

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.)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † June 28, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 6/28/26 | 10am Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
Knights of Columbus Breakfast ticket sales after Masses |
| Mon. 6/29/26 | |
| Tues. 6/30/26 | 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. 7/01/26 | 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel |
| Thurs. 7/02/26 | 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel |
| Friday. 7/03/26 | *** Church Office and Adoration Closed ***
6pm First Friday - Holy Hour Devotion in the Church |
| Sat. 7/04/26 | 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church
10am Confessions in the Church
3pm Independence Day Picnic in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church |
| Sunday 7/05/26 | Knights of Columbus Breakfast ticket sales after Masses |

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

What a coincidence! The readings for this Sunday teach us about receiving the ‘holy men’ who serve as God’s representatives as we welcome a new priest (Fr. Joseph Ho) to our beloved parish community. The common priesthood (Laity in the Church) expects that the ministerial priesthood (Ordained priests) are trained in Biblical interpretation along with Church’s teachings of Sacred Scripture so that they will declare God’s authoritative word from the pulpit. In Greek, ‘Apostle’ means ‘One who is sent’.

It was a rabbinic principle that ‘the representative of a person is like himself. Jesus is the Father’s representative and we the disciples are Jesus’ representatives. That is why Jesus teaches us that by receiving the disciples is, in effect, receiving Jesus, and thus receiving the Father who will be awarding us.

Just as the priests have the responsibility to proclaim the Word of God as Christ’s representative the laity along with the priests themselves have the responsibility to listen to the message and apply it to their lives. Let us be reminded of the words of St. Paul to Timothy, *“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by the appearing of his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient, convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching”* (2 Tim 4:1-2).

The responsibility of listening and applying God’s message through God’s representative in the readings take place after the ‘receiving of God’s emissaries’ and Jesus points to a ‘reward’ in doing so. That reward is not a minor one rather the greatest reward of ‘eternal life’ as we are expected to respond positively to our priests’ encouragement in leading us to the core meaning of the gospel and align our lives accordingly.

At the same time, each priest strives to live Pope Francis’ message “the important thing is that they not have a duplicitous heart — and this is dangerous. I am a Christian; I am a disciple of Jesus; I am a priest; I am a bishop, but I have a duplicitous heart. No, this is not okay.

One must not have a duplicitous heart, but a simple, cohesive heart; [one must] not keep one foot in two shoes but be honest with oneself and with others. Duplicity is not Christian.

This is why Jesus prays to the Father so that the disciples may not fall prey to the worldly spirit.

You are either with Jesus, with the spirit of Jesus, or you are with the spirit of the world. (Angelus July 2, 2017).

Welcome Father Joseph Ben Thien Ho:

The diocesan administration is gracious enough to provide us with an additional priest. Officially Father Joseph will start his ministry in our parish on the 6th of July. There will be a special welcome gathering at Mercy Hall on Sunday, July 12th after 11am Mass. Please join us in welcoming Father Joseph.

Earthquake Relief (Special Collection on July 27/28):

On the weekend of July 27/28, We will have a special second collection for the Archdiocese of Davao in Philippines. On June 8th, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the southern coast of Mindanao in the Philippines. At least 77 people died, over 1300 were injured and 31 were reported missing. Our diocesan administrator Fr. Jay Toborowsky has given permission to parishes to take up this collection. The collection will be sent to the diocese to be sent to the Archdiocese of Davao in the Philippines.

Diocese Still Without Bishop?

This is what we hear from our Diocesan Administrator Fr. Jay Toborowsky: *“We are approaching 7 months of being a Vacant See. Please consider asking your people to continue to keep the selection of our new Bishop in their prayers, particularly at Mass. Between us, as for “when”, I’ve brought up before the precedent of the Diocese of Belleville and their recent 10-month wait. FYI - Abp. Caccia (the new Apostolic Nuncio) has settled in DC and presented his credentials to the President, so he is in place. If anyone does ask, remind them that besides dioceses like ours that are vacant because of transfers, there are a number of dioceses whose Ordinary is close to or already past 75 years of age. Like the Motor Vehicles, we wait and hope.”*

Diocesan Programs in the near future: Save the Date heads up that this year is the **25th anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks. the **2026 Children’s Choir Sumer Camp** (Aug. 10th - 14th, 16th), **PCL Formation Days** (Sept. 1st, Oct. 8th), the **Hispanic Heritage Mass** (Sept. 18th), **OCIA Formation Days** (Sept. 26th, Nov. 14th and Jan. 23rd) and the **Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18th).

