

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## 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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Thurs. 9am-12:30pm (Closed for lunch)  
1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm  
(Asistencia en español durante estas  
horas.)



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 2/16/25

10am Grieving Group in Mercy Hall, 1pm Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall, & Columbiettes Loaf Bread Sale after all Masses.

### Mon. 2/17/25

**Church Office and Adoration Closed** & 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group “Aliento de Vida” in the Church.

### Tues. 2/18/25

9am-10am Legion of Mary in Conference Room, 4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School, 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel.

### Wed. 2/19/25

10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room & 7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall.

### Thurs. 2/20/25

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel.

### Friday 2/21/25

### Sat. 2/22/25

8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church & 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall.

### Sunday 2/23/25

1pm Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The Gospel writer Matthew drew parallels between Jesus and Moses. The Gospel is organized around five discourses just as the Torah is organized into five scrolls. The Sermon on the Mount could be compared to Moses' experience on Mount Sinai. Luke's theology and theme focuses on the universality of Jesus. Jesus' concern for the gentiles and social outcasts is the main focus in the Gospel of Luke.

'Beatitudes' means blessedness in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true happiness. Luke writes these beatitudes in the second person plural 'yours' (Matthew uses third person plural 'theirs') which is personal to all disciples of Jesus.

The Beatitudes in general are codes to a happy Christian life. They are known as 'macarisms' (in Greek 'makarios' means 'blessed'). They are found in Proverbs, Psalms and also in Revelation. Scholars say that there are thirty-seven beatitudes in the New Testament. The First reading teaches us that true beatitude is placing our trust in God and the second reading reminds us that the true beatitude is our total trust in Christ's resurrection.

As opposed to the popular Jewish belief, Jesus teaches us the codes of happy life. Jesus instructs us that in poverty we recognize God's kingdom; in hunger His providence; in sorrow true riches. What makes us blessed is being 'fully alive' even when we are faced with poverty, hunger or sadness. Our commitment to Jesus and His spirit of sharing are the keys to understanding the beatitudes.

### **Diocesan programs for parishes in Feb and Mar:**

The **Jubilee Mass Series for Hispanic Youth and Young Adults** (the last Friday of each month), the **Adaptive Teacher Workshop** (February 22), the **Parish Ministry for Seniors Roundtable** (March 1), the **Rite of Election** (March 9), the **Christian Anthropology Workshop** (March 20) and the **Choices Matter Conference** (March 29). **Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholic Singles** – February 22, 2025. Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! At 10:00 am on Zoom. Visit: <https://diometuchen.org/events?page=1> for more information.

### **Pope writes to the Bishops of the USA regarding the Migrants Crisis:**

On Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, Our Pope wrote to all the bishops of the USA. This letter is applicable to all of us. Please take note of this letter and read it as a reflection, part of prayer. Please find the excerpts from this letter on the last page of the bulletin.

### **Jubilee Year 2025: (Jubilees in February 2025)**

In the month of February, we have three important Jubilees: the Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police, & Security; which was earlier this month, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, we have Jubilee for Artists and from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> we have the Jubilee of the Deacons. The Pope encouraged all Catholic members of the military to let their faith inform their service. He said, "The world needs you, especially at this dark moment in our history. We need men and women of faith who are capable of putting weapons at the service of peace and brotherhood." We are grateful for all artists who bring to life the beauty of our parish church in statues and paintings and more. We are grateful for all our deacons Enock, Larry, Rob and Francisco and the Deacon Candidates Rob and Oscar.

### **Diaconate Ordination at St. Joseph's Church, North Plainfield:**

Bishop Checchio will ordain Jan Magcawas to the order of Deacons on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. Please pray for Jan and his family.

