

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.)

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY † April 12, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 4/12/26** 3pm Divine Mercy Celebration in the Church
- Mon. 4/13/26** 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 4/14/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes—137
Roseberry St.
7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group in
the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 4/15/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 4/16/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
6pm Exploring Our Faith Together in Mercy Hall
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 4/17/26**
- Sat. 4/18/26** 10am Confessions in the Church
11am First Penance for First Communion Children in the
Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH
10am-11am Curia Meeting in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Catholic Daughters Greeting Cards Sale after the 4:30pm
Mass
- Sunday 4/19/26** 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
Catholic Daughters Greeting Cards Sale after the 9am &
11am Masses
Guadalupe Food Sale after 1pm Mass in front of the Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Dear Family!

The Second Sunday of Easter is known as the Divine Mercy Sunday, and we always read about St. Thomas on this Sunday. I grew up in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, in the southern part of India, I was introduced to the faith of St. Thomas in my childhood. The patron of my home diocese and the Cathedral of my home diocese are named after Saint Thomas. My home-town is the home of Saint Thomas Mount and the place of his martyrdom.

When Jesus rose from the dead, Thomas took his own time in confessing 'My Lord and my God' and when Thomas was killed the Christians later took their own time to confess the same 'My Lord and my God.' Thus, Thomas took with him his inquisitive mind, clear thinking, logical perception and a mathematical analysis of a situation. From experience we learn he was a man of clarity. He not only took the blame for all of us that our doubt is cleared once and for all; he took that quality with him wherever he was. He preached the gospel to the nations with this clarity so all could understand with clarity.

This man ran away from Mount Calvary, and he became blind to the Lord and God in Jesus. It is the compassion of God that gave him another chance. Thomas empowered by the Holy Spirit would never lose the second chance. He would hold fast to that chance all his life. Divine Mercy is what we long for. Divine Mercy is what God promises us through Saint Thomas.

Saint Thomas! Pray for us!

Special Word of Thanks to All:

I can't thank you enough in making the Holy Week so special and meaningful through your support and active participation. I thank our Choir, Clergy, Servers, Decorators, Office, money-counters, Ushers, Knights of Columbus, and all volunteers who were involved in making this Easter Event a great success! Thank you again!

Special Franciscan Jubilee Year (January 10, 2026 - January 10, 2027)

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year a Special Jubilee to mark the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' death in 1226. To commemorate the spirituality of St. Francis, we will have a weekly quote from St. Francis in our Bulletin.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified on September 24, 2026

This spectacular and proud moment for the American Church as we move closer to celebrate a very important day for all of us in witnessing the beatification of Ven. Fulton Sheen. The event will take place in St. Louis, Missouri and the Celebrant will be Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle representing our Pope. Fulton Sheen remains a great source of inspiration to Bishops and priests throughout the world and all God's people especially all those who minister in the area of evangelization.

250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence: As for the preparation in parish level, I strongly encourage you to share your faith in writing an article for the parish community. The topic - Our American Story: How my faith influenced my identity as an American and how being an American influenced my life as a Christian/Catholic. Please send your article to the parish office.

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). 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.

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: Surviving Divorce Program (starting on Apr. 15th), the **Rutgers Catholic Experience Event** (Apr. 19th), **Ongoing Faith Formation Classes** (starting April 19th), the **Natural Family Planning Workshop – in Spanish** (Apr. 29th), the **NJ State Catholic Mental Health Conference** (May 2nd) and the **NJ Catholic Youth Rally** (May 17th).

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



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

9:00am – Stanislaw 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

MONDAY, April 13th

6:45am – Deceased Members of the Guerreiro, Gomes, & Aversa Families by Gomes-Aversa
 12:10pm – *Special Intention by Elaine Opdyke

TUESDAY, April 14th

6:45am – Mulholland-Kirby Families by Family
 12:10pm – Rose & Bill Zwiski by Maryann Ignatz
 7pm – (SP) Alberto Ángeles García by Ángeles Family

WEDNESDAY, April 15th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Janet Robbins by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Concetta Zgoda by Jim & Family

THURSDAY, April 16th

6:45am – Francisco Pereiro Gomes & Parents by Gomes-Aversa Family
 12:10pm – *Sp. Int. Patricia Harper by Jane Hanisek

FRIDAY, April 17th

6:45am – Adele & Antonio Bronico by Fran & Tom
 12:10pm – Nona MacAteer by Catalli Family

SATURDAY, April 18th

8am – Mary Liououesa Bonheur by Juliette Bonheur
 4:30pm – Winnie Casciano by Catalli Family

