

# 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.)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT † March 8, 2026



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 3/08/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room  
3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles in PMR
- Mon. 3/09/26** 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in MH
- Tues. 3/10/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
4:30pm *Penance Service* for Faith Formation (CCD) Families in the Church  
7pm *Penance Service* for all Parishioners in the Church  
7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop in PMR  
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 3/11/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
- Thurs. 3/12/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel  
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 3/13/26** 3pm & 7pm Stations of the Cross in English in the Church  
8pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish in the Church
- Sat. 3/14/26** 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church  
10am Confessions in the Church  
9am—12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH  
2:00pm Unborn Prayer Service in the Church  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 3/15/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room  
10am Blues Grieving Group in MH  
1pm Legion of Mary Curia Meeting in MH

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Family!

As we get closer to the paschal mystery of the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus, we accompany Jesus to 'the well' in Samaria (last Sunday to the Mount of Transfiguration, previously to the Desert). Only John writes about this event in his gospel. Here, Jesus travels to Samaria which is not so welcoming of Jews. Even with all the difficult history between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus breaks two important social laws: A Jew talking to an unknown woman, A Jew inviting a contact with Samaritans.

It is also significant to notice that Jesus radically transforms the life of Moses and fulfills the scriptures in and through Jesus. As the greatest of the prophets, Moses had to face the desert experience to hide and also prepare himself for the Exodus event. Jesus exceeds the Moses in His prophetic leadership by becoming our Way, Truth and Life leading us from the slavery of sin and death into life of holiness. Moses went up the mountain, and he was radiating the light of God in him that he had to cover his face. Jesus exceeds Moses in His radiance that Jesus' whole body was transfigured as he fulfilled the Law and the Prophets.

In the Gospel, we continue to note as Moses, by the power of God gushed forth water at Massah (Testing) and Meribah (Quarreling). Jesus exceeds Moses in His of Life-Giving Water. Moses satisfied the physical thirst in the desert, but Jesus satisfies our inner thirst. Jesus, the Son of God, Lord of lords, King of kings comes to me a sinner and claims me to be His own.

As Jesus leads us from death to life, I respond to the love of Jesus with an active prayer life and works of charity. Thank you for your 'yes' to Jesus! Last Sunday we introduced all our OCIA candidates in the Rite of Election, and we vowed to keep them our prayers. Please keep all our OCIA candidates in your thoughts and prayers!

**Grant is approved - Thanks to all of you for your efforts:** I am grateful to the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for approving a grant to help us better our security around the premise, thanks to the efforts of Laura Sretenovic and Nancy Ensley.

We have also just applied for another Grant - National Fund for Sacred Places, pending their approval. Please pray that these projects bring the necessary updates we need to do to parish plant.

**The Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 parishes. We need to do the Rite of Election before the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Diocesan Programs in the near future:**

The Lenten Retreat for Consecrated Life (Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>), The Family Healing Mass (Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>) **Lenten Day of Recollection for Priests** (Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>) Choices Matter Conference (Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>) **St. Timothy & St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards** (Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>), **Chrism Mass** (Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 4pm) NJ State Catholic Mental Health Conference (May 2<sup>nd</sup>), NJ Catholic Youth Rally (May 17<sup>th</sup>).

Fr. Antony

# Masses For The Week



## SUNDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 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

## MONDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:45am – Ashraf Dabahneh by Adma Dabahneh  
 12:10pm – Sue Angelozzi by Nick Angelozzi

## TUESDAY, March 10<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Charles Young, Sr. (A) by Nancy, Charlie, & Judy  
 12:10pm – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family  
 4:30pm - Penance Service – Faith Formation Families  
 7pm – Penance Service – All Parishioners

## WEDNESDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Alexis V. Reed by Family  
 12:10pm – Elizabeth Bevins by Rose Bladies

## THURSDAY, March 12<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Patricia Harper by Jane Hanisek  
 12:10pm – Rich McQuarrie by Camille Bates

## FRIDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Rossini Family by Ron Rossini  
 12:10pm – Virginia Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle

## SATURDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Rosa Duque by Dario Duque  
 4:30pm – Edward Russell by Kelly & Kevin Perna

## SUNDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup> - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Lori Piperata Herman by Al & Ellen Piperata  
 11:00am – Council #474 Columbiettes  
 1:00pm – (SP) Nelson Rocha by Family  
 5:30pm – For the People

