

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 horas de
atencion.)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 9, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	8/09/26	After the 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church 3pm Legion of Mary Rosary Luncheon in Mercy Hall
Monday	8/10/26	7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	8/11/26	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
Wednesday	8/12/26	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	8/13/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	8/14/26	
Saturday	8/15/26	9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 10am Confessions in the Church 10:30am Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall 3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Sunday	8/16/26	10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection:

There will always be uncertainties in life as you probably felt it at times in your lives. The personalities we meet in the readings are all and nothing but personalities who faced uncertainties all their lives. Elijah's uncertainty is all about his prophetic role. In the Gospel, the Apostles unwillingly agree to get into the boat as they were enjoying the privilege of Jesus's friendship - they got special recognition from the people. For Jesus, a 'special recognition' is given to you when you are found worthy at the time of challenge, trial, and tribulation.

Our Christian vocation certainly seem to put us through this path of uncertainty. If things are easy for you such as your prayer life, your sacrifices, your practice of religion, your moral life, your care for the poor and needy, your witness to the Gospel, your call as a peace-maker, your thirst for justice and truth, your humility - if all these come easy for you, you are not doing them right! Nothing of a Christian Vocation is easy or certain.

Our vocation, our history and our church are symbols of uncertainty, but at the same time they promise a certainty of a different kind. Elijah's uncertainty is comforted by God's gentle breeze. The Apostles' uncertainty is comforted by Jesus's presence and nearness. Paul's uncertainty is comforted by 'It is not I, but Christ who lives in me'. What is uncertain is temporary. What is certain is permanent. What is certain? What is permanent? God's unconditional love and care; God's mercy and compassion; God's salvation, grace and blessing are certain and permanent.

St. John of the Cross warns us that "any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty" (CCC:65). Knowing all these guides, how do I answer Christ's command: "Come?"

Pride in Our Priests Banquet:

Our Knights of Columbus Metuchen Chapter is continuing its tradition of generosity towards our priests. As they have in the past, the Knights are inviting all the priests of our diocese to join them at their "**Pride in Our Priests**" Banquet on Tuesday, September 15th, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at The Grand Marquis, 1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

The Stanley Rother Story:

The National theatrical release of the documentary 'American Martyr' - The Stanley Rother Story, being released on August 25th and in Spanish on August 27th.

Missionary Priest will be visiting us:

On the weekend of **August 22-23**, we are blessed to welcome **Fr. Michael Tigga** from the **Diocese of Dinajpur, Bangladesh**, who will preach at all Masses on behalf of **Bishop Sebastian Tudu, D.D.**, as part of the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan.

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life & NJ March for Life

On Thursday, October 8th, 9:30am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, there will be a special NJ Bishops' Mass for Life, the NJ Rally, and the 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.

Monsignor Sheehan Scholarship Committee:

This year the families continued to get scholarships from the diocese to go to Catholic Schools throughout the diocese. In addition to that we also had little money saved in the Monsignor Sheehan's Scholarship Fund. We created a committee to work with various families that applied to us for help. I thank the committee in guiding me to award this much needed help to our school families.

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, & 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, August 9th – NINETEENTH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Italo & Jan Lusardi by Lusardi Family
 11:00am – Kimberlee Pisarek by Dieda Family
 1:00pm – (SP) – Fermin Lam by Parish Fundraising Team
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, August 10th – St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Peggy Pellegrino by The Priessnitz Family

TUESDAY, August 11th – St. Clare, Virgin

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Bob “Blue” Leciston by Robert & Matyas
 7pm – (SP) – Maggie Trinidad by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 12th – St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Manuel, Maria, Concerilao, Tinoco de Castro by Gomes-Aversa Family

THURSDAY, August 13th – Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

6:45am – Paul K. Urban by The Priessnitz Family
 12:10pm – Jessie Saporito by Lusardi Family

