

# 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

**Fr. Antony Arockiadoss** *Pastor*

**Nancy Ensley** *Parish Sec./Bookkeeper*  
ext. 401

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*Parochial Vicar* ext. 403

**Fr. Patrick Boyle** ext. 404

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**Dn. Rob Fisher** ext. 405

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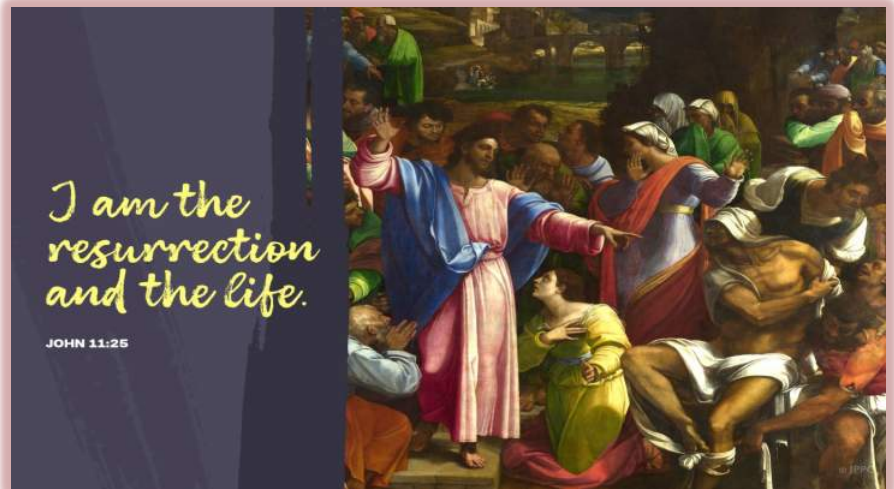
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Office Hours **Mon.** 9am-12:30pm  
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm,

**Tues.—Thurs.** 9am-12:30pm (Closed for lunch) 1pm-4pm & **Friday** 9am—1pm  
(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT † March 22, 2026



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 3/22/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room  
After all Masses Columbiettes Postulants & Seminarians  
Collection in the Church
- Mon. 3/23/26**
- Tues. 3/24/26** 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. 3/25/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
- Thurs. 3/26/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel  
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 3/27/26** 3pm & 7pm Stations of the Cross in English in the Church  
4pm-7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner in MH  
8pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish in the Church
- Sat. 3/28/26** 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church  
10am Confessions in the Church  
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 3/29/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Family!

Our sincere thanks to Deacon Larry and the OCIA team for preparing our Candidates for the sacraments. As they stand before the church for the last scrutiny (3<sup>rd</sup> scrutiny) they need our support and prayers. At the end of the week they will be gifted with the Our Father, the prayer that we all hold close to our hearts as our Lord and Savior Himself taught it.

The Seven “Signs” and not ‘Miracles’: 1. Changing Water into Wine at Cana, 2. Healing the Official’s Son, 3. Healing of the Paralytic at Bethesda, 4. Feeding the 5000, 5. Walking on the water, 6. Healing the blind man, & 7. Raising Lazarus express the specific, miraculous acts performed by Jesus designed to reveal his divinity and bring all of us to belief. These ‘Signs’ serve as precursors to the ‘signs’ of the sacraments, highlighting Jesus as the fulfillment of the law and the source of life.

These 7 ‘signs’ (Miracles) in John’s Gospel obviously reminds us of the fulness and perfection of God’s total revelation in Jesus. Last Sunday we read about the healing of the man born blind (6<sup>th</sup> sign) and this Sunday we read about the bodily raising of Lazarus (7<sup>th</sup> sign). The gradual manifestation of Jesus the source of life becomes clear in raising Lazarus to life. This revelation leads us to the sign of all signs - in the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus is the source of all life. Jesus, the Creative Word of God came to us, to save us and give us life. This is symbolically portrayed in the Gospel today as Jesus leaves his ‘comfort zone’ (Our Father) beyond Jordan to Bethany where Lazarus was (A place of threat and danger) to bring us life. Jesus comes into our lives to strengthen and encourage our spirits. We need to cooperate with God to participate in God’s saving action.

### Leadership Summit for Men

For all the parishes in Warren County (Metuchen Diocese - Morris Canal Deanery), there is a leadership summit being planned by the diocese in April this year. (April 24-25). We believe in the Apostolic nature of the church. One reason the New Evangelization is faltering is because it is missing men.

