

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † NOVEMBER 3, 2024

## 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, 7:00, 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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Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



## Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 11/3/24

10am OCIA in Conference Room, 10am Alumni Mass at SSPJ School, 3pm—7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in PMR, & 3pm—7pm Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner in Mercy Hall.

### Mon. 11/4/24

6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in MH, & 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church.

### Tues. 11/5/24

8:30am Legion of Mary in Mercy Hall, 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, and 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

### Wed. 11/6/24

1pm Over 50’s Club in Mercy Hall.

### Thurs. 11/7/24

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

### Friday 11/8/24

### Sat. 11/9/24

7am-8am Men’s Fellowship Group in PMR, 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church, 10am Holiday Blues Workshop in PMR, 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall, & Columbiettes Jewelry Sale after 4:30pm Mass.

### Sunday 11/10/24

9am Children’s Mass, 10am OCIA in Conference Room, 11am Knights of Columbus Mass, & Columbiettes Jewelry Sale after all Masses.

## **THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

The readings this Sunday focus on loving God & neighbor and how they cannot be separated. The Catechism teaches us that “Jesus summed up man's duties towards God in this saying: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This immediately echoes the solemn call: “Hear (Shema), O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD.” God has loved us first. The love of the One God is recalled in the first of the "ten words." The commandments then make explicit the response of love that man is called to give to his God.” (CCC 2083)

The invitation of a synodal Church is founded on the ‘Shema’. The commandment of love that Jesus proposes has a definitive goal. While it fosters our well-being, the priority is the building up of the Kingdom of God. The Church is the servant of the Kingdom of God. ‘Love’ is the foundation of the Kingdom; ‘Faith’ and ‘Hope’ are nurtured and expressed through ‘Love’.

Modern world suggests us to learn to live without God, allowing the individual to live with greater dignity and honesty. To what extent we really believe in God? The modern world is comfortable with a variety of things ruling us, influencing us beyond control. God is seen as a factor: The God factor is reduced to something like visiting a patient in a hospital. Is God under medication? Is God suffering from cancer or a heart attack? John Cage says, “The grand thing about the human mind is that it can turn its own tables and see meaninglessness as ultimate meaning.”

"Harness the fire hidden in The Eucharist to bring about a true brotherhood and unity" says Cardinal Jaime Sin. Shema is Eucharistic in nature. Shema gets its energy from God; attempts to make us holy; leads us to join Him hand in hand for the sanctification of all. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Shema is the way we live the Eucharist.

### **National Vocation Awareness Week - Nov 3-9, 2024:**

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 3-9, 2024, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Let us ask God to inspire people to choose this way of life. Our diocese needs local vocations! Our church needs laborers to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

### **Free access to Catechetical Formation for all leaders in ministry:**

The recent Synod listening sessions, and the recommendations from National Eucharistic Congress showed our people are asking for more opportunities for Catechesis at the parish level. Please visit [franciscanathome.com](http://franciscanathome.com) for more information. This is a free platform, and we thank our Diocese for making this available to all of us for free.

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): (Previously known as RCIA)**

We started the OCIA program a few Sundays ago in our parish. We thank all the members of this program along with Deacon Larry. We pray for all the candidates and wish them well!

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Please remember that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it is transferred to another day. So, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday is a Day of Obligation.

### **Month of November:**

As the first two days in November are so precious to us remembering all the saints and souls, the month of November also celebrates various other important celebrations: November is also the Black Catholic History Month. And the USCCB dedicates November as also the Indigenous Peoples Month and the National Adoption Month. The Universal Church celebrates the World Youth Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November right around Thanksgiving Day (28<sup>th</sup>).

### **Pastor's Appeal, Thanks to the Finance Council and Faith Formation Team:**

I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. I thank all the members of the Finance Council in presenting to all of you the importance of the Appeal this year. I also thank all the families who were involved in the presentation. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping us with the Pastor's Appeal this year so that our planned ideas could be implemented in time for our children and for our parish.