Fr. Antony



Liturgical Ministry Schedule



SUNDAY, June 28th – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Triolo Family by Patricia Tumulty
 11:00am – Mark Kassick by Kevin Perna & Family
 1:00pm – (SP) – *Sp. Int. Martinez-Morales by
 Deacon Francisco
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, June 29th – STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Keith Hoffman by Hoffman
 Family
 12:10pm – Grace Ajhar by Baltz, Talpas, & Luzzetti
 Families

TUESDAY, June 30th – *The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

6:45am – John T. Bruns by Edward & Bonnie
 Regemann
 12:10pm – Angelo De Nicuola by Daughter

WEDNESDAY, July 1st – *St. Junípero Serra, Priest*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Amelia Kelly by Rose Kelly
 12:10pm – Gabor J. Horvath by Baltz, Talpas, &
 Luzzetti Families

THURSDAY, July 2nd

6:45am – Tylor Petchonka by Jolene
 12:10pm – Mary Finegan by Family

FRIDAY, July 3rd – ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Bernard J. Kelly by Rose Kelly
 12:10pm – Michael Klingensmith by Jane Hanisek

SATURDAY, July 4th

8am – Rosa Duque by Dario F. Duque
 4:30pm – Frances & Ben Clemente by Kathy
 Clemente

SUNDAY, July 5th – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Agnes Wilson by Family
 11:00am – Janet Earley (A) by Catalli Family
 1:00pm – (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Mary & Steve Ignatz by Maryann

July 4th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	-
	Minister	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Server	-
	Server	-

July 5th

9am	Acolyte	Adam Sretenovic
	Lector	-
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic

11am

Acolyte	Chiezimuzo Odimma
Lector	-
Minister	Pat James
Minister	Miles Dionisio
Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
Server	-

1pm

Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-Garcia
Lector	-
Lector	-
Minister	-
Annoncements	-
Server	Raphael Alfaro
Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia

5:30pm

Acolyte	-
Lector	-
Server	-
Server	-

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$42,480.25
Total Received:	\$40,199.00
Over/under Goal:	(\$35,519.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	54.46%
Percent of Goal Received:	51.54%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$240.00

Stewardship

June 21st

Online Giving:	\$9,831.00
	<u>1,880.00</u>
	\$11,711.00
SSPJ School:	\$788.00
Various Collections:	\$192.00

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 Trimmer, Russell Perna, & Angel.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on July 3rd (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

“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**.

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: 6/28 Kelly Perna, 7/5 Ron Rossini, & 7/12 Anne Coyle

Brakeley Nursing Home: 6/28 Mike St. Jacques, 7/5 Melody Talpas, & 7/12 Eileen Dean

Phillipsburg Care Center: 6/28 Lisa Spanopolous, & 7/5 Beth Dispoto, & 7/12 Lisa Spanopolous



MH. Thank you!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor Breakfast on Sunday, July 12th from 9am to 12:30pm in the church hall at St. Mary's in Alpha. Suggested Donation \$8 per Adult. [Children Free] Advance tickets available after Masses.

**The Church Office and Adoration
will be closed
on Friday, July 3rd
in Observance of**

☆☆☆ Independence Day ☆☆☆

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK **June 28th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

June 29, Mon - Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

June 30, Tue - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.

