

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.)

PENTECOST SUNDAY † May 24, 2026



Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.

JOHN 20:22-23

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Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 5/24/26

Mon. 5/25/26

CHURCH OFFICE & ADORATION CLOSED

3pm Memorial Day Picnic in Mercy Hall

Tues. 5/26/26

7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

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

Wed. 5/27/26

9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room

10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room

4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel

Thurs. 5/28/26

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

7pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday. 5/29/26

Sat. 5/30/26

8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church

10am Confessions in the Church

9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall

3:15pm Confessions in the Church

Sunday 5/31/26

Guadalupe Food Sale after the 1pm Mass in front of the Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Family!

Happy Pentecost Sunday to all of you! Christians or the 'People of the Way' from the beginning, believed in the doctrine of the Trinity with unhesitating faith. As Saint Augustine taught us, "Every measure of Christian progress comes through a spiritual and reasoned understanding of the Trinity", knowledge and the centrality of Pentecost is crucial for all Christians. Jesus as the Christ (Messiah) can only be understood within the realm of the Spirit (Anointed with the Spirit).

From the beginning of the conception, incarnation and early years of Jesus (The New Creation) were so remarkably enveloped by the warmth of the Holy Spirit in the same way God created the world and guided it through great leaders and prophets (The Old Creation) through the sublime power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' public ministry began with his Baptism in the Holy Spirit and everything of what Jesus did and said directly or indirectly connected to the person of the Holy Spirit (Preaching, healing, moving).

Pentecost is to be understood only in connection with the Passover as the Passover refers to the redemption, Pentecost in turn refers to the New Covenant. The 50th day was celebrated traditionally by the Jews as the feast of First-fruits and also most importantly the day was remembered as the day they received the Law from Sinai. Our First-fruits day is Pentecost, and it is this day we receive the New Covenant thus, it is "the espousal day" (George Smeaton) of the Christian Church.

"In his Letter to the Galatians, St Paul recalls that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5: 22-23). These are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we also implore today for all Christians, so that in the common and generous service to the Gospel, they may be a sign of God's love for humanity in the world. Let us turn our gaze confidently to Mary, the Shrine of the Holy Spirit and through her pray: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love"." (Pope Benedict on May 7, 2008)

Ordinations for the Diocese of Metuchen 2026:

The diocese has announced that **Rev. Mr. James F Prumos** will be ordained to the Order of Priests and **Mr. Patrick J Rasimowicz** will be ordained to the order of Deacon. Ordination to Priesthood and Diaconate will be at the Cathedral on **June 20th, 10am**. Please pray for these young men who said 'Yes' to the Service of God and Church.

Day of Recollection for 8th Grade Children:

On May 20th the 8th grade had a Day of Recollection in preparation for their graduation. We want to thank the teachers and staff for all the formation that they put in these children over the years to prepare them for the challenges ahead. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.

250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence: A Special Novena

On June 12th, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, we have the national consecration of the United States. To commemorate this event, our Bishops have put together a special Novena which starts on June 3rd leading unto the Solemnity.

Law Enforcement Recollection Day:

We wish and pray for all Law-Enforcement officers for their service to our community especially the Police Departments that are around our Parish Community, such as Phillipsburg Police Department. A special Day of Recollection is organized for them by our Diocese on June 13th. Many law enforcement agencies actually allow their officers to apply to be paid to attend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

Save the Date heads up that this year is the **25th Anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, May 24th – PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00am – Blanche Gebhard by Phil & Maryann Kinney
 11:00am – Deceased Members of the Bevilacqua & Emery Families by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm – (SP) – Raul Sanango-Rojas by Ana & Joshua Sanango
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, May 25th – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

6:45am – **No Mass**
 9am – Msg. Michael Corona by Catalli Family
 10am – Cemetery
 12:10pm – **No Mass**

TUESDAY, May 26th – St. Philip Neri, Priest

6:45am – Steve Zeigman by Ron Rossini
 12:10pm – Grace Ajhar by Rose Bladies
 7pm – (SP) - Isaiah Landis by Family

WEDNESDAY, May 27th – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

6:45am – Walter Starosciak by Danny & Terri Starosciak
 12:10pm – Mark Reda by Family

THURSDAY, May 28th

6:45am – Robert J. Mueller by Lisa Garcia
 12:10pm – Michael Zito (A) by Family

FRIDAY, May 29th – St. Paul VI, Pope

6:45am – Margaret Magini by Rose Kelly
 12:10pm – *Sp. Intention by Joan McCaffrey