SUNDAY, April 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Joyce Kowalchuk by Family
 11:00am – Paul Pierce by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm – (SP) - For the People
 5:30pm – Carl & Marie Ganz by Family

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$34,479.25
Total Received:	\$30,979.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$43,520.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	44.20%
Percent of Goal Received:	39.72%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$271.49

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



April 18th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

April 19th

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	-

11am

Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
Lector	Kelechi Odimma
Minister	Marion Smith
Minister	Kevin Kassick
Server	Adam Sretenovic
Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

1:00pm

Acolyte	Kaley Bustamente
Lector	Lisette Herrera
Lector	Giovanni Lam
Minister	Oscar Dilone
Announcements	Laura Garica
Server	Steven Varela
Server	Emelie Varela

5:30pm

Acolyte	Alana Palos
Lector	Marianne Palos
Server	Allyssa Palso
Server	-

Stewardship

	March 29 th	April 5 th
Online Giving:	\$7,132.33	\$1,211.80
	1,995.00	3,928.00
	\$9,127.33	\$5,139.80
Retired Dio. Clergy:	\$2,929.33	
Holy Thursday:		\$1,752.33
Holy Friday (Holy Land):		\$1,703.33
Easter:		\$17,799.80
Easter Decorations:		\$1,559.80
Various Collections:	\$134.00	

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1st thru 8th grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St April 14th, 21st, & 28th

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

Jennie A. DeStefano, James L. Bramick, Janet Lynch, & Ann Marie Quinn

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 **10am on Mondays; 5pm on Tuesdays; 5pm on Wednesdays; 12noon & 2pm 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!

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 13, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

THE CANONIZATION OF SR MARY FAUSTINA KOWALSKA Sunday, 30 April 2000

1. Jesus shows his hands and his side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. From that heart Sr Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world: "The two rays", Jesus himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, p. 132).

2. Blood and water! if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14; 7: 37-39). Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified", Jesus will ask Sr Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132).

3. Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity.

4. Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Mt 5: 7)" (Dives in misericordia, n. 14).

5. Sr Faustina's canonization has a particular eloquence: love of God and love of one's brothers and sisters are inseparable. It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love.

Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!

6. Sr Faustina Kowalska wrote in her Diary: "I feel tremendous pain when I see the sufferings of my neighbors. This is the degree of compassion to which love leads when it takes the love of God as its measure! Thus, the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being.

7. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you", which Providence intimated through Sr Faustina! This simple act of abandonment to Jesus dispels the thickest clouds and lets a ray of light penetrate every life. Jezu, ufam tobie.

8. Let us too, the pilgrim Church, join our voice to the voice of Mary most holy, "Mother of Mercy", to the voice of this new saint who sings of mercy with all God's friends in the heavenly Jerusalem.

And you, Faustina, may your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you! (Saint Pope John Paul II)

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.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, April 19th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

DEACON'S CORNER

If you haven't had the chance to read the article on this subject from last week, I recommend accessing it first before proceeding. You can find the article online on our website's bulletin section. Reading the article will provide you with important background information to better understand the content that follows

How Temporal Punishment Is Removed

When we sin and then go to confession, God truly forgives us. The guilt of the sin is taken away. However, sin often leaves behind damage in our hearts, in our habits, and sometimes in the people around us. This remaining effect is what the Church calls **temporal punishment**. It is not about God trying to punish us again, but about **healing the damage caused by sin and helping us grow in holiness**.

The good news is that God gives us many ways to be purified and to repair this spiritual damage. Here are some of the ways temporal punishment can be removed.

Prayer: Prayer brings us closer to God and strengthens our relationship with Him. When we pray sincerely, we open our hearts to God's grace and allow Him to transform us. Simple prayers like the **Our Father, the Rosary, reading the Bible, or spending time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration** help purify our hearts and lead us toward holiness.

Penance: Penance means doing something that helps us turn away from sin and grow stronger spiritually. Sometimes this includes sacrifices, such as fasting, giving up something we enjoy, or accepting the penance given to us in confession. These acts help train our hearts to love God more and resist temptation.

Acts of Charity: Doing good for others is another powerful way to heal the effects of sin. When we help someone in need, show kindness, forgive others, or serve the poor, we reflect the love of Christ. Acts of charity help repair the damage caused by selfishness and remind us that love is at the center of the Christian life.

Suffering Offered to God: Everyone experiences difficulties in life—stress, disappointment, illness, or struggles at school or home. When we offer our suffering to God and unite it with the suffering of Jesus on the cross, it becomes meaningful and spiritually powerful. Instead of complaining or giving up, we can offer our struggles to God as a prayer.