Fr. Antony

## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Terry Boyle by Donna & Paul Kucinski  
 9:00 – \*Sp. Int for Brad Hoffman by Hoffman Family  
 11:00 – Margaret Pavkovic by Lisa & Matt Frinzi  
 1:00pm (SP) – Miguel Santillan by Maria Santillan & Family  
 5:30pm - Thomas Marullo, Sr. by Jeannine Riotto

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Borromeo

6:45am – Mary Rose Bartolotta by Ann & Paul Perrucci & Family  
 12:10pm – Jerry Clymer by Wife & Sons

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Diabilio by John & Kathy Butchko  
 12:10pm – Ben Gurczynski by The Family

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Colton McGuinness by Hoffman Family  
 12:10pm – Michael L. Rossetti, Sr. by Jennie, Wife

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Mahoney Family by Dieu Family  
 12:10pm – Douglas Stackhouse by Jane Hanisek

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Michel Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluce  
 12:10pm – Ultima Reda by Family

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am – Deceased Legionaries by Mary Spouse of the Holy Spirit Praesidium  
 4:30pm – Diana Maslonka by Roger & Fran

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Jimmy Richline by Mom  
 9:00 – James Dieda by Family  
 11:00 – Ben Patti by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. for Eduardo Jurado  
 5:30pm - Diane Maslonka by Ed & Dolly Duffy

## Stewardship

October 27, 2024:	\$8,908.66
Online Giving:	<u>1,928.00</u>
	\$10,836.66

Hurricane Relief	\$2,907.00
Various Collections:	\$416.00

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

November 9 <sup>th</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Minister	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Robert Anselmo
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
November 10 <sup>th</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Sebastian Mendoza
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Cole Rautenberg
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	-
11:00am	Acolyte	Robby Basel
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Erin Giacalone
	Server	Emma Giacalone
1:00pm	Lector	Iván Lam
	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Minister	Maria Rossenouff
	Announcements	Maria Rubi
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	R. Craig Ellis
	Server	-
	Server	-

### 2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

Goal:	\$150,000.00
Total Received:	\$31,260.00

Let's keep the momentum going in order to meet our goal of \$150,000.00!  
 Thank you for your generosity.

# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News



**Faith Formation Classes at the SSPJ School  
at 137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg NJ.**

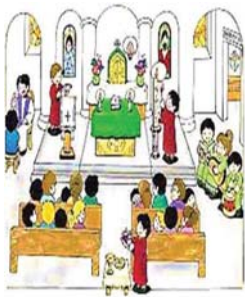
**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> &**

**Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

**Contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL) at**

**908-454-0112 x406, if you have any questions.**

### CHILDREN'S MASS



The Faith Formation children's mass will be the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. All Faith Formation & SSPJ families are *strongly* encouraged to attend. The participation in the Mass is where our children live what they learn in Faith Formation.

### HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on December 6, 2024 (First Friday) at 6:00 pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community.

### OVER 50's CLUB

The next Over 50's Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm in Mercy Hall at St. Philip and St. James Church. There will be a business meeting, refreshments, and bingo. Dues are also being collected. Please come join us, and new members are always welcome. Officers will meet at 12:00 pm for a brief meeting. Please call President, Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-1067 for any questions you may have.

## Pray for the Sick

*James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Eric Godleski, Martha Richline, Owen McCaffery, Grace Epo, Rich Dantine, Kevin Stannard, Cecilia Malizzi, & Michael Boyle.*

## Pray for our Military

*Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Andrew N. Zellers, Seth Reyes, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Staff Sargent Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, Major Joseph Skopowski, & Airman Seth Reyes.*



*Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur.*

*Thank you & God Bless.*

### SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, starting at 10am: First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 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:** 11/3 Magnolia Mateo, 11/10 Ron Rossini & 11/17 Ed Socci.

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 11/3 & 11/10 Mike Burke & Michael St. Jaques, 11/17 Deacon Francisco, & 11/24 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques.

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** Lisa Spanopolous 11/10 & 11/17 Beth Dispoto.



## DEACON'S CORNER

### **Love for God and Love for Man**

A scribe came to Jesus with this question. "Which is the first of all the Commandments?" This question was often a debate within the rabbinic schools. In Judaism there were two sets of laws. There was the tendency to expand the law limitlessly into hundreds and thousands of rules and regulations. There was also the tendency to try to gather up the law into one sentence, one general statement.

Sammlai, an old testament prophet had taught that Moses received 613 precepts on Mount Sinai, 365 according to the days of the sun year, and 248 according to the generations of men. King David reduced the 613 to 11 in Psalm 15. Jesus reduced them from 11 to 2. "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." No rabbi had ever done that before.

There must have been a look of love in Jesus' eyes, and a look of compassion as he said to the scribe, "You have gone so far. Will you not go further and accept my teachings? Then you will be a true servant of the Kingdom." Is Jesus asking all of us the same question today?

