St. Philip & St. James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † NOVEMBER 8, 2026

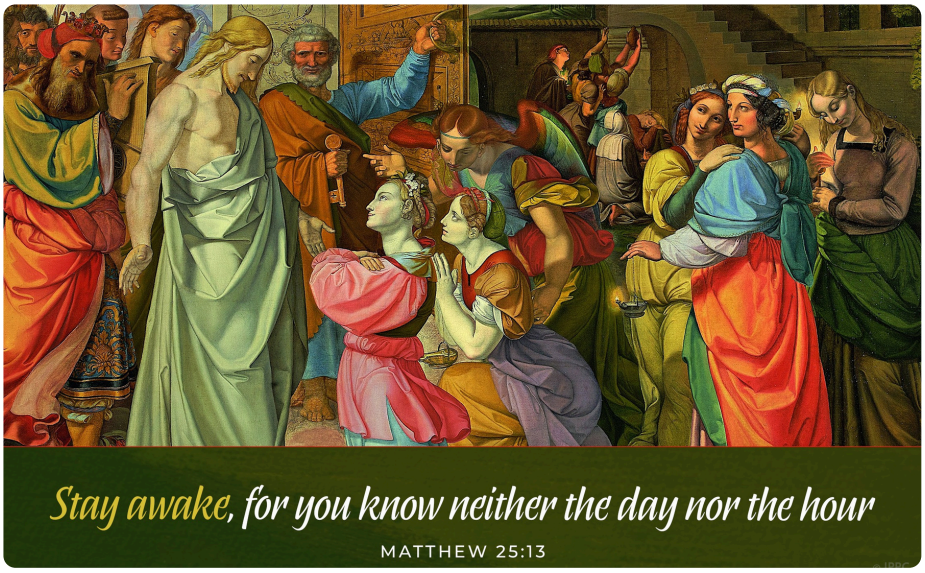
Mission Statement
To love God and neighbor by sharing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through prayerful celebration of His Sacraments, ministering to all in need, protecting life, and welcoming all who come to us.

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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& **Friday** 9 am-1 pm
(Asistencia en español durante horas de antencion.)



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA
Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	**11/08/26**	10am OCIA in the Conference Room 10am OCIA in Spanish in PMR
Monday	**11/09/26**	6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	**11/10/26**	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group in the Church
Wednesday	**11/11/26**	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall
Thursday	**11/12/26**	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	**11/13/26**	
Saturday	**11/14/26**	8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 9am Spanish Steering Committee in PMR 10am Confessions in the Church 10am Holiday Blues Work Shop in PMR 3:15pm Confessions in the Church After 4:30pm Mass Breakfast with Santa Ticket Sale
Sunday	**11/15/26**	10am OCIA in the Conference Room 10am OCIA in Spanish in PMR 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall After all Masses Breakfast with Santa Ticket Sale

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection: This Sunday's Gospel passage (Mt 25:1-13) invites us to prolong the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Jesus recounts the parable of the ten virgins invited to a wedding feast, symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven. Christ is the Bridegroom and we are like the virgins awaiting his return to begin the wedding feast of heaven.

No matter how young or old we are, we can still live wise or foolish lives. We can be wise as soon as we want to be, calling on the Wisdom of God. The 1st reading reminds us that God's wisdom is ready and waiting to meet us as soon as we call to her. It also teaches us that our decision-making is most prudent when we consider what is the best course of action in God's eyes. The theme of the readings this Sunday invites us to be awake and prepared to meet Christ.

Pope Francis teaches us further on this topic, "If we allow ourselves to be led by what seems most attractive to us, by what we like, by seeking our interests, our life becomes sterile; we do not accumulate any reserve of oil for our lamp, and it will be extinguished before the encounter with the Lord. We must live today, but a today that goes towards tomorrow, towards that encounter, a present full of hope. If, on the other hand, we are vigilant and correspond to God's grace by doing good, we can serenely await the bridegroom's coming. The Lord will be able to come even while we are sleeping: this will not worry us, because we have the reserve of oil accumulated through our daily good works, accumulated with that expectation of the Lord, that he may come as soon as possible and that he may come to take us with him." (Angelus, November 8, 2020).