### **2025 Lenten Obligation:**

March 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday and April 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, & 11 are days of abstinence. Fasting applies to only Catholics between ages 18 and 59. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

### **Pastor's Appeal:**

I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. The roof repair has begun in the Mercy Hall Building. As promised we have completed initial repairs to the roof. We will restart the permanent renovation in the spring. In the meantime, we will be acquiring all the restroom and flooring materials for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. 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, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People  
 9:00 – Carmen & Mary Angelozzi by Granddaughter Lisa  
 11:00 – Francis Flynn, Jr. by Family  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Anthony & Johana Sinchi by Louisa  
 5:30pm – Rosaria Sara Modafferi by Jeannie Riotto

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> – *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

6:45am – **No Mass**  
 9:00am – Daniel Flynn by Family  
 12:10pm – **No Mass**

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Ann Lynn DeGerolamo by Ron & John Rossini  
 12:10pm – Trudy Bacho by Mr. & Mrs. Clifford

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Elaine Brown by Graziosi Family  
 12:10pm – Sharon Tate by Kevin

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – \*Sp. Int. Jauridez Nuñez Family by Gladys  
 12:10pm – Janet & Tom Earley by Catalli Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> – *St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – \*Sp. Int. Francisco Jauridez by Gladys  
 12:10pm – Kathleen Daly by Kevin

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> – **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

8:00am – Ann Lynn DeGerolamo by Lusardi Family  
 4:30pm – Nicholas Sagliano by Susan & William Sagliano

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People  
 9:00 – Fred Ferber by Jeannine Riotto  
 11:00 – Ruth & Howard James by Pat & Mike James  
 1:00pm (SP) – \*Sp. Int. Jonathan Sinchi by Louisa  
 5:30pm – Antonio & Marie Caccese by Family

## Stewardship

February 9, 2025

**Weekly Offertory:** \$7,413.00  
**Online Giving:** 2,555.50  
**\$9,968.50**

**The Catholic Spirit:** \$518.00  
**Various Collections:** \$185.00

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

February 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Robert Anselmo
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiazam Odimma
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Sebastian Mendoza
	Server	Julian Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Robby Basel
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
1:00pm	Lector	Oscar Dilone
	Lector	Laura García
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Announcements	Giovanni Lam
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	-
	Server	-

### 2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged :</b>	<b>\$ 892.00</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$ 892.00</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$77,108.00)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>1.14%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>1.14%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$178.40</b>

### 2024 PASTOR'S APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$44,801.00</b>

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, February 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm  
Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm  
Contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran (PCL) at  
908-454-0112 x406, if you have any questions**

### HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on March 7, 2025 (First Friday) at 6:00 pm in the Church. Let's spend an hour with our Lord as a community.

### Pray for the Sick

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

### 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.

### PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY & MARRIAGE

Join us on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, after the 8am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will pray specifically for marriages.

### 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:** 2/23 Ron Rossini, 3/2 Ed Socci & 3/9 Eileen Catalli  
**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 2/23 Deacon Francisco, 3/2 Eileen Dean & Mike Burke & 3/9 Deacon Francisco  
**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 3/2 Lisa Spanopolous & 3/9 Beth Dispoto

### SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 149 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. Please drop off your donation on Saturdays from 9am to 11am in Mercy Hall.

### 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN PHILLIPSBURG

Attention all alumni of Phillipsburg Parochial High School, SPSJ High School, Phillipsburg Catholic High School, All Saints Regional High School and SSPJ School. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be having a social event to celebrate 150 years of Catholic School Education in Phillipsburg. It will be held at the Roseberry Street School from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us for light hors d'oeuvres. More information to follow closer to the event. Please share this information with your family, friends, and classmates. Any questions please email [pchsalumniassociation1@gmail.com](mailto:pchsalumniassociation1@gmail.com).

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

### **February 16 Sun - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary**

#### **Time**

*February 17 Mon - Optional Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

*February 21 Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

### **February 22 Sat - Feast of The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

#### **Excerpts from the Letter of Pope Francis to the Bishops of USA (Feb 11, 2025)**

I am writing today to address a few words to you in these delicate moments that you are living as Pastors of the People of God who walk together in the United States of America. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration. I like to recall, among other things, the words with which Pope Pius XII began his Apostolic Constitution on the Care of Migrants, which is considered the “Magna Carta” of the Church’s thinking on migration: “The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants in Egypt and refugees there to escape the wrath of an ungodly king, are the model, the example and the consolation of emigrants and pilgrims of every age and country, of all refugees of every condition who, beset by persecution or necessity, are forced to leave their homeland, beloved family and dear friends for foreign lands.”

