towards the Messiah. Genuine

discipleship gives rises to qualitative and quantitative increase of the same.

2. Sensible Questions to increase our Faith: Philip was a rational man, who asked valid questions to Jesus. However, his questions were not of negatively critical nature, but led him towards a deeper faith to follow his Master more closely.

3. "Show us the Father": Philip asked Jesus to show the Father. This is indeed a challenging task, where the answer was found in finding the invisible divine in the visible human. Are we prepared to say, "He / she who sees me sees the Divine!"

4. Vocation to Martyrdom: Both Philip and James teach us that our call needs to lead us to day-to-day martyrdom. We are called to deny ourselves, take up the Cross and follow Him towards a life of abundant joy and peace through martyrdom.

5. Zeal for Evangelization: Both the Apostles were zealous evangelizers. Legends say that Philip was crucified upside down. However, he continued to preach from the Cross. James was asked to deny the name of Jesus the Messiah. However, he chose to affirm his belief in the Lord. Consequently, he was pushed off the battlements of the Temple.

6. Forgiveness speaks of Genuine Discipleship: When James was thrown from the battlement of the temple, he garnered enough strength to kneel in prayer and begged God to forgive his executioners, who violently rained stones down upon him. He finally succumbed to death after someone struck him on the head with a club.

May Saints Philip and James grant us the zeal for evangelization and martyrdom for the glory of God.

+ Shyamal Bose

Glimpse from Dishari Pastoral Centre

Dishari organized BEC follow-up programmes for different groups of people of Hotar, a substation under Kalyanpur Parish and R. B. Nagar Parish on April 21 & 24, 2024. Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Mr. Sourav Naskar, the resource persons, edified the 72 members present for the programmes. Furthermore, Fr. Goutam Naskar, the director conducted T.O.T. program for 41 BEC members on April 27, 2024 in its premise. Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes enlightened the minds of the participants through his session so as to make them the bearers of the Word of God to everyone through BEC.

- Saurav Naskar

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Keeping in mind the importance of vocational training and basic knowledge of computer and English in the modern competitive world Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur inaugurated four months Beautician Course for 73 candidates on April 05 and 12, 2024 at Belegachhi and Khakurdaha villages and two Computer Training Centers with Spoken English course for six months at St. Patrick's Boy's Primary School, Morapai and PUS Baruipur Human Resource Development Centre on April 12 and 22, 2024. The objective of these courses is to equip the 133 poor and marginalized students with requisite skills for income generation to become self-sufficient.

It also provided 175 disadvantaged rural children of Charavidya, Hotar, Unchipara, Keoratala and Purba Jata Free Learning Centers with educational materials and nutritional food on April 18 and 20, 2024 to assist them to promote their Education, Health, Nutrition, Sports and culture. Apart from this, the 145 students of FLC and St. Savio Boy's Hostel had diagnostic check up and prescribed medicines to improve their health and physical fitness.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

The Synodal Process in Baruipur Diocese

The Diocesan Synodal Committee had a meeting on April 13, 2024, convened by Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, the Diocesan Synodal Coordinator. 19 members participated. The discussion on the synodal process was based on the decisions taken at the previous meeting dated March 10, 2024. With the impetus given by Bishop Shyamal Bose everybody took an active role in the discussion. A sense of earnestness prevailed in the whole meeting. They formulated the structure of a diocesan team with suitable persons to carry out the tasks. Accordingly each of the four zones in the diocese would have 10 members, besides some nominated members.

Responsibilities such as summarizing the synthesis report of the synod of October 2023 and to translate this summary and the letter to the people of God, designing the posters, pictures and leaflets, preparing a prayer service in Bengali and making a format for pastoral structures were assigned with different Zones and individuals. The next meeting of the newly formed Team will be on May 23, 2024 in Dishari.

