

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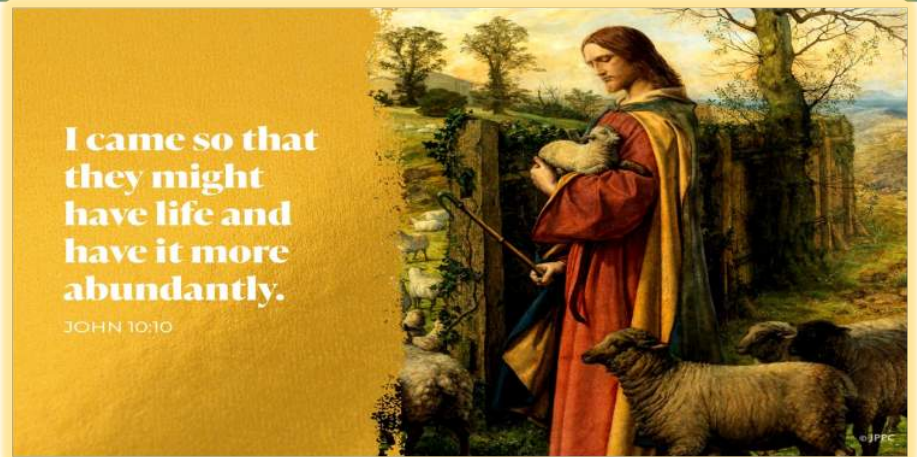
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Office Hours **Mon.** 9am-12:30pm  
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm,

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER † April 26, 2026



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 4/26/26

**Mon. 4/27/26** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall

**Tues. 4/28/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes—137 Roseberry St.  
7pm Spanish Mass followed by Charismatic Group in the Church  
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel

**Wed. 4/29/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel

**Thurs. 4/30/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel  
7pm Choir Practice in the Church

**Friday. 5/1/26** 5pm First Holy Communion Practice in the Church  
6pm Holy Hour for First Friday Devotion in the Church

**Sat. 5/2/26** 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church  
10am Confessions in the Church  
11am First Holy Communion Mass in the Church  
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church

**Sunday 5/3/26** 9am Expectant Parent Prayers in the Church  
11am May Crowning in the Church  
After the 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale outside the Church  
3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles in the PMR

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Dear Family!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as 'The Good Shepherd Sunday'. All three years (A, B, & C) we read from the same parable (John 10). The sacred writers of the Old Testament beautifully presented God (Holy Name of God) as the Good Shepherd and in the sacred writers of the New Testament presented Jesus as the Good Shepherd since they perfectly understood and believed that Jesus is the incarnation of God the Father, revealing us His identity by what he does as the Good Shepherd. In the same way 'the sheep' or 'the flock' is the land and people of Israel in the Old Testament and 'The Church' in the New Testament.

In Christian sense, a good shepherd becomes one by being a good sheep. The Son learns from the Father (John 5:19-20). Jesus learnt how to be a good sheep by the shepherding love of the Father. Jesus teaches us the secrets of being and growing into a sheep of his own heart. We learn from Jesus that as a good sheep, the Son does not operate independently of the Father. In order to shepherd our family, our community and our society, we need to operate fully depending on God and be convinced that without God we can do nothing.

We also learn from Jesus that as a good sheep, the Son is in constant touch with the Father. What motivates and encourages us to depend on God is our constant touch with God through prayer especially our love for the Eucharist. It is the Eucharist that unifies us with Jesus most intimately. We also learn from Jesus that as a good sheep, Jesus discerns the Father's doing. We learn everything that is good from God: our parenting style, carrying out our responsibilities of being a good Christian, good citizen and a good neighbor. Our goodness comes from God alone. We are good because God loves us.