July 1, Wed - USA: Optional Memorial of St. Junipero Serra, Priest

July 3, Fri - Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 4, Sat - USA: Independence Day

POPE LEO XIV ON THE 50th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE STEUBENVILLE SUMMER YOUTH
CONFERENCES SUMMER 2026
Ohio, 10–12 of July 2026

Dear friends, As you might know, this year we are also celebrating the eight-hundredth anniversary of the death of Saint Francis. If you had met Saint Francis on the streets of Assisi in the thirteenth century, he might have looked at you with a serene and loving smile, and said: “Pace e bene,” that is “Peace and all good.” Do I desire true peace for those who come into contact with me? Saint Francis was able to sow peace not because of his own efforts, but because he possessed within himself the source of true peace. I have often repeated that peace is a gift from God, a gift we receive when we invite the Lord into our heart.

Saint Francis was also known to be a particularly joyful person. He delighted in the beauty of creation, in God’s infinite goodness and mercy, and in the conversion of sinners. And yet, you may be surprised by how he once explained what perfect joy is. One winter evening, as he was walking back to Assisi with Brother Leo, one of the first members of the Franciscan order, Saint Francis began to give a long list of apparently “good” things that do not lead to perfect joy. At a certain point, Brother Leo finally exclaimed, “Father Francis, I pray that you will teach me about perfect joy!” In his response, the saint described a tragic situation that implied suffering cold, hunger and rejection — the opposite of what you would expect — and added that if such difficulties are embraced with patience, without complaining and with love for God, “This is perfect joy.”

Indeed, the joy of Saint Francis cannot be found through electronic devices, spending hours in front of a screen or endlessly scrolling on social media every day. These activities often waste precious time that could be used for moments of silent prayer, of cultivating authentic friendships, spending quality time with family, learning more about our faith, studying or playing sports. Joy should never be sought through drug use, alcohol abuse, promiscuity, superficial relationships, obsession about our image, or any kind of damaging behavior. Surprisingly, neither can it be found in goods such as wealth, beauty, fame or even health, for one day we will leave all of this behind.

You are precious in God’s eyes! (cf. Is 43:4) You are unconditionally loved by him! Are you certain of this? If you cultivate a trusting relationship with him, through regular prayer, through reception of the sacraments, if you abandon yourself into his hands, then anxiety, or sadness, and loneliness will fade away as his grace fills you and as his love inflames your heart. This is the secret to being able to face challenging circumstances with a smile. Open your hearts to discover this reality.

Today, the Lord needs missionaries to spread the word to those who do not know him, holy men and women to begin loving Catholic families, priests to be spiritual fathers and ministers of the sacraments as well as religious men and women to be witnesses of the true joy of his kingdom. If you have a sense that the Lord may be calling you to one of these vocations, do not close yourself off or turn away in fear, but take a step forward and say to the Lord, “Here I am, send me!” (Is 6:8). At the same time, do not be afraid to talk to someone about it, a trusted friend, priest or religious sister.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, July 4th, after the 8am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10am & 3:15pm.

DEACON'S CORNER

Do We Put Jesus First?

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are among the most challenging we hear: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." At first, they can sound harsh. But Jesus is not asking us to love our families less — He is inviting us to love Him **first**, so that every other love in our lives becomes more faithful, more generous, and more free. When Christ is at the center, our relationships are no longer driven by fear or control. **They become rooted in the same self-giving love He shows us.**

Taking up our cross, as Jesus commands, is not about seeking suffering. It is about choosing fidelity when it is difficult, compassion when it is inconvenient, and truth when it is costly. **The crosses we carry — illness, disappointment, forgiveness, perseverance — become places where Christ walks with us and reshapes our hearts.** Every cross carried with love becomes a seed of resurrection.

Jesus ends with a promise that should encourage every disciple: **even the smallest act of kindness, a cup of cold water, offered because we belong to Him, will not go unrewarded.** In a world that often celebrates only the dramatic or the successful, Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom is built through **simple, hidden acts of love.**

May we be disciples who put Christ first, carry our crosses with hope, and trust that **no act of love — however small — is ever forgotten by God.**

May God always be pleased with us,

Deacon Rob

FOURTH OF JULY/ INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC



Join us on Independence Day, Saturday, July 4th, at 3:00pm for our 4th of July Picnic in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home by yourself, come and enjoy the day with us!