The New Evangelization Project (no, that’s not a typo!) has documented the serious Catholic “man-crisis” in the United States. 1 in 3 baptized Catholic men have left the faith and, of those who remain, 50%-60% of them are “Casual Catholics,” men who don’t know and don’t practice the faith. Please talk to any clergy for more information or call the office.

**Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. Bishop Bootkoski will be the Celebrant.**

**“From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church”** sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey will take place on May 2, 2026 at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. This conference seeks to deepen awareness of the mental health crisis and to equip clergy, parish staff, ministry leaders, educators, healthcare professionals, and lay faithful with practical resources to better serve those in need. Bishop John P. Dolan of the Diocese of Phoenix will join us as keynote speaker, sharing his experience and leadership in establishing the nation’s first diocesan Office of Mental Health Ministry.

The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** is scheduled to take place in our diocese on the weekend of April 25/26. Funds received every year through the collection support outreach to immigrant communities, seafarers, migrant farmworkers, and others whose work and travels take them far from home. Migrants’ pastoral needs have only grown in a time of anti-immigrant public sentiment.

### Diocesan Programs in the near future:

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> at 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 22<sup>nd</sup> - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Yola Marinelli by Lisa Marinelli  
 11:00am – Shirley Emery by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua  
 1:00pm – (SP) For the People  
 5:30pm – Kathleen Kingfield by Elaine Opdyke

## MONDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

6:45am – Conceicao Castro & Jose Fernandes by Gomes-Aversa Family  
 12:10pm – Marian Manasseri by Family

## TUESDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

6:45am – Diane Trinidad by Family  
 12:10pm – Mary De Nicuola by Daughter

## WEDNESDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup> – The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45am – Mary Frances Patterson by Nancy  
 12:10pm – Barry M. Rosnagle by Lorna, Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn & Families

## THURSDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Stanley Butler by Val Patti  
 12:10pm – Pat Thompson & Geri Farley by Camille

## FRIDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Eleanor Hecklan by Tina Holly  
 12:10pm – Terence J. Flanagan by Olive Tucker

## SATURDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Bishop Vincent De Paul Breen (A)  
 4:30pm – Adam Garcia by Lisa Garcia

## SUNDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup> - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00am – Patricia Flynn by Phil & MaryAnn Kinney  
 11:00am – Owen McCaffrey by Joan McCaffrey  
 1:00pm – (SP) For the People  
 5:30pm – Ilija Pavlovich by Laura Pavlovich

### 2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$28,049.25
Total Received:	\$24,308.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$49,953.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	35.96%
Percent of Goal Received:	31.17%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$257.31

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



### March 28<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm  
 Acolyte Gavin Hayes  
 Lector Michael Boylan  
 Minister Tom Casey  
 Minister Ed Socci  
 Server Gino Siano  
 Server -

### March 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00am  
 Acolyte Andrew Sretenovic  
 Lector Rachel Lazier  
 Minister Julie Duffy  
 Minister Michael Duffy  
 Server Adam Sretenovic  
 Server Gabriel Sretenovic

11:00am  
 Acolyte Breann Pisarek  
 Lector Carol Bevilacqua  
 Minister Marion Smith  
 Minister Carol Bevilacqua  
 Server Chimbuzo Odimma  
 Server Chiezmuzo Odimma

1:00pm  
 Acolyte Kaley Bustamente  
 Lector Iván Lam  
 Lector Maria Rubi  
 Minister Giovanni Lam  
 Announcements Laura Garcia  
 Server Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia  
 Server Liam Rosario

5:30pm  
 Acolyte -  
 Lector Marianne Palos  
 Server Lucas Blanes  
 Server Leach Blanes

### Stewardship

	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$10,101.00</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>3,060.00</b>
	<b>\$13,161.00</b>
<b>SSPJ School:</b>	<b>\$1,206.00</b>
<b>Various Collections:</b>	<b>\$344.00</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 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 27<sup>th</sup>

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



## PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

William "Billy" Coyle

## 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:** 3/22 Bettina Socci, 3/29 Anne Coyle, & 4/5 Ron Rossini

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 3/22 Eileen Dean, 3/29 Mike St. Jacques, & 4/5 Deacon Francisco

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 3/22 Beth Dispoto & 3/29 & 4/5 Lisa Spanopolous

## "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 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mar 23, Mon - *Optional Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

Mar 24, Tues - *Optional Memorial of St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr*

### **Mar 25, Wed - Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord**

#### **Catholic Teaching on Jews and Judaism during Holy Week and Easter**

*USCCB's guidelines on the Church's teaching about the Jews and Judaism during Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum without fostering misunderstanding or prejudice.*

During the first hearing of the White House Religious Liberty Commission held a few weeks ago, Carrie Prejean Boller, a recent convert to Catholicism, sparked widespread controversy when she disputed that blaming Jews for Jesus' death is antisemitic, defended public figures accused of promoting antisemitic conspiracy theories, declared that Catholics do not embrace Zionism, and repeatedly pressed Jewish witnesses on Israel's actions in Gaza. There were witnesses at the hearing who rebutted Ms. Prejean Boller's assertions about Catholic teaching, but it was her claims and not the rebuttal that have circulated in the media.

