

# St. Philip & St. James

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

### Mission Statement

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

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:00 am

### Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 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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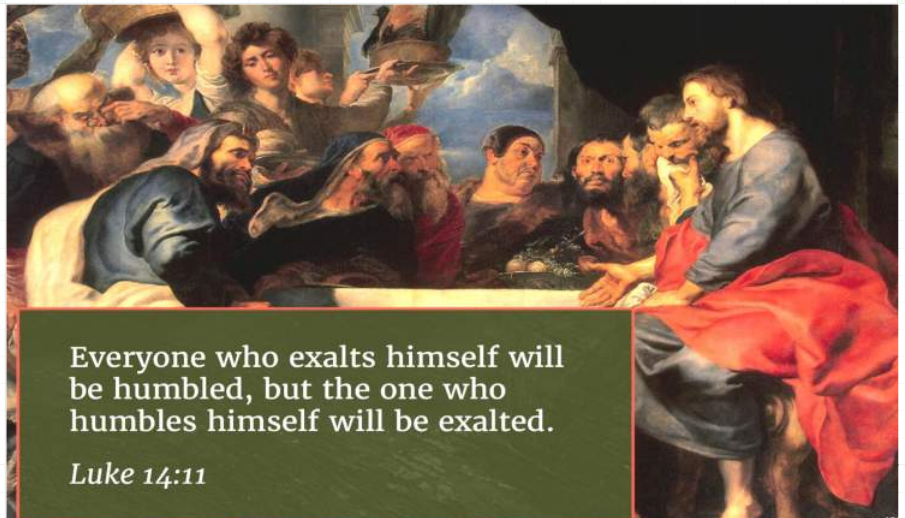
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm, Tues.—

Thurs. 9am-12:30pm (Closed for lunch)

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † August 31, 2025



Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

### Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 8/31/25** 10am Overdose Awareness Day in Mercy Hall

**Mon. 9/1/25** ***Labor Day - Church Office & Adoration Closed***

7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

**Tues. 9/2/25** 8:30– 9:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg in Mercy Hall

7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel

**Wed. 9/3/25** 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

1pm Over 50s Meeting in Mercy Hall

7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel

**Thurs. 9/4/25** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

**Friday. 9/5/25** 6pm First Friday Holy Hour in the Church

**Sat. 9/6/25** 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church

9-11am Committee Timon in PMR

9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall

**Sunday 9/7/25** 1pm Rosary Luncheon in Mercy Hall

2pm Gaudalupe Food Sale in front of the Church

3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles in PMR

## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

The central theme of 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time revolves around 'Humility'. Sirach highlights 'humility', a key virtue that puts us into God's favor. We see Jesus, John the Baptist and Mary in the words 'Humble yourself, the greater you are.' Jesus preached and lived these words. Jesus asked us to follow him in the path of humility to walk humbly with God.

'Humility' is intimately related to 'compassion' as there can be no humility without compassion. This idea is greatly expressed in the readings. Our compassion makes us humble as we begin to think the poor as our own. The same compassion expressed in inviting the crippled, lame and the blind encourages us transcend the limits of rituals. Though these unfortunate people ritually can make your house unclean, your compassion makes you a humble person in the eyes of God.

'Humility' is defined as that gives an honest evaluation of a person's character. A humble person does not have an inflated concept of self. A humble person put God's wants and desires before theirs. They observe obedience to God's commands as more important than self-interest. CS Lewis wrote, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less". As Jesus advises us on the rewards of temporal and eternal humility in the gospel today, is seen as the deep and firm foundation of all virtues.

**Welcome to all our Principal, Teachers and all the staff!**

Amidst much rumors on the school, we begin yet another year and steadily put our resources in running our school with God's grace, thanks to all of you and your generosity! Please pray for all our teachers and students and Catholic Education in general.

**Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC, (Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>). The Bishop will celebrate a special Mass at the Blue Army Shrine on September 13<sup>th</sup>** (maybe those who cannot go to DC might want a more local pilgrimage). September 13<sup>th</sup> is the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 5<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

**Pride in Priest Dinner organized by the Knights of Columbus is on September 18, 2025 at 6pm in The Imperia on Easton, 1714 Easton Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873**

**New Jersey March for Life is on Thursday, September 25, 2025.**

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Catholic Education in Phillipsburg (Sun, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am)**

As the anniversary approaches near, there are preliminary preparations that need to happen. Please save the date: Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop will celebrate a special mass at 11am to mark the event. All are welcome!