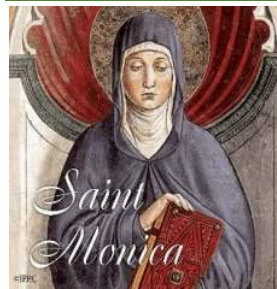
"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following dates: **July 16th, August 20th, & Sept. 17th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The July topic will be "Ethical Use of

Technology". **OUR 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.**

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.**

LAZARUS MINISTRY

The **Lazarus Ministry** is a function of the Legion of Mary and is designed to assist the **Souls of the Faithful Departed** and their families by praying the Rosary prior to a **Viewing or Funeral Mass**. If you would like this devotion to be performed for your deceased loved one, please send your request to: lazarusministry@spsj.org.

This is a **free ministry** that will greatly assist your loved one on their journey toward heaven!

St. Padre Pio on the Rosary, "Its costs so little and is worth so much to a precious soul!!!"

BLUE ARMY PRAYER CELL

“Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end to the war.” - Our Lady of Fatima. Please join the Blue Army (Our Lady of Fatima prayer group) in the chapel on Thursday evenings at 7pm to honor our Lady’s request. We pray one Mystery of the Rosary, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Fatima prayers, consecration prayers, and offer up our personal intentions. Stop in and receive spiritual blessings.

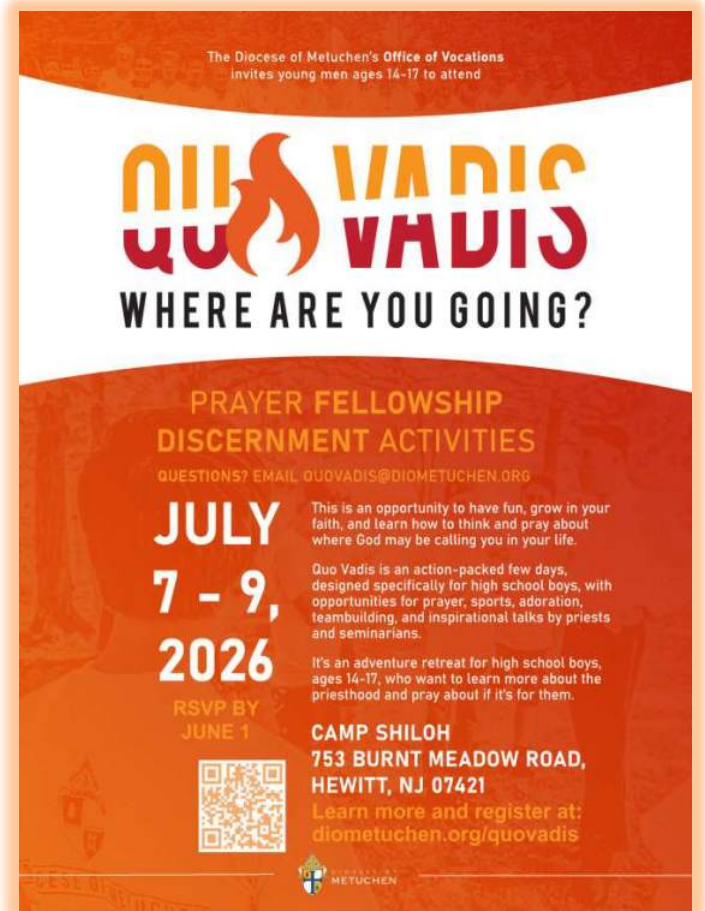
SACRED LINENS MINISTRY

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.

Diocesan News

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.



The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Vocations
invites young men ages 14-17 to attend

QUO VADIS

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

**PRAYER FELLOWSHIP
DISCERNMENT ACTIVITIES**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL QUOVADIS@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG

**JULY
7 - 9,
2026**

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This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and learn how to think and pray about where God may be calling you in your life.

Quo Vadis is an action-packed few days, designed specifically for high school boys, with opportunities for prayer, sports, adoration, teambuilding, and inspirational talks by priests and seminarians.

