

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

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 8:00 am

Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 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: Monday - Friday:

7:30 am—8 pm in the Chapel

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(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm,

Tues.—Thurs. 9am-12:30pm (Closed for
lunch) 1pm-4pm & **Friday** 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas
horas.)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT † March 1, 2026



THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED;
listen to him.

MATTHEW 17:5

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 3/01/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room
- Mon. 3/02/26** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in MH
- Tues. 3/03/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ
School—137 Roseberry St.
7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop in PMR
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 3/04/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
1pm Over 50s Club Meeting in MH
7:30pm—8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 3/05/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 3/06/26** 4pm—7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner in MH
3pm & 7pm Stations of the Cross in English in the Church
6pm First Friday Devotion in the Church
8pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish in the Church
- Sat. 3/07/26** 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church
9am—11am Comite de Timon in PMR
10am Confessions in the Church
9am—12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 3/08/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room
3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles in PMR

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Family!

The Church has always stressed the importance of Confession, especially in Lent. I invite all parish families to frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are plenty of opportunities the parish offers for all of you!

For a Jew, scripture is a collection of scrolls and later came to be called the TANAKH. It is a made-up word from the 1st letter of the three words, Torah (Law), Neviim (Prophets), Ketuvim (Writings). Moses representing the Torah and Elijah representing the Prophets had personal encounters with God on the holy mountain (Sinai or Horeb): Moses in the fire of the burning bush and Elijah through the gentle whisper of God's voice.

At the beginning of the Second Sunday of Lent, the reflection on the readings, especially the Gospel encourages us to identify 'a good place to be' for our growth in spirituality and holiness. 'The best place to be' is always at the company of Jesus where the totality of Scripture is being fulfilled and we be a part of the fulfillment of God's promise to our people.

The Catechism teaches us, "On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed, "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God": (CCC 556)

The disciples had to come down from the mountain as being with Jesus means not staying up on the mountain. Our God-experiences cannot just remain a God-experience and nothing more! Our God-experiences need to be translated into our Christian sentiments of love and compassion towards people especially the poor and the needy. Please join me in thanking all the people who are involved in ministry at our parish. God calls you to join them!

Pastor's Appeal - Thanks to all of you for your efforts: I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. Thank you for all your donations! Both the projects (**Mercy Hall boiler and the Church Doors**) are now completed, thanks to all of you and your support and prayers! **You have made this possible for your parish.** Though we have completed these two important projects, they are not paid for yet. We have scheduled a monthly plan with the companies to pay for them over a period of one year. Your continued support and prayers are still needed to complete them.

Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 31st at 4pm. Bishop Bootkoski will be the Celebrant.

Rite of Election: The Diocese has cancelled the Rite of Election this year and instead asked the respective parishes to have it in the parishes. We need to do the Rite of Election before the 3rd Sunday of Lent; thus, we are having the Rite of Election in our parish during the 9am Mass. Please remember and pray for all our candidates.

Order of Christian Funerals - Survey

The USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship, in collaboration with the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), has prepared a national survey on the *Order of Christian Funerals*. This survey will assist the bishops of the Committee on Divine Worship as they review the ICEL Green Book translation. The feedback received will play a critical role as the Committee reviews the rites and texts which have no equivalent in the Latin *editio typica*. They kindly ask anyone involved in ministry to the dead and bereaved to complete the survey. The survey should take between 15 - 20 minutes. You can find the survey at this link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019c58368f5676a3a07910197322f7d8>. They will accept responses to the survey from now until the end of April 30th.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

Lenten Retreat for Consecrated Life (Mar. 7th), **Lenten Day of Recollection for Priests** (Mar. 18th), **St. Timothy & St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards** (Mar. 26th), & the **Chrism Mass** (Mar. 31st at 4pm)

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, March 1st – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Gregorio & Vincenza Fodero by Deacon Rob Fisher

