

St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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) 1 pm - 5 pm

Tues. - Thurs. 9 am-12:30 pm

(Closed for lunch) 1 pm - 4 pm,

& **Friday** 9 am-1 pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas
horas.)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † JULY 19, 2026



LET THEM
GROW
TOGETHER
UNTIL
HARVEST.

Matthew 13:30

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	7/19/26	10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
Monday	7/20/26	6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
Tuesday	7/21/26	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
Wednesday	7/22/26	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	7/23/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	7/24/26	
Saturday	7/25/26	8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 10am Confessions in the Church 3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Sunday	7/26/26	After the 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The 'Old' and 'New' Testaments have different views on the 'Reign of God'. At the time of Jesus, the Old Testament concept of a 'reign of God' that was imminent, terrestrial, political and centered on 'Israel' and in 'Jerusalem', but the New Testament as a whole brings about the radical change, where the idea of a heavenly, eternal kingdom makes its appearance. ('The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible' - a PBC document)'.

The Gospel this weekend follows the same theme of last weekend - the Kingdom of God. We have three images of it in our Gospel: The Parable of the weeds among wheat, the parable of the mustard seed and the third is the parable of the yeast. Jesus teaches us the characteristics of the Kingdom of God in these images or parables. The first speaks about the people of the Kingdom blessed with the highest ideals and great generosity; great measure of tolerance, patience and understanding. The second and third teaches us about the nature and scope of the Kingdom as it has the small beginnings like the mustard seed and has the element of growth which is compared to a small amount of yeast.

The Book of Wisdom compliments our understanding of the Kingdom as Solomon connects righteousness, wisdom and immortal reign by witnessing Wisdom's actions through God's saving action in the Exodus event. Like the Parable of the weed among wheat, the 12th Chapter of Wisdom of Solomon discusses in particular God's mercy (On the Canaanites). The evils of human child sacrifice and sexual sins of the Canaanites could be compared to the modern evils of our time such as racism and inequality.

The election of Israelites as the 'Chosen people of God' is first and foremost a responsibility - a responsibility to society and people. The same applies to all those who bear the name of Christ and are called 'Christians'. We are Christians because we take up the responsibility of bringing Christ to our people. With Christ to give, we give everything of ourselves.

Special word of thanks to all volunteers:

Last Sunday, July 12th after 11am Mass, we welcomed Fr. Joseph Ho as he begins his ministry in our parish as Parochial Vicar. I thank all the volunteers in putting together a great welcoming event for Father. Thank you to all the parishioners who came and welcomed Father. It is never too late to reach out and meet Father and also keep him in your daily prayers.

Welcome Deacon Patrick Rasimowicz

On June 20, 2026, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, the Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen ordained Fr. James Prumos to the priesthood. He also ordained Deacon Patrick Rasimowicz to the Diaconate. Deacon Patrick continues to reside in Immaculate Conception parish in Annandale but will be visiting our parish once a month to get some exposure with the Hispanic Ministry of our parish. We welcome Deacon Patrick and pray for him!

Earthquake Relief (Special Collection on July 25/26)

On the weekend of July 25/26, We will have a special second collection for the Archdiocese of Davao in the 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. More recently, on June 24, 2026, 7.2- and 7.5-magnitude earthquakes struck Venezuela. The Venezuelan government on Monday raised the death toll to 1,719, with 5,034 injured and 15,866 displaced, and causing widespread destruction.

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life & NJ March for Life on Oct 8th, 2026

On Thursday, October 8th at 9:30am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, there will be a special NJ Bishops' Mass for Life, and the NJ Rally and March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. There will be buses organized for this trip. Please call the office for more information.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

The **Natural Family Planning Webinar** (July 21), the **2026 Children's Choir Summer Camp** (Aug. 10-14, 16), **PCL Formation Days** (Sept. 1, Oct. 8), the **Hispanic Heritage Mass** (Sept. 18), **OCIA Formation Days** (Sept. 26, Nov. 14 and Jan. 23) and the **Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18). Also included is information regarding the **Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes** and **National Black Catholic History Month** (Nov.).

