

# 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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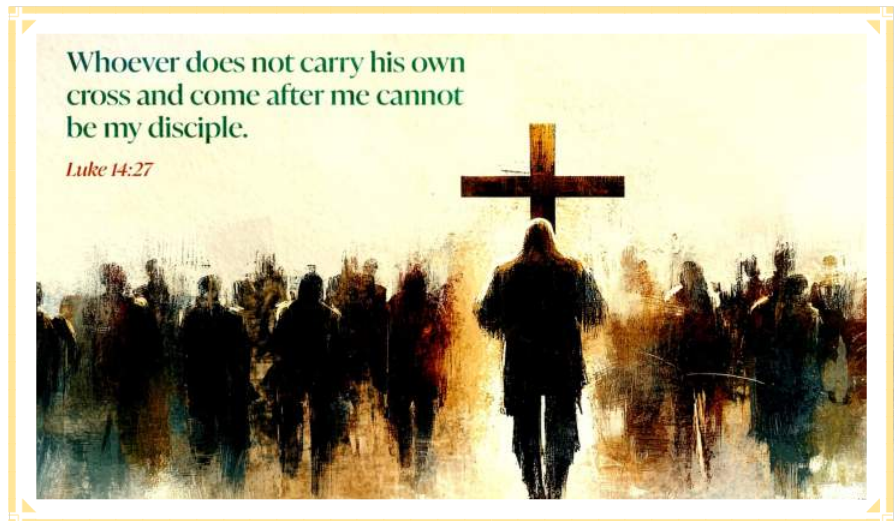
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm, Tues.—

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

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † September 7, 2025



### Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 9/7/25

3pm Rosary Luncheon in Mercy Hall

2pm Gaudalupe Food Sale in front of the Church

3pm-7pm Prayer Cenacles in PMR

#### Mon. 9/8/25

#### Tues. 9/9/25

8:30– 9:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

4:30pm Mass for Faith Formation Children and Families in the Church.

7pm Spanish Mass and afterwards Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

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

#### Wed. 9/10/25

10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall

#### Thurs. 9/11/25

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

7pm Choir Practice in the Church

#### Friday. 9/12/25

#### Sat. 9/13/25

8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church

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

10am National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children in the Church

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

Dear Family!

In the Gospel, Jesus' words could have caused havoc to the people who read the Bible in English when he said, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

God's Word, Jesus takes root in us from the beginning to the end of our life on earth to bring us life and that life in fullness. Semitic languages do not have a word for 'prefer'. "When a person prefers one thing over another, that person is said to 'love' that thing and 'hate' the other." (Geoffrey Plant). Jesus' preaching is not about hate but Jesus must have first place if one wishes to follow Him.

Looking at the large crowd following Jesus, this message is very powerful and contextual when Jesus teaches about the cost of discipleship. The three areas to address in the gospel are 1. Putting God above family 2. Bearing one's cross and 3. Leaving it all. We witness the Apostles grow into some of these commitments as time passed. In the same way we continue to grow into these commitments as individuals and as a community.

**Welcome to all our Faith Formation children and OCIA members along with their catechist and formators! We will have a special opening mass for Faith formation on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September at 4:30pm. Please come to the church.**

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

**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**

**September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.** May the Lord in His healing mercy restore to health all those afflicted, and send His Holy Spirit upon medical staff, scientists, and caregivers!

Bishop Checchio has been appointed by our Pope as a member of Vatican's Dicastery for the Clergy. Our Prayers are with our Bishop as he takes on this new role and continues to serve as the Bishop of Metuchen.

**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!

### **Mercy Hall Building Updates:**

After the roof work and installation of 29 energy efficient windows at the top floor we are continuing the repair of all the classrooms. Please pray for the boiler situation in Mercy Hall. We hope to have a solution before winter starts.

