

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.)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD † April 5, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 4/5/26

✠ **HAPPY EASTER** ✠

3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles in PMR
3pm Easter Dinner in Mercy Hall

Mon. 4/6/26

Church Office & Adoration Closed

6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall

Tues. 4/7/26

9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room

No Faith Formation (CCD) Classes—Easter Break

7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel

Wed. 4/8/26

10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room

7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall

Thurs. 4/9/26

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

7pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday 4/10/26

Sat. 4/11/26

7:30am First Friday Devotion in the Church

8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church

10am Confessions in the Church

9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH

3:15pm Confessions in the Church

Sunday 4/12/26

3pm Divine Mercy Celebration in the Church

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Dear Family!

I wish you all a wonderful, grace-filled Easter! As this is the most important day for the Church, let us be mindful of the essence of what we believe! *“Because Easter Sunday is the commemoration of Christ’s Resurrection, this day is the greatest solemnity of the liturgical year”* (CCC 1169). The Catechism reminds us that *“The Resurrection remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. This is why the risen Christ does not reveal himself to the world, but to his disciples, ‘to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people’”* (CCC 647).

Easter Vigil is the vigil or all vigils. The liturgy is constructed in such a way as to reflect and pray with all the readings where death, darkness and dullness are lead to life, light and newness. The service of the light, liturgy of the word, Baptism and Eucharist are all so original to the Easter Vigil that many Catholics might end up reducing them to “too long or waste of time.” A time to pray with and for our catechumens is indeed a time with the Spirit that our faith is strengthened and blessed by their longing to be part of the Christian Community.

We are Easter People who worship Easter God and Alleluia is our song. We have just been to a funeral and cried bitterly. The blood-filled cross and the occupied tomb though initially brought fear among the friends; they gave them hope that resurrection is imminent. Dear friends who come rarely to church! We remember and pray for you today that you be strengthened by our community of the faithful. We struggle with you in faith that our opportunities to pray together may increase in the days to come! Let us build the church together...

Jesus wants his disciples not to just experience the joy of Easter, rather the responsibility and accountability with which he carried the Cross. He wants all the runaway disciples to assemble for a just cause; more people to carry his cross, wipe his face; more to be at his side and beneath the Cross. Jesus’ own funeral was empty with loneliness and defeat; thus, in His resurrection He brings people together.

The first tree that was planted in the middle of Garden Eden opened their eyes – the tree of life and death. Here the second tree is planted in the middle of Church opens our hearts – the tree of Death and Resurrection.

Every time we are prepared to ‘die’ for our values, principles, religious sentiments, love, faith and hope, we are actually given the hope of Resurrection. Resurrection is a reward for those who chose this tree – a great life of love and service. Is this love free? Does this Resurrection come with no price tag? Think again! We wish you and we pray for you. Let your faith be reborn and your love for God resurrected! Happy Easter!

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.

“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:

NJ State Catholic Mental Health Conference (May 2nd),
NJ Catholic Youth Rally (May 17th).

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, April 5th – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9:00am – Gabriel Lantos by Family
 11:00am – Coleen Piazza by Joan Beers
 1:00pm – (SP) For the People

5:30pm – **No Mass**

MONDAY, April 6th

6:45am – Adham J. Abuhouran by Adma Dababneh
 12:10pm – Helen Patti by Lupi Family

TUESDAY, April 7th

6:45am – Genevieve Mooney by George McBride
 12:10pm – Adham Dababneh by Adma Dababneh

WEDNESDAY, April 8th

6:45am – Tarquinio Rossini by Ron Rossini
 12:10pm – Carol Lupi by Victor & Melissa Lupi

THURSDAY, April 9th

6:45am – Anna Shaneberger by Danny & Terri Starosciak
 12:10pm – Fran Rossenagle by Patrick Rossnagle

FRIDAY, April 10th

6:45am – Mary Starosciak by Danny & Terri Starosciak
 12:10pm – John & Elizabeth Pologruto by Rose Bladies

SATURDAY, April 11th

8am – Rosa Duque by Dario Duque
 4:30pm – Kathryn Reber by Dee Page

SUNDAY, April 12th SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

9:00am – Stanislawa Dziezak by Family
 11:00am – Tumulty Family by Patricia Tumulty
 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:	\$30,204.25
Total Received:	\$26,288.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$47,795.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	38.72%
Percent of Goal Received:	33.70%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$260.38

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



April 11 th		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	-
April 12 th		
9am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
	Minister	Ann Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Jack Perna
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	-
1:00pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Gladys Jauridez
	Minister	Frank Anthony
	Announcements	Lissette Herrera
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Keith Gallagher
	Server	Leah Blanes
	Server	Noah Blanes

Stewardship

Due to early bulletin deadline stewardship information for April 5th will be included in the next bulletin.