It's an adventure retreat for high school boys, ages 14-17, who want to learn more about the priesthood and pray about if it's for them.

CAMP SHILOH
753 BURNT MEADOW ROAD,
HEWITT, NJ 07421

Learn more and register at:
diometuchen.org/quovadis

 METUCHEN

METUCHEN SUMMER CHORAL FESTIVAL

Participants in the NPM (National Assoc. of Pastoral Musicians) Metuchen Summer Choral Festival will present a concert entitled Be Joyful in the Lord on Sunday, July 12th at 3:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 390 County Rd. 523, Whitehouse Station. A reception will follow. A freewill offering benefits the NPM Metuchen Chapter.

Three conductors have honed this Festival Choir and Orchestra over five days to present extraordinary sacred choral music including works by John Rutter, Joel Raney, G. F. Handel, Elaine Hagenberg, Randall Thompson, J.S. Bach, Mack Wilberg and many others.

Come and be nourished by the joyful, contemplative, prayerful, and celebratory aspects of our faith and our music. For more information see www.npmmetuchen.org or contact Festival Director, Jim Cole at npmmchoralfestival@gmail.com.

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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

13º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

¡Qué coincidencia! Las lecturas de este domingo nos enseñan sobre cómo acoger a los «hombres santos» que actúan como representantes de Dios, justo cuando damos la bienvenida a un nuevo sacerdote (el padre Joseph Ho) a nuestra querida comunidad parroquial. El sacerdocio común (los laicos en la Iglesia) espera que el sacerdocio ministerial (los sacerdotes ordenados) esté formado en la interpretación bíblica y en las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre la Sagrada Escritura, para así proclamar la palabra autoritativa de Dios desde el púlpito. En griego, «Apóstol» significa «aquel que es enviado».

Existía un principio rabínico según el cual «el representante de una persona es como la persona misma». Jesús es el representante del Padre, y nosotros, los discípulos, somos los representantes de Jesús. Por eso Jesús nos enseña que recibir a los discípulos equivale, en efecto, a recibir a Jesús y, por consiguiente, a recibir al Padre, quien nos recompensará.

Así como los sacerdotes tienen la responsabilidad de proclamar la Palabra de Dios como representantes de Cristo, los laicos —junto con los propios sacerdotes— tienen la responsabilidad de escuchar el mensaje y aplicarlo a sus vidas. Recordemos las palabras de san Pablo a Timoteo: «*Te conjuro en presencia de Dios y de Cristo Jesús, que ha de juzgar a vivos y muertos, y por su manifestación y su reino: proclama la Palabra; insiste a tiempo y a destiempo; reprende, exhorta y anima con toda paciencia y doctrina*» (2 Tm 4, 1-2).

La responsabilidad de escuchar y poner en práctica el mensaje de Dios —transmitido a través de sus representantes en las lecturas— surge tras la «acogida de los emisarios de Dios», y Jesús señala que tal acción conlleva una «recompensa». No se trata de una recompensa menor, sino de la mayor de todas: la «vida eterna»; pues se espera que respondamos positivamente al aliento de nuestros sacerdotes cuando nos guían hacia el sentido esencial del Evangelio y nos invitan a ajustar nuestra vida a él.

Al mismo tiempo, cada sacerdote se esfuerza por vivir el mensaje del Papa Francisco: «Lo importante es no tener un corazón doble —y esto es peligroso. Soy cristiano, soy discípulo de Jesús, soy sacerdote, soy obispo, pero tengo un corazón doble. No, esto no está bien. No hay que tener un corazón doble, sino un corazón sencillo y coherente; no hay que tener un pie en cada lado, sino ser honestos con uno mismo y con los demás. La duplicidad no es cristiana. Por eso Jesús reza al Padre para que los discípulos no caigan presa del espíritu mundano. O estás con Jesús, con el espíritu de Jesús, o estás con el espíritu del mundo» (Ángelus del 2 de julio de 2017).