All the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa. I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality.

I recognize your valuable efforts, dear brother bishops of the United States, as you work closely with migrants and refugees, proclaiming Jesus Christ and promoting fundamental human rights. God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important or less human!

I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. With charity and clarity, we are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together, to avoid walls of ignominy and to learn to give our lives as Jesus Christ gave his for the salvation of all.

Let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect individuals and families who live in fear or pain due to migration and/or deportation. May the “Virgen morena”, who knew how to reconcile peoples when they were at enmity, grant us all to meet again as brothers and sisters, within her embrace, and thus take a step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all.

#### **DEACON’S CORNER**

**If you haven't had the chance to read the article on this subject from last week, I recommend accessing it first before proceeding. You can find the article online on our website's bulletin section. Reading the article will provide you with important background information to better understand the content that follows.**

#### **How the Deacon can be a sign of Hope for others**

In our journey of faith, we are all called to cultivate hope through a personal relationship with the Lord, trusting in His promises and guidance. In a world often filled with anxieties and despair, the role of the deacon emerges as a vital beacon of hope for their communities. The jubilee year serves as a poignant reminder to renew our hope in the Lord, and deacons are uniquely positioned to be instruments of this hope.

Deacons are called to embody the spirit of service that Jesus exemplified when He said, "I came not to be served, but to serve." This profound commitment to service manifests through their ministry of the Word, ministry of liturgy, and works of charity. Each of these ministries is linked, contributing to God’s redemptive plan and emphasizing the importance of bringing hope into everyday life.

In their ministry of the Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, offering the community spiritual nourishment and encouragement. By sharing the teachings of Christ, they help others to find solace in His promises, especially during challenging times.

Their presence in homilies and discussions fosters a deeper understanding of faith, inspiring parishioners to trust in God's plan. Through the ministry of liturgy, deacons play a crucial role in the worship life of the Church. They assist in the celebration of the sacraments, facilitating encounters with the divine that can renew and uplift the faithful. Their participation in liturgical services not only enhances the worship experience but also serves as a reminder of the hope and joy that comes from communal prayer and the sacraments.

Moreover, in their works of charity, deacons address the tangible needs of the community. They are often at the forefront of outreach programs, providing assistance to the marginalized, the sick, and those in despair. By extending their hands in service, they embody the love of Christ and offer a practical sign of hope to those who may feel forgotten or lost.

Deacons remind us that hope is not merely a distant ideal but a living reality that can be experienced through acts of service and compassion. They encourage individuals to approach them for help, counsel, and inspiration, creating a welcoming space where hearts can be shared, and burdens can be lifted.

As we journey through this jubilee year, may every parishioner recognize the deacon as the hands and feet of Christ, a true sign of hope in the Lord. Their dedication to serving others nurtures a community spirit where trust in God's promises can flourish. Let us not hesitate to reach out to our deacons, for in their service, we find a reflection of the love and hope that Christ offers to each of us. In doing so, we may discover renewed strength and encouragement to face the challenges of our lives with faith and optimism. ... To be continued.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.  
Cheers,  
Deacon Enock

### **OVER 50'S BUS TRIP**

The Over 50's Club is sponsoring a bus trip to see the show Noah at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on April 29, 2025. Noah has not been seen at the theatre in about thirty years. The trip cost is \$180 per person, which includes the bus show with orchestra seats, and a smorgasbord at the Bird in Hand. If interested, please contact Gloria Tolotta at 908-454-2778 or Felicia Gretta at 908-859-1612.