### **American Bishops on War and Peace:**

"For over a thousand years, the Catholic Church has taught just war theory and it is that long tradition the Holy Father carefully references in his comments on war. A constant tenet of that thousand-year tradition is a nation can only legitimately take up the sword 'in self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, [no. 2308](#)). That is, to be a just war it must be a defense against another who actively wages war, which is what the Holy Father [actually said](#):

'He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war.' "When Pope Leo XIV speaks as supreme pastor of the universal Church, he is not merely offering opinions on theology, he is preaching the Gospel and exercising his ministry as the Vicar of Christ. The consistent teaching of the Church is insistent that all people of good will, must pray and work toward lasting peace while avoiding the evils and injustices that accompany all wars."

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

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year a Special Jubilee to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> 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**

The 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 Venerable Fulton Sheen. The event will take place in St. Louis, Missouri and the Celebrant will be Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle representing our Pope.

### **250<sup>th</sup> 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.

**"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.

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

The **Natural Family Planning Workshop – in Spanish** (Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>), the **NJ State Catholic Mental Health Conference** (May 2<sup>nd</sup>), **1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV** (May 8<sup>th</sup>), and the **NJ Catholic Youth Rally** (May 17<sup>th</sup>). Save the Date: heads up that this year is the **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks.

Fr. Antony

# Masses For The Week



## SUNDAY, April 26<sup>th</sup> FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Enzo Marinelli by Lisa Marinelli  
 11:00am – Betty Lilly by Family  
 1:00pm – (SP) - For the People  
 5:30pm – Mr. & Mrs. Louis Torony by Family

## MONDAY, April 27<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Joseph J. Petchonka by Jolene  
 12:10pm – Geraldine Rapinesi by Pat & Art Verdon

## TUESDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; & St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

6:45am – James Lukko by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Kristy Swope by Charlie Swope

7pm - (SP) -

## WEDNESDAY, April 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Cathrine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Pete Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle  
 12:10pm – Michael Jabbour by Dee & Bob Ellwood

## THURSDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup> - St. Pius V, Pope

6:45am – Andrew Barone by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Shawn P. Sullivan, Sr. by Gregg & Doreen Murray

## FRIDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Joseph the Worker

6:45am – Michael Angelo Affronte III by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Diane Maslonka by Victor Lupi

## SATURDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8am – Rosa Duque by Dario F. Duque  
 4:30pm – Bernadette Pavkovic by Family

## SUNDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Grace Consentino by Tony & Ann Marie  
 11:00am – Charlene Jiorle by Dave Jiorle  
 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:	\$37,167.25
Total Received:	\$33,669.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$40,832.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	47.65%
Percent of Goal Received:	43.17%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$258.11

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



May 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Gino Siano

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Leah Blanes
	Server	Lucas Blanes

11am

Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
Lector	Kelechi Odimma
Minister	Pat James
Minister	Marion Smith
Server	Adam Sretenovic
Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

1:00pm

Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
Lector	Oscar Dilone
Lector	Laura Garcia
Minister	Martha Lam
Announcements	Juan Lalama
Server	Gregory Cano
Server	Aaron Cano

5:30pm

Acolyte	Alana Palos
Lector	Marianne Palos
Server	Allyssa Palos
Server	-

### Stewardship

	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>\$7,904.00</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>2,766.00</b>
	<b>\$10,670.00</b>
<b>SSPJ School:</b>	<b>\$1,059.00</b>
<b>Easter:</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>
<b>Various Collections:</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>



**25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St April 28<sup>th</sup> (Last Class)**



*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, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke, Hannah Paxton, Ruth Ann, Scott Visco, & Ann Janasek Visco.*

### 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

Gabor J. Horvath & Michael (Mike) Sovorsky



### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on May 1<sup>st</sup> (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

### 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:** 4/26 Ed Socci, 5/3 Ron Rossini, & 5/10 Bettina Socci

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 4/26 Mike St. Jacques, 5/3 Deacon Francisco, & 5/10 Gladys Jaurides

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 4/26 & 5/3 Lisa Spanopolous and 5/10 & 5/17 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 & 2pm 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 water & peanut butter and jelly. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in MH. Thank you!