**HVAC upgrade to Chapel:**

The Chapel has a new HVAC system up and running, thanks to all of you and especially for the donors and the people who worked on this project!

**Mercy Hall Building Updates:**

We have completed the roof work. New energy-efficient windows are installed in all the 5 classrooms on the top floor. The money we raised for the pastor's appeal is used to cover all these costs. Thank you for your generosity!

Mercy Hall (parish hall) also has new energy efficient lights throughout. A special word of thanks to our Knights of Columbus for their generous donation towards this project. We hope to extend installing energy efficient lights throughout all the classrooms upstairs. Please pray for the completion of this project.

**Diocesan Programs in the near future:**

**Bible study** program from September 4<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>. Topic is Prophets. The second part is planned from Jan 15<sup>th</sup> to Mar 19<sup>th</sup> on the same topic. **Surviving Divorce** (8 week program organized by the Diocese): This program starts on October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Jay Donofrio, our **Diocesan Youth Director** is announcing the launch of a new podcast 'No half Saints'. Please check it out in YouTube.

Fr. Antony



## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### SUNDAY, August 31<sup>st</sup> – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Timothy Balas by Family

11:00am – Arthur, Anna, & Arthur Jiorle Jr. by Dave Jiorle

1:00pm – (SP) Shawn David Maturana by Family

5:30pm – Ed Rodriguez by Merrie Mulrine

### MONDAY, September 1<sup>st</sup>

6:45am – No Mass

9:00am – Ted Sager by Pat & Art Verdon

12:10pm – No Mass

### TUESDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:45am – Lydia Reppert by Paul McCluskey

12:10pm – Salvatore Minichini by Patti Leinenbach

### WEDNESDAY, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Susan Mezzanotte by Paul McCluskey

12:10pm – Florence Cranmer by Morning Angels

### THURSDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – For the People

12:10pm – Elizabeth Cervasi by Gloria

### FRIDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Kyle McDevitt by Family

12:10pm – Martha Richline by Morning Angles

### SATURDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Rosa Duque by Darío Duque

4:30pm – Edward A. Rodriguez by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

### SUNDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup> – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Clelia & Oreste Marinelli by Granddaughter Lisa

11:00am – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Layla, Kylie, & Travis

1:00pm – (SP) Por las Almas del Purgatorio

5:30pm – John & Mary Elliott by Rick & Denise Elliott

### September 6<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Lisa DeGerolamo
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	*
	Server	*

### September 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00am	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	*
	Server	*
9:00am	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Ann Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	*
	Server	*
11:00am	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Server	*
	Server	*
1:00pm	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Lector	Iván Lam
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Announcements	Juan Lalama
	Server	Miguel García
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	Jackie García
5:30pm	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	*
	Server	*

\* Please contact Deacon Rob for the Sept. 6 & 7 Altar Servers Schedule

## Stewardship

August 24, 2025	\$ 8,261.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$ 1,895.00</u>
	\$10,156.00
Various Collections	\$ 45.00

## Around the Parish

### Faith Formation News



**The 25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation Program begins Tuesday, Sept. 9 with Mass at 4:30pm at the Church and as of Sept. 16 classes will be at 137 Roseberry St.**



*James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Steven Hille,*

*Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Eric Godleski, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, Cecilia Malizzi, Paxton John Bowman, Michael Boyle, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Patti Bisci, Pat Houck, Thomas Sulick, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, & Gustavo Caceres.*

### 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, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Staff Sergeant Kevin Jiorle, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, Major Joseph Skopowski, Airman Seth Reyes, Private First Class Marine Chad Bruckman, Angelo Luzzetti Army, & PFC. Steven Fulse.*



*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:** 8/31 Ed Socci, 9/7 Eileen Catalli, & 9/14 Anne Coyle

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 8/31 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques, 9/7 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, & 9/14 Deacon Francisco Jaurides

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 9/7 Lisa Spanopolous, & 9/14 Beth Dispoto

### ***"Could you not watch one hour with me?"***



We need adorers for at **11am and 12noon on Tuesdays, 11am on Wednesdays, 12noon on Thursdays, and 2pm on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.



### **HOLY HOUR**

All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on September 5<sup>th</sup> (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.