11:00am – Francis T. Flynn Sr. by Family

1:00pm – (SP) For the People

5:30pm – Frank Rosnagle by Patrick Rosnagle

MONDAY, March 2nd

6:45am – David Gilet by Pat & Art Verdon

12:10pm – Deceased Members of Matt P. Flynn Family by Grandchildren

TUESDAY, March 3rd – *St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

6:45am – Ann Heller (A) by Family

12:10pm – Rich & Harvey Rosnagle by Patrick Rosnagle

WEDNESDAY, March 4th – *St. Casimir*

6:45am – Millard Barlieb by Family

12:10pm – Kathryn McDonald by Peg Lilly

THURSDAY, March 5th

6:45am – Graciela Palomeque (A) by Granddaughters

12:10pm – Mary Louise Rosnagle by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Families

FRIDAY, March 6th

6:45am – Fermina Rossini by Ron Rossini

12:10pm – Theresa & Peter Schiro by Rose Bladies

SATURDAY, March 7th – *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00am – Marie Anne Berluche by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche

4:30pm – William J. Casey, Sr. by Sons, Daughters, & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, March 8th – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fulse by Family

11:00am – Mr. & Mrs. George Verdon by Family

1:00pm – (SP) Miguel Servin & Lucia Lopez by Gomes-Aversa Family

5:30pm – For the People

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$16,700.25
Total Received:	\$0.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$61,299.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	21.41%
Percent of Goal Received:	18.23%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$245.59

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



March 7th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

March 8th

9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

11:00am

Acolyte	-
Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
Minister	Kevin Kassick
Server	-
Server	-

1:00pm

Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-García
Lector	María Cristina Rossenouff
Lector	Oscar Dilone
Minister	Martha Lam
Announcements	Jaime Rocha
Server	Liam Rosario
Server	Raphael Alfaro

5:30pm

Acolyte	-
Lector	Marianne Palos
Server	Lucas Blanes
Server	Leah Blanes

Stewardship

February 22nd

	\$6,877.00
Online Giving:	2,240.00
	\$9,117.00
Snow Removal Col.	\$1,482.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$3,180.47
Various Collections:	\$360.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1st thru 8th grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Pray FOR THE SICK

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, Paxton John Bowman, Michael Boyle, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke, Scott Visco, Hannah Paxton, & Ruth Ann.

Pray for our Military

Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Staff Sergeant Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, Major Joseph Skopowski, Airman Seth Reyes, Private First Class Marine Chad Bruckman, Angelo Luzzetti Army, Marine LCpl Steven Fulse, & Robby Anselmo.



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



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on March 6th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross in the Church

March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
3pm & 7pm in English; 8pm in Spanish

April 3rd - Good Friday
6pm in English & 8pm in Spanish

SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 10:30am the First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, 10:30am the Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 10:30am the Third Tuesday at Phillipsburg nursing home. During this time sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick are available to the Catholic residents who desire them. In addition, Holy Communion is distributed to the Catholic residents of these facilities every Sunday. If you would like to participate in the ministry and pray with our elderly residents, please contact the Legion of Mary or Deacon Enock.

NURSING HOME SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Lopatcong Nursing Home: 3/1 Anne Coyle; 3/8 Ed & Bettina Socci; & 3/15 Kelly Perna
Brakeley Nursing Home: 3/1 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques; 3/8 Deacon Francisco & Gladys Jauridez; & 3/15 Melody Talpas
Phillipsburg Care Center: 3/1 & 3/8 Lisa Spanopolous; & 3/15 Beth Dispoto

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



We need adorers for **12noon on Mondays; 4pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 9am & 2pm on Wednesdays; 12noon, 2pm, & 4pm on Thursdays; and 8am on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-**

319-2719.

Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen is in need of cookies and pudding cups. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon. Thank you!



OVER 50's MEETING

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 1:00pm in Mercy Hall.

DEACON'S CORNER

TRANSFIGURATION

There on the mountain slopes two great figures appeared to Jesus – Moses and Elijah. It is fascinating to see in how many aspects the experience of these two great servants of God matched the experience of Jesus. When Moses came down from the mountain of Sinai, he did not know that the skin of his face changed to a bright light. Both Moses and Elijah had their most intimate experiences with God on a mountain top. It was on Mount Sinai, that Moses went to receive the law of God. It was on Mount Horeb that Elijah found God, not in the wind, and not in the earthquake, but in the still small voice.

These two figures, Moses and Elijah were always considered very important according to the Jewish faith. Moses was the greatest of all law providers as he was supremely and uniquely the man who brought God's law to the people. Elijah was the greatest of all the prophets; through him the voice of God spoke to the people with unique directness. These two men were the twin peaks of Israel's religious history and achievements.