FRIDAY, August 14th – St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

6:45am – Deceased Members of the Kirby & Verdon Families by Family
 12:10pm – *Sp. Int. for Elaine Opdyke by Camille Bates

SATURDAY, August 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am – Valeries Bates by Camille
 4:30pm – Sue Angelozzi by Nick Angelozzi

SUNDAY, August 16th – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Marie Ganz by Family
 11:00am – Pat Flynn by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm – (SP) – Miguel Servin & Lucia Lopez by Mariana Aversa & Wil Stollsteimer
 5:30pm – For the People

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



August 15th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	-
	Server	-

August 16th

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw
11am	Acolyte	Chiezimuzo Odemma
	Lector	Bill Strausser
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Chimbuzo Odemma
	Server	-
1pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-Garcia
	Lector	Lisette Herrera
	Lector	Martha Monroy
	Minister	Maria Cristina R.
	Announcements	Laura Garcia
	Server	Gregory Cano
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia
5:30pm	Acolyte	Lucas Blanes
	Lector	Keith Gallagher
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Leah Blanes

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,117.25
Total Received:	\$46,542.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,882.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	61.69%
Percent of Goal Received:	59.67%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$265.84

Stewardship

August 2nd	\$6,960.00
Online Giving:	<u>2,537.00</u>
	\$9,497.00

Repairs & Renovations	\$1,274.00
Various Collections:	\$183.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**26-27 SPSJ ONLINE
REGISTRATION FOR THE
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
IS OPEN Visit:**

<https://www.spsj.org/ccd>



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, & Pam McMichael.

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.

SSPJ YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UP



SSPJ Youth Soccer is looking for players for our Under age 12 Fall soccer teams. Girls and boys in the 5th or 6th grade, of any skill level, are welcome to join us. We currently

have room for 5 to 7 more players. The season starts at the end of August. All other levels are full. If you are interested in signing your child up, please go to <https://spjs.sportngin.com/register/form/794996917> or email us at spjsoccer@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

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: 8/9 Ron Rossini, 8/16 Bettina Socci, & 8/23 Kelly Perna

Brakeley Nursing Home: 8/9 Melody Talpas, 8/16 Bill Casey & Kelvin Osorio, & 8/23 Deacon Francisco

Phillipsburg Care Center: 8/9 & 8/16 Lisa Spanopolous and 8/23 Beth Dispoto

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on September 4th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.



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

August 9th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 10, Mon - Memorial of Saint Lawrence,
Deacon & Martyr**

August 11, Tue - Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

*August 12, Wed - Optional Memorial of St. Jane
Frances de Chantal, Religious*

*August 13, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Pontian,
Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

**August 14, Fri - Memorial of Saint Maximilian
Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

**August 15, Sat - Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**
(Not a Holyday of Obligation this year)

*Mary is the “Mater Intemerata,”
the Sinless Mother*
CARDINAL NEWMAN

*ANOTHER consideration which has led devout
minds to believe the Assumption of our Lady into
heaven after her death, without waiting for the
general resurrection at the last day, is furnished by
the doctrine of her Immaculate Conception.*

*By her Immaculate Conception is meant, that not
only did she never commit any sin whatever, even
venial, in thought, word, or deed, but further than
this, that the guilt of Adam, or what is called original
sin, never was her guilt, as it is the guilt attaching to
all other descendants of Adam.*

*By her Assumption is meant that not only her soul,
but her body also, was taken up to heaven upon her
death, so that there was no long period of her
sleeping in the grave, as is the case with others, even
great Saints, who wait for the last day for the
resurrection of their bodies.*

*One reason for believing in our Lady's Assumption
is that her Divine Son loved her too much to let her
body remain in the grave. A second reason—that
now before us—is this, that she was not only dear to
the Lord as a mother is dear to a son, but also that
she was so transcendently holy, so full, so
overflowing with grace.*

*Adam and Eve were created upright and sinless and
had a large measure of God's grace bestowed upon
them; and, in consequence, their bodies would never
have crumbled into dust, had they not sinned; upon
which it was said to them, “Dust thou art, and unto
dust thou shalt return.”*