Summary of Essential Teaching of the Church:

1. "The Jews" didn't kill Jesus - *Nostra Aetate* (4) The Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions promulgated at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, firmly rejects the charge of deicide leveled collectively for many centuries against the Jewish people. The Declaration affirms that though "the Jewish authorities and those who followed their lead pressed for the death of Christ; still, what happened in His passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today".

2. God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been revoked but continues: Paragraph 6 of the same section declares that the Jewish people should not be understood or presented as rejected or cursed by God, as if this follows from Holy Scripture. The Church holds in tension **both** "belief in the universal salvific significance of Jesus Christ"

and "the equally clear statement of faith in the never-revoked covenant of God with Israel". If God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been revoked, what, then, of God's promises to Abraham concerning, not only descendants, but land?

3. Catholics can appreciate the religious attachment that the Jewish people have to the land of Israel but interpret the re-emergence in 1948 of a Jewish state in a historical rather than theological context: "Christians are invited to understand this religious attachment which finds its roots in Biblical tradition, without however making their own any particular religious interpretation of this relationship (cf. *Declaration* of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 20, 1975). The existence of the State of Israel and its political options should be envisaged not in a perspective which is in itself religious, but in their reference to the common principles of international law" (*Notes*, VI.1).

4. The Church condemns hatred, persecution, and displays of antisemitism directed against the Jewish people "at any time and by anyone".

### PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on March 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will be praying for persecuted Christians.

### OVER 50's CLUB MEETING

The next Over 50's club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm in Mercy Hall. We will have a short meeting, followed by refreshments and bingo. Please come join us. New members welcome. Officers, please meet at 12:00pm.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be having the last Lenten Fish Dinner for this year on March 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.

## DEACON'S CORNER

### Raising of Lazarus

One of the most precious possessions in the world is to have a home into which we can go at any time and find rest, understanding, peace and love. That was doubly true for Jesus. He had no home of his own or a place to lay His head. That particular gift Jesus found in the home with Martha, Mary and Lazarus at Bethany.

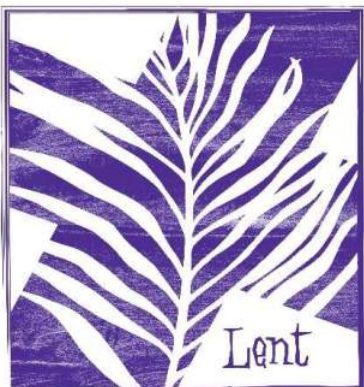
Jesus upon hearing the news of the death of Lazarus, waited for two days before returning to His friend's home. The phenomenon of raising to life a man who had been dead for four days made the miracle all the greater. Remember sometime you must show the people!!! John's Gospel indicated that Jesus performed signs, because He choose to do them at the appreciate time. Is it a wakeup call for us? So often we would like Jesus to do things in our time, but we must leave Him to do them in His own time.

Through Jesus Christ we know that we are journeying, not to the sunset, but to the sunrise. Do we believe that God is merciful? If so than we become absolutely sure of His love. He is above all a redeeming God. The fear of death vanishes, for death means going to the great lover of our souls. The design of God is that every one of us should be a living proof of this power. Our task is not so much to commend Christ in words, but to demonstrate in our lives what Christ has done for us! We may never know what exactly happened at Bethany so many years ago, but we do know for certain that Jesus is still the resurrection and the life. That is what this story tells us and that is what truly matters!!