Bienvenido, Padre Joseph Ben Thien Ho:

La administración diocesana ha tenido la gentileza de asignarnos un sacerdote adicional. El Padre Joseph comenzará oficialmente su ministerio en nuestra parroquia el 6 de julio. Se celebrará un encuentro especial de bienvenida en Mercy Hall el domingo 12 de julio, después de la Misa de las 11:00am. Les invitamos a acompañarnos para dar la bienvenida al Padre Joseph.

Ayuda para los damnificados por el terremoto (Colecta especial del 27 y 28 de julio)

Durante el fin de semana del 27 y 28 de julio, realizaremos una segunda colecta especial destinada a la Arquidiócesis de Dávao, en Filipinas. El 8 de junio, un terremoto de magnitud 7,8 sacudió la costa sur de Mindanao, Filipinas. Al menos 77 personas perdieron la vida, más de 1300 resultaron heridas y 31 fueron reportadas como desaparecidas. Nuestro administrador diocesano, el P. Jay Toborowsky, ha autorizado a las parroquias a llevar a cabo esta colecta. Los fondos recaudados se enviarán a la diócesis para su posterior remisión a la Arquidiócesis de Dávao, en Filipinas.

¿La diócesis sigue sin obispo?

Esto es lo que nos comunica nuestro administrador diocesano, el P. Jay Toborowsky: «Nos acercamos a los siete meses de sede vacante. Por favor, consideren pedir a sus fieles que sigan incluyendo en sus oraciones —especialmente durante la Misa— el proceso de selección de nuestro nuevo obispo.

En cuanto a la cuestión de "cuándo" ocurrirá, ya he mencionado anteriormente el precedente de la diócesis de Belleville y su reciente espera de diez meses.

A título informativo: el arzobispo Caccia (el nuevo nuncio apostólico) ya se ha instalado en Washington D. C. y ha presentado sus cartas credenciales al presidente, por lo que ya está en funciones. Si alguien pregunta al respecto, recuérdense que, además de las diócesis como la nuestra que están vacantes debido a traslados, hay varias diócesis cuyo obispo diocesano está cerca de cumplir los 75 años o ya los ha superado. Al igual que en el Departamento de Vehículos a Motor, solo nos queda esperar y mantener la esperanza».

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

Anoten en sus calendarios las siguientes fechas: el **25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre**; el **campamento de verano del coro infantil de 2026** (10-14 y 16 de agosto); las **jornadas de formación para líderes de pastoral** (1 de septiembre y 8 de octubre); la **Misa de la Herencia Hispana** (18 de septiembre); las **jornadas de formación del OCIA** (26 de septiembre, 14 de noviembre y 23 de enero); y la **celebración de los aniversarios de plata y oro** (18 de octubre).

P. Antony

ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA

La Diócesis de Metuchen iniciará un nuevo ciclo de la Escuela Bíblica Hispana. La escuela ofrece 9 cursos básicos: Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras, Pentateuco, Libros Históricos, Profetas, Literatura Sapiencial, Evangelios, Epístolas Paulinas (2 cursos) y el Apocalipsis; el costo de cada curso es de \$35 por persona. El 20 de agosto de 2026 comenzaremos el curso de Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras. Las clases se impartirán de forma presencial los jueves, de 7:00pm a 9:00pm, en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway, NJ).

"¿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.

**La oficina parroquial y la adoración
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	29	30	01 <i>St. Junipero Serra, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	02 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	03 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm Church Office & Adoration Closed CH - 6pm First Friday Holy Hour	04 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am First Saturday Devotion CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
05 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in English	06 <i>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus	07 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	08 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary	09 <i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	10 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	11 St. Benedict, Abbot 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
12 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CH - 9am &, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	13 <i>St. Henry</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin 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	15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	16 <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm - Exploring Our Faith Discussion	17 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	18 <i>St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
19 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	20 <i>St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	21 <i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> 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	22 St. Mary Magdalene CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	23 <i>St. Bridget, Religious</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	24 <i>St. Sharbel Makhlef, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	25 ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE 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
26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	27 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	28 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 Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	29 Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	30 <i>St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	01



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