### 2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$18,050.25
Total Received:	\$15,570.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$59,949.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	23.14%
Percent of Goal Received:	19.96%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$254.23

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



### March 14<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm  
 Acolyte Gavin Hayes  
 Lector Mike Boylan  
 Minister Ron Rossini  
 Minister Margie Markus  
 Server Gino Siano  
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### March 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00am  
 Acolyte Anthony Stefano  
 Lector Rob & Jen Anselmo  
 Minister Valerie Lusardi  
 Minister Joseph Lusardi  
 Server Gabriel Sretenovic  
 Server Luke Sretenovic

11:00am  
 Acolyte Breann Pisarek  
 Lector Rachel Lazier  
 Minister Kevin Kassick  
 Minister Robert Hopkins  
 Server Chimbuzo Odimma  
 Server Chiezmuzo Odimma

1:00pm  
 Acolyte Kaley Bustamante  
 Lector Laura Gracia  
 Lector Giovanni Lam  
 Minister Maria Cristina Rossenouff  
 Announcements Juan Lalama  
 Server Gregory Cano  
 Server Aaron Cano

5:30pm  
 Acolyte Alana Palos  
 Lector Marianne Palos  
 Server -  
 Server Allyssa Palos

### Stewardship

	<b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>\$8,105.27</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>1,815.00</b>
	<b>\$9,920.27</b>
<b>Food for the Needy:</b>	<b>\$1,138.27</b>
<b>Various Collections:</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>

# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News



**25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St March 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, 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.

### Stations of the Cross in the Church

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

3pm & 7pm in English; 8pm in Spanish

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday

6pm in English & 8pm in Spanish

### CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Cemetery cleanup will begin on Monday, March 9, 2026. Please remove anything that you may want to keep.

### SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 3/8 Ed & Bettina Socci & 3/15 Kelly Perna

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 3/8 Deacon Francisco & Gladys Jauridez & 3/15 Melody Talpas

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 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 peanut butter and jelly. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in MH. Thank you!

### COLUMBIETTES WARREN COUNCIL



Due to the inclement snowy weather in February. The Warren Council Columbiettes will be collecting for our Postulants and Seminarians on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at SPSJ Church and St. Mary's Church after all masses. Thank you for your support.

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

### March 8 - Third Sunday of Lent

*Mar 9, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

### **Bishops Representing Latin America, Canada, and United States Gather to Pray, Discuss, and Reaffirm Their Unity as One Church - Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

We give thanks to the Lord for the grace of this encounter, which has allowed us to renew our commitment to walk together as the Church in the Americas, strengthening the bonds that unite us beyond our borders and cultural differences. Although our national contexts are diverse, we recognize that our peoples experience similar anxieties and that our episcopal ministries face common challenges that invite coordinated, compassionate, and profoundly evangelical responses.

Among the issues we have considered are our concern for the poor and vulnerable, the dignity and rights of indigenous peoples, the painful scourge of human trafficking and narco-culture, the growing polarization that wounds public discourse and weakens social cohesion, and, in particular, the extreme vulnerability of migrants who live, travel through, and seek a future in our countries.

Regarding the phenomenon of migration, we affirm clearly: no migrant is a stranger to the Church. In every person who leaves their homeland seeking safety, opportunities, or dignity, we recognize a brother, a sister; we recognize the very face of Christ on the move. Human mobility cannot be reduced to a merely political or economic issue; it is a profoundly human reality that challenges our Christian conscience and the ethical responsibility of nations.

The migrant's journey crosses countries, systems, and borders. Therefore, our pastoral action cannot be fragmented. We want to strengthen our continental coordination so that, from the place of origin to transit and final destination, the Church may be a concrete sign of hope, a place welcome, and protection.

We invite civil authorities to promote policies that safeguard the lives, rights, and dignity of migrants. We recognize the responsibility of States to regulate migration and ensure the common good; however, we reiterate that all legislation must place at its center the inalienable dignity of the human person and the respect that person deserves.

