

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.)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 30, 2026



Whoever
wishes to
come after me
must deny
himself, take
up his cross,
and follow me.

MATTHEW 16:24

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday | 8/30/26 | After the 1pm Mass the Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church
6:30pm Prayer Service for Overdose Victims in the Church |
| Monday | 8/31/26 | 5p-6pm Overdose Awareness Day in the Chapel
7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel |
| Tuesday | 9/01/26 | 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 | 9/02/26 | 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
1pm Over 50s Club in Mercy Hall
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel |
| Thursday | 9/03/26 | 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel |
| Friday | 9/04/26 | 6pm First Friday Devotion with Holy Hour in the Church |
| Saturday | 9/05/26 | 8:30am - First Saturday Devotion in the Church
9am Steering Committee in the PMR
9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
10am Confessions in the Church
3:15pm Confessions in the Church |
| Sunday | 9/06/26 | 2:30pm Intercessory Cenacle in the PMR |

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

When Saint Augustine said, “You are my Lord, because You have no need of my goodness” we understand a little about the vastness of God, but it doesn’t empty us of our responsibility of the command of Jesus, “Be holy as your Father is Holy.” Certainly, as Scott Hahn puts it, “God disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.”

The readings are so relevant to our present way of life. How would a Christian react to tough situations? How would a leader, a prophet, the Church respond to the suffering, pain and misery that threaten our holiness? When we face underserved suffering, it is wise to approach it as a test that requires great faith.

Jeremiah learns the lesson of his life as the mouthpiece of God in his worst moment of his life and vocation. Origen of Alexandria (AD 185-254) presents a beautiful picture in learning from life situations; he says, “God does not deal with us as people who have already left childhood, who can no longer be led by sweet words but only by deeds.”

Saint Paul prepares the Romans to be decile by teaching that the life of holiness requires that we offer our whole life as a sacrifice acceptable to God. This ‘Christian Docility’ paves a way for our holiness especially in the moment of suffering and anxiety. Saint Peter, like Prophet Jeremiah is encouraged by God to see the worst moments of our life as opportunities to be united to the suffering of Jesus Himself (Catechism 618). Jesus redeemed us through his suffering. We want to be made partners in that paschal mystery.

Start of the New Academic Year:

As we begin a new Academic year, let us remember and pray for our school. We commence this year amidst huge financial challenges, not to forget the contribution from the diocese to complete last year. It is never too late to enroll your children to our school as the future relies heavily on the enrollment. Please continue to keep our principal, staff and all the children in your daily prayers!

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.

August Prayer Intention of Pope – For Evangelization in the City:

Today, almost 45% of the world’s population lives in urban areas. This means that large cities are the largest mission territories of our time. Demographic growth has led to a high concentration of people, generating social and community challenges: neighborhoods, buildings, commercial zones, and peripheries that have become anonymous and lonely places for many people. According to statistics from the United Nations – World Urbanization Prospects (2025), among the worlds most populated cities are **Jakarta (42 million people)**, Dhaka (37 million), Tokyo (33 million), New Delhi (30 million) and Shanghai (30 million). Thus, Pope Leo XIV recalled that “the future of human flourishing depends on which ‘love’ we choose to organize our society around – a selfish love, the love of self, or the love of God and neighbor,” in a speech to participants in the annual meeting of the International Catholic Legislators Network, in August 2025.

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.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

PCL Formation Days (Sept. 1 & Oct. 8), the **Hispanic Heritage Mass** (Sept. 18), **OICA 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 30th – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – For the People

11:00am – Arthur, Ann Jiorle, & Son Arthur by Dave Jiorle

1:00pm – (SP) Jorge Espejo by Velasques-Espejo Family

5:30pm – Mary Jabbour by Dee & Bob Ellwood

MONDAY, August 31st

6:45am – Timothy Balas by Family

12:10pm – Margaret & James Magini by Rose Kelly

TUESDAY, September 1st

6:45am – Paul K. Urban by Priessnitz Family

12:10pm – Francis T. Flynn, Jr. by Ann & Family

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

6:45am – *Sp. Int. for Steve & Dorothy Busher by Charlie Swope

12:10pm – Janelle Ajhar by Merrie Mulrine

THURSDAY, September 3rd – St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Kathy Verdon by Family

12:10pm – James & Josephine Martin by Martin & Terry Beatty

FRIDAY, September 4th

6:45am – John A. Delutis by Ryan Family

12:10pm – Janelle Ajhar by Baltz, Talpas, & Luzzetti Families

SATURDAY, September 5th – St. Teresa of Calcutta

8am – Kyle McDevitt (A) by Family

4:30pm – *Sp. Int. Joseph Piscopio by Kathleen Clemente

SUNDAY, September 6th – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Ana & Art Ostili by Lusardi Family