The Catechism sheds more light on the fullness of time. "In Jesus "the Kingdom of God is at hand."72 He calls his hearers to conversion and faith, but also to watchfulness. In prayer the disciple keeps watch, attentive to Him Who Is and Him Who Comes, in memory of his first coming in the lowliness of the flesh, and in the hope of his second coming in glory. 73 in communion with their Master, the disciples' prayer is a battle; only by keeping watch in prayer can one avoid falling into temptation." (CCC 2612)

OCIA at SPSJ
These are the OCIA Candidates for this year: Marta Chun, Jessie Forson, Dominic Fresoli, Thelma Landaverry (OCIA in Spanish), Allison Monzon, Favour Obiaka, Alex Perez, Armani Perez, & John Taylor. Please remember these people and also all the OCIA Team who teach them and journey with them.

Confirmation Dates and First Communion Dates:
Confirmation at our parish will be on Thursday, 22nd of April, 5pm. We will have the honor of hosting our Bishop for the first time for Confirmation here. I am positive we will be meeting our Bishop at our parish before that. First Communion will be on Saturday, May 1st at 11am in the church.

Father Joseph's Temporary Assignment:
Father Joseph was temporarily asked by the Diocesan Administration to help out the people of Belvidere, NJ in both the worshipping sites of the parish in place of their Pastor Fr. Charles Sebella who is going through a medical procedure. Father Joseph will still be living with us in our rectory but will be helping with their sacramental needs. Please keep both Fr. Charles and Fr. Joseph in your prayers. This is just a temporary assignment, and we hope to have Fr. Joseph back with us ministering for us at the end of November.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:
Annual Assembly of the Diocesan Hispanic Charismatic Movement (Nov. 6-7), the **Multicultural Mass & Fair** (Nov. 7), the **Rebuild My Church OCIA Formation Days** (Nov. 14 and Jan 23)**, the Virtual Marriage Mentor Program Training** (Nov. 17), **the Catholic Girl Scout Medal Workshop** (Nov. 21) **and the Hispanic Advent Retreat** (Dec. 5).

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, November 8th – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00am – Michel Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
11:00am – Deceased Members of the Kosa Family by Vance Opdyke
1:00pm – (SP) – Margaret Hanlon by Family
5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, November 9th – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
6:45am – Felicia Castro Rodríguez by Jessica Román
12:10pm – Ultima Reda by Family

TUESDAY, November 10th – St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
6:45am – Tina Adler by Lisa Garcia
12:10pm – Mary Minardi by Jeannine Riotto
7pm – (SP) – Saturmino Castro by Jessica Roman

WEDNESDAY, November 11th – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
6:45am – Rita Decoste by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
12:10pm – Msgr. William A. Gilfillan (A)

THURSDAY, November 12th – St. Josaphat, Bishhop & Martyr
6:45am – Joseph Gaeta by Ron Rossini
12:10pm – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kirby by Verdon Family

FRIDAY, November 13th – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
6:45am – Michael Slowey by Rita Gurczynski
12:10pm – Jameleh Issa-hattar by Adma Dababneh

SATURDAY, November 14th
8am – Rhea Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
4:30pm – *Sp. Int. for Marisa Kelly by Rose Kelly

SUNDAY, November 15th – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00am – Gino & Ludevina Angelozzi by Lisa Marinelli
11:00am – Deceased Brothers of the Knights of Columbus #474
1:00pm – (SP) – *Sp. Int. for Sandy Swope by Charlie Swope
5:30pm – For the People