### **INVESTING IN THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN**

In introducing the Jubilee Year 2025 as the Year of Hope, Pope Francis talked about the young people, our children in the following words: "Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike, and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope.... For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

Our action plan for this year is to get our roof repaired and renovate all the 5 classrooms on the top floor of Mercy Hall. This includes brand new restrooms also. Please continue to pray for this important project. Thank you!

### **Diocesan News**

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than March 31, 2025.

A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend.

Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



## **RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT**

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat February 21-23, 2025 at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington NJ. Rachel's Vineyard is a sanctuary of hope and healing for those carrying the heavy burden of loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. It is a place where hearts broken by pain can be mended, and where the mercy and love of God can soothe even the deepest wounds. Through our confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreats, you will find a safe space to grieve, to release the weight of guilt, shame, or anger, and to begin the journey toward renewal and peace. These retreats are not just about healing; they are about reclaiming your voice, finding forgiveness, and embracing the profound truth that you are loved beyond measure. No matter how much time has passed, you deserve this healing. Whether you're a mother, father, grandparent, sibling, or someone touched by abortion in any way, Rachel's Vineyard welcomes you with open arms. Let this be the moment you step out of the shadows and into the light of restoration and hope. To register, or for more information, please contact Leah at [leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site](mailto:leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site) or Ana at [ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site](mailto:ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site). Visit [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org) for more information on retreat dates and locations. Healing is waiting for you, and you are not alone.

## **MINISTRY FOR SENIORS**

If you are part of or would like to start a Parish Ministry for Seniors Citizens you are invited to the Ministry for Seniors Roundtable on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 10am to 12pm. Parish Outreach may include Wellness & Exercise, Prayer Companions, Field Trips, Workshops & Seminars, Home Visits & Meals, and Social Time. This is a free event. To register visit: <https://diometuchen.org/events/ministry-for-seniors-roundtable>. For more information contact [iruggiero@diometuchen.org](mailto:iruggiero@diometuchen.org) or call 732-243-4574.

## **SILVER & GOLD & 5 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 50+ or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Donations for gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

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

¡Querida familia!

El evangelista Mateo estableció paralelismos entre Jesús y Moisés. El Evangelio está organizado en cinco discursos, al igual que la Torá está organizada en cinco rollos. El Sermón del Monte podría compararse con la experiencia de Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. La teología y el tema de Lucas se centran en la universalidad de Jesús. La preocupación de Jesús por los gentiles y los marginados sociales es el foco principal del Evangelio de Lucas.

La palabra bienaventuranza significa bienaventuranza en un doble sentido: tanto disfrutar del favor de Dios como disfrutar de la verdadera felicidad. Lucas escribe estas bienaventuranzas en segunda persona del plural, "vuestro" (Mateo usa la tercera persona del plural, "de ellos"), que es personal para todos los discípulos de Jesús.

Las bienaventuranzas en general son códigos para una vida cristiana feliz. Se las conoce como "macarismos" (en griego "makarios" significa "bienaventurado"). Se encuentran en Proverbios, Salmos y también en Apocalipsis. Los eruditos dicen que hay treinta y siete bienaventuranzas en el Nuevo Testamento. La primera lectura nos enseña que la verdadera bienaventuranza es poner nuestra confianza en Dios y la segunda lectura nos recuerda que la verdadera bienaventuranza es nuestra confianza total en la resurrección de Cristo.

A diferencia de la creencia judía, Jesús nos enseña los códigos de la vida feliz. Jesús nos enseña que en la pobreza reconocemos el reino de Dios; en el hambre, su providencia; en el dolor, las verdaderas riquezas. Lo que nos hace bienaventurados es estar "plenamente vivos" incluso cuando nos enfrentamos a la pobreza, el hambre o la tristeza. Nuestro compromiso con Jesús y su espíritu de compartir son las claves para comprender las bienaventuranzas.