Remember: F. A. I. L.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

### **November 3 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **November - Black Catholic History Month:**

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, Saint Augustine's Birthday (November 13) and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day (November 3). Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. This text is important for several reasons. First, it chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history.

Second, the text suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and also a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism. Clearly, he was not an ignorant heathen. Third, the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion predates the conversions of Saints Paul and Cornelius. Most significantly, many cite this conversion as the very moment when the church changed from a Hebrew and Hellenist community to the truly universal and Catholic Church. Black Catholics trace their faith history back to Christian antiquity long before other nations heard the "Good News." Christian Africa was indeed a "leading light" in early Christendom. Black Catholics point to three popes who were born in Africa: Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I. All three shepherded the early church through tough and tumultuous times in history. Black Catholics claim many Black Saints like Saints Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pisentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Thecla. Some of these mystics, monastics, and martyrs literally made the church what it is today.

### **November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Memorial**

"Christ summons the Church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that continual reformation of which she always has need, insofar as she is an institution of men here on earth. Consequently, if, in various times and circumstances, there have been deficiencies in moral conduct or in Church discipline, or even in the way that Church teaching has been formulated—to be carefully distinguished from the deposit of faith itself—these should be set right at the opportune moment and in the proper way" (Vatican II, *Decree on Ecumenism*, 6, Austin Flannery translation).



## **November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome - Feast**

“Dear friends, today’s feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God’s desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth (cf. John 4:23-24). But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community therefore has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historical patrimony. For this we call upon the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she help us to become, like her, the 'house of God,' living temple of his love.” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus Address, November 9, 2008*)

## **DECEMBER BUS TRIP**

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Joy to the World Christmas Show at American Music Theatre. The cost is \$95 per Adult and \$75 per Child, departing at 10 am and returning around 7 pm. Please contact Camille at 908-319-2719 for more information and/or to make reservations.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #474**

This Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Knights of Columbus will hold a Pasta Dinner in Mercy Hall from 3-7pm. The menu will consist of Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage, Rolls, Salad, a Drink and Dessert. (You can choose either Eat-In or Take-Out.) You can buy your tickets at the door for \$14; and kids 6-12 years old, \$6.

## **PHILLIPSBURG CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MASS**

You are cordially invited to the P.C.H.S. Alumni Mass on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am at 137 Roseberry Street, followed by coffee and light refreshments. (The mass will take place in the gym of the old High School and current elementary school.) Thank you!

## **HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP**

Feeling depressed, grieving, & not looking forward to the holidays? Join us for the Holiday Blues Workshop on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10am, in the Parish Meeting Room. We will help you to overcome the Holiday Blues.

## **GIVING TREE**

If you would like to help make the ornaments for the church’s giving tree, we will be doing that on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Parish Music Room. Please bring a single-hole punch and your Christmas cheer. Refreshments will be provided. Many hands make quick work.



## **SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP**

On May 2, 2025 join the bus trip to Sight & Sound for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the live show of Noah. Cost per Adult is \$140 & \$95 for children ages 3 to 12. There will be a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village. The bus departs from 137 Roseberry St at 10am with an approximate return of 8pm. Contact Camille at 908-319-2719 for reservations or for more information.

## **SOUP KITCHEN NEWS**



The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 132 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend. Thank you to all that help feed those in need and all who donate, we truly appreciate it! We are in need of store bought cookies, pudding cups, as well as peanut butter and jelly. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall.

## **Diocesan News**

### **RETROUVAILLE**

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 28 – March 2, 2025**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or via email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

## **BLACK CATHOLIC GATHERING**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

There will be a Diocesan Black Catholic Gathering on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. This is a multi-ethnic committee of passionate Catholics, working to implement the Pastoral Plan of Action recommended by the National Black Catholic Congress last July. To register visit: [www.diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry](http://www.diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry).

For more information contact [mperez@diometuchen.org](mailto:mperez@diometuchen.org) or [deaconrickfortune@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrickfortune@gmail.com).

## **ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES – PRESENTED BY FR. GLENN J. COMANDINI, S.T.D.**

### **Eschatology Part I: Vision of Hope**

\$20 - February 6 to March 13 - St. John Neumann Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

This introductory course will propose that the study of the last things, end times and creation of a new heaven and new earth pivots on the axis of hope. We will explore the major themes of eschatology: the Second Coming, Heaven, hell and purgatory and also examine the resurrection of the body, particular judgment and final judgment.

