

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Which of the two did
his **father's** will?

MATTHEW 21:31

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	9/27/26	After the 1pm Mass the Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church
Monday	9/28/26	7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	9/29/26	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4:30pm Faith Formation Mass (CCD) at SSPJ School 7pm Healing Mass in the Church 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
Wednesday	9/30/26	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	10/01/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	10/02/26	6pm First Friday Devotion with a Holy Hour in the Church
Saturday	10/03/26	8:30am First Saturday Devotion 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 9am Spanish Steering Committee in PMR 10am Confessions in the Church 3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Sunday	10/04/26	10am OCIA in the Conference Room 2pm Life Chain in front of the Church 2:30pm Intercessory Cenacle in PMR

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection: The readings this Sunday focus on repentance and humility. They are the sure ways to our salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Jesus' call to conversion and penance do not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil. At the same time, it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. (CCC 1430)

This Catechism encourages us to reflect on the nature of sin as sin is not just a violation of a rule or a law but a violation of our very nature. A sin is something wrong or evil that denies love, denies respect for God and others. Sin is a violation of Truth and Love. Jesus is the model of a perfect human person. Jesus' spirit of service and selflessness that Saint Paul expresses in the second reading makes Jesus a model not just for Christians but for every person.

Speaking of the lukewarmness of the Fickle Son (In the Gospel Reading), St. John Vianney says, "by saying that there is no state so much to be feared for a person as that of lukewarmness, because a great sinner is more easily converted than a lukewarm soul. Let us pray to God with our whole hearts, if we find ourselves in this state, that he may grant us the grace to leave it, and to take that path which all the saints have taken, that we may attain to the bliss which they enjoy. This is what I wish you all" (St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, +1859).

**BEWARE OF "PASTOR TO PARISHIONER"
E-MAIL SCAMS!** Please beware of the phony emails supposedly from a priest of a parish, asking for gift cards. The scammer will create an email address using the priest's name, so it will look credible. Two things that should identify a scam:

1. The scammer will only communicate to you through e-mail and will have a reason they can't speak to you (of course they can't. You'd know it's not Father's voice).

2. Scams won't ask for cash. They almost always are going to ask you to buy gift cards. They will ask you to scratch off the security tape on the back, and either send them a photo of the card's account and PIN numbers or send the numbers in an email.

Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress from October 3 to 9, 2026. This event is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. As in the past, we have tried to have a parish in each Deanery serve as host to give every parish at least one location close by. The ERC is a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thank you Legion of Mary:

I express my sincere thanks to the Legion of Mary for hosting the Precious Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in our church with prayers and fellowship on Thursday. We welcomed our Blessed Mother's statue as part of the noon mass and listened to the reflection on the spirituality of Fatima. We thank the Legion of Mary for providing lunch to all those who took part in this devotion and joined the Adoration after lunch.

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, and the NJ Rally and March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. A bus will be departing from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center at 7:15am. Space is limited! To register visit: <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

OCIA Formation Days (Nov. 14 and Jan 23), the **NJ Bishops' Mass for Life** (Oct. 8), **PCL Formation Day** (Oct. 8), **Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18), **Blue Mass** (Oct. 21), the **Feminine Genius Brunch** (Oct. 24), and the **Multicultural Mass & Fair** (Nov. 7). Also included is information regarding the **Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes**, **National Black Catholic History Month** (Nov.) and the **Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress**. Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, September 27th – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Angela Bush by Deacon Rob
11:00am – For the People
1:00pm – (SP) – Miguel Servin & Lucia Lopez by Mariana Aversa & Will Stolsteimer
5:30pm – Frank Sciabica by Family

MONDAY, September 28th – St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

6:45am – Nagarag Sreenivas by Family
12:10pm – Michelina Musto by Romano Family

TUESDAY, September 29th – Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

6:45am – Sincere Anthony Mosley by Family
12:10pm – Kathy Verdon by Family
7pm – (SP) – *Sp. Int. for Junny Borja by Family

WEDNESDAY, September 30th – St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Lakesha Latoya Thelwell y Family
12:10pm – Louis Reda (A) by Family