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

### April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

*April 28, Tue - Optional Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest.*

### **April 29, Wed - Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

*April 30, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope*

*May 1, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker*

### **May 2, Sat - Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

### **Holy Rosary Prayer - Pope Leo XVI (Angola on April 19, 2026)**

Together we have recited the holy Rosary, an ancient and simple devotion that originated in the Church as a form of prayer for everyone. [Saint John Paul II](#) described it as the prayer of a Christianity that has preserved the “freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to ‘set out into the deep’... to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior” (Apostolic Letter [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#), 1).

We have meditated on the Glorious Mysteries of Jesus’ life, contemplating our destiny in his exaltation and our mission in his love. At Easter, Christ conquered death, showing us the way back to the Father. And so that we too may walk this luminous and demanding path, sharing its beauty with the whole world, he has given us his Spirit, who animates and sustains us on our journey and in our mission. Like Mary, we too are made for heaven. As we journey toward heaven with joy, we look to her as our good Mother and model of holiness. Following her example, we bring the light of the risen One to the brothers and sisters we meet. We expressed this symbolically at the beginning of each decade of the Rosary, represented by people of every vocation and age.

We pray along with our Blessed Mother: a pure and wise heart, capable of treasuring and pondering the extraordinary events in the life of the Son of God (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). Praying together, we have done the same, allowing ourselves to be guided by Mary in meditating on Jesus. We retraced with her the various moments in the life of her Son, to nurture within us a love as universal as hers (cf. [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#), 11).

Praying the Rosary, then, commits us to loving every person with a mother’s heart — concretely and generously — and to dedicating ourselves to the good of one another, especially the poorest. A mother loves all her children in the same way and with her whole heart, even though each one is different. In the presence of the Mother of the Heart, we too want to promise to do likewise. We strive without measure so that no one may lack love. We also seek to provide the necessities for living with dignity and happiness: that the hungry may have enough to eat, that the sick may receive the necessary care, that children may be guaranteed a proper education, and that the elderly may live their later years in peace. A mother thinks of all these things. Indeed, Mary thinks of all these things, and she also invites us to share in her maternal concern.

Our Lady asks us to let ourselves be moved by the sentiments of her heart, so that like her, we may be workers for justice and bearers of peace. Everyone — especially you young people — should take this as a sign. For the Mother of Heaven entrusts a great project to you as well: to build a better, welcoming world, where there is no more war, injustice, poverty or dishonesty, and where the principles of the Gospel increasingly inspire and shape hearts, structures and programs, for the good of all.

It is love that must triumph, not war! This is what the heart of Mary — the heart of the Mother of all — teaches us. Let us set out, then, from this shrine as “messenger angels” of life, bringing Mary’s tender embrace and God’s blessing to everyone.



*On May 2, 2026 SPSJ  
will celebrate the  
Sacrament of  
First Holy Communion.*

*Please keep in your  
prayers the children and  
their families.*

### **EXPECTANT PARENTS MASS/BLESSING**

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 9:00 am mass there will be a Blessing for all expected mothers. Please come to the front of the church by the altar after mass to receive this blessing for you & your unborn baby.

## 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*

### **Partial Indulgences in Everyday Life**

While **plenary indulgences** are a great grace, **partial indulgences** are more common and can be gained through many simple actions in our daily lives. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin and helps us grow spiritually. The Church encourages these everyday practices because they invite us to bring God into everything we do.

One of the simplest ways to receive a partial indulgence is by **raising our minds and hearts to God throughout the day**. In the middle of our work, school, or struggles, we can turn to Him with short prayers such as, **“Jesus, I trust in You,” “Lord, help me,”** or **“Thank you, Lord.”** These brief moments of prayer keep us connected to God and remind us that He is always near.

Another important way is through **acts of charity**. When we help others with love and kindness, we reflect the heart of Christ. Whether it is assisting someone who is struggling, visiting the sick, comforting a friend, or serving the poor, these acts of love become powerful ways to grow closer to God.