### **Eschatology Part II: The Book of Revelation**

\$20 - March 20 to May 29 - St. John Neumann Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
In this continuation of the first course, we will examine this final book of the New Testament and the Apocalypse. We will dedicate extra attention, using Catholic exegesis, on The Seven Letters, The Seven Seals, The Seven Trumpets, The Woman Clothed with the Sun, The Dragon and the Lamb, The Seven Bowls, the Fate of Babylon and The Heavenly Rider.

For more information or to register:

[www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation) or call 732-562-1543.



## **Community News**

### **FREE PRODUCE MARKET**



On Wednesday, November 13, 2024, LocalShare with the collaboration of Warren County Hunger Coalition will be set up in the Mercy Hall parking lot from 4pm-5:30pm. Please share with those you may know that will benefit from this charitable gesture.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**



Catholic Charities Thrift Store and Food Pantry at 387 South Main Street in Phillipsburg are in need of volunteers. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, contact Maria Hunter at 732-387-1315 for more details. Please consider this opportunity to practice the Works of Mercy and bring hope to someone in need. The most critical need is for the Thrift Store from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

### **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY TRIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

Querida Familia!

Las lecturas de este domingo se centran en el amor a Dios y al prójimo y en cómo ambos no pueden separarse. El Catecismo nos enseña que “Jesús resumió los deberes del hombre hacia Dios en estas palabras: Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente”. Esto inmediatamente hace eco del llamado solemne: “Escucha (Shemá), Israel: el Señor nuestro Dios es el único Señor”. Dios nos ha amado primero. El amor del Dios único se recuerda en la primera de las “diez palabras”. Los mandamientos luego hacen explícita la respuesta de amor que el hombre está llamado a dar a su Dios” (CIC 2083).

La invitación a una Iglesia sinodal se funda en el Shemá. El mandamiento del amor que Jesús propone tiene un fin definitivo: si bien favorece nuestro bienestar, la prioridad es la construcción del Reino de Dios. La Iglesia es servidora del Reino de Dios. El amor es el fundamento del Reino; la fe y la esperanza se alimentan y se expresan a través del amor.

El mundo moderno nos sugiere que aprendamos a vivir sin Dios, lo que permite que el individuo viva con mayor dignidad y honestidad. ¿Hasta qué punto creemos realmente en Dios? El mundo moderno se siente cómodo con una variedad de cosas que nos gobiernan, que nos influyen más allá de nuestro control. Dios es visto como un factor: el factor Dios se reduce a algo así como visitar a un paciente en un hospital. ¿Está Dios bajo medicación? ¿Está Dios sufriendo cáncer o un ataque cardíaco?

John Cage dice: "Lo grandioso de la mente humana es que puede dar vuelta sus propias tornas y ver la falta de sentido como el sentido último".

"Aprovechemos el fuego escondido en la Eucaristía para lograr una verdadera fraternidad y unidad", dice el Cardenal Jaime Sin. El Shemá es de naturaleza eucarística. El Shemá recibe su energía de Dios; intenta santificarnos; nos lleva a unirnos a Él de la mano para la santificación de todos. La Eucaristía es la fuente y la cumbre de la vida cristiana. El Shemá es la manera en que vivimos la Eucaristía.

### **Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones - 3 al 9 de noviembre de 2024:**

La Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones, que se celebra del 3 al 9 de noviembre de 2024, es una celebración anual de una semana de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos dedicada a promover las vocaciones al sacerdocio, al diaconado y a la vida consagrada a través de la oración y la educación, y a renovar nuestras oraciones y apoyo a quienes están considerando una de estas vocaciones particulares. A partir de 2014, la Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones se trasladó a la primera semana de noviembre. Pidamos a Dios que inspire a la gente a elegir este estilo de vida. Nuestra diócesis necesita vocaciones locales. Nuestra iglesia necesita obreros que trabajen en la viña del Señor.

**Acceso gratuito a la formación catequética para todos los líderes en el ministerio:** en las recientes sesiones de audiencia del Sínodo y las recomendaciones del Congreso Eucarístico Nacional mostraron que los feligreses están pidiendo más oportunidades para la catequesis a nivel parroquial. Visite [franciscanathome.com](http://franciscanathome.com) para obtener más información. Esta es una plataforma gratuita y agradecemos a nuestra Diócesis por ponerla a disposición de todos nosotros de forma gratuita. **(Hay cursos en español.)**

### **Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (O.I.C.A.): (Anteriormente conocida como R.I.C.A.)**

Comenzamos el programa O.I.C.A. hace unos domingos en nuestra parroquia. Agradecemos a todos los miembros de este programa junto con el diácono Larry. ¡Oremos por todos los candidatos y les deseamos lo mejor!

