

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

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss Pastor

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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † OCTOBER 11, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10/11/26	10am OCIA in Spanish in PRM 2pm Spanish Couples Retreat in Mercy Hall 2pm Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church
Monday	10/12/26	Church Office & Adoration Closed 9am Mass Only
Tuesday	10/13/26	4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel 7pm Spanish Mass followed by by Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group in the Church
Wednesday	10/14/26	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall
Thursday	10/15/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	10/16/26	5pm Holy Hour for National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the Chapel
Saturday	10/17/26	9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 10am Confessions in the Church 3:15pm Confessions in the Church After 4:30pm Mass Prayers for Conception After 4:30pm Mass Columbiettes Bake Sale
Sunday	10/18/26	10am Blues Grieving Group 10am OCIA in the Conference Room After all Masses Columbiettes Bake Sale

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection: The readings remind us of our duty to be partakers of the banquet of the Lord. Isaiah's time has seen poverty of people who could not afford great banquets. Banquets were organized by the kings for political reasons or for victory over enemies. 'Banquet' like a wedding feast is the biblical image of the encounter of love between the Lord and Israel. 'Banquet' is also the symbol of happiness in the time of the Messiah. It is the 'banquet' that unites us with the Kingdom of God.

Saint Pope John Paul II summarized the concept of the Kingdom of God, "In a word, the Kingdom of God is the manifestation and the realization of God's plan of salvation in all its fulness (*Redemptoris Missio* #15) "The Kingdom is not a thing, it is not a geographical dominion like worldly kingdoms. It is a person; it is he." (*Pope Benedict, Jesus of Nazareth, Part I*)

Today's entire Gospel is cited by the Catechism to teach that *"to gain the kingdom [of God], one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required"* CCC 546. In order to accept God's invitation to the ultimate banquet in His Kingdom, we should *"use everything that is not God only insofar as it brings us closer to him, and to detach ourselves from it insofar as it turns us away from him"* (CCC 222, 226). We properly use our talents and the things of this world when we are better able to believe, worship, act, and pray in harmony with all Catholic doctrine.

Saint Gregory the great explains who God is and who we are through the parable: "The marriage is the wedding of Christ and his church, and the garment is the virtue of charity: a person who goes into the feast without a wedding garment is someone who believes in the Church but does not have charity." (*In Evan. Homil. 36*). How blessed we are to receive that invitation from God to be part of the banquet!

Priests Convocation (October 13-15)

The priests of the Diocese of Metuchen will be gathering for Convocation along with our Bishop Elect for three days to pray and reflect. Please remember to pray for all the priests.

New Hires at SPSJ

Nancy Ensley has been the parish Secretary for nearly 9 years. She also takes care of the books. With her health in mind, we will be hiring a secretary for our parish soon. Nancy will continue as a book-keeper. We thank Nancy for her dedicated service as the parish Secretary. Please keep Nancy in your prayers! We will also be hiring new ground's maintenance person to take care of our cemeteries and a new Janitor for our facilities here at the church and Mercy Hall.

OCIA at SPSJ

Last Sunday we began the OCIA 2026 with six candidates. Please keep them in your prayers. I thank Deacon Larry and his wife Carol for their leadership. Our sincere thanks to the whole team of catechists who are involved in OCIA including a Spanish candidate this year.

Bishop Installation:

The Most Reverend Michael A Saporito, D.D. will be the Sixth Bishop of Metuchen. The Mass of Installation will be on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at the Church of the Sacred Heart in South Plainfield. Since there is very little time for preparation, the diocese has asked us to invite one lay representative from each parish. I have chosen Mrs. Eileen Catalli to represent the parish along with our parish clergy. Please keep our Bishop-Elect as he prepares himself to be installed as the Bishop of Metuchen.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration:

Couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this special prayer service. Register by October 12. Free-will offerings are appreciated as support for the mission of the Office of Family Life. For questions, please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration (Oct. 18), the **Feminine Genius Brunch** (Oct. 24), and the **Multicultural Mass & Fair** (Nov. 7). 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, October 11th –TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Enzo Marinelli (A) by Lisa Marinelli
11:00am – Deceased Members of Court Warren by
Catholic Daughters
1:00pm – (SP) – María Olimpia Rojas by Family
5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, October 12th