We can also gain partial indulgences through **voluntary sacrifices**. This means freely giving up something good as an offering to God. **Fasting, giving up a small comfort, or patiently accepting difficulties and offering them to God are all ways to purify our hearts and strengthen our faith.**

Finally, we receive partial indulgences when we **witness to our faith** in daily life. Encouraging someone spiritually, speaking about God with friends, or helping others learn about the faith are ways we bring Christ into the world around us.

These simple actions remind us that holiness is not only found in church, but in our everyday lives. Through prayer, kindness, sacrifice, and faith, we allow God to transform our hearts and draw us closer to Him each day.

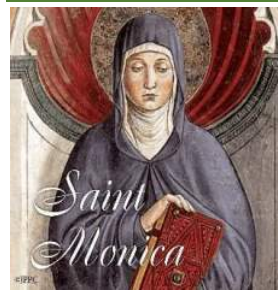
Indulgences remind us of God's great mercy and His desire to heal and sanctify our lives. Whether through plenary or partial indulgences, the Church invites us to grow closer to Christ through prayer, the sacraments, acts of charity, and daily sacrifices. By embracing these practices with sincere hearts, we allow God's grace to purify us and lead us more fully on the path to holiness and heaven.

It is my hope that you will take advantage of indulgences to remove temporal punishment due to sin and draw ever closer to God.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers...Deacon Enock

## 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!!!***

**Please join us on Wednesday's at 4:00pm in the Adoration Chapel for the St. Monica Prayer Ministry.**

## SCARED LINENS MINISTRY

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers of the Sacred Linens Ministry. Over the years, they have dedicated countless hours to ensure that our parish has clean and ready-to-use linens for our liturgical celebrations. I am confident that God will continue to bless and reward them for their efforts. Thank you to the following volunteers for their support of the Linens Ministry: Gwen Fisk, Jane Hanisek, Kelechi Odimma, Donna Thomas, Gladys Jauridez (Team Captain), Luisa Tacuri, Maria Rubi, Deydania Anyelina Rodriguez, and Virginia Garcia. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to call me at 908-310-7264. Angela M. Hardison – Coordinator.



*On May, 7, 2026 SPSJ  
will celebrate the  
Sacrament of Confirmation.*

*Please keep in your prayers  
the Confirmation  
Candidates, their families  
and sponsors.*

## **Diocesan News**

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

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our ***Permanent Deacons*** do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeals helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

### **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** **QUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

¡Querida familia!

El cuarto domingo de Pascua es tradicionalmente conocido como 'El Domingo del Buen Pastor'. Los tres años (A, B, y C) los leemos de la misma parábola (Juan 10). Los escritores sagrados del Antiguo Testamento presentaron bellamente a Dios (el Santo Nombre de Dios) como el Buen Pastor y en los escritores sagrados del Nuevo Testamento presentaron a Jesús como el Buen Pastor, ya que entendían y creían perfectamente que Jesús es la encarnación de Dios Padre, revelándonos Su identidad a través de lo que hace como el Buen Pastor. De la misma manera, 'la oveja' o 'el rebaño' es la tierra y el pueblo de Israel en el Antiguo Testamento y 'La Iglesia' en el Nuevo Testamento.

En el sentido cristiano, un buen pastor se convierte en uno por ser una buena oveja. El Hijo aprende del Padre (Juan 5:19-20). Jesús aprendió a ser una buena oveja por el amor pastoreo del Padre. Jesús nos enseña los secretos del ser y de crecer hasta convertirnos en una oveja de su propio corazón. Aprendemos de Jesús que, como buena oveja, el Hijo no actúa de forma independiente del Padre. Para guiar a nuestra familia, nuestra comunidad y nuestra sociedad, necesitamos depender plenamente de Dios y estar convencidos de que sin Dios no podemos hacer nada.