- Fr. Pradeep Roy

Vocation Camp 2024



The Vocation Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Baruipur organized a three-day Vocation Camp for the 32 young boys from April 11-13, 2024 in Dishari. The camp commenced with a dynamic session by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, followed by a series of edifying sessions with the sole purpose to sow the seed of vocation to priesthood in their minds. On the second day the Bishop during the homily helped them to understand

God's call to priesthood and urged them to remain intimate in the compassionate Heart of Jesus. There were also special individual meetings for the boys who showed their eagerness to become a priest. Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General, while offering the Mass on the final day enlightened them to recognize and respond to God's call.

- Bro. Rajesh Naskar

Paribar Jyoti

In spite of the summer's scorching heat, Paribar Jyoti conducted activities of house visits, meetings, orientations, seminars, trainings and counsellings in its centre and in different parishes and sub-stations for 574 participants. Out of the many programmes, Personality Development and Couple's Spirituality conducted on April 19 and 20, 2024 by Rev. Fr. Kanauj Roy, the Vicar General of the diocese and Rev. Fr. Joseph Biswas, the Regional Family Commission Secretary inspired and motivated participants to develop their personality and grow deeper in spirituality.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

RIP



Ms. Annamma, the beloved elder sister of Sr. Rita Perumaden, FC, went to her eternal abode on the evening of April 23, 2024. She was 87 years old. Before her death she was bedridden for some time. The funeral was on April 24, 2024. While expressing our condolence to Sr. Rita and her family members let us continue to pray for the repose of her soul. May God grant her eternal peace.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Women Commission

The International Women's Day was celebrated on April 07, 2024 at Palli Unnayan Samati Baruipur with 49 participants. Most Rev. Shyamal Bose in his inaugural address illustrated the capacity of women to be the medium of inspiration and change for the betterment of the society. Thereafter, Ms. Babli Das, the secretary of Women Commission, explained the theme, 'Women Empowerment', through a power point presentation wherein she emphasized the positive and the negative influence of a woman in the family and society. Then they were led to group discussion and sharing on how the women commission in India has to be significantly different by 2033. It was followed by a short cultural program in which every parish participated actively with the performance of dance, song and skit.

- Ms. Babli das

Congratulation to Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose for Priestly Ordination Anniversary on May 05, the Coadjutor Bishop Elect Anniversary on May 17 and taking the Canonical Possession of the Diocese on May 04.

Diocesan Directors of Commission for Catechetics Meeting, Bengal-Sikkim Region



A one day Regional Catechetical Meeting was held in Raiganj on April 10, 2024. All the diocesan Catechetical secretaries were present for the meeting including Fr. Goutam Naskar, the diocesan catechetical secretary of Baruiपुर Diocese. Most Rev. Fulgence Tigga, the Bishop of Raiganj Diocese and the Chairman of Catechetical Commission appreciated the directors and secretaries for their fruitful ministry in the vineyard of the Lord. In the meeting they chalked out plans for the whole year keeping the theme of the Synod "Pilgrims of Hope".

- Mr. Sourav Naskar

Transfers and Appointments of the Priests and Regents

Sl.	Name	Place Form	Former Designation	To Place	New Designation
1.	Fr. Subrata Kanji	Samarpan	-	Kumrokhali	2nd Curate
2.	Fr. Meghnad Singha	Morapai	Curate	ASHA	-
3.	Fr. Francis Makhal	ASHA	-	Cathedral	2nd Curate
4.	Fr. Sisir Khan	Kumrokhali	Curate	Basanti	Parish Priest
5.	Fr. Sarajit Das	Thakurpukur	Curate	Panchamkhanda	Priest-in-Charge
6.	Fr. Surajit Mitra	Basanti	Parish Priest	Khari	Curate
7.	Fr. Pradip Dari	Khari	Curate	Kumrokhali	Curate
8.	Fr. Amrit Ekka	Morapai	Curate & Teacher-in-charge	Thakurpukur	Curate
9.	Fr. Sanjoy Minj	Thakurpukur	Curate	Morapai	Curate & Teacher in-charge
10.	Fr. Goutam Naskar is appointed as the Assistant Treasurer. It is an added responsibility along with all other responsibilities he is having.				