The Mount of Transfiguration was for Jesus a spiritual mountain peak. His Exodus lay before Him. Was He taking the right path? Was Jesus right to venture to Jerusalem and into the waiting arms of the cross? It was the experience on the Mount which enabled Jesus to walk the way of the Cross. The Transfiguration has been given to provide us with strength for the daily ministry and to enable us to walk with Jesus. Help us Lord to remember that faith is not to be confined to a church or closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that faith is everywhere. Where there is faith there is GOD!!!

Remember: B. I. B. L. E.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

March 1st - Second Sunday of Lent

Mar 3 Tue, Optional Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel

Mar 4 Wed, Optional Memorial of St. Casimir

Mar 7 Sat, Optional Memorial of St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

“The Thought of Holding Thousands of Families in Massive Warehouses Should Challenge the Conscience of Every American,” Says Bishop Cahill

Newly released details show how the Administration plans to double federal immigration detention capacity, spending an estimated \$38.3 billion from last year's reconciliation bill to implement a new detention model by the end of Fiscal Year 2026. USCCB on February 20, 2026

WASHINGTON - Newly released details show how the Administration plans to double federal immigration detention capacity, spending an estimated \$38.3 billion from last year's reconciliation bill to implement a new detention model by the end of Fiscal Year 2026. This amounts to nearly fifty times the annual budget for the entire immigration court system and almost five times the funding provided this year to operate the federal prison system. The plan partly entails opening eight “mega-centers,” each of which would be capable of detaining 7,000 to 10,000 people. Aside from the internment camps used to incarcerate Japanese Americans in the 1940s, such facilities have no precedent in American history.

In response, Bishop Brendan J. Cahill, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, urged the Administration and Congress to pursue a more just approach: “These plans are deeply troubling. The federal government does not have a positive track record when it comes to detaining large numbers of people, especially families, and the proposed sale of these facilities is difficult to comprehend. The private prison industry is who stands to gain the most from this supercharging of immigration detention.

“Last November, my brother bishops and I unequivocally opposed the indiscriminate mass deportation of people and raised concerns about existing conditions in detention centers. We specifically highlighted a lack of access to pastoral care for detainees. On many occasions, we have also opposed the expansion of family detention, recognizing its harmful impacts on children in particular.

“The thought of holding thousands of families in massive warehouses should challenge the conscience of every American. Whatever their immigration status, these are human beings created in the image and likeness of God, and this is a moral inflection point for our country. We implore the Administration and Congress to lead with right reason, abandon this misuse of taxpayer funds, and to instead pursue a more just approach to immigration enforcement that truly respects human dignity, the sanctity of families, and religious liberty.”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be having our annual Lenten Fish Dinners on March 6th, 20th and 27th. Dinner will include: fish, fries, mac & cheese, coleslaw, & dessert for table service

or take-out from 4pm to 7pm in Mercy Hall. The cost is \$12/adult & \$6/child. Pizza will be available for \$3/slice. Place your order before going into church and we'll have your meal waiting for you after Stations of the Cross.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, March 7th, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE

On Saturday, March 14th, at 2:30 pm in St. Philip & St. James Church, there will be an Unborn Prayer Service. This is a special service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. An opportunity to name your child is expressed compassionately and confidentially through meditative prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Mass will follow at 4:30 pm. For more information, call (908) 454-9880.

LEGION OF MARY Annual ACIES

(Reconsecration to Mary) will take place on Saturday, March 21st in the Church beginning with the Angelus at Noon and Rosary in five languages followed by fellowship in Mercy Hall. Everyone is invited!!

SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

On July 16, 1251, the blessed virgin appeared to St. Simon stock giving him a scapular saying “receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire...it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace.” The scapular investiture will take place on Saturday, March 21st after the 4:30pm mass. Facilitated by Legion of Mary.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Our parish is seeking volunteers to serve as ****Eucharistic Ministers****, especially those able to bring Holy Communion to nursing homes, hospitals, and the homebound—fulfilling Jesus’ words: **“I was sick and you visited Me.”**

We are also looking for ****Lectors**** to proclaim the Word of God at weekend and daily Masses. A clear voice and a prayerful heart are all that is needed. If you feel called to these ministries of service, please contact ****Deacon Enock at 908-310-8990****.