A sincere thank you to all who donated to our summer 'Fill Our Freezer' drive. Year to Date we have served **5800 COMPLETE meals** to our neighbors. Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the

hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen is in need of cookies and pudding cups. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon. Thank you!



## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Aug 31 Sun - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sept 3 Wed - Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

**Pope Leo XIV talks to Altar Servers: Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross is the Most Marvelous Reality of Our Catholic Faith (August 25, 2025)**

You know that this year is a special one: it is a Holy Year. By coming to Rome and passing through the Holy Door, He helps us to “convert,” that is, to turn towards Him, to grow in faith and in His love, so as to become better disciples, that our life may be good and beautiful in His sight, in view of eternal life. It is therefore a great gift from Heaven that you are here this year! I invite you to embrace it by living with intensity the activities that are offered to you, but above all by taking the time to speak with Jesus in the secret of your heart and to love Him more and more. His one desire is to be part of your life, to illumine it from within, to become your truest and most faithful friend. Life becomes beautiful and joyful with Jesus. But He awaits your response. He knocks at the door and waits to enter. To be “with” Jesus, the very Son of God, to enter into His friendship!—what an unimaginable destiny! What happiness! What consolation! What hope for the future!

Hope, in fact, is the theme of this Holy Year. Perhaps you sense how greatly we need to hope. You certainly hear that the world is in distress, faced with ever more serious and troubling challenges. It may be that you yourselves, or those close to you, are touched by suffering, illness or disability, failure, the loss of a loved one; and, in the face of such trials, your heart is burdened with sadness and anguish. Who will come to our aid? Who will have mercy on us? Who will come to save us—not only from our sorrows, our limitations, and our faults, but even from death itself?

Dear friends, I thank you for your commitment: it is a very great and generous service that you render to your parish, and I encourage you to persevere faithfully. When you draw near to the Altar, always keep in mind the greatness and the holiness of what is being celebrated.

The Mass is a moment of festivity and of joy. Indeed, how could the heart not rejoice in the presence of Jesus? And yet, the Mass is at the same time a solemn, serious moment, imbued with gravitas. May your demeanor, your silence, the dignity of your service, the beauty of the liturgy, the order and majesty of the gestures, draw the faithful into the sacred grandeur of the Mystery.

I also express the wish that you remain attentive to the call that Jesus might address to you, inviting you to follow Him more closely in the priesthood. I appeal to your consciences as youngsters, enthusiastic and generous, and I will tell you something that you must hear, even if it may trouble you somewhat: the shortage of priests in France, and in the world, is a great misfortune! A misfortune for the Church. May you gradually, Sunday after Sunday, come to discover the beauty, the joy, and the necessity of such a vocation. How wonderful is the life of a priest, who, at the heart of each of his days, encounters Jesus in so extraordinary way and gives Him to the world!

Dear Altar Servers, I thank you once more for your visit. Your number, and the faith that animates you, are a great consolation, a sign of hope. Persevere courageously, and bear witness around you to the pride and joy that come from serving at Mass.

## **CALLING ALL MEN**

Looking for men who want to grow deeper in their faith and relationship with Christ through St. Joseph and some uncommon saints. We will meet on the first and third Wednesdays every month starting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:30-8:30pm in the Adoration Chapel. The first half hour will be in adoration of Jesus, and the last half hour will consist of reflection and prayer to St. Joseph for the first Wednesday and the third Wednesday will be reflection and prayer on saints who have sinned, suffered and struggled on their way to holiness.

If you have any questions, please text or call our diaconate candidate, Rob Anselmo at (917) 626-3907

## **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.*

Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, loved to think about the “**defects of Jesus,**” not because they were really faults, but because they showed how human Jesus was. These so-called imperfections—His humility, His suffering, and how He spent time with people who were often ignored—made Jesus more real and easier to relate to. The Bishop realized that loving God with all your heart is important, but it's not enough on its own. Loving God means also acting in a way that reflects His love. To help himself remember this, he came up with one simple, powerful idea: "Jesus is my God and my All."

One rainy day, while he was in prison, he experienced a moment of sudden clarity—like a lightning bolt in his mind. In that moment, everything became clear: Jesus wasn't just a distant figure in heaven, but someone he could love wholeheartedly because He was everything to him—his God and his All. From that moment, Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận understood that loving Jesus means loving everyone and everything through Jesus. His love was not just words but actions—helping others, forgiving, and showing kindness.