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

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry



## WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL #474 COLUMBIETTES



*Celebrating 15 years of Service at  
St. Philip & St. James RC Church  
in the Diocese of Metuchen*

## 2026 OCIA



*Laetare Sunday celebrating the Second Scrutiny*

## 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.

## *Holy Week & Easter Sunday*



*April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maundy Thursday*

**7pm - Mass of the Last Supper**

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday*

**12 noon - Service in Spanish**

**3pm - Service in English**

**6pm - Stations of the Cross in English**

**8pm - Stations of the Cross in Spanish**

*April 4<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday*

**12:30pm - Blessing of the Food in MH**

**7pm - Easter Vigil Mass (Bilingual)**

*April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday*

**Masses at 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish)**

**No 5:30pm Mass**

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>*

**The Church Office & Adoration  
will be closed.**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

“A society is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it” ~ Pope Leo XIV

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion from February 18 - March 29<sup>th</sup> during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave, Washington, NJ.

For more information contact: Jennifer English, [amjadopt@comcast.net](mailto:amjadopt@comcast.net), 973-525-6692, or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. ~ Joshua 1:9*

## Diocesan News

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

\$1.7 million of the money raised by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than 70,000 individuals through over 100 programs. While the statistics are impressive, it is the love and care that Catholic Charities offers to our neighbors in need that is most meaningful.

Catholic Charities insures that individuals who turn to us in a crisis not only receive the immediate help they need but also are connected to longer-term support that aims to stabilize families and lead to self-sufficiency. The work of Catholic Charities is a tangible response to the Gospel call to care for the least among us.



## 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.



**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.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD: HEALING  
WEEKEND RETREATS**

Are you struggling from an abortion? This retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Experience God's mercy and compassion in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. April 17-19, 2026, Washington, NJ, To register or learn more, contact

[LeahSoulFilledByGrace@gmail.com](mailto:LeahSoulFilledByGrace@gmail.com), or call/text (609) 709-3479. Sponsored by Life Choices, Inc.

**SURVIVING DIVORCE**

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:00pm beginning April 15 – June 3, 2026 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

For more information or to register contact Rachelle Hanna at [rachelle.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.hanna@gmail.com).

**NJ CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH  
CONFERENCE**



SAVE THE DATE  
**SATURDAY  
MAY 2, 2026**  
8:30AM - 3:15PM

*From Isolation to Belonging:  
Mental Health and the Catholic Church*

A statewide gathering to strengthen understanding, compassion, and pastoral support for those facing mental health struggles.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Most Reverend Bishop John P. Dolan**, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix is well known for his leadership in mental health initiatives, his commitment to education and advocacy, and his efforts to integrate mental health support into the fabric of the Catholic Church on a local and global scale.

**ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS**



**CARDINAL  
JOSEPH TOBIN**  
C.Ss.R., D.D.,  
Principal Celebrant  
and Homilist  
for Mass



**BETH  
HLABSE**  
Program Director  
Notre Dame  
Fast Program on  
Faith & Mental Health



**BEN  
WORTHAM**  
VP Behavioral  
Health Integration  
Catholic Charities  
USA



**DEACON  
ED SHOENER**  
Founder  
International Association  
of Catholic  
Mental Health Ministers

**WHO SHOULD  
ATTEND?**

- CLERGY/RELIGIOUS
- PARISH LEADERS
- MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
- EDUCATORS
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- AND ALL seeking deeper understanding of mental health and how the Church can respond.

**SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026**  
ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER  
146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854

**NJCONF.COM**



Visit [njconf.com](http://njconf.com) to sign up for updates and be notified when registration opens.

**NO HALF SAINTS**

"No Half Saints" is a Youth & Young Adult Podcast from the Diocese of Metuchen.

[www.youtube.com/@NoHalfSaints](http://www.youtube.com/@NoHalfSaints) This podcast serves to spread an awareness into the youth and young adult culture here within the Diocese. The mission is to: Bring souls to Jesus Christ, Bring viewers and parishioners into the conversations/world of youth & young adult ministry, Attract young adults into the world of youth ministry, & have fun and provide an entertaining Catholic Church-based podcast. Our guests will include, but are not limited to: Youth ministers, young adult leaders, priests, sisters, consecrated religious, musicians, seminarians, ministry leaders, Diocesan staff, and young adults themselves. This entire podcast is consecrated to Our Lady. Ave Maria!

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

¡Querida familia!

Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento al diácono Larry y al equipo de la OCIA por preparar a nuestros candidatos para los sacramentos. Al presentarse ante la iglesia para el último escrutinio (tercer escrutinio), necesitan nuestro apoyo y nuestras oraciones. Al final de la semana, recibirán el Padrenuestro, la oración que todos atesoramos en nuestros corazones, tal como nos la enseñó nuestro Señor y Salvador.