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, July 19th – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Sr. Ann Marie Lafferty(A) by Catalli Family

11:00am – For the People

1:00pm – (SP) – *Sp. Int. Jaurides-Martinez Families by Deacon Francisco

5:30pm – Dante Cutro by Jeannine Ziotto

MONDAY, July 20th – St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

6:45am – Janelle Ajhar by Beverly Hummell-Craver

12:10pm – Joanne Bastante by Kevin

TUESDAY, July 21st St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Adi Adler by Lisa Garcia

12:10pm – Ernest Finizio by Barbara Batha

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd – St. Mary Magdalene

6:45am – Flo Piscopio by Kathleen Clemente

12:10pm – Josephine, Harold Jr, & Harold Smith III by Vance Opdyke

THURSDAY, July 23rd – St. Bridget, Religious

6:45am – Joseph Young by Nancy, Charlie, & Judy

12:10pm – *Sp. Int. Thomas Flurchick by Hoffman Family

FRIDAY, July 24th – St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

6:45am – John T. Burns by Mary Ann Ignatz

12:10pm – Richard, Cheryl & Chrisy Rutt by Rose Bladies

SATURDAY, July 25th – St. James, Apostle

8am – Jean Claude Buissereth & Marie Maude-Paul

4:30pm – Grace & Janelle Ajhar by Jim & Ruth Martin

SUNDAY, July 26th – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – For the People

11:00am – Brian James by Merrie Mulrine

1:00pm – (SP) – For Souls in Purgatory

5:30pm – Doris Crawford by Jeannine & Raffaella Ziotto

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



July 25th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	Erin Case

July 26th

9am	Acolyte	Jack Perna/Sretenovic
	Lector	Ron & Jen Anselmo
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Luke Srentenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

11am

Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
Lector	Bill Strausser
Minister	Kelvin Osoria
Minister	Pat James
Server	Laney Minutaglio
Server	-

1pm

Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
Lector	-
Lector	-
Minister	-
Annoncements	-
Server	Emelie Varela
Server	Steven Varela

5:30pm

Acolyte	Alana Palos
Lector	Marianne Palos
Server	-
Server	-

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,117.25
Total Received:	\$46,273.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,882.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	61.69%
Percent of Goal Received:	59.33%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$265.84

Stewardship

July 12th

Online Giving:	\$7,335.00
	<u>3,087.50</u>
	\$10,422.50

Various Collections:	\$287.00
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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 & Ellen Piperata.

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. Hesck, 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 August 7th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



We urgently need an Adorer for THURSDAY at 2PM & FRIDAY at 8AM, since no one is scheduled at those times.

...also, we need adorers for **10am on Mondays, 10am, 1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, & 5pm on Wednesdays; 12noon & 2pm on Thursdays; and 8am, 11am, & 2pm 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: 7/19 Bettina Socci, 7/26 Kelly Perna, & 8/2 Ed Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 7/19 Bill Casey & Milagros Dionisio, 7/26 Deacon Franciso, & 8/2 Gladys Jauridez

Phillipsburg Care Center: 7/19 Lisa Spanopolous and 7/26 & 8/2 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 MH. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Open to boys and girls ages 8-18 who have received First

Holy Communion. The schedule is flexible. Counts toward volunteer hours for Confirmation, Bethlehem Catholic High School and Notre Dame High School. Jesus loves his little ones! That is why they have such an important role at Holy Mass. Email Don and Laura Sretenovic at altarservers@spsj.org.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

July 19th - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, Mon - Optional Memorial of St.

Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr.

*July 21, Tue - Optional Memorial of St. Lawrence
of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor*

July 22, Wed - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

*July 23, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Bridget,
Religious*

*July 24, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel
Makhluf, Priest*

In 2021, Pope Francis established the [celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#) on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for the 2026 celebration selected by the pope is “I will never forget you” (cf. Isaiah 49:5).