THURSDAY, October 1st – St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Leonardo Velez by Family
12:10pm – Alan Hippolyte by Bev Early

FRIDAY, October 2nd – The Holy Gaurdian Angels

6:45am – Hidalgo R. Rivera by Family
12:10pm – Jacinta Saporito by Rick & Denise Elliott

SATURDAY, October 3rd

8am – Rosa Duque by Dario F. Duque
4:30pm – Peg & Berne Brotzman Jr. by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, October 4th – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Carl Ganz Sr. by Family
11:00am – Nancy Zellner by Dave Jiorle
1:00pm – (SP) – Estebana Magaña by Rubeina Magaña
5:30pm – For the People

Stewardship

	Sept. 20th
Weekly Offering:	\$6,213.00
Online Giving:	<u>2,022.00</u>
	\$8,235.00
Various Collections:	\$70.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



October 3rd

4:30pm	Acolyte	Andrew Strtenovic
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic

Ocotber 4th

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw

11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Bill Strausser
	Minister	Milagros Dionisio
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Laney Minutaglio
	Server	-

1pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Lector	Iván Lam
	Lector	Laura García
	Minister	Giovanni Lam
	Announcements	Martha Monroy
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia
	Server	Liam Rosario

5:30pm	Acolyte	Alana Palos
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Anabelle Exius
	Server	Claude Exius

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,452.25
Total Received:	\$47,599.75
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,547.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	62.12%
Percent of Goal Received:	61.03%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$264.77

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



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

**Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 4:30pm
Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ School
137 Roseberry St.**

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.

PCHS CLASS OF 1976

...is planning a 50th class reunion on Nov. 21, 2026 at Harkers Hollow Golf Club. Our goal is to reach out to all of our classmates, but we need your help! Please share this information if you know the whereabouts of anyone from the class. Contact Eileen Kearns Hiller at ehiller419@gmail.com with an email address.

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: 9/27 Bettina Socci, 10/4 Ron Rossini, & 10/11 Anne Coyle

Brakeley Nursing Home: 9/27 Gladys Jauridez, 10/4 Melody Talpas, & 10/11 Eileen Dean

Phillipsburg Care Center: 9/27 & 10/4 Beth Dispoto and 10/11 Lisa Garcia

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcome to come together for a Holy Hour on October 2nd (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!

HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF ST. PADRE PIO

Please note change of date

Come to the Healing Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio on Tuesday, September 29th, at 7:00 pm. There will be prayers for healing with a Second-Class Relic of Padre Pio & First Class Relic of St. Peregrine.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

September 27th - Twenty-Sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Wenceslaus & St. Ruiz & Co, Martyrs

September 29, Tue - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

September 30, Wed - Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor

October 1, Thu - Memorial of St. Therese of Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

October 2, Fri - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

**PROCLAMATION OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS AS A "DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH" - POPE JOHN PAUL II –
Sunday, 19 October 1997**

All men are called to accept in faith the saving Gospel. The Church is sent to all peoples, all lands and cultures: "Go ... and make disciples of all nations," (Mt 28: 19-20). Thérèse Martin, a discolored Carmelite of Lisieux, ardently desired to be a missionary. She was one, to the point that she could be proclaimed patroness of the missions. Jesus himself showed her how she could live this vocation: by fully practicing the commandment of love, she would be immersed in the very heart of the Church's mission, supporting those who proclaim the Gospel with the mysterious power of prayer and communion. Thus, she achieved what the Second Vatican Council emphasized in teaching that the Church is missionary by nature (cf. *Ad gentes*, n. 2). Not only those who choose the missionary life but all the baptized are in some way sent ad gentes.

This is why I chose this missionary Sunday to proclaim St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face a doctor of the universal Church: a woman, a young person, a contemplative.

Everyone thus realizes that today something surprising is happening. St. Thérèse of Lisieux was unable to attend a university or engage in systematic study. She died young: nevertheless, from this day forward she will be honored as a doctor of the Church, an outstanding recognition which raises her in the esteem of the entire Christian community far beyond any academic title.