11:00am – Samantha Pesaresi by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

1:00pm – (SP) For the People

5:30pm – Louise & Joseph George by Joan & George Corriere

Stewardship

August 23rd \$7,727.33

Online Giving: 1,865.00
\$9,592.33

Mission: \$2,766.00

Various Collections: \$587.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



September 5th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

September 6th

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic

11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	
	Minister	Miles Dionisio
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Laney Minutaglio
	Server	-

1pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Martha Monroy
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Lissette Herrera
	Server	-
	Server	Raphael Alfaro

5:30pm	Acolyte	Alana Palos
	Lector	
	Server	-
	Server	-

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,432.25
Total Received:	\$47,254.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,567.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	62.09%
Percent of Goal Received:	60.58%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$264.66

**The Church Office and Adoration
will be closed on
Monday, September 7th in
observance of Labor Day.**

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**26-27 SPSJ ONLINE
REGISTRATION FOR THE
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
IS OPEN Visit:
<https://www.spsj.org/ccd>**

Is God calling you to do more? Become a Catechist or volunteer to help in the SPSJ Faith Formation Program! Call the Church Office at 908-454-0112 x406

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, & 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.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES BY OVERDOSE

There will be a Prayer Service for those who lost loved ones through Overdose, on Sunday, August 30th, at 6:30 pm in the Church. Our hearts are broken as we remember our loved ones. Bring a picture of your loved one to reflect & remember them.

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: 8/30 Anne Coyle, 9/6 Ed Socci, & 9/13 Ron Rossini

Brakeley Nursing Home: 8/30 Gladys Jauridez, 9/6 William Casey, & 9/13 Melody Talpas

Phillipsburg Care Center: 8/30 Beth Dispoto and 9/13 & 9/20 Lisa Spanopolous

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's current needs are: Ziploc style gallon storage bags. Please not the **SLIDER** type. We also could use the **FLAP** style sandwich bags. We now have a registry on Amazon as well. We are listed as: SPSJ Soup Kitchen. We want to thank all of you for everything you do for us. Thus far this calendar year we have feed 5308 people in our community. We are able to do this because of your continued support. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in MH. Thank you!

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Deliver meals to Homebound Seniors
Call Warren County Division of
Aging & Disability Services at
908-475-6591

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

August 30th - Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

**September 1, Tue - World Day of Prayer for the
Care of Creation**

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). This gift of life lies at the very heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator.

Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, it seems that the disruption to the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating. These phenomena are related; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world. The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person.

The above-mentioned crises call not only for responsibility but also for a conversion of heart that will bear fruit in a deeper fidelity to God, love of one another and respect for the gift of creation. Indeed, the discord we see in the world, such as violence, injustice and ecological degradation, is not simply the result of flawed systems or structures; it is a "symptom of the deeper dichotomy that is rooted in humanity itself" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 10). In fact, the human heart is the place where the deepest struggles unfold, and our fallen condition reveals itself. It is not merely the seat of emotion, but the center of the person — the place where reason, desire, will and conscience converge. It is here that we wrestle with the contradictory desires within us between love and indifference, truth and illusion, justice and injustice (cf. Jas 1:14–15). The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, then, are profoundly linked to the condition of the human heart.

The conflicts that torment humanity are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division. When the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder.

Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love. In this way, we are called to safeguard the many "ecosystems" entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself.

Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. Prov 4:23). If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

**September 3, Thu - Memorial of Saint Gregory
the Great, Pope & Doctor**

*September 5, Sat - Optional Memorial of Saint
Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin*

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 31st

Overdose Awareness Day is Monday, August 31st. There will be a Holy Hour in the Chapel from 5-6 pm to pray for those trapped in Addictions.

GROUND MAINTENANCE HELP

**HELP
WANTED**

We are in the process of interviewing for a ground's maintenance person. The person will be responsible for the mowing and weed whacking of the lawn at the rectory and back parking lot, assisting at the cemeteries and school. This will also include the removal of snow and ice and salting during the winter months. Knowledge of maintenance of equipment is a plus. If you are interested in this job, please call the church office at 908-454-0112.

DEACON'S CORNER

Building a World of Justice and Peace

“Love one another as I have loved you.” — John 15:12

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

Over the past four weeks, we have reflected on the God-given dignity of every human person, the importance of living in the truth, the need for wisdom in our use of technology, and the beauty of authentic relationships. This final reflection brings these themes together by reminding us that all of them are meant to lead us toward a world of greater justice and peace.

Pope Leo XIV teaches in *Magnifica Humanitas* that technology should never be used in ways that harm the vulnerable or increase division. Instead, it should serve the common good and help build a society where every person is respected and cared for. *Magnifica Humanitas* the Holy Father also reminds us that peace is not merely the absence of conflict; it is the fruit of justice, charity, truth, and reconciliation.