Stewardship

	November 1st
Weekly Offering:	$8,545.00
Online Giving:	1,450.00
	$9,995.00
All Saints:	$1,123.00
All Souls:	$1,178.00
Various Collections:	$270.00

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

November 14th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Rob Anselmo
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw

November 15th

9am	Acolyte	Chiezimuzo Odimma
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	-
11am	Acolyte	Jack Perna
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
1pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamente
	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Lector	Oscar Dilone
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Announcements	Giovanni Lam
	Server	Liam Rosario
	Server	Aaron Cano
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:	**$48,602.25**
Total Received:	**$48,256.00**
Over/under Goal:	**($29,397.75)**
Percent of Goal Pledged:	**62.31%**
Percent of Goal Received:	**61.87%**
Avg. Gift Amt.:	**$262.71**

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



Next Faith Formation Class is Tuesday, Nov. 10th 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, 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, Pam McMichael, William Archer, Ronald Browe, Jason Chan, & Bruce Smith.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - BOOKKEEPER

St. Philip & St. James Church is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper to manage the day-to-day financial and accounting records for the church. Prior experience in bookkeeping, basic accounting, and knowledge of QuickBooks are required. Please submit resume to churchoffice@spsj.org.

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: 11/8 Ron Rossini and Reinfred Forson, 11/15 Bettina Socci, & 11/22 Kelly Perna

Brakeley Nursing Home: 11/8 Melody Talpas, 11/15 Bill Casey & Kelvin Osoria, & 11/22 Deacon Francisco

Phillipsburg Care Center: 11/8 Lisa García, 11/15 Lisa Spanopolous, & 11/22 Beth Dispoto

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



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

SPSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen's current needs are cookies and pudding cups. 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. We are able to do this because of your continued support. Donations may be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in Mercy Hall. Thank you!

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, November 15th, at 10:00am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

November 8th - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, Mon - The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 10, Tue - Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

November 11, Wed - Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

November 12, Thu - Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

November 13, Fri - Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

41st WORLD YOUTH DAY
[22 November 2026 – August 3 to 8, 2027]
Pope Leo XIV

"Take courage! I have overcome the world."
(Jn 16:33)

Dear young people,

I wish to reach out to each of you with this message and, above all, to give thanks to God for the gift that you are to the Church and to society. He knows you, loves you and accompanies you on your journey through life. His Spirit inspires in all of you — different as you are and spread throughout the world — the same desire for things that are great and lasting and moves you to seek freedom and truth. From God comes your desire to love and to be loved, as well as the hope that the Holy Spirit awakens in your hearts — a hope that can also become a light for others. For all of this, I give thanks to the Lord.

We are preparing to celebrate the 41st World Youth Day in our local Churches on 22 November, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, even as we look forward to our international gathering in Seoul in August 2027. In preparation for these events, I wish to entrust to you the words of Jesus: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33). These words will serve as our theme in the coming months, and I invite you now to begin reflecting on them with me.

Where does courage come from?

Christ's words begin with an invitation to take courage. I know well that, at times, instead of courage it is uncertainty or fear that can prevail in us, just as they did in the first disciples. Many of you carry questions and concerns that weigh heavily on your hearts. Perhaps you are anxious about the future, feel pressured to succeed and appear perfect, or experience the stress of constantly comparing yourselves with others or with unattainable, manufactured ideals. Under the influence of carefully curated images on social media, you may find it difficult to recognize and accept who you truly are. Indeed, you are longing for genuine affection since technology cannot replace authentic human closeness but can only imitate empathy. Some of you know what it means to experience loneliness, disappointment or the fear of not being good enough.

For these reasons, perhaps you too have felt like Jesus 'disciples, crossing the lake at night in a small boat. The wind grows stronger, the waves rise, and the shore disappears into the darkness. It is in circumstances like these that we hear the Gospel's invitation to take courage. Jesus comes toward his disciples and says to them: "It is I; do not be afraid" (Jn 6:20). This is the assurance I wish to place in your hearts: even before you begin to seek Christ, he is already seeking you, walking across the troubled waters of life. Christian courage does not arise primarily from our own strength; it comes from his presence.