Sl.	Name	Ministry	Year	Place of Regency	Residence
1.	Br. Pritam Mondal	Regency	Year I	Catholic Church, Basanti	Basanti
2.	Br. Rajesh Naskar	Regency	Year I	Cathedral Church, Baruiपुर	Bishop's House, Baruiपुर
3.	Br. Soumik Mondal	Regency	Year I	Catholic Church, Morapai	Morapai
4.	Br. David Panja	Regency	Year I	Catholic Church, Gosaba	Gosaba
5.	Br. Nayan Bor	Regency	Year I	Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur	Thakurpukur
6.	Br. Rohit Sharma	Regency	Year I	St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur	Keorapukur

NOTICE BOARD

PARIBAR JYOTI :

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 3rd May to May 04, 2024.
- # Young Couples Programme from May 24-25, 2024

Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Holy Cross Convent, Baruiपुर	Sr. Leelabati Kishan SCC	Sr. Rinku Malik SCC
Holy Cross Convent, Hogalkuria	Sr. Sarani Dungdung SCC	Sr. Malini Patta Majhi SCC
Maria Sadan Covent, Sankaripotta	Sr. Tresa Pullanivalappan SABS (Superior Sr. Jobitha Theresa SABS	Sr. Mable Koikkara SABS
Infant Jesus Church, Gangarampur	Fr. Habil Minj, sfx Parish Priest	Fr. Irineu Diniz, sfx

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of May 2024

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Bishop Confers Sacrament of Confirmation at Sajnaberia

St Joseph's Church, Sanjnaberia witnessed the conferring of the sacrament of Confirmation on April 28, 2024 by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose to 70 children. Along with the Bishop, Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, the parish priest, Fr. Charles Montu Kanji, the Assistant and Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes concelebrated the Holy Eucharist. In his homily, Bishop highlighted the courage and mandate received through this Sacrament to bear witness to the Gospel. After the Mass children were presented with the certificate and Divine Mercy picture to grow in the ardent love of God.

- Fr. Ujjwal Mondal



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

04	Fr. Saju George, S.J.
06	Fr. Rajesh Bag
08	Fr. Panneer Selvam
11	Fr. Cornelius Laxman Lima, C.M.
18	Fr. Jansingh Subir Sobhapati, C.M.
19	Fr. Sanjay Minj
21	Fr. Parimal Kanji
25	Fr. Junesh Gomango, C.M.
26	Fr. Robert R., C.M.F.

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

MAY

01	Fr. Jackson Lawrence, sfx
02	Fr. Agnelo Nirmaldo Fernandes, sfx
03	Fr. Silvester Xavier
04	Fr. Subrata Kanji
04	Fr. J. R. Dejus
05	Rt. Rev. Shyamal Bose
07	Fr. J. Pathinathan
10	Fr. Sisir Khan
12	Fr. Saju George, S.J.
15	Fr. Saumen Malik
18	Fr. Meghnad Singha
19	Fr. Abonindro Das
19	Fr. Charles Montu Kanji
19	Fr. Kanauj Roy
20	Fr. Augustine E.
21	Fr. Ramen Pailan
22	Fr. Rajesh Bag
23	Fr. Alexcius Kindo, sfx
24	Fr. Alope Anthony Kanji
25	Fr. Molloy Mondal
25	Fr. Soosaiappan Y.
26	Fr. Panneer Selvam
28	Fr. Francis Makhal

Memorable & Admirable

Month of May

01	Fr. Bronckers Pierre, S.J.
22	Fr. Tapan Gomes, S.J.
27	Fr. Mario Shivaji d'Aquino Henriques, S.F.X.
29	Fr. George D'Campo, S.J.

