

# 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) 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.)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † JULY 26, 2026

The  
kingdom  
of heaven  
is like a  
treasure  
buried in  
a field.

Matthew 13:44



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

|                  |                |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>7/26/26</b> | After the 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church                                                                                                          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>7/27/26</b> | 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>7/28/26</b> | 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room<br>7pm Spanish Mass followed by Charismatic Group in the Church<br>7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7/29/26</b> | 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room<br>4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7/30/26</b> | 5pm World Day of Human Trafficking in Mercy Hall<br>7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel                                                                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>7/31/26</b> |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>8/01/26</b> | 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church<br>9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall<br>10am Confessions in the Church<br>3:15pm Confessions in the Church         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8/02/26</b> |                                                                                                                                                                        |

## **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

Saint Thomas Aquinas in Summa Theologica wrote, “There are many sciences dealing with different areas of reality, but only one wisdom. Structurally wisdom is itself a science, drawing conclusions from premises; but what is peculiar to wisdom is its power to judge about everything including its own premises. So, it is a more perfect virtue than science.” In our Abrahamic Family of religions, ‘Shalom’ (Solomon) or ‘Peace’ is always associated with Wisdom. We are blessed to be showered with God’s wisdom that longs for true peace.

As St. Thomas Aquinas taught us that Wisdom is a perfect virtue, the virtuous people pray for this gift always. Our holiness compiles us to pray for this gift as this virtue can only come from God. This virtue is our treasure that we restlessly look for and long for. Our Gospel this Sunday describes the nature of a virtuous and a holy person: this person is searching. He searches till he finds the treasure; till he buys the pearl and receives everything abundantly like the net that collects fish of every kind.

‘Peace’ is the language of ‘Wisdom’. Wise people desire peace for themselves, for others and more importantly for the society and this is the result of holiness. Jesus is the Wisdom of the Father, God’s everything. The Wisdom of the Father is presented in the Prologue of John as the ‘Word of God’. All our search is not about things (not gold, silver, name or fame for Solomon) but is about a Person of Jesus Christ. And it is worth losing everything to gain everything of that Wisdom. John the Baptist taught us that lesson - ‘I must decrease’.

What happens after God gifting us with that Wisdom matters the most. Saint Robert Bellarmine explains, “If you would be wise, recognize that you were created for God’s glory and your own eternal salvation, that this is your end, this is the center of your soul, this the treasure of your heart. If you reach this end, you will be happy. If you fall short of it, you will be wretched.” We are gifted Wisdom to glorify God. May you be blessed by God’s wisdom!

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 8, 2026**

On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **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 26<sup>th</sup> – 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 Riotto

### **MONDAY, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – John & Margaret Bruns by MaryAnn Ignatz  
12:10pm – John Natisin (A) by Patricia Natisin

### **TUESDAY, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Patricia C. Zukkermann by MaryAnn Ignatz  
12:10pm – Janelle M. Ajhar by Volk Family  
7pm – (SP) – Preston Davey by Jessica Roman

### **WEDNESDAY, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus**

6:45am – Stephen & Mary Ignatz by MaryAnn Ignatz  
12:10pm – Gizella Lantos by Catholic Charities

### **THURSDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

6:45am – Rose & William Zwiski by MaryAnn Ignatz  
12:10pm – Vincent Catalli (A) by Catalli Family

### **FRIDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

6:45am – Peggy Pellegrino by The Priessnitz Family  
12:10pm – Leona Lisinichia by Cousin Barbara

### **SATURDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8am – Rose Duque by Dario F. Duque  
4:30pm – Dot & Jack McCarthy by Mac Briggs

### **SUNDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am – Leo Bush-Bush by Deacon Rob  
11:00am – James Quigley by Tami Quigley  
1:00pm – (SP) – \*Spec. Int for Luis Quizhpi by Family  
5:30pm – For the People

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



### August 1<sup>st</sup>

|        |          |                 |
|--------|----------|-----------------|
| 4:30pm | Acolyte  | Adam Sretenovic |
|        | Lector   | Mary O'Sullivan |
|        | Minister | Margie Markus   |
|        | Minister | Ed Socci        |
|        | Server   | Luke Sretenovic |
|        | Server   | -               |