These teachings challenge us to look at our daily lives. Justice begins when we recognize the dignity of every person and refuse to treat anyone as less important. Peace begins when we choose kindness instead of cruelty, forgiveness instead of resentment, and understanding instead of harsh judgment. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers. In the Gospel, He does not say, “Blessed are those who avoid problems,” but “Blessed are the peacemakers.” A peacemaker is someone who actively works to bring God’s love into difficult situations. This can happen in very ordinary ways.

In our families, peace grows when we listen patiently, apologize when we are wrong, and speak with love rather than anger. In our parish, peace grows when we welcome newcomers, support those who are grieving, and encourage one another in faith. In our community, peace grows when we care for the poor, defend the vulnerable, and refuse to participate in gossip, bullying, or prejudice.

Technology also has a role in this mission. We can use it to share encouraging words, pray for others, support charitable works, and stay connected with family and parish life. But we must be careful not to use technology in ways that spread anger, division, or falsehood. A Christian should never use a screen to say things he or she would be ashamed to say face to face.

The Church often speaks of building a “civilization of love.” This may sound like a big task, but it begins with small daily choices. A kind word, a visit to someone who is lonely, a prayer for someone who has hurt us, a donation to help the poor, or a willingness to forgive can all become seeds of peace. As parishioners, we can ask ourselves: How am I helping to build a more just and peaceful world? Do my words bring people closer together or push them apart? Do I use my time, talents, and resources to serve others? Do I pray for peace in my home, parish, community, and world?

The world does not need more division. It needs disciples of Jesus Christ, who are willing to love, forgive, serve, and work for justice. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that technology is a powerful tool, but people are God’s greatest treasure. When we respect human dignity, seek truth, use wisdom, build relationships, and promote justice and peace, we become the kind of disciples Jesus calls us to be.

Questions for Reflection

- Do my words and actions help create peace in my home and parish?
- How can I serve those who are poor, lonely, or vulnerable?
- Do I use technology in ways that build people up rather than tear them down?
- What concrete act of justice or peace can I do this week?

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

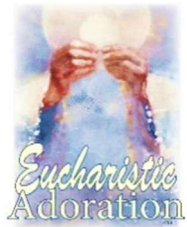
Deacon Enock

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE IN PHILADELPHIA

The pilgrimage is on Friday, November 6th from 7am to 5:30pm, departing from 137 Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, with a stop at the Reading Terminal Market for lunch & shopping. The cost is \$60/person; optional tour cost are: Basilica Shrine & Rosary Walk \$15 and Marian Art Museum \$12, please write out a separate check for each tour.

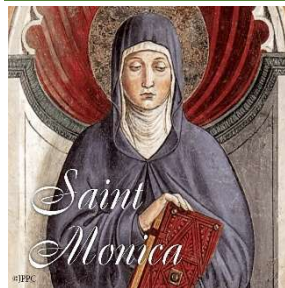
For more information contact Camille Bates at 908-319-2719.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



...also, we need adorers for **Mondays 9am & 10am, Tuesdays 10am & 4pm; Wednesdays 8am & 7pm; Thursdays 10am, Noon & 6pm; and Fridays 11am & 2pm.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, September 5th, 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.

VENDORS FOR MULTICULTURAL FAIR



Interested in 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.

We recently graciously donated in solidarity to the people of Venezuela & the Philippines following the earthquakes they experienced. This week, a powerful earthquake in Colombia has prompted us once again to invite members of our parish to show solidarity with those affected through prayer and financial support. CRS is working with Caritas Colombia to provide an on-the-ground response.

For more information, please visit www.crs.org

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!!!"

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following date: **Sept. 17th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The September 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.**

OVER 50s CLUB MEETING

After our summer break, the Over 50's Club will have their next meeting at 1pm on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 in Mercy Hall at the SPSJ church. We hope to see everyone back and new members are welcome to join. Officers, please meet at 12 pm.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

22º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Cuando san Agustín dijo: «Tú eres mi Señor, porque no tienes necesidad de mi bondad», comprendemos un poco la inmensidad de Dios; sin embargo, esto no nos exime de la responsabilidad de cumplir el mandato de Jesús: «Sed santos como vuestro Padre es santo». Ciertamente, como afirma Scott Hahn: «Dios nos disciplina para nuestro bien, a fin de que participemos de su santidad».

Las lecturas son muy pertinentes para nuestro modo de vida actual. ¿Cómo reaccionaría un cristiano ante situaciones difíciles? ¿Cómo responderían un líder, un profeta o la Iglesia al sufrimiento, al dolor y a la miseria que amenazan nuestra santidad? Cuando afrontamos un sufrimiento inmerecido, es sabio abordarlo como una prueba que exige una gran fe.