SATURDAY, May 30th

8am – James Magini by Rose Kelly
 4:30pm – Edwin Zgoda by Volk Family

SUNDAY, May 31st – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9:00am – Scott Reda by Al & Ellen Piperata
 11:00am – Eddie Jacko by Gwen Fisk
 1:00pm – (SP) – Victoria Sanango-Rojas by Ana & Joshua Sanango
 5:30pm – For the People

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$40,025.25
Total Received:	\$36,920.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$37,974.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	51.31%
Percent of Goal Received:	47.33%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$245.55

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



May 30th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

May 31st

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
	Server	Chimbuza Odimma

11am

Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
Minister	Marion Smith
Minister	Kevin Kassick
Server	Adam Sretenovic
Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

1pm

Acolyte	Kaley Bustamente
Lector	Gladys Jauridez
Lector	Giovanni Lam
Minister	Francisco Jauridez
Announcements	Maria Rubi
Server	Gregory Cano
Server	Aaron Cano

5:30pm

Acolyte	Alana Palos
Lector	Marianne Palos
Server	Allyssa Palos
Server	-

Stewardship

	May 17th
	\$7,438.43
Online Giving:	2,105.00
	\$9,543.43
Development of the People:	\$1,299.00
Various Collections:	\$488.00

Around the Parish

Pray FOR THE SICK

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, 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, Lynn Trimme, & Russell Perna.

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.

The Church Office & Adoration will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of ...



9am Mass in the Church
10am Mass at the Cemetery

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Alone? Without family? Join us on Memorial Day, May 25th, at 3:00 pm for our Memorial Day Picnic in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home by yourself, come and enjoy the day with us!

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



Lopatcong Nursing Home: 5/24 Anne Coyle, 5/31 Ed Socci, & 6/7 Ron Rossini
Brakeley Nursing Home: 5/24 Melody Talpas, 5/31 Eileen Dean, & 6/7 Gladys Jauridez
Phillipsburg Care Center: 5/24 & 5/31 Lisa Spanopolous and 6/7 Beth Dispoto



Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen is in need of bottled water, cookies, and puddings cups. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in

Mercy Hall. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on May 30th, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will be praying for pregnant moms & their babies.

OVER 50s CLUB

The Over 50's Club will have their last meeting, before the summer, on Wednesday, June 3rd at 1:00 pm. in Mercy Hall. Officers will meet at 12 pm for their meeting.

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.

DEACON'S CORNER

Gospel Reflection: John 20:19-23

Theme: Moving from fear to freedom through the Holy Spirit.

We start today's Gospel in a place we all know too well: a locked room.

The disciples are hiding together, terrified. They locked the doors because they are afraid of the outside world, but also because they feel guilty. When Jesus needed them most, they ran away. Now, they are trapped by their own sadness, shame, and fear of the future.

How often do we live in a locked room like that? We close off our hearts because we've been hurt, because we are worried about tomorrow, or because we regret things we've done. Fear isolates us and steals our hope.

But look at what Jesus does: **He does not wait for them to open the door.** He doesn't knock and yell at them to open up. He just stands right there among them. No lock, no bar, and no amount of human fear can keep Jesus out.

When Jesus shows up, he doesn't give them a lecture. He doesn't say, *"Where were you guys when I was dying?"*

Instead, he says the most beautiful words they could hear: **"Peace be with you."**

To show them it is really him, he shows them the scars on his hands and his side. This is so important. His wounds are the proof of how much he loves them. By showing them his scars, he heals *their* invisible wounds of guilt. The disciples look at him, and their sadness turns into pure joy.

Then comes the big moment. Jesus says, *"As the Father sent me, I am sending you."* And then, **he breathes on them.**

A Beautiful Connection: In the very beginning of the Bible, God breathed life into the dust to create human beings. Now, Jesus breathes his Holy Spirit into his broken friends to give them a brand-new spiritual life.

With that single breath, the locked room stops being a prison. The Holy Spirit fills their lungs, blowing away the stale, heavy air of fear and replacing it with fresh courage and purpose.

What is the very first thing Jesus tells them to do with this new superpower? He tells them to forgive people: *"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven."*

We usually think of Pentecost as a day of wild miracles, like flames of fire and speaking in different languages. But Jesus shows us that the greatest miracle of the Holy Spirit is **forgiveness.**

Holding onto mistakes is what locks up human hearts. By telling his friends to forgive, Jesus is pouring love and mercy into a world that is usually full of judgment and anger. He is sending us out to help untie the knots that keep people trapped in their past mistakes.