Christ himself certainly did not live a life free from storms, nor does he promise us one. Yet no darkness or suffering is stronger than his love. He will never abandon you. He invites you into friendship with him and asks you to entrust to him your own journey and that of your communities. Allow yourselves, then, to be encountered by Jesus Christ who is seeking you, and entrust to him the path you walk, both individually and together. In this way, you will feel a new and lasting courage growing in your hearts.

HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP

Feeling depressed, grieving, or afraid to face the holidays? Join us on Saturday, November 14th, at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room to find ways to cope with the holidays. Grieving counselor will be present. Refreshments to follow.

DEACON'S CORNER

The Wisdom of the Wise Virgins

Jesus shares a powerful teaching about the ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom. One half of the wise virgins come prepared with extra oil for their lamps, while the other half, the foolish virgins, find themselves unprepared for the unexpected delay. As Catholics, this parable holds profound lessons about the essence of our faith and the importance of spiritual readiness.

The extra oil carried by the wise virgins serves as a symbol of faith, good works, and a life lived in accordance with God's teachings. It goes beyond mere belief, emphasizing the need for an active and prepared faith that can withstand the uncertainties of life. The unexpected delay in the bridegroom's arrival mirrors the uncertainty of Christ's return or our personal encounter with Him. This parable reminds us of the importance of vigilance and continuous preparation, urging us to maintain a strong and active faith that sustains us through life's unpredictable journey.

Each of us is called to personal responsibility in nurturing and sustaining our faith. The story emphasizes that faith cannot be borrowed or shared at the last minute; rather, it requires ongoing effort and commitment. Our individual relationship with God and the state of our spiritual readiness are matters for which we are personally accountable.

In our Catholic tradition, the sacraments, prayer, and good works are depicted as the essential elements that nourish and sustain our spiritual lives, much like the oil in the lamps. Regular participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist becomes crucial in keeping our spiritual lamps burning brightly. We are challenged to reflect on the depth of our faith and the constant need for spiritual preparation. It beckons us to live with a faith that goes beyond words, one that is active, intentional, and ever ready. As Catholics, let us heed the wisdom of the wise virgins, ensuring that our lamps are filled with the oil of a vibrant and enduring faith.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

"PRAY WITH THE POPE"
VIDEO MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

NOVEMBER:
For the Proper use of Wealth

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

Lord of life, all we have comes from You:
the fertile land, the talents we've received,
the effort of those who came before us.
Nothing is ours alone — everything is a shared gift.

But so often, Lord, we let the wealth we seek or attain
harden our hearts, lock us in selfishness,
and make us forget the most vulnerable.
Forgive us for storing up instead of sharing,
for using goods as power rather than as service.

You remind us that true wealth
is not found in what we keep,
but in what we give with love.
A heart detached from possessions transforms the world:
it opens paths of justice, tears down walls of indifference,
and sows hope among the poor.

We ask you, Lord, that your Spirit teach us to use what we have —
money, time, talents, opportunities — as instruments of fraternity.
May each economic, family, or community decision spring from a free heart,
able to recognize that every good is meant for all,
and that only by sharing we build the future.

Make us witnesses of a wealth
transformed into service and mercy,
so that our lives, united to the lives of others,
may be a sign of your Kingdom of justice and peace.

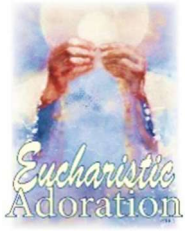
Amen.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



The November 19th topic is ***"When Prayers Seem To Go Unanswered"***, presented by Deacon Francisco.
The gathering is at 6:00pm in Mercy Hall.
Light Refreshments will be served!
OUR MISSION: To build our ***Knowledge*** of the Faith; to help us ***Explain*** the Faith; & to encourage us to ***Share*** the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**

Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **Mondays: 9am & 10am, Tuesdays: 4pm Wednesdays: 11am, 2pm, & 5pm; Thursdays: 11am & Noon; and Fridays: 2pm.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719.**

GROUND MAINTENANCE HELP



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

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!