6:45am – *No Mass*
9am – Thomas Earley (A) by Catalli Family
12:10pm – *No Mass*

TUESDAY, October 13th

6:45am – Nathan Giamoni by Hoffman Family
12:10pm – Fred & Mae Iannacone by Camille
7pm – (SP) – Alberto Angeles García & Elugarda
Angeles García by Family

WEDNESDAY, October 14th – *St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*

6:45am – Souders Family by Nancy
12:10pm – Margare Mary & Harvey Hill by Family

THURSDAY, October 15th – *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – Roger Buchko by Gomes-Aversa Family
12:10pm – *Sp. Int. for Abigail Kelly by Rose Kelly

FRIDAY, October 16th – *St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

6:45am – Jean Baptiste Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines
Berluche
12:10pm – Catherine Volpe by Marianne & Charles
Decker

SATURDAY, October 17th – *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

8am – George J. Cowan by Gomes-Aversa Family
4:30pm – Margaret Petchonka by Jolene

SUNDAY, October 18th –TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Margaret Petchonka by Patrick Rosnagle
11:00am – Donald Barbadora by Deacon Larry &
Carol Bevilacqua
1:00pm – (SP) – Alonso Gallego by Gallego Family
5:30pm – For the People

Stewardship

	October 4th
Weekly Offering:	\$9,812.00
Online Giving:	3,167.00
	\$12,979.00
Repairs & Reno	\$1,548.00
Various Collections:	\$190.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



October 17th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Gino Siano

October 18th

9am	Acolyte	Adam Sretenovic
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	Chiezimuzo Odemma
	Lector	Kelechi Odemma
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Chimbuzo Odemma
	Server	-
1pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Gladys Jauridez
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Announcements	Laura García
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-García
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Allyssa Palos
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Anabelle Exius
	Server	Claude Exius

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,602.25
Total Received:	\$47,983.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,397.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	62.31%
Percent of Goal Received:	61.52%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$262.71

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**Next Faith Formation
Class is Tuesday,
Oct. 13th at 4:30pm
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, William Archer, & Ronald Browe.

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.

**Second Collection the weekend
of October 17th & 18th for
World Mission Sunday**

**The 2027 Mass Book for Intentions
will open on Saturday, Oct. 31st
from 9am to 12noon in Mercy Hall.**

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: 10/11 Anne Coyle, 10/18 Bettina Socci, & 10/25 Kelly Perna

Brakeley Nursing Home: 10/11 Eileen Dean, 10/18 William Casey/Milagros Dionisio, & 10/25 Deacon Fransico

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/11 Lisa García, & 10/18 Lisa Spanopolous, & 10/25 Beth Disposito

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcome to come together for a Holy Hour on November 6th (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!



The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 will be having our bake sale on October 17th and 18th after all masses. Please come and enjoy our many home baked goods.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

October 11th - Twenty-Eighth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, Wed - Optional Memorial of St.

Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

October 15, Thu - Memorial of St. Teresa of

Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

October 16, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Hedwig,

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

October 17, Sat - Memorial of St. Ignatius of

Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

**OCTOBER: For mental health ministry
(Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of life,

You know the innermost depths of our hearts—
the light and shadows within us,
the silent wounds that sometimes no one sees.

Today we bring before you our brothers and sisters
who struggle with challenges to their mental health,
who suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression, or
any other mental illness.

You call them by name, with tenderness,
and in You they find dignity and hope.

Forgive us for the times we have looked the other
way,
feeding the stigma and discrimination of persons
with mental illnesses.

May your Church be an open house,
a safe space where everyone has a place—
a community that accompanies and never excludes,
that listens without judging and draws near without
fear.

We pray to you, Lord, for those who care:
professionals, family members, volunteers—
men and women who, with patience and love,
build bridges of understanding and comfort.

Give them strength and compassion to sustain
others.

Send your Spirit upon us,
that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for
mental health
into the life and ministry of our communities and of
the whole Church,
and thus become a living sign of your mercy,
which never abandons and always restores.

Amen.

1,000 STRONG – ROSARY FOR LIFE CONFERENCE CALL

On Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm, LIFENET is organizing a “1,000 Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call.” Our goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13th is the 109th anniversary of the ‘Miracle of the Sun’ at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary!

Please sign up at:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/54843691/GX50mYML0ECludn_zWE0Qg?u=http://www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong

If you cannot make the call, pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm to unite your prayers with them.

NATIONAL PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

There will be a Holy Hour in the Chapel from 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Friday, October 16th, for those who have lost babies in the womb & in infancy. They were alive in our wombs & in our arms, and they are alive in Heaven now. Let's remember them!