*If Eve, the beautiful daughter of God, never would
have become dust and ashes unless she had sinned,
shall we not say that Mary, having never sinned,
retained the gift which Eve by sinning lost? What had
Mary done to forfeit the privilege given to our first
parents in the beginning? Was her comeliness to be
turned into corruption, and her fine gold to become
dim, without reason assigned? Impossible.
Therefore, we believe that, though she died for a
short hour, as did our Lord Himself, yet, like Him,
and by His Almighty power, she was raised again
from the grave.*

COLUMBIETTES SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



The Warren Columbiettes #474
will start collecting school
supplies for the children of our
community. With the back-to-
school sales beginning, now is
the time to start collecting
school supplies from Target,

Walmart, Staples and Dollar Tree. Any donations
such as backpacks, pens, pencils, colored pencils,
notebooks, glue sticks, and crayons, that can fill a
school backpack would be greatly appreciated.
Boxes will be placed in the foyer of the church from
August 15th to August 31st. We will deliver these
items in September to SPSJ school and the
Elementary schools of Alpha and Phillipsburg. We
appreciate your help with this project, so the children
of our community have their needed items.

Thank You!

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us
on Sunday, August 16th, at 10:00 am in Mercy
Hall. We will give you the support you need to get
through this difficult time.

DEACON'S CORNER

Living in the Truth "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." — John 14:6

In last week's reflection, we reflected on the God-given dignity of every human person, because each of us is created in the image and likeness of God, every person deserves to be treated with respect and love. This week, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that one of the greatest ways we honor human dignity is by living in the truth. Truth has always been essential to Christian life, but in our modern world it is becoming increasingly difficult to recognize. Every day we are surrounded by an endless stream of news reports, social media posts, videos, podcasts, emails, and now artificial intelligence. While these technologies can educate us and make life easier, they can also spread misinformation, falsehoods, and deception at incredible speed.

In *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that **technology must always serve the truth and the good of the human person rather than manipulate or deceive**. He warns that when information is separated from truth, it can damage individuals, families, and entire societies. The Holy Father also reminds us that **truth is not simply information to be collected, but a reality to be lived in relationship with God, who is the source of all truth**. For Christians, truth is much more than facts. Jesus Himself said, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."** Truth has a face—the face of Jesus Christ. The more closely we follow Him, the more truthful our lives become.

Living in the truth begins with honesty in the ordinary moments of life. It means being truthful on our income tax return, even when no one is watching. It means refusing to exaggerate stories to make ourselves look better. It means keeping our promises. It means admitting our mistakes instead of blaming others. It means avoiding gossip, which often spreads half-truths and damages another person's reputation. It means being careful before forwarding an email or sharing a story on social media. Before clicking "share," we should ask ourselves: **Is it true? Is it charitable? Will this build up another person or tear someone down?**

As disciples of Christ, we are not called simply to repeat information; we are called to witness to the truth. Our parish communities should be places where truth and charity always go together. Saint Paul tells us to **"speak the truth in love"** (Ephesians 4:15). Sometimes telling the truth is difficult. Correcting a friend, apologizing for hurting someone, or admitting we were wrong requires humility. But truth spoken with love heals relationships and builds trust.

Artificial intelligence is becoming an important tool in education, medicine, business, and even parish life. It can help us write, translate languages, organize information, and answer questions. These are wonderful gifts when used responsibly. Yet AI can never replace a well-formed Christian conscience. It cannot pray, discern God's will, receive the sacraments, or love another person. Those responsibilities belong to us. That is why Pope Leo XIV encourages us to form our minds and hearts according to the Gospel. Before trusting technology, we must first trust Christ.

Questions for Reflection

Are my words always truthful and charitable?

Do I sometimes spread gossip or information without knowing whether it is true?

Does God's Word influence my daily decisions more than social media, television, or public opinion?