We urge all the People of God in the Americas to live our unity in a concrete and daily way: in the generous welcome of migrants, in the defense of the most vulnerable, in respectful dialogue even amidst differences, in the patient building of bridges. May our parishes, communities, and families be visible signs that fraternity is possible and that the Gospel continues to be a transformative force in our societies. We are one Church in the Americas. From this unity, we wish to serve with greater dedication, to accompany with greater closeness, and to proclaim with renewed courage the hope that springs from the Heart of the Savior.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be having our annual Lenten Fish Dinners on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 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.

## DEACON'S CORNER

### The Woman at the Well

Few stories in the Gospel texts illustrate the unique character of Jesus. This particular reading demonstrates His humanity. Jesus was weary from the journey, and He sat by the side of the well exhausted. It is very significant that John stresses the sheer deity of Jesus more than any other of the Gospel writers. He also stresses His humanity to the fullest. John does not show us a figure freed from tiredness or hunger. He shows us one for whom life was an effort as it is for us. He shows us one who also was tired and has to go on in life. John shows us Jesus's sympathy for another person.

This woman had at last met someone who was not a critic, but a friend. A person who did not condemn but who understood her needs and way of life. How often are we critics even to our friends? How often do we condemn without knowing the true facts? Let us try not to judge by outward appearance but let us look deep inside the person's spirit. It is the spirit of a person which is the source of our highest dreams, thoughts, ideals and desires. The true worship is when we, through our spirit attain a friendship and intimacy with God. A person's gifts to God must see gifts of the spirit – love, loyalty, obedience and devotion.

There are certain truths which people cannot accept, they must discover them for themselves!! Sometime you must show them the truth! Seeing is believing. At the heart of all this is the fundamental truth that in the human heart there is a thirst for something that only Jesus can satisfy. He is the Truth, the Way and the Light!!

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

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

## "THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

## LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ACIES

(Reconsecration to Mary) will take place on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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

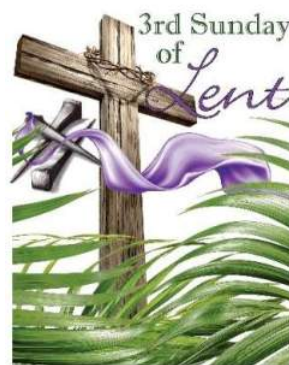
On July 16, 1251, the blessed virgin appeared to St. Simon stock giving him a scapular saying "receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire....it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace." The scapular investiture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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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**

## PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

Phillipsburg High School Class of 1976 is planning a 50th class reunion on October 10, 2026 at the Mountain View Chalet. Our goal is to reach out to all our classmates, and those that graduated from the Vo-tech class of 76 as well. Please share this information if you know the whereabouts of any classmates have them contact Louann Bonano at [louieb613@yahoo.com](mailto:louieb613@yahoo.com) with an email address.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass). Contact Rachelle Hanna for details at [rachelle.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.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](mailto: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

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

**NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL  
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY  
TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

¡Querida familia!

Al acercarnos al misterio pascual del sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, lo acompañamos al pozo de Samaria (el domingo pasado, al Monte de la Transfiguración, antes de ir al desierto). Solo Juan escribe sobre este acontecimiento en su evangelio. Aquí, Jesús viaja a Samaria, una región poco acogedora para los judíos. A pesar de la difícil historia entre judíos y samaritanos, Jesús rompe dos importantes leyes sociales: un judío que habla con una desconocida y un judío que invita a los samaritanos a contactar con ellos.

También es significativo notar que Jesús transforma radicalmente la vida de Moisés y cumple las Escrituras en y a través de Él. Como el más grande de los profetas, Moisés tuvo que afrontar la experiencia del desierto para esconderse y prepararse para el Éxodo. Jesús supera a Moisés en su liderazgo profético al convertirse en nuestro Camino, Verdad y Vida, guiándonos de la esclavitud del pecado y la muerte a una vida de santidad. Moisés subió al monte, irradiando la luz de Dios en él, tanto que tuvo que cubrirse el rostro. Jesús supera a Moisés en su resplandor, pues todo su cuerpo se transfiguró al cumplir la Ley y los Profetas.

En el Evangelio, seguimos observando cómo Moisés, por el poder de Dios, hizo brotar agua en Masah (Prueba) y Meribá (Disputa). Jesús supera a Moisés en su Agua Viva. Moisés sació la sed física en el desierto, pero Jesús satisface nuestra sed interior. Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, Señor de señores, Rey de reyes, viene a mí, pecador, y me reclama como suyo.