Pope Leo has announced the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 26, 2026 (Sts. Joachim and Anne). BUT the U.S. bishops approved the transfer of the celebration to the first Sunday after Labor Day, this year Sunday, September 13, to coincide with the celebration of Grandparents Day in the United States which many local communities, schools, and parishes observe.

This theme reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even thru the frailties of old age.

In July in the United States, the observance of [Natural Family Planning Week](#) takes place beginning on the Sunday before July 25 and ending on the following Saturday.

History of Grandparents Day:

National Grandparents Day originated largely through the efforts of **Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade** of West Virginia, a dedicated advocate for the elderly. Beginning in the **early 1970s**, Marian McQuade advocated for a formal Grandparents Day, encouraging people to “adopt a grandparent” and celebrating **senior citizens’ wisdom and contributions to society**.

In **1978**, President Jimmy Carter issued **Proclamation 4580**, designating **Sunday, September 10th** as National Grandparents Day for that year.

The following year, President Carter established the observance as recurring annually on the **first Sunday after Labor Day**, with the first such observance occurring on **September 9, 1979**.

Since then, it has become customary for each President to issue an **annual proclamation every year** designating that day and calling on Americans to observe it with “appropriate ceremonies and activities,” in line with the statute.

PCHS CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

Members of PCHS Class of ’71 will celebrate their 55th Class Reunion on October 3, 2026 at the Blue Grill Restaurant in Bethlehem PA. For more information, contact Colleen Coyle Newhart at (570) 262-4978. If you leave a message, please include your name, phone number and reason for calling, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on July 25th, after the 8am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will be praying in thanksgiving for our grandparents.

WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join us on Thursday, July 30th, at 5:00pm in Mercy Hall to learn about how to prevent Human Trafficking in our neighborhood. You will be surprised to find out that Human Trafficking is present in our town too! There will be a Presentation & refreshments.

Second Collection for Earthquake Relief

**July 25 & 26
(date correction)**

DEACON'S CORNER

The Smallest Seed

The Parable of the Mustard Seed teaches that God's kingdom has humble, unassuming beginnings but will experience massive growth. Just as a tiny mustard seed grows into a large, sheltering tree, even the smallest amount of faith can yield profound miraculous results.

The message of Jesus started as a small, seemingly insignificant movement with a handful of followers. Yet it grew to impact the entire world, much like a tiny seed expanding into a large garden plant. The maturing mustard plant becomes large enough for birds to nest in its branches. This represents the Kingdom of Heaven offering safety, sanctuary, and spiritual nourishment to all who seek it.

Jesus used this metaphor to explain that believers do not need mountain sized faith to accomplish great things or overcome obstacles. Even a microscopic amount of genuine faith, rooted in God, is incredibly powerful. He also often used the mustard seed as a proverbial comparison for the smallest thing imaginable. Culturally, the mustard plant could also act as a rapid growing bush that might be considered an aggressive, weedy shrub by farmers. By comparing the Kingdom to this, Jesus was subverting expectations showing that God's work is not defined by worldly power, wealth, or grand political stature, but by its spiritual impact.

Ultimately, the parable is a message of hope. A seed isn't meant to just sit in your hand; it must be planted, watered, and nurtured. Faith is an active trust that takes root in your life and expands outward over time. Some spiritual scholars interpret the seed as a representation of spiritual insight. Even a minuscule amount of willingness to listen and open your mind can change our outer life and solve impossible problems.

People often assume spiritual growth happens all at once, but the reality is that God's Kingdom grows in stages just like a seed. First, when we accept Christ, the Kingdom begins as a seed of faith in our hearts. This internal transformation starts small but grows as we trust in God. Then, as we mature in faith, we influence those around us. Our actions, words, and decisions reflect God's expanding work through us. God's Kingdom doesn't just work for our benefit; it grows through us to impact others. The question then presents itself, "Am I allowing the Kingdom to grow in me?" † God Bless You † Deacon Larry

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"