### **Diocesan Programs in the near future:**

**Bible study** program from September 4<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Feminine Genius Brunch (Oct 11)**

**Blue Mass (Oct 29)**

**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



## **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

## **MONDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fulse by Family

12:10pm – Martha Richline by Gwen Fisk

## **TUESDAY, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

6:45am – Patricia Flynn by Catalli Family

12:10pm – Patricia McMann by Patti & Bob Merlo

7pm (SP) – Por los feligreses

## **WEDNESDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Margaret Petchonka by Children

12:10pm – Connor Barbula by Family

## **THURSDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:45am – Mary Louise Rossnagle by Tricia, Wendy,  
Jaclyn & Family

12:10pm – Frank Rapinesi by Camille Rapinesi

## **FRIDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Name of Mary**

6:45am – Patricia Flynn by Ann Flynn & Family

12:10pm – Bernard A. Bladies, Sr. by Rose Bladies

## **SATURDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup> – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00am – Paul & Elizabeth Opdyke by Vance Opdyke

4:30pm – Theodore Sager by Lantos Family

## **SUNDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup> – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Bernadin Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines  
Berlucho

11:00am – Joseph Ritto by Lance Family

1:00pm – (SP) Rev. Rafael A. Ciro

5:30pm – Mark Reda (A) by Family

## **Liturgical Ministry Schedule**



### **September 13<sup>th</sup>**

4:30pm	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Server	*
	Server	*

### **September 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00am	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Server	*
	Server	*
9:00am	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	*
	Server	*
11:00am	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Server	*
	Server	*
1:00pm	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Lissette Herrera
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Announcements	Maria Rubi
	Server	Miguel García
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	Jackie García
5:30pm	Acolyte	*
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	*
	Server	*

\* Please contact Deacon Rob for the Sept. 20 & 21  
Altar Servers Schedule

## **Stewardship**

<b>August 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 8,116.00</b>
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,670.00</b>
	<b>\$ 9,786.00</b>
<b>Various Collections</b>	<b>\$ 167.00</b>



## Around the Parish

### Faith Formation News

#### 25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm Mass at the Church for  
Children and Parents**



**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm 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:** 9/7 Eileen Catalli, 9/14 Anne Coyle, & 9/21 Magnolia Mateo

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 9/7 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, 9/14 Deacon Francisco Jaurides, & 9/21 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 9/7 Lisa Spanopolous, & 9/14 & 9/21 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 October 3<sup>rd</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**

### **Sept 7 Sun - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Pope Leo Canonized Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis this Sunday.**

Pope Francis had announced the canonization of these two young men at the General Audience of 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Seven more will be canonized in October. 1. Martyred Armenian Catholic Archbishop Ignatius Shoukrallah Maloyan, 2. Peter To Rot, a lay catechist, a martyr - will be the first saint from Papua New Guinea, 3. Vincenza Maria Poloni, founder of the Sisters of Mercy in Verona; 4. Maria del Monte Carmelo Rendiles, founder of the Servents of Jesus; 5. Maria Troncatti, of the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians; 6. Bartolo Longo, founder of Marian Shrine at Pompeii and 7. Jose Gregorio Hernandez Cisneros, member of a Secular Franciscan Order.

### **Sept 8 Mon - Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

#### **The birth of Immaculate Humility**

“The devil likes... pride... because it is the principle and source of all sin. On the other hand, it displeases God just as much as it pleases the devil. God is displeased by pride and pleased by humility. “God was so pleased with Mary’s humility that his goodness compelled him to give her the Word, his Only Begotten Son – and she was the wonderful Mother who gave (that Word) to us. You know well that God’s Son did not take flesh within Mary until she had clearly expressed both her will and her humility by saying, *Ecce ancilla Domini. Let it be done to me according to your Word.* But as soon as she had said this, she conceived within her the dear spotless Lamb. By this, gentle First Truth was showing us how excellent this little virtue is, and how much those receive who in humility give their will as an offering to their Creator. “So in times of difficulty; when we are harassed or hurt, slandered or vilified by our neighbors; when we are troubled in mind or deprived of spiritual or temporal consolation by Creator or creature (by our Creator in kindness, when he draws our spiritual feelings back into himself (through it seems from the severity of our pain and struggles that he is no longer within us); and by other people when it seems from our conversation and recreation with them that we love them more than they love us) – in all these things, I tell you, those who have been made perfect in humility say,

“My Lord, here I am, your maidservant! Let it be done in me according to your will, and not according to what my emotions want.” In this way they give off the perfume of patience – to the Creator and to other people and to themselves. The enjoy spiritual peace and calm. In the midst of war, they have found peace because they have rid themselves of selfish willfulness grounded in pride.” (Saint Catherine of Siena, +1380 A.D).