Indeed, when the Magisterium proclaims someone a doctor of the Church, it intends to point out to all the faithful, particularly to those who perform in the Church the fundamental service of preaching or who undertake the delicate task of theological teaching and research, that the doctrine professed and proclaimed by a certain person can be a reference point, not only because it conforms to revealed truth, but also because it sheds new light on the mysteries of the faith, a deeper understanding of Christ's mystery. The Council reminded us that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, understanding of the "depositum fidei" continually grows in the Church, and not only does the richly contemplative study to which theologians are called, not only does the Magisterium of pastors, endowed with the "sure charism of truth", contribute to this growth process, but also that "profound understanding of spiritual things" which is given through experience, with the wealth and diversity of gifts, to all those who let themselves be docilely led by God's Spirit (cf. *Dei Verbum*, n. 8).

Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is the youngest of all the "doctors of the Church", but her ardent spiritual journey shows such maturity, and the insights of faith expressed in her writings are so vast and profound that they deserve a place among the great spiritual masters.

Thérèse of Lisieux did not only grasp and describe the profound truth of Love as the center and heart of the Church, but in her short life she lived it intensely. It is precisely this convergence of doctrine and concrete experience, of truth and life, of teaching and practice, which shines with particular brightness in this saint, and which makes her an attractive model especially for young people and for those who are seeking true meaning for their life.

The desire Thérèse expressed to "spend her heaven doing good on earth" (*Opere Complete*, p. 1050), continues to be fulfilled in a marvelous way.

Thank you Father, for making her close to us today with a new title, to the praise and glory of your name for ever and ever. Amen!

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

Monday, December 7th, Christmas at the Playhouse Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Clinton, at 11am with table-served Entree, desserts & beverages - \$90 group rate.

Contact Camille for reservations [908-319-2719](tel:908-319-2719)

DEACON'S CORNER

Reflection: Actions Speak Louder Than Words

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about two sons. The father asks both of them to work in the vineyard.

The first son says "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says "Yes," but never goes.

Jesus teaches us that what matters is not only what we say, but what we do. Sometimes we say, "Yes, Lord," but our actions do not follow our words. We may promise to pray, to forgive, to help others, or to change our lives—but then we do nothing.

The first son reminds us that it is never too late to change. Even when we have said "no" to God, we can turn around and say "yes" through our actions.

Today, let us ask ourselves:

Is my "yes" to God only words, or can people see it in the way I live?

Lord, help us to not only say "yes" to You, but to live our "yes" every day. Amen.

Deacon Francisco

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

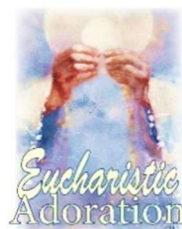
Join us on Saturday, October 3rd, after the 8am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise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

NJ MARCH FOR LIFE

On Thursday, October 8th, we will be marching in Trenton for the Second Annual NJ March for Life. There will be a bus leaving from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale at 7:45 am for a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton at 9:30 am, followed by the Rally for Life in front of the State House in Trenton, & the March around the streets of Trenton. It is very safe & there are police on every corner. If you are interested, please contact Bill Smith at [908-797-7359](tel:908-797-7359).

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

We urgently need Adorers for Mondays at 9am.



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

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 is: 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.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following date: **Oct. 15th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The October 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**

Can you help clean our church?

Answer Your Questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Over the years, St. Philip and St. James Parish has been blessed with a wonderful, dedicated, and generous group of parishioners who faithfully volunteered their time to keep our church clean and beautiful. We would like to revive our Church Cleaning Ministry and invite parishioners who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to help care for our church. If you are interested in volunteering for the greater glory of God and the care of His house, please contact Deacon Enock at 908-310-8990. Thank you for considering this important ministry. May God bless you for your generosity and service to our parish!

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.

Diocesan News

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Beginning Sept. 30th "Surviving Divorce" is an 8-week program for men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This series of group meetings follows a program based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. For more information, contact rachelle.hanna@gmail.com or at <https://diometuchen.org/familylife>

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS SUPPORT GROUP

From Oct. 10 – Feb. 6 this small group will provide support for adult children of separation or divorce, exploring themes of grieving, identity, faith, love, forgiveness, and more. Two in-person sessions and the rest are virtual.