This idea also reminds us of what the thinker Blaise Pascal once said: "When one discovers Christ, one also understands man." Pascal meant that when you truly meet Jesus, you understand what it means to be human—your strengths, your weaknesses, your struggles, and your hopes. Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, also thought about how meeting Jesus meant meeting Him even in his enemies—those people we might not like or agree with. Jesus' love is for everyone, no matter who they are, and that makes us see the good in others, too.

Thinking about Jesus' defects (as the Cardinal described them) helps us understand that true greatness isn't about being perfect. It's about humility, kindness, and love—qualities that Jesus showed us.

Loving Jesus means accepting these qualities in others and ourselves. It's about seeing the divine in everyone, even in those who are difficult to love. When we realize that Jesus is our God and our All, it changes how we see the world and ourselves. We learn that true love requires action, humility, and compassion—just like Jesus did. And in doing so, we come closer to understanding both Him and what it means to be truly human.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

## **OVER 50s CLUB**

September is just around the corner and the Over 50's club will be having their first meeting after the summer break on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025. The meeting will start at 1 pm in Mercy Hall at SPSJ church. There will be a meeting, refreshments, bingo and trip sign-ups. New members are welcome. Any questions, please call Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-8067.

## **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Join us on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, after the 8am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10am & 3:15 pm.

## **SPSJ OVER 50s CLUB BUS TRIPS**

The Over 50s club has three (3) booked trips confirmed with some seats still available. Please do not wait to contact us if you are interested as more than likely we will be unable to get additional seats for the following trips...Call NOW!

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Hunterdon Hills Playhouse: \$88/person which includes tickets and lunch with desserts, gratuity extra, & everyone drives to the Playhouse on their own. Show is FACE to FACE, a tribute to music legends John & Billy Joel. Jeff Scott is Elton John and Elton Lammie as Billy Joel. On stage two pianists battling dressed in dazzling outfits plus a 4-piece band.

Songs from Your Song, Crocodile Rock, It's Still Rock and Roll to Me, Just the Way you are, you will be cheering them on! You will walk out saying I am glad I came to this show!

Thursday, November 20, 2025, the Jersey Dreamers “Happy Days”, Hanover Manor, Hanover, NJ cost \$106 per person which includes bus transportation (includes bus driver gratuity), luncheon, (gratuity extra) and great entertainment. Cost: \$106/person.

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA, “Joshua” (once again excellent orchestra seats!). Lunch at Bird ‘n Hand (full course meal) (gratuity extra). Cost \$186/person.

To make reservations please call Felicia Gretta at 908-859-1612. If you have questions about the trips call Gloria Tolotta at 908-454-2778.

### **HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CEMETERY**



Applications for Cemetery Assistants are now being accepted for the cemetery's main location, and on Filmore Street. This includes mowing lawns, trimming, burial sites (provision for burial and seeding), cleaning of the

cemetery, internees in the mausoleum, placing letters on crypts and niches, any necessary repairs to the cemetery, and repair of small engines. This position will start on a part-time basis.

Also included is mowing and trimming of school grounds. Please stop by the office and ask for Nancy for an application on Mondays from 9am to 5pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9am to 4 pm, and Fridays from 9am to 1pm. If you have any questions, please call Nancy at 908-454-0112 ext. 401.

## ***Diocesan News***

### **THE PROPHETS – ADULT ENRICHMENT COURSE**

These classes will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining, & contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. Thursdays September 4 – December 18, 2025 10:30am-11:30am at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. \$20 per person for all 14 classes. Register Online: <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation> for questions email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543

### **VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY FOR WOMEN**

The Diocesan women's group meets on Zoom each Sunday at 2:30pm. Beginning on September 7<sup>th</sup>, they will meet at their regular time to discuss the book, “A Cardiologist Examines Jesus” by Dr. Franco Serafini. All women are invited to join. Purchase of the book is required to participate.