Jeremías aprende la lección de su vida —en el peor momento de su existencia y de su vocación— al actuar como portavoz de Dios. Orígenes de Alejandría (185-254 d. C.) ofrece una hermosa perspectiva sobre el aprendizaje a partir de las situaciones vitales; afirma: «Dios no nos trata como a personas que ya han dejado atrás la infancia, a quienes ya no se puede guiar con palabras amables, sino únicamente con hechos».

San Pablo prepara a los romanos para ser dóciles, enseñando que la vida de santidad exige que ofrezcamos nuestra vida entera como un sacrificio agradable a Dios. Esta «docilidad cristiana» abre el camino a nuestra santidad, especialmente en los momentos de sufrimiento y angustia. San Pedro, al igual que el profeta Jeremías, es alentado por Dios a ver los peores momentos de nuestra vida como oportunidades para uniros al sufrimiento del mismo Jesús (Catecismo 618). Jesús nos redimió a través de su sufrimiento. Deseamos participar en ese misterio pascual.

Inicio del nuevo año académico:

Al comenzar un nuevo año académico, recordemos y oremos por nuestra escuela. Iniciamos este año en medio de grandes desafíos económicos, sin olvidar la contribución de la diócesis para cerrar el año anterior.

Nunca es tarde para inscribir a sus hijos en nuestra escuela, ya que el futuro depende en gran medida de la matrícula. ¡Por favor, sigan teniendo presentes en sus oraciones diarias a nuestra directora, al personal y a todos los niños!

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).

Intención de oración del Papa para el mes de agosto: Por la evangelización en la ciudad:

Hoy en día, casi el 45 % de la población mundial vive en zonas urbanas. Esto significa que las grandes ciudades son los mayores territorios de misión de nuestro tiempo. El crecimiento demográfico ha provocado una gran concentración de personas, generando desafíos sociales y comunitarios: barrios, edificios, zonas comerciales y periferias que se han convertido en lugares anónimos y solitarios para muchas personas. Según estadísticas de las Naciones Unidas —Perspectivas de la Urbanización Mundial (2025)—, entre las ciudades más pobladas del mundo se encuentran Yakarta (42 millones de habitantes), Dacca (37 millones), Tokio (33 millones), Nueva Delhi (30 millones) y Shanghái (30 millones). Así, el Papa León XIV recordó que «el futuro del florecimiento humano depende de en torno a qué "amor" decidamos organizar nuestra sociedad: un amor egoísta, el amor a uno mismo, o el amor a Dios y al prójimo», en un discurso dirigido a los participantes en la reunión anual de la Red Internacional de Legisladores Católicos, en agosto de 2025.

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.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

La Misa de la Herencia Hispana (18 de septiembre) y la XI Conferencia Nacional para Músicos Hispanos (25 y 26 de septiembre).

P. Antony

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



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 al mediodía y 2pm; y a las 11am

y al mediodía los viernes. Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

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.

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



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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)

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AYUDA HUMANITARIA

Recientemente, hicimos una generosa donación en solidaridad con los pueblos de Venezuela y Filipinas tras los terremotos que sufrieron. Esta semana, un fuerte terremoto en Colombia nos ha impulsado una vez más a invitar a los miembros de nuestra parroquia a mostrar su solidaridad con los afectados mediante la oración y el apoyo financiero. CRS está colaborando con Cáritas Colombia para brindar asistencia directamente a las zonas afectadas.

Para obtener más información, visite: www.crs.org/es

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	31	01 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	02 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary MH - 1pm Over 50s Club Meeting CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	03 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	04 <i>First Friday of the Month</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 6pm First Friday Holy Hour	05 <i>St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am First Saturday Devotion PMR - 9am Steering Committee MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
06 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in English PMR - 2:30pm Intercessory Cenacle	07 Church Office & Adoration Closed CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	08 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary CH - 4:30pm Faith Formation Mass (CCD) MH - 6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	09 St. Peter Claver, Priest CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry MH - 7pm Columbiettes Meeting	10 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	11 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 9am National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Ministry CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
13 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English MH Parking Lot - 11am - 3pm Multicultural Fair	14 The Exaltation of The Holy Cross CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	15 Our Lady of Sorrows CH Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 9am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CR - 6:30pm Parish Fundraising Meeting CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Healing Mass	16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	17 <i>St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	18 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	19 <i>St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen MH - 10:30am Legion of Mary Curia CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English MH - 10am Blues Grieving Group	21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	22 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	23 <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry	24 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm - Exploring Our Faith Discussion CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	25 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	26 <i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
27 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English After the 1pm Mass - The Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church	28 <i>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of The Church CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry	01	02	03



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