Pentecost is not a celebration for perfect people. It is a rescue mission for normal, scared people like you and me.

Today, Jesus walks right through the locked doors of your worries, your mistakes, and your pain. He looks at you and says: *"Peace be with you."*

Take a deep breath today and receive his Spirit. Let him blow away the fear that keeps you hiding. Jesus is sending us out into the world today—not because we are perfect, but because we are loved, forgiven, and filled with his life.

Let's unlock the doors, step outside, and share his peace with everyone we meet. Amen.

Deacon Francisco



The Parish Fundraising Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who purchased our breakfast sandwiches or pancakes this past weekend. We hope you enjoyed them with your morning cup of coffee or tea. A special thank you to Vance, Mike & Bob for handling the cooking for us and thank you to Megan, Diane and Jan for putting together the sandwiches and boxes of pancakes and Nancy, Duane, Mary Ann and Bev for helping out at the selling table. Please be on the watch for our next fundraising event, which will take place on August 8th in the Mercy Hall parking lot and in Mercy Hall. More details to follow!

“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 & 11am on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.

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 Odinna, 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.

2026 May Crowning First Communicants honoring our Blessed Mother Mary



May 24th - Solemnity of the Pentecost

May 25, Mon - Memorial of Mary, Mother of God (8th Week in Ordinary Time).

May 26, Tue - Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest.

May 27, Wed - Optional Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.

May 29, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Paul VI, Pope

St. Pope John Paul II taught 82 Catechesis (General Audiences) on Holy Spirit. As Pope reminds us to pray for peace in these troubled times of war and violence, let us reflect on the teachings of Pope John Paul II. 79. The Spirit: Principal of Peace (May 29, 1991)

"1. Peace is the great desire of contemporary humanity. It comes in two principal forms: the elimination of war as a way to solve disputes between nations or states, and the resolution of social conflicts by achieving justice. Can anyone deny that the spread of these sentiments represents a progress in social psychology, in political mentality and in the very organization of national and international co-existence? Especially in regard to the dramatic experiences of late, the Church, whose task it is to preach and pray for peace, cannot fail to rejoice when she observes the new achievements in law, social and political institutions, and, more fundamentally, in the human awareness itself of peace.

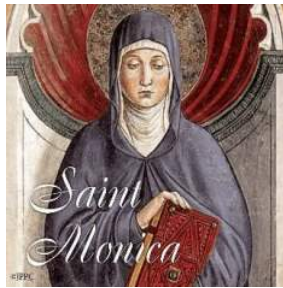
Profound conflicts, however, remain even in the world today and are the origin of many ethnic and cultural disputes, in addition to economic and political ones. To be realistic and sincere, one cannot fail to recognize the difficulty, even the impossibility, of preserving peace without a higher principle which operates with divine power deep within the human mind.

2. According to revealed doctrine this principle is the Holy Spirit, who gives spiritual peace to individuals, an inner peace which becomes the basis of peace in society.

Jesus himself, speaking to his disciples in the upper room, announced his peace: "My peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is shared with the disciples by the gift of the Holy Spirit who gives this peace to human hearts. In John's text, the promise of peace follows the promise of the Paraclete's coming (cf. Jn 14:26). Christ's work of peacemaking is achieved through the Holy Spirit who was sent to fulfill the Savior's mission.

3. It should be noted that Christ's peace is announced and offered along with forgiveness of sins, as can be seen in the words of the risen Jesus to his disciples: "Peace be with you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven them" (Jn 20:21-23). This peace is the result of the redemptive sacrifice, accomplished on the cross, which reaches its fulfillment in the glorification of Christ. This is the first type of peace which human beings need: the peace obtained by overcoming the obstacle of sin. It is a peace which can only come from God, by the forgiveness of sins through Christ's sacrifice. The Holy Spirit, who accomplishes this forgiveness in individuals, is for human beings the operative principle of that fundamental peace which consists in reconciliation with God. (To be continued....)

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.

CANDLELIGHT HOLY HOUR

Saint John Vianney Church, Colonia, NJ is hosting a Guided Meditations and Sacred Choral Music Sunday, June 14th, 2026, at 7:00pm. Please come for this beautiful night of Eucharistic Adoration.

Diocese of Metuchen | Office of Evangelization

FORMATION EVENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

A statewide Resiliency Conference for active and inactive (retired) police officers to support the emotional, psychological, and spiritual well-being of our men and women in uniform.