Mientras Jesús nos guía de la muerte a la vida, respondo a su amor con una vida de oración activa y obras de caridad. ¡Gracias por su "sí" a Jesús! El domingo pasado presentamos a todos nuestros candidatos de OCIA en el Rito de Elección y nos comprometimos a orar por ellos. ¡Por favor, tengan presentes en sus pensamientos y oraciones a todos nuestros candidatos de OCIA!

**Subvención aprobada. Gracias a todos por su esfuerzo:** Agradezco a la Oficina de Seguridad Nacional y Preparación del Estado de Nueva Jersey por aprobar una subvención para ayudarnos a mejorar la seguridad en nuestras instalaciones, gracias al esfuerzo de Laura Sretenovic y Nancy Ensley. Gracias a todos ustedes, a su apoyo y a sus oraciones. Ustedes han hecho esto posible para su parroquia.

**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.

**Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:**

Retiro Cuaresmal para la Vida Consagrada (7 de marzo), Misa de Sanación Familiar (14 de marzo), Jornada de Retiro Cuaresmal para Sacerdotes (18 de marzo), Conferencia "Las Decisiones Importan" (21 de marzo), Premios San Timoteo y Santa Teresa de Calcuta (26 de marzo), Misa Crismal (31 de marzo, 16:00 h), Conferencia Estatal Católica de Salud Mental de Nueva Jersey (2 de mayo), Encuentro de Jóvenes Católicos de Nueva Jersey (17 de mayo).

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## CENAS DE PESCADO DE CUARESMA

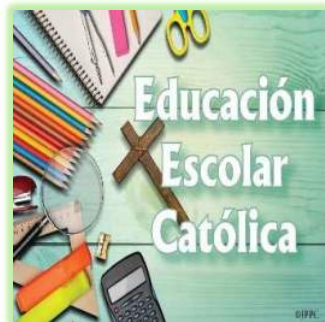


### DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

El Consejo n.º 474 de los Caballeros de Colón celebrará sus cenas de pescado anuales durante los siguientes días de Cuaresma 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

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

3 de abril – Viernes Santo  
8pm en español

## INFORMACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE DE ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES



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diácono Francisco.

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

Este fin de semana, todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen están celebrando el Fin de Semana de *la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas*. Nuestro objetivo es que todas las familias participen. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Juntos, estamos manteniendo viva la presencia de Cristo en el mundo de hoy. Gracias por participar activamente con su apoyo financiero en esta misión.



### SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA CUARESMAL

**martes, 10 de marzo de 2026**

**4:30pm – Para las Familias de Formación en la Fe**

**7pm – Para todos los Feligreses**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in Mass English CR - 10am OCIA PMR - 3pm-7pm Sp. Prayer Cenacles	02 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	03 <i>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop	04 <i>St. Casimir</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 1pm Over 50's Meeting CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	05 Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	06 <i>First Friday</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration CH - 3pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - 6pm - First Friday Devotion - Holy Hour CH - 7pm Stations of the Cross in English MH - 4pm - 7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner CH - 8pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish	07 <i>Sts. Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Martyrs</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am First Saturday Devotion PMR - 9am - 11am Committee Luncheon MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
08 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in Mass English CR - 10am OCIA PMR - 3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles	09 <i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting	10 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary CH - 4:30pm Penance Service for Faith Formation Families CH - 7pm Penance Service for all Parishioners CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop	11 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary	12 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	13 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 3pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - 7pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - Stations of the Cross in Spanish	14 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Group Mtg. MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
15 <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English MH - 10am Blues Grieving Group CR - 10am OCIA MH - 1pm- Curia Meeting	16 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	17 <i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop	18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	19 <b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	20 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 3pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - 7pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - Stations of the Cross in Spanish MH - 4pm - 7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner	21 CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 12pm Legion of Mary Acies followed by Fellowship in MH CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confession CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - Scapular Investiture after 4:30pm mass
22 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30 Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA	23 <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	24 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop	25 <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary	26 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	27 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 3pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - 7pm Stations of the Cross in English CH - Stations of the Cross in Spanish MH - 4pm - 7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner	28 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
29 <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30 Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA	30 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	31 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena PMR - 7pm-9pm Spanish Lenten Workshop/Dinner	01	02	03	04 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St



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