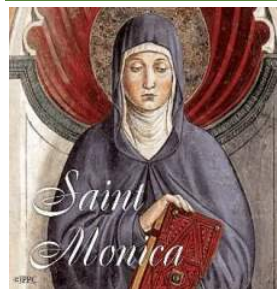


...discussion Group meetings will be on the following dates: **August 20th, & Sept. 17th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The August topic is TBD. **OUR MISSION:** To build our *Knowledge* of the Faith; to help us *Explain* the Faith; & to encourage us to *Share* the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**

4 - Day WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ will host a spiritual 4-day Walking Pilgrimage on August 6th – 9th, 2026 from our church in NJ to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Walkers range from infants to people well into their 70's. You may join our spiritual trip any day of the journey and for as many days as you wish. Registration by mail starts June 1st. Visit our website for discounts and churches in your area that also register in person. Info call 908-637-4269 or visit www.walkingpilgrimage.us.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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Diocese of Metuchen

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Diocesan News

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEBINAR

There is still time to register for this webinar. This event is open to all. During this year's NFP Week, the Office of Family Life invites all to join Dr. Monika Potocki from The Gianna Center for a special webinar, "What You Were Never Told About Fertility Care: Scientific and Ethical Approaches" on July 21st at 7:00 pm. On Zoom. Cost is \$10 and registration is required. More information: <https://diometuchen.org/events/nfp-webinar-2026>

Webinar

WHAT YOU WERE NEVER TOLD ABOUT FERTILITY CARE: NATURAL & ETHICAL APPROACHES



SPEAKER
DR. MONIKA POTOCKI

Join Dr. Monika Potocki from The Gianna Center to learn about Restorative Reproductive Medicine.

July 21st at 7:00 P.M.
Zoom

Visit our website
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Special collection envelopes that would have been included for the month of July...

7/05: For the Needy

7/12: McCauley Hall, Sisters of Mercy

7/19: Sts. Philip & James School

Please remember to note name and/or envelope number on the offertory & special collection envelopes. Thank you

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

16º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Los Testamentos «Antiguo» y «Nuevo» presentan perspectivas diferentes sobre el «Reinado de Dios». En tiempos de Jesús, el concepto del Antiguo Testamento era el de un reinado de Dios inminente, terrenal, político y centrado en «Israel» y en «Jerusalén»; sin embargo, el Nuevo Testamento en su conjunto introduce un cambio radical, al surgir la idea de un reino celestial y eterno. («El pueblo judío y sus Escrituras Sagradas en la Biblia cristiana» — documento de la PBC).

El Evangelio de este fin de semana sigue el mismo tema que el anterior: el Reino de Dios. En él encontramos tres imágenes de dicho Reino: la parábola de la cizaña entre el trigo, la parábola del grano de mostaza y la parábola de la levadura. A través de estas imágenes o parábolas, Jesús nos enseña las características del Reino de Dios. La primera nos habla de los miembros del Reino, bendecidos con los ideales más elevados y una gran generosidad, así como con una gran dosis de tolerancia, paciencia y comprensión. La segunda y la tercera nos instruyen sobre la naturaleza y el alcance del Reino, que tiene comienzos humildes —como el grano de mostaza— y posee una capacidad de crecimiento comparable a la acción de una pequeña cantidad de levadura.

El Libro de la Sabiduría complementa nuestra comprensión del Reino, ya que Salomón vincula la justicia, la sabiduría y el reinado inmortal al testimoniar las obras de la Sabiduría a través de la acción salvadora de Dios en el acontecimiento del Éxodo. Al igual que la parábola de la cizaña entre el trigo, el capítulo 12 del Libro de la Sabiduría aborda en particular la misericordia de Dios (en relación con los cananeos). Los males de los sacrificios humanos de niños y los pecados sexuales de los cananeos podrían compararse con los males modernos de nuestra época, tales como el racismo y la desigualdad.

La elección de los israelitas como el «pueblo elegido de Dios» es, ante todo, una responsabilidad: una responsabilidad para con la sociedad y las personas. Lo mismo se aplica a todos aquellos que llevan el nombre de Cristo y son llamados «cristianos». Somos cristianos porque asumimos la responsabilidad de llevar a Cristo a nuestro pueblo.

Al tener a Cristo para ofrecer, nos entregamos por completo.