Los siete «signos» y no «milagros»: 1. Convertir el agua en vino en Caná, 2. Curar al hijo del funcionario, 3. Curar al paralítico en Bethesda, 4. Alimentar a los 5000, 5. Caminar sobre el agua, 6. Curar al ciego y 7. Resurrección de Lázaro—expresan los actos milagrosos específicos realizados por Jesús, diseñados para revelar su divinidad y llevarnos a todos a la fe. Estos «signos» sirven como precursores de los «signos» de los sacramentos, destacando a Jesús como el cumplimiento de la ley y la fuente de la vida.

Estos siete «señales» (milagros) del Evangelio de Juan nos recuerdan la plenitud y perfección de la revelación total de Dios en Jesús. El domingo pasado leímos sobre la curación del ciego de nacimiento (sexta señal) y este domingo sobre la resurrección de Lázaro (séptima señal). La manifestación gradual de Jesús, fuente de vida, se hace evidente en la resurrección de Lázaro. Esta revelación nos conduce a la señal de todas las señales: la resurrección de Jesús.

Jesús es la fuente de toda vida. Jesús, el Verbo Creador de Dios, vino a nosotros para salvarnos y darnos vida. Esto se representa simbólicamente en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús deja su «zona de confort» (el Padre Nuestro) al otro lado del Jordán, hacia Betania, donde se encontraba Lázaro (un lugar de amenaza y peligro), para traernos vida. Jesús viene a nuestras vidas para fortalecer y animar nuestro espíritu. Necesitamos cooperar con Dios para participar en su acción salvadora.

### **Cumbre de Liderazgo para Hombres**

Para todas las parroquias del Condado de Warren (Diócesis de Metuchen - Decanato de Morris Canal), la diócesis está organizando una cumbre de liderazgo para abril de este año (24 y 25 de abril).

Creemos en la naturaleza apostólica de la Iglesia. Una de las razones por las que la Nueva Evangelización está flaqueando es la falta de hombres. El nuevo proyecto de emangelización (¡sí, no es un error tipográfico!) ha documentado la grave "crisis de hombres" católicos en Estados Unidos. Uno de cada tres hombres católicos bautizados ha abandonado la fe y, de los que permanecen, entre el 50% y el 60% son católicos "casuales", hombres que no conocen ni practican la fe. Para más información, hable con cualquier miembro del clero o llame a la oficina.

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

**El evento “Del Aislamiento a la Pertenencia: Salud Mental y la Iglesia Católica”,** patrocinado por los Obispos Católicos de Nueva Jersey, se llevará a cabo el 2 de mayo de 2026 en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann en Piscataway. [Esta conferencia busca profundizar la conciencia sobre la crisis de salud mental y dotar al clero, personal parroquial, líderes ministeriales, educadores, profesionales de la salud y fieles laicos con recursos prácticos para servir mejor a quienes lo necesitan.](#) El Obispo John P. Dolan, de la Diócesis de Phoenix, nos acompañará como orador principal, compartiendo su experiencia y liderazgo en el establecimiento de la primera Oficina Diocesana del Ministerio de Salud Mental del país.

### **La Colecta de “Catholic Relief Services”**

Está programada para el fin de semana del 25 y 26 de abril en nuestra diócesis. Los fondos recibidos anualmente a través de la colecta apoyan la ayuda a las comunidades inmigrantes, marineros, trabajadores agrícolas migrantes y otras personas cuyo trabajo y viajes los alejan de sus hogares. Las necesidades pastorales de los migrantes no han hecho más que crecer en tiempos de sentimiento público antiinmigrante.

### **Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:**

Conferencia Choices Matter (21 de marzo), Premios San Timoteo y Santa Teresa de Calcuta (26 de marzo), Misa Crismal (31 de marzo a las 4 pm), Conferencia Estatal Católica de Salud Mental de Nueva Jersey (2 de mayo), Concentración de Jóvenes Católicos de Nueva Jersey (17 de mayo).

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## 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.

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**Vía Crucis en la Iglesia**

**27 de marzo**  
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***2 de abril - Jueves Santo***

**7pm - Misa de la Última Cena**

***3 de abril - Viernes Santo***

**12pm - Servicio en español**

**3pm - Servicio en inglés**

**6pm - Vía Crucis en inglés**

**8pm - Vía Crucis en español**

***4 de abril - Sábado Santo***

**12:30pm - Bendición de los Alimentos**  
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**7pm - Misa de la Vigilia Pascual (Bilingüe)**

***5 de abril - Domingo de Pascua***

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