Diocesan News

POST-ABORTION HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT

Are you struggling from an abortion? This retreat, from November 13-15, 2026, will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Experience God's mercy and compassion in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. Contact Judy Warenkiewicz at (732) 536-6871.



RETROUVAILLE FOR COUPLES IN TROUBLED MARRIAGES

The next Retrouvaille weekend in the Diocese of Metuchen will be February 19-21, 2027.
This gathering will assists couples who are presently experiencing serious problems in their marriage. It consists of a weekend experience from Friday night to Sunday afternoon and is followed by six post-weekend sessions. Both partners must express a desire to attend the weekend and a willingness to work at their marriage. During the weekend, presentations are made by a team of three married couples and a priest. The presentations deal with a technique of communication that enables a couple the ability to examine areas of their relationship. After each presentation, the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room to discuss the previous presentation as it relates to them.
Before registering, all couples must first speak to and be screened by Rich Colasuono 732-236-0671 and/or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

32° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: El pasaje evangélico de este domingo (Mt 25, 1-13) nos invita a prolongar la reflexión sobre la vida eterna que iniciamos con motivo de la solemnidad de Todos los Santos y la conmemoración de los fieles difuntos. Jesús narra la parábola de las diez vírgenes invitadas a un banquete de bodas, símbolo del Reino de los Cielos. Cristo es el Esposo, y nosotros somos como las vírgenes que aguardan su regreso para dar comienzo al banquete nupcial del cielo.

Sin importar nuestra edad, podemos llevar una vida sabia o una vida insensata. Podemos ser sabios en cuanto nos lo propongamos, recurriendo a la Sabiduría de Dios. La primera lectura nos recuerda que la sabiduría de Dios está lista y a la espera de nuestro encuentro con ella, tan pronto como la llamamos. También nos enseña que nuestras decisiones son más prudentes cuando consideramos cuál es el mejor camino para seguir a los ojos de Dios. El tema de las lecturas de este domingo nos invita a permanecer despiertos y preparados para el encuentro con Cristo.

El Papa Francisco nos enseña más sobre este tema: «Si nos dejamos guiar por lo que nos resulta más atractivo, por lo que nos gusta, por la búsqueda de nuestros propios intereses, nuestra vida se vuelve estéril; no acumulamos ninguna reserva de aceite para nuestra lámpara, y esta se apagará antes del encuentro con el Señor. Debemos vivir el hoy, pero un hoy que se encamina hacia el mañana, hacia ese encuentro; un presente lleno de esperanza. Si, por el contrario, permanecemos vigilantes y correspondemos a la gracia de Dios haciendo el bien, podremos esperar con serenidad la llegada del esposo. El Señor podrá venir incluso mientras dormimos: esto no nos preocupará, porque contamos con la reserva de aceite acumulada a través de nuestras buenas obras cotidianas, acumulada con la expectativa de que el Señor venga lo antes posible y nos lleve consigo» (Ángelus, 8 de noviembre de 2020).

El Catecismo arroja más luz sobre la plenitud de los tiempos: «En Jesús, "el Reino de Dios está cerca"72. Él llama a sus oyentes a la conversión y a la fe, pero también a la vigilancia. En la oración, el discípulo permanece en vela, atento a Aquel que es y a Aquel que viene, en memoria de su primera venida en la humildad de la carne y en la esperanza de su segunda venida en la gloria73. En comunión con su Maestro, la oración de los discípulos es un combate; solo permaneciendo en vela en la oración se puede evitar caer en la tentación» (CCE 2612).