### August 2<sup>nd</sup>

|     |          |                 |
|-----|----------|-----------------|
| 9am | Acolyte  | Anthony Stefano |
|     | Lector   | Bill Strausser  |
|     | Minister | Paul Juliano    |
|     | Minister | Karen Juliano   |
|     | Server   | Erin Case       |
|     | Server   | -               |

|      |          |                   |
|------|----------|-------------------|
| 11am | Acolyte  | Chiezimuzo Odemma |
|      | Lector   | Carol Bevilacqua  |
|      | Minister | Miles Dionisio    |
|      | Minister | Eileen Catalli    |
|      | Server   | Chimbuzo Odemma   |
|      | Server   | -                 |

|     |               |                           |
|-----|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1pm | Acolyte       | Miguel Quizhpi-Garcia     |
|     | Lector        | Martha Monroy             |
|     | Lector        | Giovanni Lam              |
|     | Minister      | Gladys Jauridez           |
|     | Announcements | Maria Cristina R.         |
|     | Server        | Liam Rosario              |
|     | Server        | Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia |

|        |         |                   |
|--------|---------|-------------------|
| 5:30pm | Acolyte | Lucas Blanes      |
|        | Lector  | Rob & Jen Anselmo |
|        | Server  | Noah Blanes       |
|        | Server  | Leah Blanes       |

## **2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

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

## **Stewardship**

### **July 19<sup>th</sup>**

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Online Giving:</b> | <b>\$7,565.00</b>      |
|                       | <b><u>2,267.00</u></b> |
|                       | <b>\$9,832.00</b>      |

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Various Collections:</b> | <b>\$230.00</b> |
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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 7<sup>th</sup> (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, since no one is scheduled at this time.***

...also, we need adorers for **10am on Mondays, 10am, 1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, 5pm, & 7pm on Wednesdays; 12noon &**

**2pm on Thursdays; and 11am, & 2pm on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at 908-310-8990 or Camille at 908-319-2719.

## SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 10:30am the First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, 10:30am the Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 10:30am the Third Tuesday at Phillipsburg nursing home. During this time sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick are available to the Catholic residents who desire them. In addition, Holy Communion is distributed to the Catholic residents of these facilities every Sunday. If you would like to participate in the ministry and pray with our elderly residents, please contact the Legion of Mary or Deacon Enock.

## NURSING HOME SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS



**Lopatcong Nursing Home:** 7/26 Kelly Perna, 8/2 Ed Socci, & 8/9 Ron Rossini

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 7/26 Deacon Franciso, 8/2 Gladys Jauridez, & 8/9 Melody Talpas

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 7/26 & 8/2 Beth Dispoto and 8/9 Lisa Spanopolous



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](mailto:altarservers@spsj.org).

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **July 26<sup>th</sup> - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **July 29, Wed - Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**

##### **DECREE**

In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states - that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality; Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

The traditional uncertainty of the Latin Church about the identity of Mary - the Magdalene to whom Christ appeared after his resurrection, the sister of Martha, the sinner whose sins the Lord had forgiven - which resulted in the inclusion of Martha alone on 29 July in the Roman Calendar, has been resolved in recent studies and times, as attested by the current Roman Martyrology, which also commemorates Mary and Lazarus on that day. Moreover, in some particular calendars the three siblings are already celebrated together.

Therefore, the Supreme Pontiff Pope FRANCIS, considering the important evangelical witness they offered in welcoming the Lord Jesus into their home, in listening to him attentively, in believing that he is the resurrection and the life, and accepting the proposal of this Dicastery, has decreed that 29 July be designated in the General Roman Calendar as the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

The Memorial must therefore appear under this title in all Calendars and Liturgical Books for the celebration of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours; the variations and additions to be adopted in the liturgical texts, attached to the present decree, must be translated, approved and, after confirmation by this Dicastery, published by the Episcopal Conferences. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

26 January 2021, Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect

*July 30, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor*

#### **July 31, Fri - Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

“God freely created us so that we might know, love, and serve him in this life and be happy with him forever. God's purpose in creating us is to draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth, so that we may attain our goal of everlasting happiness with him in heaven.

All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully.

As a result, we ought to appreciate and use these gifts of God insofar as they help us toward our goal of loving service and union with God. But insofar as any created things hinder our progress toward our goal, we ought to let them go.” — St. Ignatius of Loyola

#### **August 1, Sat - Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**

“Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends. Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears — of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him.” St. Alphonsus Liguori

### **BEST WISHES & THANK YOU - LISA!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Sforza, our Music Director, for blessing us with her music for the past 4 years. Lisa has decided to move on to other opportunities. We wish her well on her future endeavors.

### **WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Join us on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## DEACON'S CORNER

### The Final Judgement

The parable of the net illustrates the final judgement at the end of the age. It teaches that the gospel message draws all types of people without discrimination. God's angels are selected to separate true believers from the wicked, sending the unrighteous to eternal punishment.