### **Programas diocesanos para las parroquias en febrero y marzo:**

La serie de misas del Jubileo para jóvenes y adultos jóvenes hispanos (último viernes de cada mes), Taller de adaptación para educativos (22 de febrero), mesa redonda sobre el ministerio parroquial para personas de la tercera edad (1 de marzo), rito de elección (9 de marzo), taller de antropología cristiana (20 de marzo) y conferencia:

“**Choices Matter**” (29 de marzo). **Taller virtual para solteros católicos con intenciones de casarse:** 22 de febrero de 2025. “Building Forever”: un curso para solteros católicos con intenciones de casarse para descubrir hábitos saludables, desarrollar la virtud, evitar errores comunes y mucho más, a las 10:00 am por Zoom. Para obtener más información visite: <https://diometuchen.org/events?page=1>

### **El Papa escribe a los obispos de Estados Unidos sobre la crisis de los migrantes:**

El 11 de febrero, nuestro Papa escribió a todos los obispos de Estados Unidos. Esta carta es aplicable a todos nosotros. Por favor, tomen nota de esta carta y léanla como una reflexión, parte de la oración. Por favor, encuentren los extractos de esta carta en la última página del boletín.

### **Año Jubilar 2025: (Jubileos en febrero de 2025)**

En el mes de febrero, tenemos tres Jubileos importantes: el 8 y el 9 tenemos el Jubileo de las Fuerzas Armadas, la Policía y la Seguridad; del 15 al 18, tenemos el Jubileo de los Artistas y del 21 al 23 tenemos el Jubileo de los Diáconos. El Papa animó a todos los miembros católicos de las fuerzas armadas a dejar que su fe informe su servicio. Dijo: “El mundo los necesita, especialmente en este momento oscuro de nuestra historia. Necesitamos hombres y mujeres de fe capaces de poner las armas al servicio de la paz y la fraternidad” (64ª Peregrinación Militar Internacional a Lourdes). Estamos agradecidos por todos los artistas que dan vida a la belleza de nuestra iglesia parroquial en estatuas, pinturas y más. Estamos agradecidos por todos nuestros diáconos Enock, Larry, Rob y Francisco y los candidatos a diáconos Rob y Oscar.

### **Ordenación diaconal en la iglesia de San José, North Plainfield:**

El obispo Checchio ordenará a Jan Magcawas como diácono el sábado 22 de febrero a las 4:00 pm. Por favor, oren por Jan y su familia.

### **Obligación cuaresmal de 2025:**

El 5 de marzo, Miércoles de Ceniza y el 18 de abril, Viernes Santo, son días de ayuno y abstinencia. Los demás viernes, el 7, 14, 21 y 28 de marzo, el 4 y 11 de abril, son días de abstinencia. El ayuno se aplica solo a los católicos de entre 18 y 59 años. La obligación de abstinencia se aplica a todos los católicos que hayan cumplido 14 años.

### **Apelación del Pastor:**

Estoy eternamente agradecido a todos ustedes por su generosidad. La reparación del techo ha comenzado en el edificio Mercy Hall. Como prometimos, hemos completado las reparaciones iniciales del techo.

Reiniciaremos la renovación permanente en la primavera. Mientras tanto, adquiriremos todos los materiales para los baños y el piso del tercer piso.

Les pido que consideren en oración ayudarnos con la Campaña del Pastor este año para que nuestras ideas planificadas puedan implementarse a tiempo para nuestros niños y para nuestra parroquia.

P. Antony

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



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### **HORA SANTA**

Todos son bienvenidos a reunirse para la Hora Santa el 7 de marzo del 2025 (primer viernes del mes) 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 \$44,801.00. ¡Mantengamos el impulso para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$150,000.00! Gracias por su generosidad.

### **ASISTENCIA PARA LA MATRÍCULA EN LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS 2025-2026 EL PROCESO DE SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA ESTÁ ABIERTO**

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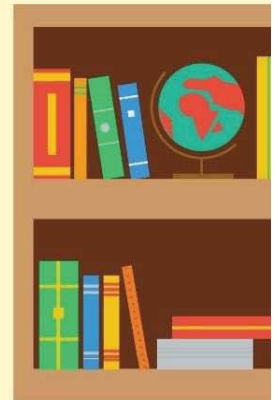
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