For more information, please visit:
<https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce>

TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress for the second consecutive year this October 3-9, 2026. This event is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. Hosted in a parish or diocese, it is a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For the full schedule of locations in our Diocese, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/traveling-eucharistic-rosary-congress>. Learn more about the Congress at <https://rosarycongressusa.org/>.

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~ OCTOBER 30, 2026

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need, and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. ***Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!*** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at **www.diometuchen.org/champions** and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!



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. Registration is required. The event is free, though in the past jubilarian couples have given a free-will donation in support of the Office of Family Life.

For more information, please visit:
<https://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
26º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: Las lecturas de este domingo se centran en el arrepentimiento y la humildad. Son los caminos seguros hacia nuestra salvación. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña que la llamada de Jesús a la conversión y a la penitencia no apunta en primer lugar a obras exteriores —«saco y ceniza», ayuno y mortificación—, sino a la conversión del corazón, a la conversión interior. El arrepentimiento interior es una reorientación radical de toda nuestra vida, un retorno, una conversión a Dios con todo el corazón, el fin del pecado, el apartarse del mal. Al mismo tiempo, conlleva el deseo y la resolución de cambiar de vida, con esperanza en la misericordia de Dios y confianza en la ayuda de su gracia. (CIC 1430)

Este Catecismo nos invita a reflexionar sobre la naturaleza del pecado, ya que este no es solo la transgresión de una norma o una ley, sino una violación de nuestra propia naturaleza. El pecado es algo malo o perverso que niega el amor y el respeto hacia Dios y hacia los demás. El pecado es una violación de la Verdad y del Amor. Jesús es el modelo de persona humana perfecta. El espíritu de servicio y de entrega desinteresada de Jesús —que san Pablo expresa en la segunda lectura— lo convierte en un modelo no solo para los cristianos, sino para toda persona.

Al hablar de la tibieza del hijo inconstante (en la lectura del Evangelio), San Juan Vianney afirma que no hay estado que una persona deba temer tanto como el de la tibieza, pues un gran pecador se convierte con mayor facilidad que un alma tibia. Si nos encontramos en este estado, roguemos a Dios con todo nuestro corazón que nos conceda la gracia de abandonarlo y de emprender el camino que siguieron todos los santos, para así alcanzar la bienaventuranza de la que ellos gozan. Esto es lo que deseo para todos ustedes (San Juan Vianney, el Cura de Ars, +1859).

¡CUIDADO CON LAS ESTAFAS POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO QUE PRETENDEN VENIR DEL PÁRROCO!

Por favor, tenga cuidado con los correos electrónicos falsos que supuestamente provienen de un sacerdote de la parroquia y solicitan tarjetas de regalo. El estafador crea una dirección de correo electrónico utilizando el nombre del sacerdote para que parezca auténtica. Hay dos señales que permiten identificar esta estafa:

1. El estafador se comunicará con usted únicamente por correo electrónico y alegará algún motivo para no poder hablar personalmente (naturalmente, no pueden hacerlo, ya que usted reconocería que no es la voz del sacerdote).
2. En estas estafas no se pide dinero en efectivo. Casi siempre le pedirán que compre tarjetas de regalo. Le solicitarán que raspe la banda de seguridad en el reverso y que les envíe una foto de los números de cuenta y el PIN de la tarjeta, o bien que les facilite dichos números por correo electrónico.

Congreso Itinerante del Rosario Eucarístico

La Diócesis de Metuchen organizará un Congreso Itinerante del Rosario Eucarístico del 3 al 9 de octubre de 2026. Este evento consiste en siete días y noches de adoración eucarística continua, durante los cuales se reza el Santo Rosario en voz alta al inicio de cada hora, día y noche, sin interrupción. Al igual que en ocasiones anteriores, hemos procurado que una parroquia de cada decanato actúe como sede anfitriona, para así ofrecer a todas las parroquias al menos una ubicación cercana. El Congreso del Rosario Eucarístico es un acto sostenido de oración comunitaria ante Nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento, ofrecido por la conversión de los pecadores, la consagración de nuestra nación y el triunfo del Inmaculado Corazón de María.