También aprendemos de Jesús que, como buena oveja, el Hijo está en contacto constante con el Padre. Lo que nos motiva y anima a depender de Dios es nuestro contacto constante con Dios a través de la oración, especialmente nuestro amor por la Eucaristía. Es la Eucaristía la que nos une más íntimamente con Jesús. También aprendemos de Jesús que, como buena oveja, Jesús discierne lo que el Padre está haciendo. Aprendemos todo lo bueno de Dios: nuestro estilo de crianza, cumplir con nuestras responsabilidades de ser un buen cristiano, un buen ciudadano y un buen vecino. Nuestra bondad viene solo de Dios. Somos buenos porque Dios nos ama.

## Obispos estadounidenses sobre la guerra y la paz:

"Durante más de mil años, la Iglesia Católica ha enseñado la teoría de la guerra justa y es esa larga tradición a la que el Santo Padre hace referencia cuidadosamente en sus comentarios sobre la guerra. Un principio constante de esa tradición milenaria es que una nación solo puede tomar legítimamente la espada 'en defensa propia, una vez que todos los esfuerzos de paz han 'fracasado (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n° 2308). Es decir, para que sea una guerra justa debe ser una defensa contra otro que hace la guerra activamente, que es lo que realmente dijo el Santo Padre: 'Él no escucha las oraciones de quienes hacen la guerra.' 'Cuando el Papa León XIV habla como pastor supremo de la Iglesia universal, no solo ofrece opiniones sobre teología, predica el Evangelio y ejerce su ministerio como Vicario de Cristo. La enseñanza coherente de la Iglesia insiste en que todas las personas de buena voluntad deben rezar y trabajar por una paz duradera, evitando los males e injusticias que acompañan a todas las guerras."

## 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.

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: la beatificación del Venerable Fulton Sheen. El evento tendrá lugar en St. Louis, Missouri, y el celebrante será el Cardenal Luis Antonio Tagle, en representación de nuestro Papa.

## 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.

«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.

## Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

Un taller de **Planificación Familiar Natural, en español**, (29 de abril), la **Conferencia Católica Estatal de Nueva Jersey sobre Salud Mental** (2 de mayo), **1º aniversario de la elección del Papa León XIV** (8 de mayo), el **Encuentro de Jóvenes Católicos de Nueva Jersey** (17 de mayo), y **Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario Nacional Blue Army de la Virgen de Fátima** (30 de mayo). ¡Reserva la fecha! Te recordamos que este año se conmemora el 25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre.

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26 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	27	28	29	30	01 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 5pm First Communion Practice CH - 6pm First Friday Holy Hour	02 <b>St. Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am First Saturday Devotion CH - 10am Confessions CH - 11am First Communion Mass PMR - 9am - 11am Committee Timon MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
03 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in English CH - 9am Expectant Parent Prayers CH - 11am Mass May Crowning CH - After 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale PMR - 3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles	04 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus	05 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	06 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary MH - 1pm Over 50's Meeting CH - 6pm Confirmation Practice CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	07 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 5pm Confirmation Mass CH - 7pm Choir Practice	08 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	09 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Group Mtg. MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - After 4:30pm Mass Columbiettes Flower Sale
10 <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CH - Columbiettes Flower Sale after all Masses	11 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	12 <i>Sts. Nereus &amp; Achilleus, Martyrs</i> CH Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 9am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	13 <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary MH - 7pm Columbiettes Meeting	14 <b>St. Matthias, Apostle</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	15 <i>St. Isidore</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	16 CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
17 <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English MH - 10am Blues Grieving Group CH - Before & After the 9am & 11am Masses - Breakfast Sandwich Sale in front of the Church	18 <i>St. John I, Pope &amp; Martyr</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	19 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	20 <i>St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	21 <i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	22 <i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	23 CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
24 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English ----- <b>31 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CH - After 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale	25 <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b> CH - Daily Mass 9am <b>Church Office &amp; Adoration Closed</b> MH - 3pm Memorial Day Picnic	26 <b>St. Philip Neri, Priest</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	27 <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	28 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	29 <i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	30 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass



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