Un agradecimiento especial a todos los voluntarios:

El domingo pasado, 12 de julio, después de la Misa de las 11:00 am, dimos la bienvenida al P. Joseph Ho al iniciar su ministerio en nuestra parroquia como vicario parroquial. Agradezco a todos los voluntarios por organizar un magnífico evento de bienvenida para el Padre. Gracias a todos los feligreses que asistieron para recibirlo. Nunca es tarde para acercarse a conocer al Padre y tenerlo presente en sus oraciones diarias.

Bienvenido, diácono Patrick Rasimowicz

El 20 de junio de 2026, el obispo Paul Bootkoski, obispo emérito de Metuchen, ordenó sacerdote al padre James Prumos. También ordenó diácono a Patrick Rasimowicz. El diácono Patrick sigue residiendo en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Annandale, pero visitará nuestra parroquia una vez al mes para familiarizarse con el ministerio hispano de nuestra comunidad. ¡Damos la bienvenida al diácono Patrick y oremos por él!

Ayuda para los afectados por el terremoto (Colecta especial del 25 y 26 de julio)

El fin de semana del 25 y 26 de julio, realizaremos una segunda colecta especial para la Arquidiócesis de Dávao, en Filipinas. El 8 de junio, un terremoto de magnitud 7,8 sacudió la costa sur de Mindanao, en Filipinas; al menos 77 personas perdieron la vida, más de 1.300 resultaron heridas y 31 fueron reportadas como desaparecidas. Más recientemente, el 24 de junio de 2026, terremotos de magnitudes 7,2 y 7,5 sacudieron Venezuela. El lunes, el gobierno venezolano elevó la cifra de fallecidos a 1.719, con 5.034 heridos y 15.866 desplazados, además de causar una destrucción generalizada.

Misa por la Vida de los Obispos de NJ y Marcha por la Vida de NJ el 8 de octubre de 2026

El jueves 8 de octubre, a las 9:30 am, se celebrará una Misa especial por la Vida oficiada por los obispos de Nueva Jersey en la Catedral de Santa María de la Asunción; posteriormente, a las 11:00am, comenzarán el mitin y la Marcha por la Vida de Nueva Jersey en el anexo del Capitolio estatal (Statehouse Annex), situado a poca distancia a pie de la Catedral. Se organizarán autobuses para este evento; por favor, comuníquese con la oficina para obtener más información.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

El **seminario web sobre Planificación Familiar Natural** (21 de julio), el **campamento de verano del coro infantil de 2026** (10-14 y 16 de agosto), las **jornadas de formación para coordinadores de catequesis parroquial (PCL)** (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 aniversarios de bodas de plata y oro** (18 de octubre). También se incluye información sobre las próximas clases de **formación en la fe para adultos** y el **Mes Nacional de la Historia de los Católicos Negros** (noviembre).

P. Antony

¿TE SIENTES INSEGURO PORQUE NO CONOCES MUCHO DE LA BIBLIA?

Te invitamos a participar este verano de la Catequesis Bíblica. Un curso de dos sesiones que se ofrecerá para las personas que nunca han recibido formación Bíblica o para quienes tienen interés en iniciar el curso de Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras. Estas dos sesiones no tienen costo y no requieren registro previo.

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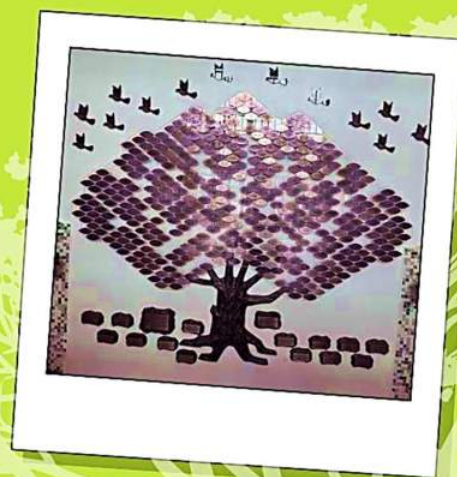
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