### **La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción se traslada al lunes 9 de diciembre:**

Recordad que la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción es siempre un Día de Precepto, incluso cuando se traslada a otro día. Así pues, el lunes 9 de diciembre es un Día de Precepto.

### **Mes de noviembre:**

Como los dos primeros días de noviembre son tan preciosos para nosotros, pues recordamos a todos los santos y almas, el mes de noviembre también se celebra otras celebraciones importantes: noviembre es también el Mes de la Historia Católica Negra. Y la USCCB dedica noviembre también como el Mes de los Pueblos Indígenas y el Mes Nacional de la Adopción. La Iglesia Universal celebra la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud el 24 de noviembre, justo en torno al Día de Acción de Gracias (28).

### **Llamado del Pastor, Agradecimientos al Consejo de Finanzas y al Equipo de Formación de la Fe:**

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. Agradezco a todos los miembros del Consejo de Finanzas por presentarles a todos ustedes la importancia del Llamado de este año. También agradezco a todas las familias que participaron en la presentación. Les pido que consideren en oración ayudarnos con el Llamado del Pastor este año para que las ideas que hemos planificado puedan implementarse a tiempo para nuestros niños y para nuestra parroquia.

Padre Antony

### **HORA SANTA**

Todos son bienvenidos a reunirse para la Hora Santa el 6 de diciembre de 2024 (primer viernes) a las 6:00 pm en la iglesia. Pasemos una hora con nuestro Señor como comunidad.

### **APELACIÓN DEL PASTOR 2024**

Hasta ahora, la Apelación del Pastor ha recaudado \$31,260.00. ¡Mantengamos el impulso para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$150,000.00! Gracias por su generosidad.



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



**Clases de Formación en la Fe en la escuela SSPJ -  
137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg, NJ a las 4:30pm.**

**Martes 5 de noviembre y  
Martes 12 de noviembre**

**Comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Duran  
(Directora de Catequesis Parroquial)  
al 908-454-0112 x406, si tiene alguna pregunta.**

## MERCADO DE VERDURAS GRATIS



El miércoles 13 de noviembre de 2024, el LocalShare con la colaboración de la Coalición contra el Hambre del Condado de Warren se instalará en el estacionamiento del Mercy Hall de 4pm a 5:30pm. Por favor, compártelo

con aquellos que conozcan que se beneficiarán de este gesto caritativo.

## NOTICIAS DE LA DIÓCESIS ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA

**Ciclo 2025 - 2028**

**Quieres iniciar un programa de Biblia?**

Iniciamos un nuevo ciclo, para todos aquellos que estén interesados en profundizar en las sagradas escrituras, comenzando con el curso de:

*Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras*

Lunes de 7 pm a 9 pm del 28 de Octubre al 2 de Diciembre de 2024.

Lugar: St John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Ln; Piscataway New Jersey, 08854)

Valor por persona: \$35

Para información sobre la Escuela Bíblica Hispana, escribe a [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) o comunícate al 732-243-4573.

## HAZ OÍDO DE LA PLATAFORMA "FRANCISCAN AT HOME"?

La Diócesis de Metuchen en coordinación con el Instituto Catequético de la Universidad Franciscana, ofrece talleres y cursos certificados en línea, tanto en inglés como en español, de manera gratuita.

**Qué debo hacer para acceder a estos talleres?**

- Visita: <https://franciscanathome.com/es/tobogan/denied?diocese=38&destination=free-institution-signup> Ten en cuenta que debes pertenecer a alguna de las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen.
- Al crear tu usuario tendrás acceso a todos los talleres que ofrece el programa. En español encontrarán cinco cursos certificados en los siguientes temas: Catequesis, Familia, Jóvenes, O.I.C.A y Liderazgo, así como alrededor de 20 talleres individuales bajo el título de especializaciones ministeriales.