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1st thru 8th grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St No Class April 7th

Pray FOR THE SICK ©IPSC

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, 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, Marine LCpl 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.



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

Robert Behe, Dorothy Casey, Joan Marie McDevitt-Taylor, & Nicholas John Pugliese

**Monday, April 6th
The Church Office & Adoration
will be closed.**

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: 4/5 Ron Rossini, 4/12 Kelly Perna, & 4/19 Anne Coyle
Brakeley Nursing Home: 4/5 Deacon Francisco, 4/12 Gladys Jauridez, & 4/19 Melody Talpas
Phillipsburg Care Center: 4/5 Lisa Spanopolous, & 4/12 & 4/19 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!

EASTER DINNER

Join us on Easter Sunday at 3:00pm for an Easter Dinner in Mercy Hall. Don't stay home alone. Come & enjoy a good Easter meal! For more information & to reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast.

If any man be a wise servant, let him enter rejoicing into the joy of his Lord.

If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense.

If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward.

If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast.

If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings, because he shall in no wise be deprived.

If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing.

If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him also be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; he gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has worked from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one he gives, and upon the other he bestows gifts. And he both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter ye all into the joy of your Lord, and receive your reward, both the first and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day.

Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast.

The table is fully laden; feast sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away. Enjoy the feast of faith; receive all the riches of loving-kindness.

Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shone forth from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free: he that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into hell, he made hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of his flesh.

And Isaiah, foretelling this, cried: “

Hell was embittered when it encountered thee in the lower regions.”

It was embittered, for it was abolished.

It was embittered, for it was mocked.

It was embittered, for it was slain.

It was embittered, for it was overthrown.

It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains.

It took a body, and met God face to face.

It took earth and encountered heaven.

It took that which was seen and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting?

O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.

Christ is risen, and life reigns.

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.

For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, April 11th, at 7:30am (before the 8am 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 10am & 3:15pm. (This was transferred because of Holy Week.)

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

The Feast of Divine Mercy is Sunday, April 12th, at 3:00pm in the church. On this day, the "greatest day of the feast," all sin and punishment can be wiped away by those who say the Divine Mercy Chaplet, worthily receive the Eucharist, trust in the Lord's mercy, and are merciful to others. The Lord also generously answers many prayers. Go to MercySundayMomentum.org for more information. Divine Mercy Pamphlets are in the back of the church. Start the novena on Good Friday, April 3rd.

DEACON'S CORNER

Indulgences

For the next four weeks, I will talk about “**Indulgences.**”

Indulgences are special gifts from God through the Church that help us grow closer to Him. They encourage us to pray, do good for others, and turn away from sin.

First, what is an **Indulgence**? When we really understand what it is, we will appreciate it more. In fact, many of us may already be doing things that bring indulgences without even realizing it.

An **Indulgence** is the removal before God of the “**temporal punishment**” that remains after our sins have already been forgiven. In simple terms, it helps heal the spiritual damage caused by sin and helps us grow in holiness.

Some of you might say, “If I go to confession and God forgives my sins, why is there still any punishment?” That is a very good question. The Church teaches that **sin has two effects.**

The first effect is **eternal punishment.** This is what separates us from God when someone commits a serious (mortal) sin. The good news is that this is forgiven when we sincerely repent and receive the **Sacrament of Confession.** The second effect is called **temporal punishment.** This means that even when God forgives our sins, the damage caused by those sins still needs to be healed. Sin leaves wounds in our hearts, in our relationships, and sometimes even in the world around us.

Here is a simple example. Imagine a child who breaks a neighbor’s window while playing. The child goes to his father, admits what he did, and says he is sorry. The father forgives him right away because he loves him. But the window is still broken. The relationship between the father and the child is restored, but the damage still needs to be repaired. The child may need to help fix the window or pay for it. In a similar way, when we sin and go to confession, God forgives us completely. However, the effects of our sins still need healing. That healing is what we call **temporal punishment.**

Indulgences are one of the beautiful ways the Church helps us grow in holiness and repair the effects of sin while drawing closer to God.