### **Sept 9 Tue - Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest**

*Sept 12 Fri - Optional Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Mary*

### **Sept 13 Sat - Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

“Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad. He who said: ‘This is my body ’is the same who said: ‘You saw me hungry, and you gave me no food’, and ‘Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me’... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.”

## **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 of every month 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. On the first Wednesday and the third Wednesday there 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

This Gospel is a radical invitation to true discipleship. Jesus is not discouraging love for family or the enjoyment of life's blessings, but He is teaching that God must be the absolute priority.

Discipleship is costly: Following Christ is not simply about admiration or convenience. It demands sacrifice, commitment, and sometimes letting go of comforts, possessions, or even relationships when they become obstacles to faith.

Carrying the cross: To follow Jesus is to accept suffering and challenges with faith, knowing that the cross is not the end, but the path to resurrection and life.

Counting the cost: Just as someone building a tower or going to war plans carefully, the Christian is called to reflect seriously: Am I ready to follow Jesus not only in blessings but also in trials?

True freedom: By renouncing everything for Christ, paradoxically, we gain the fullness of life and freedom. Nothing can enslave us if Christ is first.

Deacon Francisco

## EUCHARIST HOLY HOUR FOR THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Join us on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the church, for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Let us not forget the children who were aborted. They are still children of God.

## Diocesan News

### 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)

# BROKEN MARY

## THE KEVIN MATTHEWS STORY


IN THEATERS OCTOBER 7 ONLY

Friday, September 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi**  
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Please join radio icon Kevin Matthews, as he shares the inspiring story behind his book "Mary's Roadie" and how a broken statue of Mary changed his life.

The evening will begin with Praise and Worship, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Following Kevin's talk, there will be a book signing (with light refreshments) in the Cathedral breezeway.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE MOVIE!

DIocese of METUCHEN

## DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

JUBILEE 2025

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Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi  
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
7:00 PM: Praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talk and book signing with Kevin Matthews

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**  
108th Anniversary of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima  
National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima  
674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802  
12:30 PM: Talk by Kevin Matthews  
1:15 PM: Holy Mass with celebrant, Most Rev. James F. Checchio

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**  
Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017  
with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Diocese of Metuchen, NJ



### **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

### **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 approximatley at 2:45 pm. For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543

### **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 Rachelle Hanna at [rachelle.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.hanna@gmail.com).

### **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

### **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY 23º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

En el Evangelio, las palabras de Jesús podrían haber causado estragos en las personas que leen la Biblia en inglés cuando dijo: “Si alguno viene a mí y no aborrece a su padre y madre, mujer e hijos, hermanos y hermanas, e incluso su propia vida, no puede ser mi discípulo”.

La Palabra de Dios, Jesús, se arraiga en nosotros desde el principio hasta el fin de nuestra vida terrenal para darnos vida, y esa vida en plenitud. Las lenguas semíticas no tienen una palabra para «preferir». «Cuando una persona prefiere una cosa sobre otra, se dice que esa persona la ama y la odia». (Geoffrey Plant). La predicación de Jesús no se trata de odio, pero Jesús debe tener prioridad si uno desea seguirlo.

Al observar a la gran multitud que seguía a Jesús, este mensaje es muy poderoso y contextual, pues Jesús enseña sobre el costo del discipulado. Las tres áreas que aborda el evangelio son: 1. Poner a Dios por encima de la familia; 2. Cargar con la propia cruz; y 3. Dejarlo todo. Vemos cómo los apóstoles se aferraban a algunos de estos compromisos con el paso del tiempo. De la misma manera, nosotros seguimos aferrándonos a estos compromisos como individuos y como comunidad.

**¡Bienvenidos a todos nuestros niños de Formación en la Fe y miembros de OCIA, junto con sus maestros y formadores! Tendremos una misa de apertura especial para la Formación en la Fe el martes 9 de septiembre a las 4:30 p. m. Por favor, vengan a la iglesia.**

**Peregrinación Diocesana Jubilar 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. prefieran una peregrinación más local). El 13 de septiembre se conmemora el 108.º aniversario de la quinta aparición de Nuestra Señora de Fátima. La Marcha por la Vida de Nueva Jersey será el jueves 25 de septiembre de 2025.**

**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.**

**Septiembre es el Mes de Concientización sobre el Cáncer Infantil.** Que el Señor, en su misericordia sanadora, restaure la salud a todos los afectados y envíe su Espíritu Santo al personal médico, los científicos y los cuidadores.