The net thrown into the sea represents the spreading of the Gospel, which attracts both genuine disciples and fabricated pretenders. Just as fishermen sit down to sort their catch on the beach, the "end of the age" marks the time when God brings humanity to accountability. The sorting of the fish is carried out by angels, who act as God's agents of justice. The "good fish" represent the righteous who have put their faith in Christ, while the "bad fish" represent the wicked and unrepentant. Just as the net captures a mix of desirable and unmarketable sea life, the church on earth contains some who merely claim to follow Christ.

Before following Jesus, the disciples toiled all night catching nothing, which implies our human effort, frustration, and a life lived apart from God's direction. Jesus called His disciples to be "fishers of men", beginning their new mission to spread the Gospel and gather believers into the Kingdom of God. Leaving behind their fishing nets to follow Jesus symbolized the ultimate sacrifice: turning away from old habits, self-reliance, and worldly security to depend entirely on God.

Theologians and scholars have suggested, if a net appears in our dreams or meditative reflections, it often points to how we are connecting with the world around us. Casting a net, we are looking to manifest goals, actively sharing our gifts, or connecting with others. An empty net indicates a period of trial, frustration, or a need to re-evaluate our methods and trust in "deep waters" of our journey. A tangled or broken net triggers confusion, feeling bound by circumstances, or a call to untangle our priorities and mental state.

What type of NET are we casting in the sea of life?

† God Bless You †

Deacon Larry

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

## PCHS CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

Members of PCHS Class of '71 will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> 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.

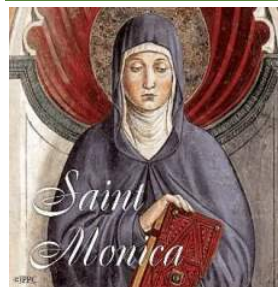
## "EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following dates: **August 20<sup>th</sup>, & Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## 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](mailto: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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MAKE A DIFFERENCE



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Make a difference.  
Change lives. ♥*

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11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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- Assisting customers
- Sale of items

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## Diocesan News

### "MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY: ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

This fall, Fr. Glenn Comandini will walk adult faith formation students through Pope Leo's first encyclical -- which examines how digitalization, AI and robotics challenge humanity. The Holy Father proposes a path which safeguards human dignity and the common good. Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 2026 from 10:30am – 11:30am, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway.

### NJ BISHOPS' MASS FOR LIFE

Prayerfully begin the day before The NJ Rally & March for Life. Hosted by March for Life and New Jersey Right to Life. 151 N. Warren St, Trenton. On October 8, 2026, the NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. More information: <https://diometuchen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life>

# NJ BISHOPS' MASS FOR LIFE

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.  
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



**NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE**

\*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral





Scan the QR to register for the Bus Trip, or visit: [www.diometuchen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life](https://www.diometuchen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life)

**NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL**  
**ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY**  
**17º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

Santo Tomás de Aquino escribió en la \*Summa Theologica\*: «Existen muchas ciencias que tratan sobre diferentes ámbitos de la realidad, pero una sola sabiduría. Estructuralmente, la sabiduría es en sí misma una ciencia, pues extrae conclusiones a partir de premisas; sin embargo, lo propio de la sabiduría es su capacidad para juzgarlo todo, incluidas sus propias premisas. Por tanto, es una virtud más perfecta que la ciencia». En nuestra familia de religiones abrahámicas, el «Shalom» (Salomón) —o la paz— se asocia siempre con la sabiduría. Tenemos la bendición de vernos colmados por la sabiduría de Dios, que anhela la verdadera paz.

Dado que Santo Tomás de Aquino nos enseñó que la sabiduría es una virtud perfecta, las personas virtuosas oran siempre por este don. Nuestra santidad nos impulsa a pedir este regalo, pues tal virtud solo puede provenir de Dios. Esta virtud es el tesoro que buscamos y anhelamos incansablemente.

El Evangelio de este domingo describe la naturaleza de la persona virtuosa y santa: es alguien que busca. Busca hasta encontrar el tesoro, hasta comprar la perla y recibirlo todo en abundancia, como la red que recoge peces de toda clase.

La «paz» es el lenguaje de la «Sabiduría». Las personas sabias desean la paz para sí mismas, para los demás y, lo que es más importante, para la sociedad; y esto es fruto de la santidad. Jesús es la Sabiduría del Padre, el todo de Dios. La Sabiduría del Padre se presenta en el Prólogo de Juan como el «Verbo de Dios». Toda nuestra búsqueda no se centra en cosas (ni en oro, ni en plata, ni en nombre o fama, como en el caso de Salomón), sino en una Persona: Jesucristo. Y vale la pena perderlo todo para ganar la plenitud de esa Sabiduría. Juan el Bautista nos enseñó esa lección: «Es preciso que yo disminuya».