OCIA en SPSJ
Estos son los candidatos al OCIA para este año: Marta Chun, Jessie Forson, Dominic Fresoli, Thelma Landaverry (OCIA en español), Allison Monzon, Favour Obiaka, Alex Pérez, Armani Pérez y John Taylor. Por favor, tengan presentes a estas personas, así como a todo el equipo del OCIA que les imparte formación y los acompaña en su camino.

Fechas para la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión:
La Confirmación en nuestra parroquia está programada para el jueves 22 de abril a las 5pm. Tendremos el honor de recibir a nuestro obispo por primera vez en nuestra parroquia para la celebración de la Confirmación. Estoy seguro de que nos reuniremos con él en nuestra parroquia antes de esa fecha. La Primera Comunión tendrá lugar el sábado 1 de mayo a las 11am en la iglesia.
Asignación temporal del padre Joseph:

La administración diocesana ha solicitado al padre Joseph que preste ayuda temporalmente a la comunidad de Belvedere —en ambos lugares de culto de la parroquia—, sustituyendo al párroco, el padre Charles Sebella, quien se someterá a un procedimiento médico. El padre Joseph seguirá residiendo con nosotros en la casa parroquial, pero colaborará en la atención de las necesidades sacramentales de dicha comunidad. Por favor, tengan presentes al padre Charles y al padre Joseph en sus oraciones. Se trata de una asignación temporal; esperamos que el padre Joseph esté de vuelta con nosotros, retomando su ministerio aquí, a finales de noviembre.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:
El retiro de **Adviento para hispanos** (5 de diciembre).

P. Antony

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.

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



Clases de Formación en la Fe 10 de noviembre a las 4:30pm en la escuela SSPJ en la 137 calle Roseberry

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



Necesitamos adoradores los **lunes** a las **9am y 10am, martes a las 4pm; miércoles a las 11am, 2pm y 5pm; los jueves a las 11am y 12pm; y los viernes a las 12pm.** Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.



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Christmas Wreaths, Grave Blankets, Cemetery Logs



Pine Roping and Poinsettias

Saints Philip and James School is sponsoring a Wreath Sale!
Due to order and delivery deadlines, orders are due EARLY this year.
Please have forms submitted by Friday November 14, 2026.
****Note: There will be only one pick-up day: Saturday December 5th from 12:30pm to 4:00pm.***
Any questions please contact Marianne Cicalese macicalese3@gmail com
You may call or text me at 610-554-6645 or call the school office at 908-859-1244. Thank you for your support!

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Family Name_____ Phone #_____

Qty Wreaths are single faced fraser fir approx..22" Cost/Total

____Red Bow ____Burgundy Bow ____Plaid Bow $29.00 each_____

Qty Grave Blankets (choose size) Cost/Total

_____Small 3'x2.5' $37.00 each_____

_____Deluxe 3'x5' Double the size $50.00 each_____

_____Decorated Cemetery Logs $27.00 each_____

_____White Pine Roping 25 yards/75 feet $39.0 0each_____

Poinsettias: Color/Quantity Cost/Total

Red _____ $15.00 each _____

Pink _____ $15.00 each _____

White _____ $15.00 each _____

Marble _____ $15.00 each _____

Make Checks Payable to SSPJ School Grand Total Cash_____Check_____Ck#_____

*****Important pick-up note: We can assist you best if you stay in your car in a single line.***

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$8	$16	$30	$11	$20

ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 19TH

DONUT/PIE PICK UP NOVEMBER 23RD AT DISMISSAL

Please make checks payable to SSPJ or cash exact change.

Please return bottom portion with payment.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ITEM	PLAIN (QUANTITY)	CINNAMON SUGAR (QUANTITY)	PRICE	TOTAL
6 Donuts	_____	_____	$8	
1 Dozen Donuts	_____	_____	$16	
2 Dozen Donuts	_____	_____	$30	
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