If interested, please contact Cristina at

[cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

### **PARISH BUS TRIPS**

#### **To the Basilica in Washington DC**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The following parishes have bus trips to the National Basilica in Washington, DC on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Milford – St. Edward the Confessor – Contact Gary Lacey [gllacey339@gmail.com](mailto:gllacey339@gmail.com) (908) 310-0358

\*Baptistown – Our Lady of Victories – Contact Gary Lacey [gllacey339@gmail.com](mailto:gllacey339@gmail.com) (908) 310-0358

Flemington – St. Magdalen de Pazzi – Contact Cheryl Manfredonia [cm Manfredonia@stmagdalen.org](mailto:cm Manfredonia@stmagdalen.org) (215) 858-3582, & Somerville- Church of the Immaculate Conception – Contact Grace Latosky [gjl317@aol.com](mailto:gjl317@aol.com) (908) 385-5642

\*Shared Bus Baptistown and Milford

### **SURVIVING DIVORCE**

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm beginning October 1 – November 19, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. For more information or to register contact Rachele Hanna at [rachele.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachele.hanna@gmail.com).

### **MASS FOR LIFE & NJ MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP**

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life is thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:30am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton. The NJ Rally & March for Life will follow at 125 West State Street in Trenton. The Rally is 11:00 am and the March begins at 12:00 noon. The bus trip is \$20 per passenger. The bus will leave the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway at 7:15 am, and Mass will begin at the Cathedral in Trenton at 9:30am. After Mass, everyone will walk a short way to the Rally and March. The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 pm and will arrive at and will arrive back in Piscataway approximately at 2:45 pm. For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543

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

You 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 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday October 19, 2025 at 3pm. The Silver and Gold Anniversary 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 it, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

Registration will close October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543

## **CELEBRATE BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH NOVEMBER 8, 2025**

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway, NJ. The morning begins at 9:00 am with a welcome followed by a 9:30 am Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B. which will then be followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. Deadline for registration is October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please register at:

<https://diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at:

[mperez@diometuchen.org](mailto:mperez@diometuchen.org) or 732-529-7933.

## **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY** **22º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

El tema central del 22.º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario gira en torno a la «humildad». El libro de Eclesiástico destaca la humildad, una virtud clave que nos otorga el favor de Dios. Vemos a Jesús, Juan el Bautista y María en las palabras «Humíllate, cuanto más grande eres». Jesús predicó y vivió estas palabras. Jesús nos pidió que lo siguiéramos en el camino de la humildad para caminar humildemente con Dios.

La humildad está íntimamente relacionada con la compasión, pues no puede haber humildad sin compasión. Esta idea se expresa con claridad en las lecturas. Nuestra compasión nos hace humildes al comenzar a considerar a los pobres como nuestros. La misma compasión expresada al invitar a los lisiados, cojos y ciegos nos anima a trascender los límites de los rituales. Aunque estas personas desafortunadas pueden contaminar tu casa ritualmente, tu compasión te hace humilde ante los ojos de Dios.

La humildad se define como una evaluación honesta del carácter de una persona. Una persona humilde no tiene un concepto inflado de sí misma. Prioriza los deseos de Dios a los suyos. Considera la obediencia a los mandamientos de Dios más importante que el interés propio. C. S. Lewis escribió: «La humildad no es menospreciarse, sino pensar menos en uno mismo». Como Jesús nos aconseja sobre las recompensas de la humildad temporal y eterna en el Evangelio de hoy, la humildad se considera el fundamento profundo y firme de todas las virtudes.

### **¡Bienvenidos a nuestra directora, maestros y personal!**

En medio de muchos rumores sobre la escuela, comenzamos un nuevo año y dedicamos nuestros recursos constantemente a su funcionamiento, con la gracia de Dios. ¡Gracias a todos ustedes y a su generosidad! Por favor, oren por todos nuestros maestros, estudiantes y por la educación católica en general.

**Peregrinación Diocesana del Jubileo al Santuario Nacional en Washington, D.C. (20 de septiembre). El obispo celebrará una misa especial en el Santuario del Ejército Azul el 13 de septiembre** (quizás quienes no puedan ir a D.C. deseen una peregrinación más local).

El 13 de septiembre se cumple el 108 aniversario de la 5ª Aparición de Nuestra Señora de Fátima.



La cena "Pride in Priest" organizada por los Caballeros de Colón se llevará a cabo el 18 de septiembre de 2025 a las 6 pm en The Imperia en Easton, 1714 Easton Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873.

La Marcha por la Vida de Nueva Jersey será el jueves 25 de septiembre de 2025.