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." - C.S. Lewis

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 A.M. TO 12:45 P.M.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, New Jersey
Priests, Deacons, and Police Chaplains Are Welcome



Fr. Larry Richards
Best selling author of *Be A Man!*
Founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation*





Den. Harold Burke-Sivers
Internationally renowned Author and Preacher
Host of *Beacon of Truth* on EWTN Radio












 For More Information:
 Contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary
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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

A one-day healing retreat for adult children of divorce or separation on Saturday, July 11 2026, from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Registration is \$40 and includes a light breakfast, boxed lunches, and all retreat materials.

For questions about registration: email magnese@diometuch.org or call 732-562-1543

POST-CANA: MARRIAGE WORKSHOP



Reconnect with your spouse - and meet other "newly-wed" couples at this Post-Cana Marriage Workshop. If you are married 1-5 years in the Catholic Church

and looking to deepen your love for your spouse and the Sacrament of Marriage, you are invited to attend on June 20, 2026, from 10am-1pm. This is an opportunity to revisit topics discussed at your Pre-Cana and share about your experiences as newlyweds.

Topics include: Friendship & Communication, Prayer and Spirituality, Catholic Parenting, Intimacy, and more. This program is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton & Metuchen and Integrated Hearts Counseling and Consultation. For more information and registration, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/events/post-cana>

BABY IN BLOOM

BABY in Bloom
A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD AND NEW LIFE

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER
Join us for a joyful day of support, community, and celebration for you and your little one!

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Metuchen, New Jersey

MAY 30TH
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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FREE EVENT
Limited to 100 Women
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

This event is for:
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FREE RAFFLE
Great prizes!

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SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT & COMMUNITY
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"AGING WELL: A LIFE IN FULL"

Celebrate Life
A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

Aging Well: A Life in Full

with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN of Saint Peter's University Hospital

All grandparents and seniors are welcome for a morning of joy and renewal, including breakfast, fellowship, an uplifting presentation, and Holy Mass.

Thursday, July 23, 2026
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

The event is free, but registration is required. Scan the QR code to register
Email magnese@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543 with any questions.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

¡Querida familia!

¡Feliz Domingo de Pentecostés a todos ustedes! Los cristianos —o el «Pueblo del Camino», desde sus inicios— creyeron en la doctrina de la Trinidad con una fe inquebrantable. Como nos enseñó San Agustín: «Todo progreso cristiano proviene de una comprensión espiritual y razonada de la Trinidad»; por ello, el conocimiento de la Trinidad —así como la centralidad de Pentecostés— resulta crucial para todos los cristianos. Jesús, en cuanto Cristo (el Mesías), solo puede ser comprendido dentro del ámbito del Espíritu (como el Ungido por el Espíritu).

Desde el comienzo mismo de su concepción, encarnación y primeros años, Jesús (la Nueva Creación) estuvo envuelto de manera extraordinaria en la calidez del Espíritu Santo; del mismo modo en que Dios creó el mundo y lo guio a través de grandes líderes y profetas (la Antigua Creación) mediante el poder sublime del Espíritu Santo.

El ministerio público de Jesús comenzó con su bautismo en el Espíritu Santo, y todo cuanto Jesús hizo y dijo estuvo directa o indirectamente vinculado a la persona del Espíritu Santo (su predicación, sus sanaciones y su movimiento).

Pentecostés debe entenderse únicamente en relación con la Pascua; así como la Pascua remite a la redención, Pentecostés, a su vez, remite al Nuevo Pacto.

El quincuagésimo día era celebrado tradicionalmente por los judíos como la Fiesta de las Primicias y, lo que es aún más importante, se conmemoraba como el día en que recibieron la Ley en el Sinaí. Nuestro día de las Primicias es Pentecostés, y es en este día que recibimos el Nuevo Pacto; por consiguiente, es «el día de los desposorios» (George Smeaton) de la Iglesia cristiana.

«En su Carta a los Gálatas, San Pablo recuerda que "el fruto del Espíritu es amor, alegría, paz, paciencia, amabilidad, bondad, fidelidad, mansedumbre y dominio de sí" (Gal 5, 22-23). Estos son los dones del Espíritu Santo que hoy imploramos también para todos los cristianos, para que, en el servicio común y generoso al Evangelio, sean en el mundo un signo del amor de Dios por la humanidad. Dirijamos nuestra mirada con confianza hacia María, Santuario del Espíritu Santo, y, por medio de ella, oremos: "Ven, Espíritu Santo; llena los corazones de tus fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor"». (Papa Benedicto, 7 de mayo de 2008)

Ordenaciones para la Diócesis de Metuchen 2026:

La diócesis ha anunciado que el **Rev. Sr. James F. Prumos** será ordenado al Orden de los Presbíteros, y el **Sr. Patrick J. Rasimowicz** será ordenado al Orden del Diaconado. La ordenación al sacerdocio y al diaconado tendrá lugar en la Catedral el **20 de junio, a las 10:00am**. Por favor, oren por estos jóvenes que han dicho «Sí» al servicio de Dios y de la Iglesia.