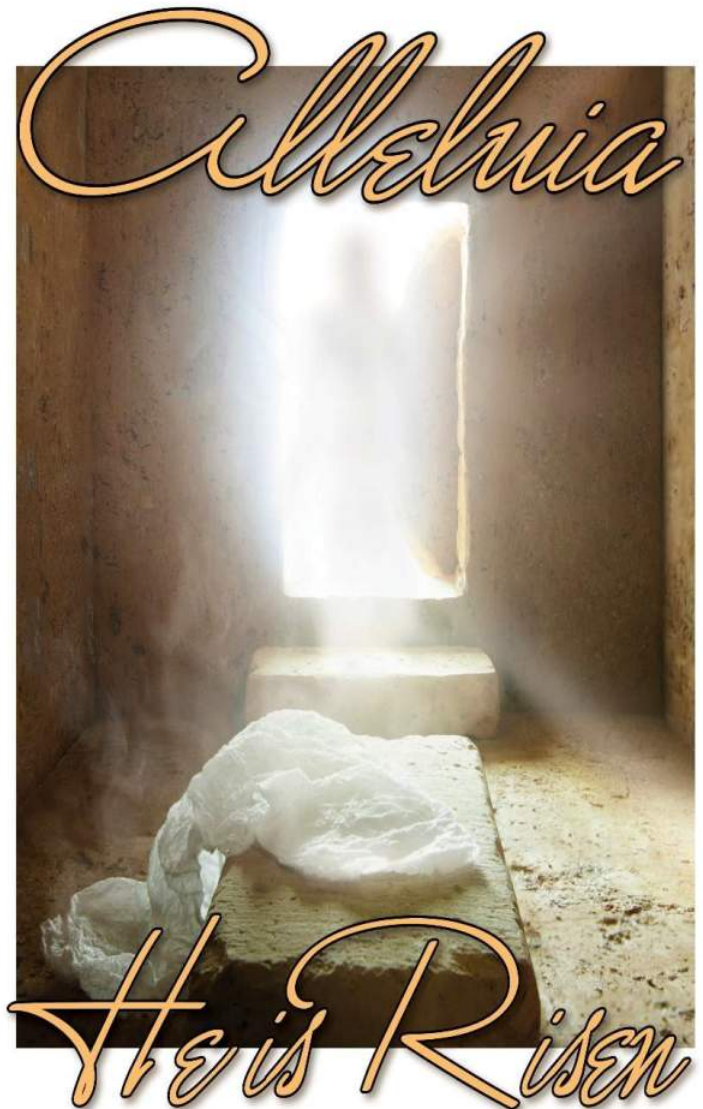
Next week we will talk about purification and the different ways we can be freed from temporal punishment. Stay tuned!

Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Easter filled with peace, joy, and hope.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock



Diocesan News

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

Your gift supports the mission of the *Office of Human Life and Dignity*, remaining steadfast in its efforts to promote the sanctity of human life in all stages and in all conditions. Your support also brings the grace of the sacraments and compassionate care to those in hospitals and prisons through our *clergy chaplains* and has a tremendous impact on the lives of so many in need through our *Catholic Charities*.

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

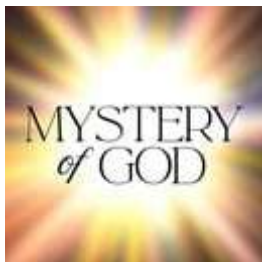
LeahSoulFilledByGrace@gmail.com, or call/text (609) 709-3479. Sponsored by Life Choices, Inc.

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.

MYSTERY OF GOD



Come learn what has been revealed to us in Scripture and Tradition concerning the One Tri-Personal God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 8 Week Course with Fr. Glenn Comandini. Thursdays April 9 – May 28, 2026

10:15am – 11:30am at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. \$20 per person for all 8 classes. For questions email magnese@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543.

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
First 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

Visit njconf.com to sign up for updates and be notified when registration opens.

NJCONF.COM



NO HALF SAINTS

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

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**
**DOMINGO DE PASCUA DE LA
RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR**

¡Querida familia!

¡Les deseo a todos una Pascua maravillosa y llena de gracia! Dado que este es el día más importante para la Iglesia, ¡tengamos presente la esencia de aquello en lo que creemos! «Puesto que el Domingo de Pascua es la conmemoración de la Resurrección de Cristo, este día constituye la solemnidad más grande del año litúrgico» (CIC 1169). El Catecismo nos recuerda que «la Resurrección permanece en el corazón mismo del misterio de la fe como algo que trasciende y supera la historia. Por ello, Cristo resucitado no se revela al mundo, sino a sus discípulos: "a los que habían subido con él de Galilea a Jerusalén, los cuales son ahora sus testigos ante el pueblo"» (CIC 647).

La Vigilia Pascual es la vigilia por excelencia. Su liturgia está estructurada de tal modo que permite reflexionar y orar con todas aquellas lecturas en las que la muerte, la oscuridad y la opacidad dan paso a la vida, la luz y la novedad. El rito de la luz, la liturgia de la Palabra, el Bautismo y la Eucaristía son elementos tan intrínsecos a la Vigilia Pascual que muchos católicos podrían terminar reduciéndolos a una experiencia «demasiado larga» o a una «pérdida de tiempo». Sin embargo, este tiempo para orar con nuestros catecúmenos y por ellos es, en realidad, un momento vivido en el Espíritu; un tiempo en el que nuestra propia fe se ve fortalecida y bendecida por el anhelo de ellos de formar parte de la comunidad cristiana.