How can I become a better witness to the truth in my family, workplace, and parish?

Stay tuned for the next Article "Learning with Wisdom in the Age of Artificial Intelligence"

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Catholic Charities Thrift Store on South Main Street in Phillipsburg is in need of volunteers to help organize donations, assist customers, and sale of items on Fridays 11am – 3:30pm. If you can help, please call Maria Hunter at 732-387-1315.

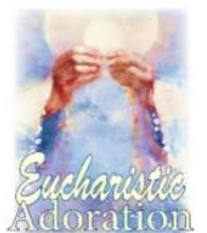
"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...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 What does it mean to be Saved?

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.**

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We urgently need an Adorer for Wednesdays at 2pm.

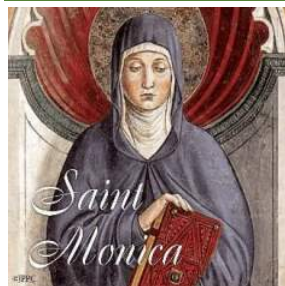
...also, we need adorers for **Mondays 10am, Tuesdays 10am & 1pm; Wednesdays 8am & 7pm; Thursdays 10am, Noon & 2pm; and Fridays 11am & 2pm.**

Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.

VENDORS FOR MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Interested helping our parish by preparing your favorite dish from your heritage? To sign up contact the church office. All proceed go to the church. Please note that you will have to set up and attend to your own table/booth. (See flyer within the bulletin.)

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!!!"

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>



SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On October 18, 2026 couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this special prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840. Registration is required. Free-will offerings are appreciated.

For questions, please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
19º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión:

Siempre habrá incertidumbres en la vida, tal como probablemente ustedes mismos han sentido en algún momento. Las figuras que encontramos en las lecturas no son más que personas que afrontaron incertidumbres a lo largo de toda su vida. La incertidumbre de Elías está ligada a su papel profético. En el Evangelio, los Apóstoles aceptan a regañadientes subir a la barca, pues disfrutaban del privilegio de la amistad de Jesús y recibían un reconocimiento especial por parte de la gente. Para Jesús, el «reconocimiento especial» se otorga cuando uno demuestra ser digno en los momentos de desafío, prueba y tribulación.

Ciertamente, nuestra vocación cristiana parece llevarnos por este camino de incertidumbre. Si todo te resulta fácil —tu vida de oración, tus sacrificios, tu práctica religiosa, tu vida moral, tu atención a los pobres y necesitados, tu testimonio del Evangelio, tu llamado a ser artífice de paz, tu sed de justicia y verdad, tu humildad; si todo esto te resulta fácil, ¡es que no lo estás haciendo bien! Nada en la vocación cristiana es fácil ni seguro.

Nuestra vocación, nuestra historia y nuestra Iglesia son símbolos de incertidumbre, pero al mismo tiempo prometen una certeza de índole distinta. La incertidumbre de Elías se ve reconfortada por la suave brisa de Dios. La incertidumbre de los Apóstoles encuentra consuelo en la presencia y la cercanía de Jesús.

La incertidumbre de Pablo halla alivio en la afirmación: «No soy yo quien vive, sino que es Cristo quien vive en mí». Lo incierto es pasajero; lo cierto es permanente. ¿Qué es lo cierto? ¿Qué es lo permanente? El amor y el cuidado incondicionales de Dios, su misericordia y compasión, así como su salvación, su gracia y su bendición, son realidades ciertas y permanentes.

San Juan de la Cruz nos advierte que «cualquier persona que cuestione a Dios o desee alguna visión o revelación sería culpable no solo de una conducta insensata, sino también de ofenderle, al no fijar la mirada totalmente en Cristo y al vivir con el deseo de alguna otra novedad» (CIC: 65).

Conociendo todas estas orientaciones, ¿cómo respondo al mandato de Cristo: «Ven»?