El Obispo Checchio ha sido nombrado por nuestro Papa como miembro del Dicasterio para el Clero del Vaticano. Acompañamos en nuestras oraciones a nuestro Obispo mientras asume este nuevo cargo y continúa sirviendo como Obispo de Metuchen.

### **150º 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!

### **Actualizaciones del edificio Mercy Hall:**

Tras las obras del techo y la instalación de 29 ventanas de bajo consumo en la planta superior, continuamos con la reparación de todas las aulas. Por favor, oren por el problema de la caldera en Mercy Hall. Esperamos tener una solución antes del inicio del invierno.

### **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, díganle a sus jóvenes y échale un vistazo en YouTube.

P. Antony

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

#### **25-26 SPSJ Formación en la Fe**

**Martes 9 de septiembre  
Misa de las 4:30 pm en la Iglesia  
Niños y Padres**



**Martes 16 de septiembre  
Clase a las 4:30 pm en la  
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.**

### **ALIENTO DE VIDA GRUPO DE ORACIÓN**

Todos los martes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm 2do y 4to martes del mes tendremos Santa Misa. El 4to. martes del mes tendremos Santa Misa de unción de los enfermos. Ven a encontrarte con nuestro dulce Amigo JESÚS!!!

### **PEREGRINACIÓN DIOCESANA A LA BASÍLICA DEL SANTUARIO NACIONAL DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN EN WASHINGTON D.C.**

Acompañemos al Obispo Checchio el **20 de septiembre de 2025** en la peregrinación diocesana y recibamos la indulgencia jubilar. Rezaremos el Angelus, la oración de la mañana, tendremos confesiones y finalizaremos con la Misa de clausura.

Algunas parroquias están facilitando transporte, pregunta en tu oficina parroquial.

Visita <https://diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025> para más información

### **7 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2025 DOMINGO 23º DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

*"Cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todas sus posesiones, no puede ser Mi discípulo."* LUCAS 14:33

Cuando escuchamos esta afirmación por primera vez, parece que Jesús nos hace una demanda poco realista. ¿Cómo podemos renunciar a todas nuestras posesiones? Las necesitamos para vivir. Sin embargo, lo que debemos hacer es renunciar a la creencia de que nos pertenecen. Todo lo que tenemos le pertenece a Dios. Todos nuestros recursos nos fueron confiados no solo para nuestro uso sino también para que pudiéramos ayudar a los demás. Una vez que renunciamos a la idea de poseer o tener derecho a algo, es mucho más fácil compartir los muchos dones que Dios nos ha dado. Entonces seremos realmente Sus Discípulos.

