

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,

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(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER † May 3, 2026



I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- 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
- Mon. 5/4/26** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 5/5/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 5/6/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
1pm Over 50's Meeting in Mercy Hall
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
6pm Confirmation Practice in the Church
7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 5/7/26** 5pm Confirmation Mass in the Church
7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 5/8/26**
- Sat. 5/9/26** 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group
10am Confessions in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Columbiettes Flower Sale after 4:30pm Mass
- Sunday 5/10/26** Columbiettes Flower Sale after all Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Family!

My sincere thanks to Escarlen Duran, Diane Volk, and Christine Laquintano for their dedicated service in training our children for the First Holy Communion. Last Saturday we had children receiving the Holy Communion. We thank the parents, God-Parents, Grandparents and all family members in making this sacrament available to the children as the Eucharist is the greatest gift that the children can receive.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).

The Readings speak to us of the wonderful mystery of our spiritual union with our Risen Lord as Gaudium et Spes 45 teaches us, "the goal of human history, the focal point of the longings of history and civilization, the center of the human race, the joy of every heart and the answer to all its yearnings."

St. John Paul II reflects on the question of Thomas in our gospel today: "*How can we know the way?*" expresses a spontaneous reaction to the presentation of the Christian view of life and reality. Indeed, it expresses the concern felt by every human being when awakened to a sense of responsibility for the life that God has given, when faced with the need to give direction to life's activities. It is a question which has accompanied the human family in one way or another throughout its history, and which today takes the form of an acute concern for the very future of civilization, a concern which expresses itself in the hearts and voices of many, especially the young, as a dramatic plea for justice, peace and truth in human affairs." (Homily from May 17, 1987)

Let us invoke the intercessions of our Lady in the words of St. John Paul II, "You are the splendor which in no way dims the light of Christ, for you exist in him and through him.

Everything in you is fiat: you are the Immaculate One, through you there shines the fullness of grace. Here, then, are your children, gathered before you."

Confirmation 2026: A special word of thanks to our Faith Formation Team in preparing our children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have been blessed with Most Rev. Manuel A Cruz D D, Titular Bishop of Gaguari and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark to administer the Sacrament for our children. On behalf of all of you, I thank the Bishop for accepting our invitation. Please join us for the special mass on Thursday, May 7th at 5pm in our church and pray for our teenagers.

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

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.

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.

"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:

First anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV (May 8th), and the **NJ Catholic Youth Rally** (May 17th). Save the Date: this year is the **25th anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, May 3rd – 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

MONDAY, May 4th

6:45am – Grace Ajhar by Hummell Family
 12:10pm – Helen Patti by Victor & Melissa Lupi

TUESDAY, May 5th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Veronica Denise by Pat & Art Verdon
 12:10pm – Mary Finegan by Family

WEDNESDAY, May 6th

6:45am – Grace Young (A) by Nancy, Charlie, & Judy
 12:10pm – Anthony & Jenny Bladies & Sons by Rose Bladies

THURSDAY, May 7th

6:45am – Jim Bramick by Adoration Team
 12:10pm – Carol Lupi by Melissa & Mark Adams

FRIDAY, May 8th

6:45am – Grace Ajhar by Adoration Team
 12:10pm – Christine Barra by Gomes-Aversa Family

SATURDAY, May 9th

8am – Frank & Virginia Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle
 4:30pm – Peg & Bernie Brotzman, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, May 10th – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Carol Lupi by Melissa & Mark Adams
 11:00am – Kimberlee Pisarek by Daughters
 1:00pm – (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – *Sp. Int. by Keith Gallagher

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



May 9th

4:30pm Acolyte Gavin Hayes
 Lector Ronald Rossini
 Minister Ronald Rossini
 Minister Tom Casey
 Server -
 Server Gino Siano

May 10th

9am Acolyte -
 Lector Mary O'Sullivan
 Minister Ann Coyle
 Minister -
 Server Lucas Blanes
 Server Noah Blanes

11am

Acolyte Breann Pisarek
 Lector Carol Bevilacqua
 Minister Kevin Kassick
 Minister Pat James
 Server Jack Perna
 Server -

1:00pm

Acolyte Miguel Quizhpi-García
 Lector Oscar Dilone
 Lector Anyelina Rodríguez
 Minister Martha Lam
 Announcements Giovanni Lam
 Server Ayeisha Jauridez
 Server José Jauridez

5:30pm

Acolyte Alana Palos
 Lector Marianne Palos
 Server Allyssa Palos
 Server -

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$37,807.25
Total Received:	\$35,052.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$40,192.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	48.47%
Percent of Goal Received:	44.94%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$255.45

Stewardship

	April 26th
	\$7,340.66
Online Giving:	1,775.00
	\$9,115.66
CRS: Native & Black	
American Collection:	\$1,788.33
Various Collections:	\$933.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



This Thursday, May 7th, 36 of our teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our Catechism states, "Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or 'confirm' the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church."