Banquete «Orgullo por nuestros sacerdotes»:

El Capítulo de Metuchen de los Caballeros de Colón continúa con su tradición de generosidad hacia nuestros sacerdotes. Al igual que en ocasiones anteriores, los Caballeros invitan a todos los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis a acompañarlos en el banquete «Orgullo por nuestros sacerdotes», que se celebrará el martes 15 de septiembre, de 6:00 pm a 10:00 pm, en The Grand Marquis (1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857).

La historia de Stanley Rother:

Estreno nacional en cines del documental “American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story”, que se estrenará el 25 de agosto (y en español, el 27 de agosto).

Nos visitará un sacerdote misionero:

El fin de semana del 22 y 23 de agosto, tendremos la bendición de recibir al P. Michael Tigga, de la Diócesis de Dinajpur (Bangladesh), quien predicará en todas las misas en representación del Obispo Sebastian Tudu, D.D., como parte del Plan Anual de Cooperación Misionera.

Misa por la Vida de los Obispos de NJ y Marcha por la Vida de NJ

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.

Comité de Becas Monseñor Sheehan:

Este año, algunas familias recibieron becas de la diócesis para asistir a escuelas católicas de toda la diócesis. Además, contábamos con algunos fondos ahorrados en el Fondo de Becas Monseñor Sheehan. Creamos un comité para trabajar con las diversas familias que solicitaron nuestra ayuda. Agradezco al comité por orientarme a la hora de otorgar esta ayuda, tan necesaria, a las familias de nuestras escuelas.

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

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



LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE DE SPSJ 26-27 HA COMENZADO
EL ENLACE ES:

<https://www.spsj.org/ccd>

DATOS IMPORTANTE DEL PROGRAMA FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Nuestra esperanza es caminar junto con las familias en la formación de sus hijos en la fe católica, que comienza en sus hogares. Nuestro programa de formación en la fe comienza en el primer grado y continúa hasta el octavo grado. Dentro de estos años se celebran los Sacramentos de la Primera Comunión (en el segundo grado) y la Confirmación (en el octavo grado). De acuerdo con los requisitos establecidos por la Diócesis de Metuchen, un niño(a) debe prepararse durante dos años antes de recibir estos sacramentos. La preparación para la Primera Comunión comienza en el primer grado, continúa en el segundo grado y al final del segundo año el niño(a) recibe su Primera Comunión. Lo mismo con la Confirmación los años de preparación son en los grados séptimo y octavo y al final del octavo grado recibe la Confirmación.

Sra. Escarlen Duran (Directora de Catequesis Parroquial)

908-454-0112 x406 - eduran@spsj.org

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"

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



Necesitamos adoradores los lunes a las 10am, martes a las 10am, 1pm y 5pm; los miércoles a las 8am, 2pm, 5pm y 7pm; los jueves a la mediodía y 2pm; y a las 11am y a la mediodía los viernes. Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

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).

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS EN ESPAÑOL

Nuestra parroquia va a comenzar un programa de "Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos" en español. El programa de O. I. C. A es el camino ordinario de integración plena en la Iglesia Católica para adultos, que necesitan recibir uno o varios de los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana (v.gr. Bautismo, Comunión, o Confirmación). Por favor llame al 908-454-0112 x406 para más información.

INSCRIPCIONES PARA FÚTBOL JUVENIL DE SSPJ

"SSPJ Youth Soccer" busca jugadores para nuestros equipos de fútbol de otoño de la categoría Sub-12. Invitamos a niños y niñas que cursen 5.º o 6.º grado, independientemente de su nivel de habilidad, a unirse a nosotros. Actualmente tenemos plazas disponibles para entre 5 y 7 jugadores más. La temporada comienza a finales de agosto. Los demás niveles ya están completos.

Si desea inscribir a su hijo o hija, por favor visite <https://spjs.sportngin.com/register/form/794996917> o envíenos un correo electrónico a sspjsoccer@gmail.com si tiene alguna pregunta. ¡Gracias!

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