"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 Virtues vs. Vices with Deacon Francisco as the presenter. **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**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Famous Sausage Sandwich Sale will be Curbside - 11am-6pm on Saturday, October 17th at SSPJ School: [137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg, NJ](#)

DEACON'S CORNER

Matthew 22:1–14 – The Wedding Feast

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that God's invitation is generous, joyful, and meant for everyone — but it also calls for a real response. The king invites many to the wedding banquet, yet some ignore him, distracted by their own plans. Others accept the invitation but arrive unprepared.

The message is clear:

God invites us into His Kingdom with abundant grace, but we are asked to “put on” the wedding garment — a life shaped by conversion, mercy, and discipleship.

The king in the parable prepares a wedding feast of overwhelming abundance. Everything is ready. Nothing is asked of the guests except to come. This is grace. This is the Father's desire for us. This is the Kingdom offered freely.

But the invited guests refuse. Some ignore the invitation; others react with hostility. Their refusal isn't intellectual — it's relational. They simply prefer their own plans, their own fields, their own distractions.

The Gospel is reminding us that indifference can be just as spiritually dangerous as outright rejection. When God calls, silence is not neutral.

The king then sends his servants to gather everyone — the good and the bad alike.

This is the radical wideness of God's mercy.

The Kingdom is not a private club. It is not reserved for the polished, the perfect, or the predictable. If you've ever felt unworthy, overlooked, or spiritually messy, this part of the parable is for you. God's invitation seeks you out. Grace goes into the streets.

But the story doesn't end there.

The man without the wedding garment is the most misunderstood figure in the parable. The garment isn't about fashion; it's about **conversion**.

Everyone is invited — but entering the feast means allowing God to transform us. The garment symbolizes the life we choose to put on:

- Mercy lived toward others
- Repentance that reshapes our habits
- Discipleship that costs something
- Holiness woven into daily choices

The king's question — “How did you get in here without a wedding garment?” — is not about exclusion. It is about authenticity. Grace invites us in; love asks us to grow.

We live in a world overflowing with invitations — notifications, obligations, distractions, and demands. **The danger is not that we will reject God violently, but that we will simply drift away from Him quietly.**

Matthew's Gospel urges us to examine our response:

Are we showing up to the feast God prepares for us? Are we allowing Him to clothe us in the garment of a changed heart? Are we living as people who belong at the wedding of the King's Son?

The Good News is that the invitation still stands. The feast is still ready.

And the King still wants you at His table.

May God always be pleased with us,

Deacon Rob

PRAYERS FOR CONCEPTION

There will be Prayers for those who are trying to conceive a child on Saturday, October 17th, after the 4:30 pm mass. Please come to the front of the church by the altar after the mass. We will pray for you to conceive a child through the intercession of St. Gerard whose feast day was yesterday.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, October 18th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. Philip and St. James Church is seeking a reliable and organized Administrative Assistant to support the daily administrative needs of the parish office at 430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ.

Qualifications:

- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Computer literate and comfortable using basic office software
- Organized, dependable, and able to work independently
- Professional and courteous when working with parishioners and visitors
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle parish information appropriately

Interested candidates: Please call 908-454-0112 to schedule an interview. We look forward to hearing from you!

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**.

Can you help clean our church?

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.

SPSJ & PCHS ALUMNI MASS

On Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10am is the SPSJ & PCHS Alumni Mass at 137 Roseberry St; followed by coffee & light refreshments.

**The Church Office & Adoration will be
closed Monday, October 12th in
Observance of Columbus Day
9am Mass Only**

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.

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.

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

Monday, December 7th, Christmas at the Playhouse Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Clinton, at 11am with table-served Entree, desserts & beverages - \$92 group rate (price correction).

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

Diocesan News

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES, you are a champion in every sense of the word. Through your financial support, you provide a warm bed for someone who is homeless...food for a hungry child...emergency aid for a disaster victim...and help for a family in crisis; all of which truly makes you a champion in our eyes and in the eyes of those we serve. Please join our team today and become a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES by making a gift or purchasing a raffle ticket.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191.



Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
28º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: Las lecturas nos recuerdan nuestro deber de participar en el banquete del Señor. En tiempos de Isaías, existía la pobreza de quienes no podían permitirse grandes banquetes. Los reyes organizaban banquetes por motivos políticos o para celebrar la victoria sobre sus enemigos. El «banquete», como el de una boda, es la imagen bíblica del encuentro de amor entre el Señor e Israel. El «banquete» es también símbolo de la felicidad en los tiempos del Mesías. Es el «banquete» que nos une al Reino de Dios.