Gracias a la Legión de María:

Expreso mi sincero agradecimiento a la Legión de María por acoger la preciosa imagen de Nuestra Señora de Fátima en nuestra iglesia el jueves, en un ambiente de oración y convivencia. Recibimos la imagen de nuestra Santísima Madre durante la misa del mediodía y escuchamos una reflexión sobre la espiritualidad de Fátima. Agradecemos a la Legión de María por ofrecer el almuerzo a todos los que participaron en esta devoción y se unieron a la Adoración posterior.

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. Un autobús saldrá del Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann a las 7:15am. ¡El cupo es limitado!

Para inscribirse, visite:

<https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

La **XI Conferencia Nacional para Músicos Hispanos** (25 y 26 de septiembre) y la **Misa y Feria Multicultural** (7 de noviembre).

P. Antony

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



**LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL
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Clases de Formación en la Fe 29 de septiembre a las 4:30 pm en la escuela SSPJ en la 137 calle Roseberry

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS: MINISTERIO DE LIMPIEZA DE LA IGLESIA

A lo largo de los años, nuestra parroquia de St. Philip y St. James ha sido bendecida con un maravilloso grupo de feligreses dedicados, generosos y comprometidos, que han ofrecido fielmente su tiempo para mantener nuestra iglesia limpia y hermosa. Nos gustaría reactivar el Ministerio de Limpieza de la Iglesia e invitamos a los feligreses que estén dispuestos a ofrecer su tiempo y sus talentos para ayudar a cuidar nuestra iglesia. Si está interesado en ser voluntario para la mayor gloria de Dios y el cuidado de Su casa, por favor comuníquese con el Diácono Enock al 908-310-8990. Gracias por considerar este importante ministerio! Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad y servicio a nuestra parroquia.

CONVIÉRTASE EN UN CAMPEÓN DE CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

50/50 RIFA ~ 30 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026

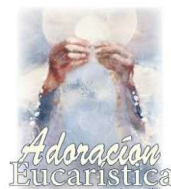
Es posible que nunca conozcamos a los destinatarios de nuestras Obras de Misericordia o el impacto que nuestro aporte financiero tuvo en sus vidas. Piense en la familia que recibió ayuda de Caridades Católicas durante un período de desempleo y ahora está en el camino hacia la autosuficiencia o, la persona cuya lucha con las adicciones está siendo aliviada a través de los servicios de consejería de Caridades Católicas. ¿Quién creería que convertirse en un Campeón de Caridades Católicas comprando un boleto para una rifa podría tener resultados a tan largo plazo? Cuando una comunidad responde con generosidad, eso es exactamente lo que sucede.

Al participar en nuestra rifa de Campeones 50/50, estamos ayudando a nuestros hermanos necesitados y usted podría ganar uno de los dos grandes premios. **¡A lo largo de los años, el premio para esta rifa ha alcanzado hasta \$ 40,000 para cada uno para dos afortunados ganadores!** Con su participación, esperamos tener un éxito aún mayor este año. Los boletos cuestan \$100 cada uno y se pueden comprar descargando el formulario de rifa en www.diometuchen.org/champions y enviándolo por correo con su pago o llamando al 732-562-2432.

¡Gracias y Buena suerte!

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"

Necesitamos urgentemente adoradores para los lunes a las 9:00 am.



Necesitamos adoradores los **lunes** a las **10am**, **martes** a las **10am**, **1pm** y **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.

PEREGRINACIÓN AL SANTUARIO DE LA MEDALLA MILAGROSA EN FILADELFIA

La peregrinación tendrá lugar el **viernes 6 de noviembre**, de **7:00 am a 5:30 pm**, con salida desde el **137 de Roseberry St., Phillipsburg**, y una parada en el **Reading Terminal Market** para almorzar y hacer compras. El costo es de **\$60 por persona**; los costos de las visitas opcionales son: **\$15 por la Basílica** y el **Camino del Rosario**, y **\$12 por el Museo de Arte Mariano** (por favor, emita un cheque separado para cada visita).

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