As a parish, let us pray for these Confirmation candidates. May their hearts and minds be open to accept the goodness within themselves that God has placed. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with wisdom and courage. God, please grant them strength to stand firm in their faith and share the love and mercy of Jesus with the world.



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

Fermin Lam

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: 5/3 Ron Rossini, 5/10 Bettina Socci, & 5/17 Kelly Perna

Brakeley Nursing Home: 5/3 Deacon Francisco, 5/10 Gladys Jaurides, & 5/17 William Casey

Phillipsburg Care Center: 5/3 Lisa Spanopolous and 5/10 & 5/17 Beth Dispoto

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, & 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 bottled water & peanut butter and jelly. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in MH. Thank you!



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on June 5th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

May 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Easter

POPE LEO XIV IN THE 15th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH
PENALTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

[DePaul University (Chicago), 24 April 2026]

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to greet all of you who are gathered at DePaul University to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the decision to abolish the death penalty in the State of Illinois.

The Catholic Church has consistently taught that each human life, from the moment of conception until natural death, is sacred and deserves to be protected. Indeed, the right to life is the very foundation of every other human right. For this reason, only when a society safeguards the sanctity of human life will it flourish and prosper (cf. [Address to Members of the Diplomatic Corps Accredited to the Holy See](#), 9 January 2026).

In this regard, we affirm that the dignity of the person is not lost even after very serious crimes are committed. Furthermore, effective systems of detention can be and have been developed that protect citizens while at the same time do not completely deprive those who are guilty of the possibility of redemption (cf. [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2267](#)). This is why Pope Francis and my recent predecessors repeatedly insisted that the common good can be safeguarded and the requirements of justice can be met without recourse to capital punishment. Consequently, the Church teaches that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person” ([ibid.](#)).

I therefore join you in celebrating the decision made by the Governor of Illinois in 2011, and I likewise offer my support to those who advocate for the abolition of the death penalty in the United States of America and around the world. I pray that your efforts will lead to a greater acknowledgement of the dignity of every person and will inspire others to work for the same just cause.

With these sentiments, I cordially invoke upon all of you the divine blessings of wisdom, joy and peace.

Thank you.

DEACON'S CORNER

The passage of John 14:1–12 is one of the most tender moments in the New Testament. It takes place in the Upper Room, just hours before the Crucifixion. The disciples are anxious, smelling the scent of betrayal and death in the air. Jesus, knowing their hearts are "troubled," offers them a roadmap—not for a destination, but for a relationship.

1. The Command to Trust

Jesus begins with a command: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." This isn't just a suggestion; it's a spiritual anchor. He acknowledges that the world provides plenty of reasons for anxiety, but he points to the antidote: faith.

- **Believing is seeing:** He asks them to trust in God and also in Him. In the midst of chaos, our peace isn't found in the absence of trouble, but in the presence of the Person who has overcome it.

2. The Architecture of Hope

Jesus uses the metaphor of a house with "many dwelling places" (or mansions).

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2)

This imagery tells us two things:

- **Belonging:** There is room for everyone. No one is an outsider in the Father's heart.
- **Permanence:** Our life on earth is a journey; the "dwelling place" is the destination where we are finally at home.

3. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Thomas, ever the pragmatist, asks the question we all feel: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus' response is the theological heart of the Gospel: "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.**"

- **The Way:** He is not a signpost; He is the road itself.
- **The Truth:** In a world of "alternative facts" and shifting shadows, He is the ultimate reality of God's love.
- **The Life:** He is the source of vitality that death cannot extinguish.

Deacon Francisco

EXPECTANT PARENTS MASS - BLESSING

On Sunday, May 3rd, 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.