**Anímate a explorar esta oportunidad de formación!!**

*Si tienes dudas sobre el programa o sobre cómo crear tu usuario, para los cursos en español puedes comunicarte al correo [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org).*

## SEMINARIO DE ADVIENTO 2024

**Seminario de Adviento: El Evangelio según San Lucas**

Sábado 23 de Noviembre de 2024, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Los invitamos a participar de este seminario de adviento, donde el Padre Gustavo Amell S.T., explorará diferentes aspectos del evangelio según San Lucas, y nos ayudará a reflexionar sobre el mensaje que nos brinda, a la luz de nuestra vida de fe.

Lugar: St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway New Jersey, 08854)  
Valor: \$25 por persona (Incluye almuerzo)

## PRE-CANA EN ESPAÑOL en 2025

Curso de preparación para el Sacramento de Matrimonio. Los sábados 15, 22, y 29 de marzo de 2025 a las 6:30pm de 9:30pm en la parroquia St. Magdalen de Pazzi en el 105 Mine St. Flemington, NJ. Este curso consiste de 3 clases presenciales en las fechas indicadas. Cada pareja debe de asistir a las 3 clases para recibir el Certificado de Aprobación que es válido por 1 año. El costo total del curso es \$100 por pareja y esto incluye los materiales. Se requiere registro y los cupos son limitados. Los facilitadores son Yamiris Marcano y Arturo Colom. Para más información o para registrarse llame al 908-503-1073 o al 908-806-8719.

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2024

## NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room MH - Mercy Hall PAR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - St. Philip & St. James School on Rosebery St.					ALL SAINTS CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED PAR - 9am - 11am Commemorative Devotion MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions
<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY            IN ORDINARY TIME</b> CR - 10am RCIA PAR - 3pm-7pm Sp. Prayer Charities MH - 3pm - 7pm Parish Dinner Knights of Columbus	<b>04</b> Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration MH - Knights of Columbus CH - 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group-Spanish	<b>05</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration MH - 8:30AM Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CR - 6:00pm Legion of Mary CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine	<b>06</b> MH - 1pm Over 50 CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration	<b>07</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 6:00pm Choir Practice CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Call	<b>08</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration	<b>09</b> THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Columbianes Jewelry Sale \$30 Duff Prayer Group MH - 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions PAR - 10am Holyday's Bibles Workshop CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY            IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Columbianes Jewelry Sale CH - 9am Children's Mass MH - 10am Bibles Gathering Group PAR - 10am 8th grade CCD CH - 11am Mass Knights of Columbus Memorial	<b>11</b> Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group-Spanish	<b>12</b> Saint Joseph, Bishop, Martyr CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration MH - 8:30AM Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 PAR - 6pm GIVING TREE CR - 6:00pm Legion of Mary Rectory - 6:30pm Pastoral Council CR - Parish Fundraising Com CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine	<b>13</b> Saint Francis Xavier, Confm, Virgin MH - Columbianes Meeting CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 7pm Spanish Mass	<b>14</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 6:00pm Choir Practice CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Call	<b>15</b> Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration	<b>16</b> Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin Ticket Sale for Breakfast with Santa CH - K of C Christmas Card Sale MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am - 10:30am Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions 6pm Prayer Service
<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY            IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Ticket Sale for Breakfast with Santa CH - K of C Christmas Carol MH - 1pm Legion of Mary	<b>18</b> The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Deckers, Virgin CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group-Spanish	<b>19</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration MH - 8:30AM Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CR - 6:00pm Legion of Mary CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine	<b>20</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration	<b>21</b> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 6:00pm Choir Practice Rectory - Finance Council CHP - 7:00pm Blue Army Prayer Call	<b>22</b> Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration	<b>23</b> Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr, Saint Columban, Abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr Ticket Sale for Breakfast with Santa CH - 10:00am - 10:30am - Confessions MH 9:00am - 1:00pm Soup Kitchen CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,            KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> Ticket Sale for Breakfast with Santa CR - 10am RCIA	<b>25</b> Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group-Spanish	<b>26</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration MH - 8:30AM Legion of Mary CR - 6:00pm Legion of Mary CHP - 7:00pm Novena to St. Peregrine	<b>27</b> CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration CH - 7pm Spanish Mass	<b>28</b> Office and Adoration are Closed MH - 3pm Thanksgiving Day Dinner CH - 9am Mass	<b>29</b> Office is Closed CHP - 7:30am - Spm Adoration	<b>30</b> SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE Ticket Sale for Breakfast with Santa 8:30 - Prayers for Life, Liberty and Marriage MH - 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10:00am - 10:30am - Confessions CH - 3:15pm - 4:15pm Confessions

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