# 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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1pm-4pm & Friday 9am-1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas

horas.)

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS † September 14, 2025



#### Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK** 

Sunday 9/14/25

Mon. 9/15/25

Tues. 9/16/25 8:30–9:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ - 137

Roseberry St.

6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall

7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

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

Wed. 9/17/25 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

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

Thurs. 9/18/25 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

7pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday. 9/19/25

Sat. 9/20/25 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall

Sunday 9/21/25 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall

1pm Curia Meeting in Mercy Hall

2pm Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church

### THE EXALTACION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Dear Family!

Our Pope Leo XIV celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 14<sup>th</sup>. People throughout the world wish our Pope 'Happy Birthday' in numerous creative ways. Let us join as well to wish our Pope 'Happy Birthday' and pray for his intentions. OSV is gathering a host of prayers into a very special "spiritual birthday bouquet" for our Pope. Everyone can participate.

Visit: https://www.osvnews.com/add-your-prayers-to-this-spiritual-bouquet-for-pope-leo-xivs-70th/

The theme of the liturgy this Sunday focuses on 'Forgiveness and Mercy.' "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that. (Martin Luther King Jr)" God wants to go any length to bring the sinner back to a loving relationship with himself. God is the light that dispels the darkness from us, the darkness of sin, hatred and indifference that we exchange with God and people. God is the love that eliminates our hatred and heals us to wholeness and holiness.

The image of 'making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it' caught my eye. This image is powerful as making a molten calf involves total attention to detail and persistence. It involves imagination and a dream. This could be contrasted with the 'Clay in the Hands of God' in Jeremiah 18:1-6. God made us! He shaped us; he breathed on us; made us the temple of the Holy Spirit and pitched his tent among us.

God's creative power saw goodness in creation. Our creative power made molten calf - this molten calf could be viewed us our artificial world of love, lack of compassion and forgiveness, a will to divide and conquer for self-glory. Molten-calf is an image of all that separates us from the Love of God. We are invited to take part in the creative power of God that promotes love, forgiveness, compassion and Mercy.

A warm welcome to all our Faith Formation children and OCIA members along with their teachers and formators! Thank you for participating in the confession and Opening Mass. Dear Parents! please continue to encourage your children to respond to Mass prayers.

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC, (Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>). Bishop Checchio 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. More information within the bulletin.

#### **Healing Mass at our Parish:**

Fr. Alex will be celebrating a Healing Mass on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in our church at 7pm. After the mass, there will be anointing of the sick.

#### **Confirmation at our Parish:**

Please mark your calendar - May  $7^{th}$ , 2026 - 5pm Mass

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

### 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>, Bishop Checchio 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 14<sup>th</sup> – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

7:00am – For the People

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

11:00am – Joseph Riotto by Lance Family

1:00pm – (SP) Rev. Rafael A. Ciro

5:30pm – Mark Reda (A) by Family

### MONDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Sorrows

6:45am - Martha Richline by Lisa Garcia

12:10pm – Deceased Members of the Maguire Family by Family

### TUESDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup> - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:45am - Donald R. Gretta by Wife

12:10pm – Dan Lilly by Family

#### WEDNESDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup> - Saint Robert

Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Tarquinio Rossini by Ron Rossini

12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin

#### THURSDAY, September 18th

6:45am – Virginia Fahr by Patrick Rossnagle

12:10pm – Mark Flynn by Family

#### FRIDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Saint Januarius,

Bishop and Martyr

6:45am – Gerard Ferrari by Danny & Terri Starosciak

12:10pm – Donna Kowalchuk by Family

# SATURDAY, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Saints Andrew Kim Taegôn, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am – Thomas Jiorle by Dieda Family

4:30pm – Theodore Sager by Jim & Ruth Martin

### **SUNDAY, September 21st – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Frank Sciabica by Family

11:00am – Patti Spatz by Joan McCaffrey

1:00pm-(SP) \*Sp. Int. Anthony & Johanna Sinchi by

Luisa Tacuri

5:30pm - \*Sp. Int. Brad Hoffman by Hoffman Family

#### Liturgical Ministry Schedule



September 20<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Acolyte -

Lector Rob & Jen Anselmo Minister Bill Casey

Minister Ron Rossini Server Noah Blanes

Server Alana Palos

September 21st

7:00am Acolyte -

Lector Rachel Lazier
Server Anthony Stefano
Server Julian Mendoza

9:00am Acolyte -

Lector Lisa De Gerolamo

Minister Julie Duffy
Minister Michael Duffy

Server Andrew Sretenovic

Server -

11:00am Acolyte -

Lector Carol Bevilacqua
Minister Carol Bevilacqua
Minister Kevin Kassick
Server Adam Sretenoivc
Server Chimbuzo Odimma

1:00pm Lector Maria C. Rossenouff

Lector Iván Lam
Minister Frank Anthony
Announcements Oscar Dilone
Server Miguel García
Server Aveisha Jauridez

Jackie García

5:30pm Acolyte -

Server

Lector Marianne Palos
Server Gavin Hayes
Server Leah Blanes

#### Stewardship

September 7, 2025 \$ 8,600.79
On-line 3,189.50
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Food for the Needy \$ 1,785.79 National Shrine \$ 1,359.00 Various Collections \$ 372.00

### Around the Parish

#### Faith Formation News <

Class Tuesday, September 16th 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St.