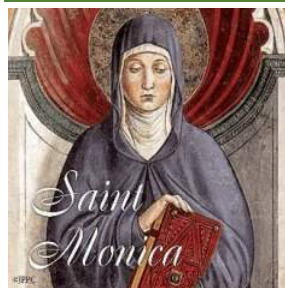
OVER 50's CLUB

The Over 50's Club will have their meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at 1:00 pm in Mercy Hall. Please join us for a business meeting, refreshments and bingo. Officers, please meet at 12 pm.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank everybody for supporting our spring fundraising event! Blessings to all First Holy Communion recipients and to the newly confirmed. Our next meeting is Monday, May 11th at 6 pm in Mercy Hall. We will hold our annual May crowning, non-members welcome!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 would like to thank our parishioners for attending our Fish Dinners during Lent. We thank you for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will have their...

Famous Sausage Sandwich

\$10 - Curbside - 11am-6pm

**Saturday, May 16th - SSPJ School
137 Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, NJ**

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.

Diocesan News

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

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!

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)

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

Open To: JR, High School, Young Adults, Families and All!

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*



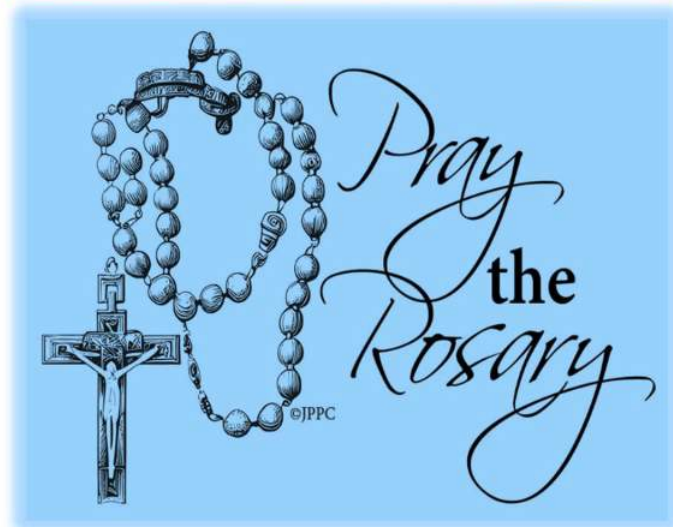
¡Querida familia!

Mi más sincero agradecimiento a Escarlen Duran, Diane Volk y Christine Laquintano por su dedicada labor en la preparación de nuestros niños para la Primera Comunión. El sábado pasado, — niños recibieron la Sagrada Comunión. Agradecemos a los padres, padrinos, abuelos y a todos los familiares por hacer posible que los niños recibieran este sacramento, ya que la Eucaristía es el mayor regalo que ellos pueden recibir.

El mes de mayo es el «mes que la piedad de los fieles ha dedicado especialmente a Nuestra Señora», y constituye la ocasión para un «conmovedor tributo de fe y amor que los católicos de todas las partes del mundo [rinden] a la Reina del Cielo. Durante este mes, los cristianos —tanto en el templo como en la intimidad del hogar— ofrecen a María, desde lo más profundo de su corazón, un homenaje de oración y veneración especialmente ferviente y amoroso. En este mes, asimismo, los beneficios de la misericordia de Dios descienden sobre nosotros, desde su trono, con mayor abundancia» (Pablo VI: Encíclica sobre el mes de mayo, n.º 1).

Las lecturas nos hablan del maravilloso misterio de nuestra unión espiritual con nuestro Señor Resucitado, tal como nos enseña la *Gaudium et Spes* 45: «la meta de la historia humana, el punto focal de los anhelos de la historia y de la civilización, el centro del género humano, la alegría de todo corazón y la respuesta a todos sus anhelos».

San Juan Pablo II reflexiona sobre la pregunta de Tomás en el Evangelio de hoy: «¿Cómo podemos saber el camino?» expresa una reacción espontánea ante la presentación de la visión cristiana de la vida y de la realidad. En efecto, expresa la inquietud que siente todo ser humano al despertar a un sentido de responsabilidad por la vida que Dios le ha dado, al enfrentarse a la necesidad de dar rumbo a las actividades de la vida.



Es una pregunta que ha acompañado a la familia humana, de una u otra forma, a lo largo de su historia, y que hoy adopta la forma de una aguda preocupación por el propio futuro de la civilización; una preocupación que se manifiesta en los corazones y en las voces de muchos —especialmente de los jóvenes— como un dramático clamor por la justicia, la paz y la verdad en los asuntos humanos. (Homilía del 17 de mayo de 1987)

Invoquemos la intercesión de Nuestra Señora con las palabras de San Juan Pablo II: «Tú eres el esplendor que en nada eclipsa la luz de Cristo, pues existes en Él y por Él. Todo en ti es *fiat*: eres la Inmaculada; a través de ti resplandece la plenitud de la gracia. He aquí, pues, a tus hijos, reunidos ante ti».