Somos un pueblo de Pascua que adora al Dios de la Pascua, y el Aleluya es nuestro canto. Acabamos de asistir a un funeral y hemos llorado amargamente. La cruz empapada de sangre y el sepulcro vacío aunque en un principio infundieron temor entre los amigos les brindaron la esperanza de que la resurrección es inminente. ¡Queridos amigos que rara la vez acuden a la iglesia! Hoy los recordamos y rezamos por ustedes, para que encuentren fortaleza en nuestra comunidad de fieles. Luchamos junto a ustedes, en la fe, para que aumenten en los días venideros nuestras oportunidades de orar juntos. ¡Construyamos juntos la Iglesia!

Jesús desea que sus discípulos no se limiten a experimentar la alegría de la Pascua, sino también la responsabilidad y el sentido de rendición de cuentas con los que Él cargó la Cruz. Él quiere que todos los discípulos que huyeron se reúnan en torno a una causa justa; que haya más personas dispuestas a cargar su cruz y a enjugar su rostro; más personas que permanezcan a su lado y al pie de la Cruz. El propio funeral de Jesús estuvo marcado por la soledad y la derrota; por ello, en su resurrección, Él congrega a las personas.

El primer árbol que fue plantado en medio del Jardín del Edén nos abrió los ojos: el árbol de la vida y de la muerte. Aquí, el segundo árbol, plantado en medio de la Iglesia, nos abre el corazón: el árbol de la Muerte y la Resurrección. Cada vez que estamos dispuestos a «morir» por nuestros valores, principios, sentimientos religiosos, amor, fe y esperanza, se nos concede, en realidad, la esperanza de la Resurrección. La Resurrección es una recompensa para aquellos que eligieron este árbol: una vida plena de amor y servicio. ¿Es gratuito este amor? ¿Acaso esta Resurrección no tiene precio? ¡Piénsalo bien! Te enviamos nuestros mejores deseos y rezamos por ti. ¡Que tu fe renazca y tu amor por Dios resucite! ¡Felices Pascuas!

Cumbre de Liderazgo para Hombres

Para todas las parroquias del condado de Warren (Diócesis de Metuchen - Decanato del Canal Morris), la diócesis está organizando una cumbre de liderazgo que tendrá lugar en 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 flaquea es la ausencia de hombres. El *New Evangelization Project* (¡no, no es un error tipográfico!) ha documentado la grave «crisis del hombre» católico en los 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 la fe ni la practican. Por favor, consulte a cualquier miembro del clero para obtener más información o llame a la oficina.

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.

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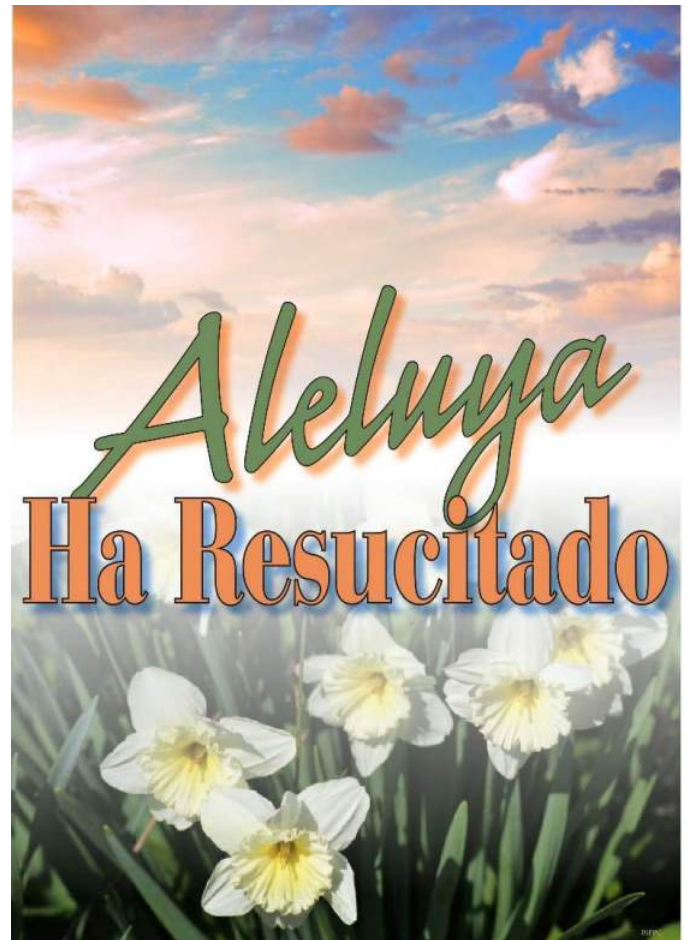
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