San Juan Pablo II resumió el concepto del Reino de Dios: «En una palabra, el Reino de Dios es la manifestación y la realización del plan de salvación de Dios en toda su plenitud» (*Redemptoris Missio, n.º 15*). «El Reino no es una cosa, no es un dominio geográfico como los reinos mundanos. Es una persona; es Él» (*Papa Benedicto, Jesús de Nazaret, primera parte*).

El Catecismo cita la totalidad del Evangelio de hoy para enseñar que «para ganar el Reino [de Dios] es preciso darlo todo. Las palabras no bastan, se requieren obras» (**CIC 546**). Para aceptar la invitación de Dios al banquete definitivo en su Reino, debemos «usar de todo lo que no es Dios solo en la medida en que nos acerca a Él, y desprendernos de ello en la medida en que nos aparta de Él» (**CIC 222, 226**). Hacemos un uso correcto de nuestros talentos y de las cosas de este mundo cuando somos más capaces de creer, adorar, actuar y orar en armonía con toda la doctrina católica.

San Gregorio Magno explica quién es Dios y quiénes somos nosotros a través de esta parábola: «Las bodas son el enlace de Cristo con su Iglesia, y el traje es la virtud de la caridad: quien entra al banquete sin el traje nupcial es aquel que cree en la Iglesia pero no posee la caridad» (*In Evan. Homil. 36*). ¡Qué dicha la nuestra al recibir esa invitación de Dios para formar parte del banquete!

Convocatoria de sacerdotes (13-15 de octubre)

Los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Metuchen se reunirán durante tres días para una convocatoria junto a nuestro obispo electo, con el fin de orar y reflexionar. Por favor, recuerden orar por todos los sacerdotes.

OCIA en SPSJ

El domingo pasado comenzamos el programa OCIA 2026 con seis candidatos. Por favor, ténganlos presentes en sus oraciones. Agradezco al diácono Larry y a su esposa Carol por su liderazgo. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a todo el equipo de catequistas que participa en el OCIA, incluyendo a un candidato de habla hispana este año.

Nuevas contrataciones en SPSJ

Nancy Ensley ha sido la secretaria de la parroquia durante casi 9 años; también se encarga de la contabilidad. Pensando en su salud, pronto contrataremos a una secretaria para la parroquia, mientras que Nancy continuará desempeñándose como contadora. Agradecemos a Nancy por su dedicada labor como secretaria parroquial. ¡Por favor, ténganla presente en sus oraciones! Asimismo, contrataremos a una nueva persona para el mantenimiento de los terrenos de nuestros cementerios y a un nuevo conserje para las instalaciones de la iglesia y Mercy Hall.

Instalación del Obispo:

Su Excelencia Reverendísimo Michael A. Saporito, D. D., será el sexto obispo de Metuchen. La Misa de instalación tendrá lugar el jueves 22 de octubre de 2026 en la iglesia del Sagrado Corazón (Sacred Heart) en South Plainfield. Dado que hay muy poco tiempo para los preparativos, la diócesis nos ha pedido que invitemos a un representante laico de cada parroquia. He elegido a la Sra. Eileen Catalli para representar a la parroquia junto con nuestro clero parroquial. Por favor, tengan presente en sus oraciones a nuestro obispo electo mientras se prepara para asumir su cargo como obispo de Metuchen.

Celebración de Aniversarios de Plata y Oro:

Se invita a las parejas que celebran su 5.º, 25.º, 50.º o más de 50.º aniversario de bodas a asistir a este servicio de oración especial. Inscribáanse antes del 12 de octubre. Se agradecen las donaciones voluntarias para apoyar la misión de la Oficina de Vida Familiar. Si tienen preguntas, por favor envíen un correo electrónico a magnese@diometuchen.org o llamen al 732-562-1543. Catedral de San Francisco de Asís.

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P. Antony

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



**Clases de Formación en la
Fe 13 de octubre a las 4:30
pm en la escuela SSPJ en la
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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.

**La oficina parroquial y la adoración
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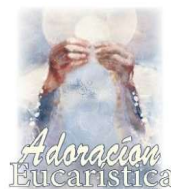
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"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"

***Necesitamos urgentemente adoradores para los
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Francisco.

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