Jesus loves you—and so do we.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

**Tuesday,
March 10, 2026**

**4:30pm – Faith
Formation Families**

7pm – All Parishioners

HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CEMETERY



Applications for Cemetery Assistants are now being accepted for the cemetery's main location, and on Filmore Street. This includes mowing lawns, trimming, burial sites (provision for burial and seeding), cleaning of the cemetery, internees in the mausoleum, placing letters on crypts and niches, any necessary repairs to the cemetery, and repair of small engines. This position will start on a part-time basis.

Also included is mowing and trimming of school grounds. Please stop by the office and ask for Nancy for an application on Mondays from 9am to 5pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9am to 4 pm, and Fridays from 9am to 1pm. If you have any questions, please call Nancy at 908-454-0112 ext. 401.

MASS FOR FAMILY HEALING

For all feeling alone or grieving due to divorce, severe marital difficulties, as well as for children of any age who are affected by these facets of Family Brokenness, please join us for a special Mass and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 14th, at 10:00 am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center.

Representatives from the "Surviving Divorce," "Retrouvaille" and "Life-Giving Wounds" ministries will be present. There will also be activities for younger children while adults are looking into the resources. To register, please visit:

diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass. Contact Rachele Hanna for details at rachele.hanna@gmail.com.

CHOICES MATTER CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "The 2026 Choices Matter Conference— A Critical Life Issues Conference" which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 21, 2026. An Opening Mass will be held at 9:00 am. The conference will begin at 10:15 am and end at 3:30 pm. This year's theme is "Safeguarding Human Dignity ... Shining a Light on Human Trafficking." The topics/expert speakers are: The Role of the Church in Combating Human Trafficking: **Maria Celina Márquez**; Human Trafficking Awareness Through the Lens of a Subject Matter Expert: **Gina Cavallo**; & Survivor Informed Human Trafficking Prevention: **David M. Ryan**

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited. Register today!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS IS 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 Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2026**. A **signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions, and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.**

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.

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL ONE IN CHRIST: CALLED TO LOVE AND SERVE

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 7/8, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¡Querida familia!

La Iglesia siempre ha enfatizado la importancia de la Confesión, especialmente durante la Cuaresma. Invito a todas las familias de la parroquia a frecuentar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. ¡La parroquia ofrece muchas oportunidades para todos ustedes!

Para un judío, la Escritura es una colección de rollos que posteriormente se denominaron Tanaj. Es una palabra compuesta por la primera letra de las tres palabras: Torá (Ley), Neviim (Profetas) y Ketuvim (Escritos). Moisés, representando la Torá, y Elías, representando a los Profetas, tuvieron encuentros personales con Dios en el monte sagrado (Sinaí u Horeb): Moisés en el fuego de la zarza ardiente y Elías a través del suave susurro de la voz de Dios.

Al comienzo del Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma, la reflexión sobre las lecturas, especialmente el Evangelio, nos anima a identificar un buen lugar para nuestro crecimiento en espiritualidad y santidad. El mejor lugar para estar es siempre en compañía de Jesús, donde se cumple plenamente la Escritura y somos parte del cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios a nuestro pueblo.

El Catecismo nos enseña: «En el umbral de la vida pública: el bautismo; en el umbral de la Pascua: la Transfiguración. El bautismo de Jesús proclamó el misterio de la primera regeneración, es decir, nuestro Bautismo; la Transfiguración es el sacramento de la segunda regeneración: nuestra propia Resurrección. De ahora en adelante, participamos de la Resurrección del Señor por medio del Espíritu que actúa en los sacramentos del Cuerpo de Cristo. La Transfiguración nos anticipa la gloriosa venida de Cristo, cuando él «transformará nuestro cuerpo de humillación en semejante a su cuerpo glorioso». Pero también nos recuerda que «es necesario que a través de muchas persecuciones entremos en el reino de Dios» (CIC 556).

Los discípulos tuvieron que bajar de la montaña, pues estar con Jesús significa no quedarse arriba. ¡Nuestras experiencias con Dios no pueden limitarse a eso! Nuestras experiencias con Dios deben traducirse en sentimientos cristianos de amor y compasión hacia las personas, especialmente hacia los pobres y necesitados.