Lo que sucede después de que Dios nos otorga esa Sabiduría es lo más importante. San Roberto Belarmino explica: «Si quieres ser sabio, reconoce que fuiste creado para la gloria de Dios y para tu propia salvación eterna; que este es tu fin, este es el centro de tu alma, este es el tesoro de tu corazón. Si alcanzas este fin, serás feliz.

Si no lo logras, serás desdichado». Recibimos el don de la Sabiduría para glorificar a Dios. ¡Que seas bendecido con la sabiduría de Dios!

**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 Davao, 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 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 **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

**"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"**

***Necesitamos urgentemente un adorador para los JUEVES a las 2:00 pm, ya que no hay nadie programado para este horario.***



Necesitamos adoradores **lunes a las 10am, martes a las 10am, 1pm y 5pm; los miércoles a las 8am, 2pm, 5pm y 7pm; los jueves a las 12:00 y 2pm; y a las 11am y al mediodía los viernes.** Si estás interesado

hable con el diácono Francisco.

### **¿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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### **SEMINARIO BÍBLICO: HECHOS DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

El Padre Gustavo Amell S.T. se unirá por Zoom para presentar este seminario bíblico sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Los asistentes deben asistir de forma presencial al Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann el 1 de Agosto de 10 am a 3 pm.

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### **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).

### **MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

El viernes 18 de septiembre de 2026, la Oficina de Evangelización Hispana celebrará la Misa anual de la Herencia Hispana a las 7:00pm en la Catedral.

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 26<br>CH - Church<br>CHP - Chapel<br>CR - Conference Room (in the office)<br>MH - Mercy Hall<br>PMR - Parish Meeting Room<br>SSPJ - School on Roseberry St                                                                                  | 27                                                                                                                                                      | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 31                                                                                                                                                                                            | 01<br><b>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 8am<br>CH - 8:30am First Saturday Devotion<br>MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen<br>CH - 10am Confessions<br>CH - 3:15pm Confessions<br>CH - 4:30pm Mass |
| 02<br><b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in English                                                                                                                  | 03<br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>MH - 6:00pm Knights of Columbus<br>CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena          | 04<br><b>St. John Vianney, Priest</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CR - 9am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena<br>CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group                                        | 05<br><i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry<br>CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry | 06<br><b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell                                                            | 07<br><i>St. Sixtus II, Pope, &amp; Companions, Martyrs; &amp; St. Cajetan, Priest</i><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CH - 6pm First Friday Holy Hour | 08<br><b>St. Dominic, Priest</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 8am<br>CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Ministry<br>MH - 8am-3pm Indoor & Outdoor Flea Market<br>CH - 10am Confessions<br>CH - 3:15pm Confessions<br>CH - 4:30pm Mass                               |
| 09<br><b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English<br>Guadalupe Food Sale after the 1pm Mass in front of the Church<br>MH - 3pm Legion of Mary Rosary Luncheon | 10<br><b>St. Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena | 11<br><b>St. Clare, Virgin</b><br>CH Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CR - 9am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena<br>CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group                        | 12<br><b>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry<br>CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry           | 13<br><i>Sts. Pontian, Pope, &amp; Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell                                      | 14<br><b>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest &amp; Martyr</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration                                                                    | 15<br><b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 8am<br>MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen<br>MH - 10:30am Legion of Mary Curia<br>CH - 10am Confessions<br>CH - 3:15pm Confessions<br>CH - 4:30pm Mass                  |
| 16<br><b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English<br>MH - 10am Blues Grieving Group                                                                            | 17<br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena<br>MH - 6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting     | 18<br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CR - 9am Legion of Mary<br>CR - 6:30 pm Parish Fundraising Meeting<br>CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena<br>CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group                                | 19<br><i>St. John Eudes, Priest</i><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry                                                                   | 20<br><b>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>MH - 6pm - Exploring Our Faith Discussion<br>CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell | 21<br><b>St. Pius X, Pope</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration                                                                                             | 22<br><b>THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 8am<br>CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage<br>MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen<br>CH - 10am Confessions<br>CH - 3:15pm Confessions<br>CH - 4:30pm Mass   |
| 23<br><b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b><br>CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English                                                                                                                | 24<br><b>ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena          | 25<br><i>St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CR - 9am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena<br>CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group | 26<br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry                                                                                                    | 27<br><b>St. Monica</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration<br>CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell                                                                                 | 28<br><b>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm<br>CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration                                                             | 29<br><b>THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b><br>CH - Daily Mass 8am<br>CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage<br>MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen<br>CH - 10am Confessions<br>CH - 3:15pm Confessions<br>CH - 4:30pm Mass        |



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