If the purification from temporal punishment is not completed during our life on earth, the Church teaches that it continues after death in a place called **Purgatory**. Purgatory is not a second chance or a place of despair. It is a place of **final purification**, where souls who love God are prepared to enter heaven completely pure and ready to see Him face to face. God does not want to punish us—He wants to **heal us, transform us, and prepare us for heaven**. Through prayer, sacrifice, love for others, and the grace of the Church, we can grow closer to God every day.

Today is “**Divine Mercy Sunday**”, a beautiful opportunity to receive a **plenary indulgence**, which removes all temporal punishment due to sin. Although I will explain this more fully next week, you can receive it today by going to Confession, attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, participating in the 3:00 PM Holy Hour, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father—all with a sincere and faithful heart.

Next week we will talk more about indulgences and how we can gain them in our daily lives. Stay tuned.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

THANK YOU



The Warren Columbiettes #474 would like to thank all our parishioners for their generous donations towards our Postulant and Seminarian collection. With your help we will be able to donate money to enable these religious on their journey to do God's work. Any practicing catholic women 18 years or older are welcome to join us. Please contact Bev Redondo @732-239-1759 for SPSJ church or Donna Bevilacqua @908-283-0960 for St Mary Church.



A very big thank you to Harmony Greenhouses for their generous donation of so many beautiful Easter flowers for our Church community. Muchas Gracias to Julio, our parishioner who sought out these amazing donations. What a difference volunteers made giving their time last Saturday to decorate our Church for this Easter Season! Many young adults from our Confirmation Class showed up to lend a hand. A special thank you to Gwen, Sophia, Natalie, Brianna, Luciana, Linairys, Chiezimuzo, Chimbuzo, Kayla, MaryAnn and Marlin. This group did a phenomenal job cleaning and preparing our sacred space to honor our Lord this Easter. Our parish floral crew is currently seeking dependable flower maintenance to keep our flowers watered and thriving for many weeks to come. If you would like to volunteer, please call Kelly at 908-763-9267.

ST. MONICA PRAYER MINISTRY

The **St. Monica Ministry** is dedicated to offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. Like St. Monica, its members pray unconditionally for loved ones who have left the Church. St. Monica prayed for 20+ years for her wayward son and her prayers were answered. St. Monica's great faithfulness was rewarded as her son, St. Augustine, converted and went on to become one of the greatest theologians in Church History and was declared a Doctor of the Church. This is a testimony to perseverance in prayer!!! **NOTHING IS FAR FROM GOD!!!**

Beginning April 8th, please join us on Wednesday's at 4:00pm in the Adoration Chapel for the St. Monica Prayer Ministry.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"

Discussion Group: **Thursday, April 16th – 6:00 pm** in Mercy Hall, light Refreshments will be served! **MISSION:** To build our *Knowledge* of the Faith; to help us *Explain* the Faith; & to encourage us to *Share* the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



The Catholic Daughters will have greeting cards and other gifts for sale for Confirmation/First Holy Communion recipients (and others!) the weekend of April 18-

19. Please visit our table after the 4:30 pm, 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.

Email CourtWarren389@gmail.com with any questions. Happy Easter!

Diocesan News

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

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the *Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication*. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

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.

NJ CATHOLIC MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

NEW JERSEY 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.S.R., D.D.
Principal Celebrant
and Homilist
for Mass



**BETH
HLARSE**
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 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 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 LA MISERICORDIA

¡Querida familia!

El Segundo Domingo de Pascua se conoce como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, y en este domingo siempre leemos acerca de Santo Tomás. Creí en la Arquidiócesis de Madras-Mylapore, en el sur de la India, y fue durante mi infancia cuando se me introdujo en la fe de Santo Tomás. Tanto el patrono de mi diócesis natal como la catedral de la misma llevan el nombre de Santo Tomás. Mi ciudad natal alberga el Monte de Santo Tomás y es el lugar de su martirio.

Quando Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, Tomás se tomó su tiempo para confesar: «¡Señor mío y Dios mío!»; y cuando Tomás fue martirizado, los cristianos, más tarde, se tomaron también su tiempo para confesar lo mismo: «¡Señor mío y Dios mío!». Así pues, Tomás llevó consigo su mente inquisitiva, su pensamiento lúcido, su percepción lógica y su análisis matemático de las situaciones. Por experiencia, aprendemos que fue un hombre de gran claridad. No solo asumió la carga de la duda en nombre de todos nosotros —para que esta quedara despejada de una vez por todas—, sino que llevó consigo esa cualidad a dondequiera que fue. Predicó el Evangelio a las naciones con tal claridad que todos pudieron comprenderlo con la misma nitidez.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally 2026!