Les pido que se unan a mí para agradecer a todas las personas que participan en el ministerio de nuestra parroquia. ¡Dios los llama a unirse a ellos!

Apelación del Pastor - Gracias a todos por su esfuerzo: Les estaré eternamente agradecido por su generosidad. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones! Ambos proyectos (**la calefacción en Mercy Hall y las puertas de la iglesia**) ya están terminados. **Gracias a todos ustedes, a su apoyo y a sus oraciones. Ustedes han hecho esto posible para su parroquia.** Aunque hemos completado estos dos importantes proyectos, aún no están pagos. Hemos acordado un plan mensual con las empresas para pagarlos durante un año. Se necesitan su continuo apoyo y oraciones para saldarlos.

La Misa Crismal se celebrará en la Catedral el martes 31 de marzo a las 4pm. El obispo Bootkoski será el celebrante.

Rito de Elección: La Diócesis ha cancelado el Rito de Elección este año y, en su lugar, ha solicitado a las parroquias que lo celebren en sus parroquias. Necesitamos celebrar el Rito de Elección antes del tercer domingo de Cuaresma; por lo tanto, lo celebraremos en nuestra parroquia durante la misa de las 9:00 am. Por favor, recuerden y oren por todos nuestros candidatos.

Ritual de Exequias Cristianas - Encuesta

La Secretaría del Culto Divino de la USCCB, en colaboración con la Federación de Comisiones Litúrgicas Diocesanas (FDLC), ha preparado una encuesta nacional sobre el Ritual de Exequias Cristianas. Esta encuesta ayudará a los obispos del Comité de Culto Divino en la revisión de la traducción del Libro Verde de la ICEL. Los comentarios recibidos serán cruciales para que el Comité revise los ritos y textos que no tienen equivalente en la edición típica latina. Solicitan a cualquier persona involucrada en el ministerio con los difuntos y las personas en duelo que complete la encuesta. La encuesta debería tomar entre 15 y 20 minutos. Puede encontrar la encuesta en este enlace: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019c58368f5676a3a07910197322f7d8>. Se aceptarán respuestas desde ahora hasta el 30 de abril.

P. Antony

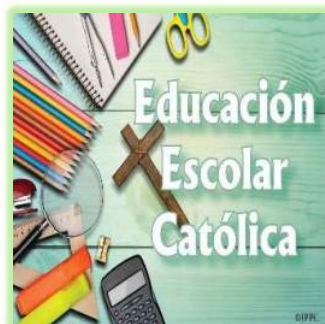
CENAS DE PESCADO DE CUARESMA DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN



El Consejo n.º 474 de los Caballeros de Colón celebrará sus cenas de pescado anuales durante los siguientes días de Cuaresma 6, 20 y 27 de marzo. La cena incluye pescado, papas fritas, macarrones con queso,

ensalada de repollo y postre, para comer en Mercy Hall o para llevar de 4pm a 7pm. El costo es de \$12 por adulto y \$6 por niño. También habrá pizza disponible a \$3 la porción.

ASISTENCIA PARA LA MATRÍCULA EN LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS 2026-2027 - EL PROCESO DE SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA ESTA ABIERTO



Las familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda en la matrícula para asistir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora, a través de la Evaluación de subvenciones y

ayuda de FACTS en <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) a más tardar el **31 de marzo de 2026**. La Diócesis también exige un **Formulario de Verificación Parroquial**, que debe estar firmado por su Párroco y presentarse en la escuela o escuelas a las que asisten sus hijos. Los requisitos de elegibilidad, las instrucciones y los formularios se pueden encontrar en <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.

Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o que necesiten acceso a una computadora para presentar la solicitud deben comunicarse con su escuela.

Vía Crucis en la Iglesia

6, 13, 20 y 27 de marzo
a las 8pm en español

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diácono Francisco.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO, 2026 UNO EN CRISTO: LLAMADOS A AMAR Y SERVIR

Si aún no ha hecho su compromiso con la Campaña Anual del Obispo de este año, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo el próximo fin de semana del 7/8 de marzo, que ha sido designado como el *Fin de Semana De la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas*. Por favor, considere en oración realizar su aporte a la Campaña Anual del Obispo para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar la meta. Si logramos superar nuestra meta, el 50% de la cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta será reembolsada a la parroquia. Tan importante como nuestro objetivo financiero es nuestro objetivo de alcanzar el 100% de participación. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Gracias.