### **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)

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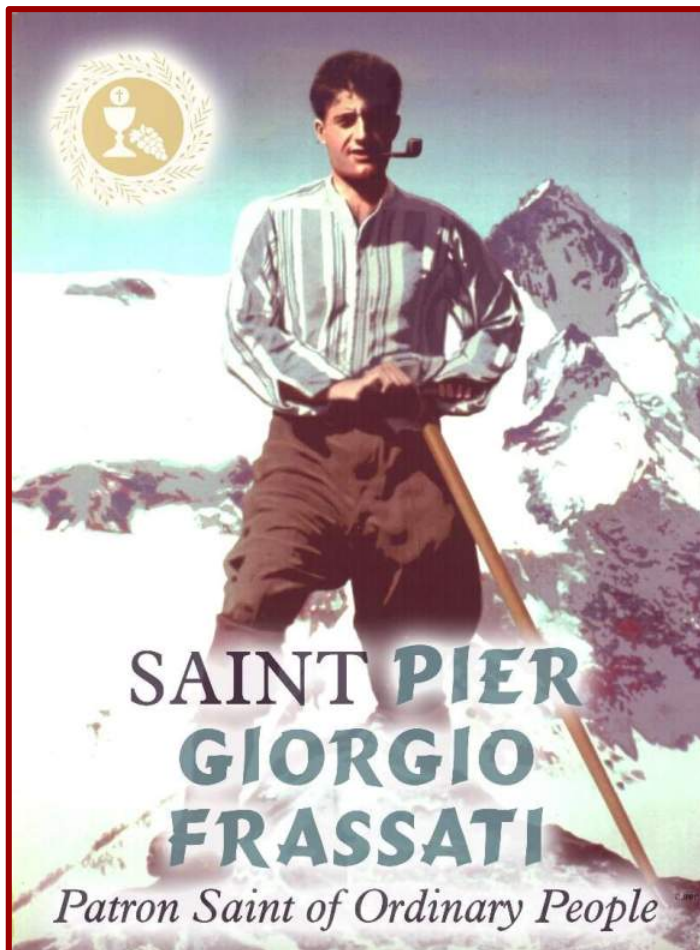
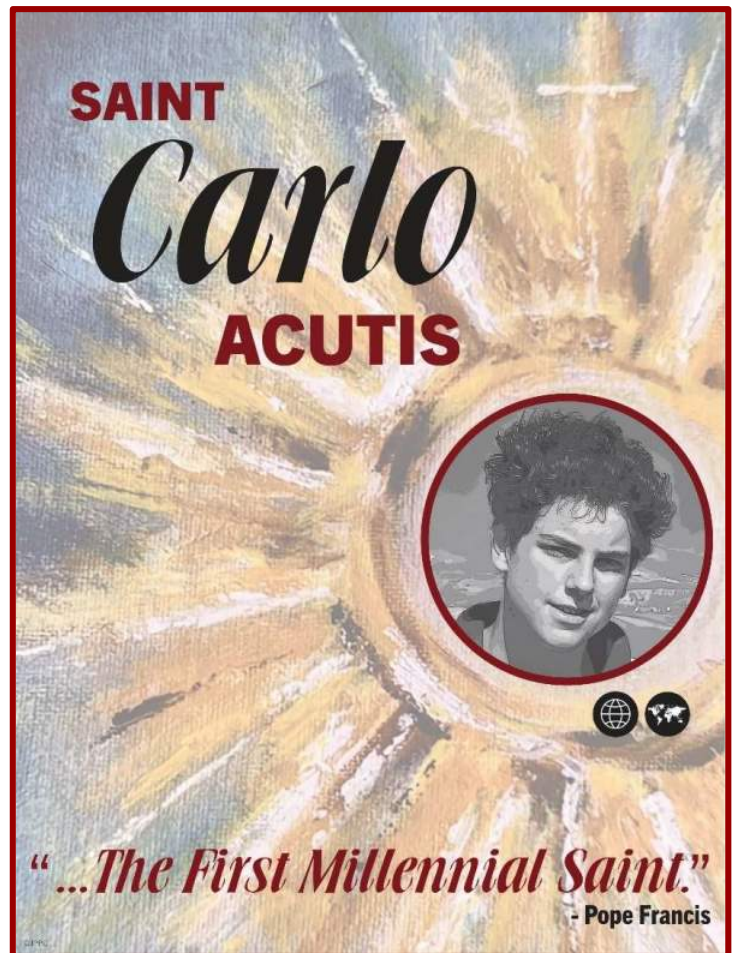
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### SPIRIT NIGHT:

Don't forget to join us at Chipotle on Wednesday, September 17, from 4-8PM. Visit [sspjnj.org](http://sspjnj.org) to print the flyer and help our school raise funds!

### MUM SALE:

Mums vouchers are still available until 9/19 or until we sell out. Plants are \$8 each or 3 for \$20, and can be picked up from Cierech's Greenhouse from 9/5 until 9/30. All proceeds benefit SSPJ S.T.R.E.A.M. initiatives. Visit our school website for more info.

### TRICKY TRAY:

Save the date for our school Tricky Tray, which will be held at SSPJ School on Saturday, November 15. Donations are still needed! Please contact [stettner.bettina@spsj.org](mailto:stettner.bettina@spsj.org) for more information.

*Welcome back to school Saints! May God bless our students, teachers, and staff this 2025-2026 school year. Thank you to KN Sign Design for always making our school celebrations extra special!*





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