### 150° Aniversario de la Educación Católica en Phillipsburg (Domingo 7 de diciembre, 11am)

A medida que se acerca el aniversario, es necesario realizar preparativos preliminares. Por favor, reserven la fecha: el domingo 7 de diciembre, el Obispo celebrará una misa especial a las 11:00 am para conmemorar el evento. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

### Actualización del sistema de climatización (HVAC) en la capilla:

La capilla ya tiene un nuevo sistema de climatización (HVAC) en funcionamiento. ¡Gracias a todos ustedes y, especialmente, a los donantes y a quienes trabajaron en este proyecto!

### Actualizaciones del edificio Mercy Hall:

Hemos finalizado las obras del techo. Se instalaron nuevas ventanas de bajo consumo en las cinco aulas del último piso. El dinero recaudado para la campaña del pastor se utiliza para cubrir todos estos costos. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

El Mercy Hall (salón parroquial) también cuenta con nuevas luces de bajo consumo en todas sus áreas. Agradecemos especialmente a nuestros Caballeros de Colón por su generosa donación para este proyecto. Esperamos ampliar la instalación de luces de bajo consumo en todas las aulas de la planta superior. Por favor, oren por la finalización de este proyecto.

### Programas Diocesanos:

Jay Donofrio, nuestro **Director Diocesano de Juventud**, anuncia el lanzamiento de un nuevo podcast, "No Half Saints/No hay medio santos ". Por favor, échale un vistazo en YouTube.

P. Antony

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



El Programa de Formación en la Fe del SPSJ 25-26 comienza el martes 9 de septiembre con la Misa a las 4:30 p. m. en la Iglesia y a partir del 16 de septiembre las clases serán en 137 Roseberry St.

*"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"*



Necesitamos adoradores martes a las 11am y el mediodía, los miércoles a las 11am, los jueves al mediodía, y los viernes a las 2pm. Si estás interesado habla con el diácono Francisco.

## ENCUENTRO DIOCESANO DE JÓVENES Y JÓVENES ADULTOS HISPANOS (BILINGÜE)



La oficina de Evangelización Hispana y Array of Hope ofrecerán un encuentro diocesano bilingüe de jóvenes y jóvenes adultos Hispanos entre los 14 y los 30 años el **13 de septiembre de 2025** de 9:00 am a 4:00 pm en el Centro Pastoral St.

John Neumann Piscataway, NJ. "Vive la Fe, encontrando y teniendo una relación con Dios", el día incluirá música por AOH Music, charlas, presentaciones multimedia, actividades y Adoración. Para más información y registro visita [diometuchen.org/JovenesHispanos](https://diometuchen.org/JovenesHispanos)

2025

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	01 CH - Daily Mass 9am <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Church Office and Adoration Closed</b>	02 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus	03 <b>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 12pm - Over 50's Meeting CHP - 7:30-8:30pm Men's Ministry	04 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	05 St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin First Friday of the Month CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration PMR - 6pm - First Friday Holy Hour	06 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am 1st Saturday Devotion MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen PMR - 9am - 11am Committee Timon CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
07 <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish MH - 1pm - Rosary Luncheon PMR - 3-7pm Sp. Prayer Cenacles 5:30pm Mass in English	08 <b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	09 <b>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary CH - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena	10 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 7pm - Columbiettes Meeting CH - 7pm Spanish Mass	11 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	12 <b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	13 <b>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Group Mtg. MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass CH-PMR - 6-9pm - Annual Spanish Prayer Vigil
14 <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	15 <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm - Catholic Daughters Meeting	16 <b>Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b> CH Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration SSPJ - 4:30-5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 MH - 6:30pm - Knights of Columbus CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena	17 <b>Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen; Virgin, Doctor of the Church</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:30 - 8:30pm Men's Ministry CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary	18 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	19 <b>Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	20 <b>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Hwang, and Companions, Martyrs</b> MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confession CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - 4:30 Prayers for Conception
21 <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30 Mass in English PMR - 10am Blues Grieving Group MH - 1pm - Curia Meeting	22 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CHP 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	23 <b>Saint Pius of Pietreleina, Priest</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30-5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Healing Mass St.	24 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CH - 7pm Spanish Mass	25 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration Trenton - 11am NJ March for Life CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	26 <b>Saints Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	27 <b>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</b> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30 Prayers for Life, Liberty, and Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
28 <b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	29 <b>Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	30 <b>Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</b> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30-5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena	01	02	03	04



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