Confirmación 2026:

Una palabra especial de agradecimiento a nuestro Equipo de Formación en la Fe por preparar a nuestros niños para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Hemos sido bendecidos con la presencia de Su Excelencia Reverendísima Manuel A. Cruz, D. D., Obispo Titular de Gaguari y Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, para administrar el Sacramento a nuestros niños. En nombre de todos ustedes, agradezco al Obispo por aceptar nuestra invitación. Por favor, acompáñennos en la Misa especial el jueves 7 de mayo, a las 5:00 pm, en nuestra iglesia, y oren por nuestros adolescentes.

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:

Primer 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! Recordamos que este año se conmemora el 25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre.

P. Antony

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



Este jueves, 7 de mayo, 36 de nuestros adolescentes recibirán el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

Nuestro Catecismo afirma:

«*La Confirmación completa la gracia del Bautismo mediante una efusión especial de los dones del Espíritu Santo, que sella o “confirma” a los bautizados en unión con Cristo y los capacita para una participación activa en el culto y la vida apostólica de la Iglesia*». Como parroquia, oremos por estos candidatos a la Confirmación. Que sus corazones y mentes estén abiertos para acoger la bondad que Dios ha depositado en su interior. Que el Espíritu Santo llene sus corazones de sabiduría y fortaleza. Dios, concédeles la fuerza para mantenerse firmes en su fe y compartir el amor y la misericordia de Jesús con el mundo.

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



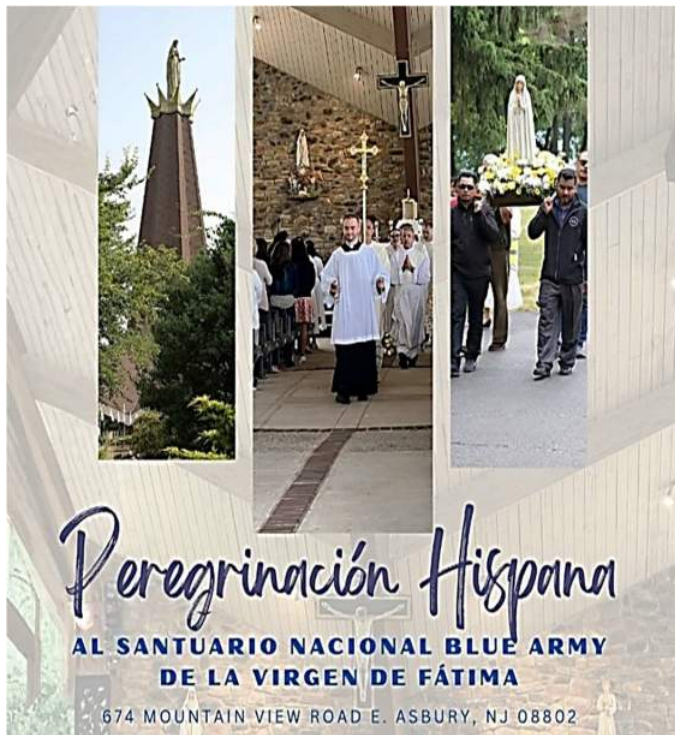
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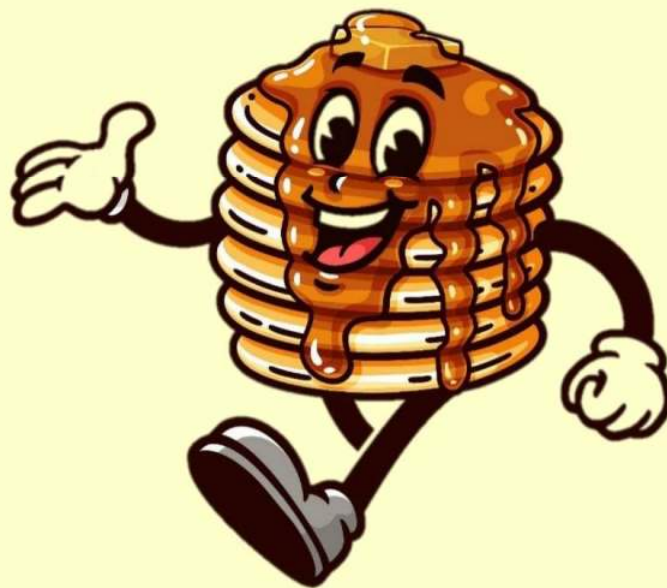
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