Día de Recolección para los alumnos de 8.º grado:

El 20 de mayo, los alumnos de 8.º grado celebraron un Día de Recolección como preparación para su graduación. Queremos agradecer a los maestros y al personal por toda la formación que han brindado a estos niños a lo largo de los años, preparándolos para los desafíos que les esperan. Por favor, continúen teniéndolos presentes en sus oraciones.

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.

250.º aniversario de la Declaración de Independencia: Una novena especial

El 12 de junio, Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón, tiene lugar la consagración nacional de los Estados Unidos. Para conmemorar este acontecimiento, nuestros obispos han preparado una novena especial que comienza el 3 de junio, como preparación para dicha Solemnidad.

Día de Retiro para las Fuerzas del Orden:

Elevamos nuestros deseos y oraciones por todos los agentes de las fuerzas del orden por su servicio a nuestra comunidad, especialmente por los departamentos de policía que se encuentran en el entorno de nuestra comunidad parroquial, tales como el Departamento de Policía de Phillipsburg. Nuestra Diócesis ha organizado para ellos un Día de Retiro especial el 13 de junio. De hecho, muchas agencias del orden público permiten a sus agentes solicitar asistir a este evento con goce de sueldo. Por favor, téngalos presentes en sus oraciones.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

¡Reserva la fecha! Te recordamos que este año se conmemora el 25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre.

P. Antony



"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



Necesitamos adoradores los **martes a la 1pm y a las 5pm; los miércoles a las 8am, 2pm, y 5pm; los jueves a al mediodía y 2pm; y a las 8am y 11am los viernes.** Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

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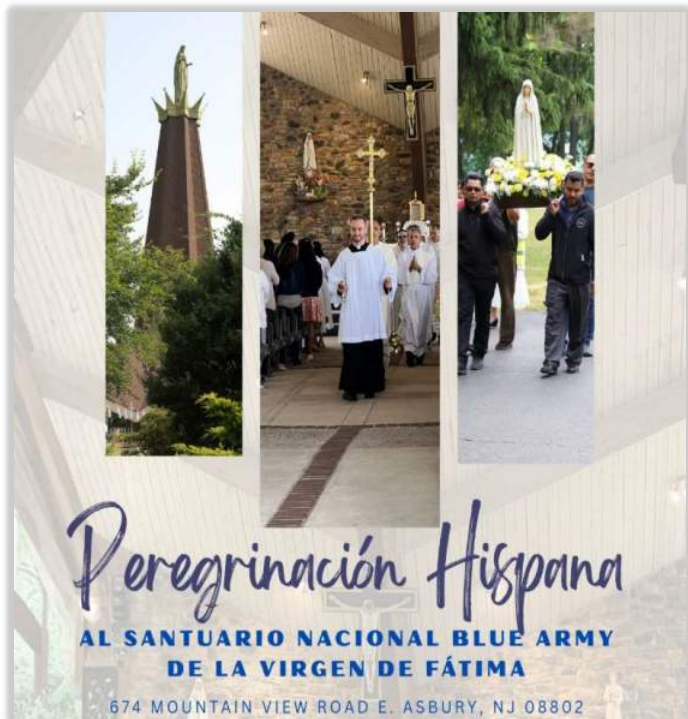
Las parejas interesadas en formarse para recibir el sacramento del matrimonio están invitadas a las reuniones los miércoles de 7pm a 8pm en los bajos de Mercy Hall. Para más detalle hablen con Óscar Dilone.

PEREGRINACIÓN HISPANA AL SANTUARIO NACIONAL BLUE ARMY DE LA VIRGEN DE FÁTIMA.

Acompáñanos el **30 de mayo de 9:30 am a 3:00 pm** en el Santuario Nacional Blue Army. Tendremos adoración al Santísimo, confesiones, rezo del Santo Rosario, el Angelus y la Misa de clausura. El evento es gratuito. No requiere registro previo. Por favor lleva tu comida, para compartir. ¿Más información? Visita <https://diometuchen.org/peregrinacion-hispana> o comunícate al 732-243-4573 o a Lescobar@diometuchen.org

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