Seminar on Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The seminar on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul held on April 28, 2024, at Dishari for 40 people was a significant event aimed at fostering awareness and understanding of the society's mission and activities. Thus, inspire and motivate individuals to actively participate in philanthropic endeavors. The seminar led by Mr. Sarbeswar Chakrabarty comprised of Fr. Kanauj Roy, Fr. Gautam Naskar, Bro. Peter Lloyd Lawless, Sr. Sandhya Vincent the speaker and the guest of the day and Bro. Alope Makhal, the President of SSVV Particular Council South 24 Paraganas. All of them reiterated the fundamental mission of the Society, which is to alleviate the suffering and poverty by providing tangible assistance and fostering a sense of solidarity and compassion within communities.

- Sarbeswar Chakrabarty

ICSE Results (Class-X) - 2024

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	90-100%	80-90%	60-80%	Highest
Holy Cross School, Baruipur	ICSE	173	173	68	44	61	98.60%
Carmel School Sarangabad	ICSE	105	105	36	33	36	98.80%
K. E. Carmel School Sarisha	ICSE	91	91	42	49	-	98.60%

ISC (Class-XII) - 2024

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	90-100%	80-90%	60-80%	Highest
Holy Cross School, Baruipur (Science)	ISC	57	57	18	13	26	97.50%
Holy Cross School, Baruipur (Commerce)	ISC	19	19	2	8	9	92.75%
Holy Cross School, Baruipur (Humanities)	ISC	12	12	5	5	2	96.50%
Carmel School, Sarangabad	ISC	67	67	15	26	26	97.25%

Madhyamik (Class-X) - 2024

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	AA	A+	A	B+	B	C	Compart.	Unsuccessful
Carmel High School for Girls Keorapukur	WBBSE	73	73	01	03	05	16	31	17	00	00
Morapai Loreto Girls H. School	WBBSE	29	24	00	00	02	01	06	15	00	05
Raghabpur St. Pauls H. School	WBBSE	169	165	00	01	07	26	52	79	01	03
Basanti St. Theresa's H. School	WBBSE	66	66	00	02	05	09	17	33	00	00
Basanti St. Xavier's High School	WBBSE	40	37	00	02	00	04	10	21	00	03

Higher Secondary (Class-XII) - 2024

Name of the School	Board	Appeared	Passed	AA	A+	A	B+	B	C	Compart.	Unsuccessful
Raghabpur St. Paul's H. S. (Arts)	WBCHSE	70	68	00	01	06	09	31	21	00	02
Raghabpur St. Paul's H.S. (Com.)	WBCHSE	56	56	00	03	12	16	13	12	00	00
Basanti St. Thresa's Girls H. S.	WBCHSE	45	45	00	01	19	24	01	00	00	00

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of May 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
04	Sat	05.00 p.m.	Bandel	Feast of Our Lady of Bandel
05	Sun	09.00 a.m.	Bandel	Sacrament of Holy Confirmation
08	Wed		Berhampur, Orissa	Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Diocese
12	Sun			Leaving for Raiganj, Jeeban Dhara
17	Fri	11.00 a.m.	Thakurpukur	Golden Jubilee of Marriage Anniversary of Nina and Barnard
18	Sat		Thakurpukur	Mass at Thakurpukur
19	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Morapai	Mass and Confirmation
23	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting on Synod Synthesis
26	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Rajarampur	Mass & Confirmation
30	Thu	04.30 p.m.	Archbishop's House, Kolkata	Meeting of Boys' Town Society

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of May 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
05	Sun	07.00 a.m.	R. B. Nagar, Baruipur	Mass for 6th Sunday of Easter
14	Tue	06.00 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Recollection to Baruipur Priests
15	Wed		Dishari, Baruipur	Recollection to Baruipur Priests
20-24	Mon - Fri		Gobrachawk	Classes to DSA Tersians