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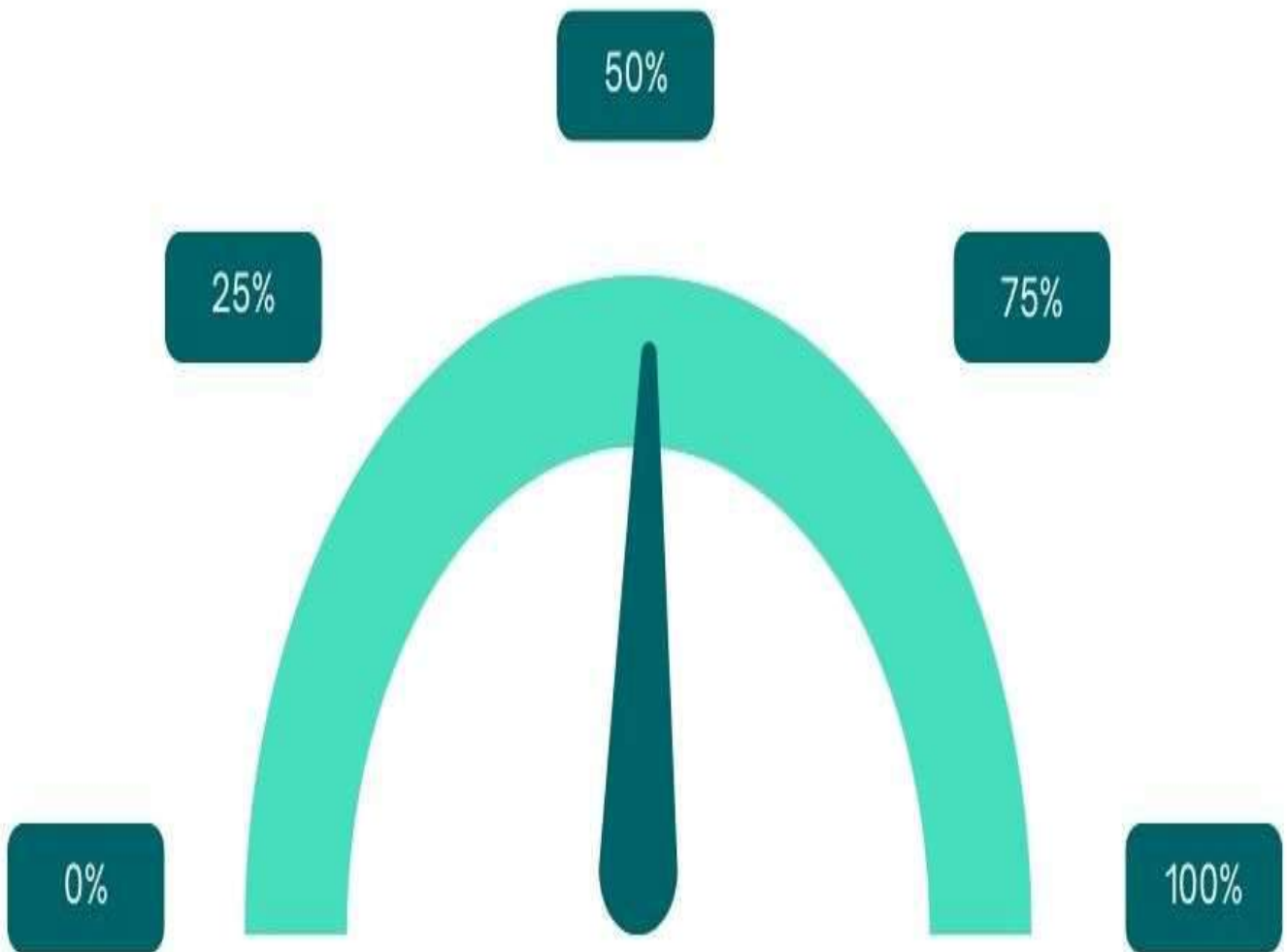
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Family Name: _____

Number of Ham/Cheese: _____

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