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

SCAN!

Ticket Package: \$70

(Includes: Parking For Your Group, Park Admission, and Meal Plan)
If you have a Six Flags Season Pass you do not need to purchase a package

Add Ons:

- Mega Meal Deal Plan: \$20**
(Includes: 1 drink, 1 snack, and 1 meal)
- All Day Sport Bottle: \$20**
(Free refills all day)

Open To:

JR. High
High School
Young Adults
Families
and All!

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Schedule

9:00am-9:45am: Gates open for Opening Ceremony
9:45am: Opening Ceremony
10:30am-6:00pm: Rides open to enjoy!
5:15pm: Doors open for Holy Mass
6:00pm-7:15pm: Sunday Holy Mass)
8:00pm: Park closes

To pick up/print your Tickets:

Option 1: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want the **Diocese to print your tickets**. Then please arrange with the Office of Youth and Young Adults to pick up your tickets at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane).

Option 2: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want to print your own tickets. The Diocese will put your email address in the ticket system, and you will be emailed all of your tickets for you to print.

*I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of Loves
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone
in Your Presence Lord*

Este hombre huyó del Monte Calvario y quedó ciego ante el Señor y Dios en Jesús. Fue la compasión de Dios la que le brindó una segunda oportunidad. Tomás, fortalecido por el Espíritu Santo, jamás desperdiciaría esa segunda oportunidad; se aferraría a ella durante toda su vida. La Divina Misericordia es aquello que anhelamos. La Divina Misericordia es lo que Dios nos promete por medio de Santo Tomás. ¡Santo Tomás! ¡Ruega por nosotros!

Un agradecimiento especial a todos:

Nunca podré agradecerles lo suficiente por haber hecho de la Semana Santa una experiencia tan especial y significativa, gracias a su apoyo y activa participación. Agradezco a nuestro coro, al clero, a los acólitos, a los encargados de la decoración, al personal de oficina, a los contadores de ofrendas, a los ujieres, a los Caballeros de Colon y a todos los voluntarios que colaboraron para hacer de esta celebración de Pascua un gran éxito. ¡Gracias de nuevo!

Año Jubilar Franciscano Especial (10 de enero de 2026 – 10 de enero de 2027)

El Papa León XIV ha proclamado este año como un Jubileo Especial para conmemorar el 800.º aniversario de la muerte de San Francisco, acaecida en 1226. Para celebrar la espiritualidad de San Francisco, incluiremos una cita semanal suya en nuestro boletín.

El Venerable Fulton J. Sheen será beatificado el 24 de septiembre de 2026.

Este es un momento espectacular y de gran orgullo para la Iglesia estadounidense, a medida que nos acercamos a celebrar un día de suma importancia para todos nosotros: ser testigos de la beatificación del Venerable Fulton Sheen. El evento tendrá lugar en San Luis, Misuri, y el celebrante será el Cardenal Luis Antonio Tagle, en representación de nuestro Papa. Fulton Sheen sigue siendo una gran fuente de inspiración para los obispos y sacerdotes de todo el mundo, así como para todo el pueblo de Dios, especialmente para aquellos que ejercen su ministerio en el ámbito de la evangelización.

250.º Aniversario de la Declaración de Independencia:

En cuanto a la preparación a nivel parroquial, los animo encarecidamente a compartir su fe escribiendo un artículo para la comunidad parroquial. El tema es: «Nuestra historia estadounidense:

Cómo mi fe influyó en mi identidad como estadounidense y cómo ser estadounidense influyó en mi vida como cristiano/católico». Por favor, envíen su artículo a la oficina parroquial.

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 para el mes de abril de este año (24 y 25 de abril). Por favor, consulte a cualquier miembro del clero para obtener más información o llame a la oficina.

«Del aislamiento a la pertenencia: Salud mental y la Iglesia católica», patrocinado por los Obispos Católicos de Nueva Jersey, tendrá lugar el 2 de mayo de 2026 en el Centro Pastoral San John Neumann, en Piscataway.

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:

Programa «Sobrevivir al divorcio» (comienza el 15 de abril), el evento **«Experiencia Católica en Rutgers»** (19 de abril), clases continuas de formación en la fe (comienzan el 19 de abril), el taller de **Planificación Familiar Natural —en español—** (29 de abril), la **Conferencia Católica Estatal de Nueva Jersey sobre Salud Mental** (2 de mayo) y el **Encuentro de Jóvenes Católicos de Nueva Jersey** (17 de mayo).

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