Class Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</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, & Anthony Comito.

#### 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: 9/14 Anne Coyle, 9/21 Magnolia Mateo, & 9/28 Ron Rossini Brakeley Nursing Home: 9/14 Deacon Francisco Jaurides, 9/21 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, & 9/28 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques Phillipsburg Care Center 9/14 & 9/21 Beth Dispoto & 9/28 Lisa Spanopolous

#### "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 14 Sun - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** 

Sept 15 Mon - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Sept 16 Tue - Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope; St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Sept 17 Wed - Optional Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Sept 19 Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Sept 20 Sat - Memorial of Saints. Andrew Kim Tae-gôn, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

### Pope Leo XIV - Excerpts from his Canonization Homily on September 7<sup>th</sup> , 2025

Today we look to Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis: a young man from the early 20th century and a teenager from our own day, both in love with Jesus and ready to give everything for him.

Pier Giorgio encountered the Lord through school and church groups, and he bore witness to God with his joy of living and of being a Christian in prayer, friendship and charity. This was so evident that seeing him walking the streets of Turin with carts full of supplies for the poor, his friends renamed him "Frassati Impresa Trasporti" (Frassati Transport Company)! Even today, Pier Giorgio's life is a beacon for lay spirituality. For him, faith was not a private devotion, but it was driven by the power of the Gospel and his membership in ecclesial associations. He was also generously committed to society, contributed to political life and devoted himself ardently to the service of the poor.

Carlo, for his part, encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Andrea and Antonia — who are here today with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele — and then at school, and above all in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community. He grew up naturally integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man.

Both Pier Giorgio and Carlo cultivated their love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts, available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used to say: "In front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!" And again: "Sadness is looking at yourself; happiness is looking at God. Conversion is nothing more than shifting your gaze from below to above; a simple movement of the eyes is enough." Another essential practice for them was frequent Confession. Carlo wrote: "The only thing we really have to fear is sin;" and he marveled because — in his own words — "people are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies and do not care about the beauty of their souls." Finally, both had a great devotion to the saints and to the Virgin Mary, they practiced and generously. Pier Giorgio said: "Around the poor and the sick, I see a light that we do not have" (Nicola Gori, Al prezzo della vita: L'Osservatore romano, 11 February 2021). He called charity "the foundation of our religion" and, like Carlo, he practiced it above all through small, concrete gestures, often hidden, living what Pope Francis called "a holiness found in our neighbors" next-door (Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, 7).

#### **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

#### **NJ MARCH FOR LIFE**

Come with us to the Second Annual NJ March for Life on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NJ State Capitol Annex, 125 W. State St, Trenton, NJ. There will be a Rally for Life from 11:00 AM to 12 noon, followed by a walk to Planned Parenthood. There will also be a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St, Trenton, at 9:30 am. Joan Fasanello, Marie Tasy, Dr. Christina Francis will be speaking. A bus will be leaving from the Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, parking lot at 7:00am. Please contact Bill Smith at (908) 797-7359 to reserve your spot on the bus!

#### ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ROSARY LUNCHEON & CELEBRATING MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY







There were 60 people in attendance with 21 active members, Deacon Enock & Deacon Francisco, auxiliary members, and guests. There was a talk on the miracles of the Miraculous Medal.

#### **DEACON'S CORNER**

Brothers and sisters, today we hear the heart of the Gospel in one single verse: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life."

Jesus reminds us that, just as Moses lifted the serpent in the desert to heal the people, He Himself would be lifted up on the Cross to heal us from the poison of sin. The Cross is not defeat—it is victory, it is love in action.

God did not send His Son to condemn us, but to save us. That means no matter your past, your struggles, or your wounds, God's love is greater. To believe in Jesus is to trust in that love, to look to the Cross and say: "Yes, Lord, I believe You came for me."

So today, let us fix our eyes on Christ crucified, receive His love, and live as witnesses that God's mercy is stronger than sin.

Amen. †

Deacon Francisco

#### PRAYERS FOR CONCEPTION

There will be Prayers for those who trying to conceive a child on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 4:30pm mass. Please come to the front of the church by the altar after the mass. We will pray for you to conceive a child.

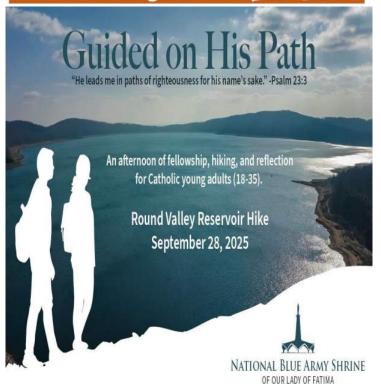
#### "THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

#### HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF ST. PADRE PIO

Come to the Healing Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm. Please come to the front of the church after mass for the prayers for healing with a Second Class Relic of Padre Pio.

### Community News AMA



Those who register online enter a free drawing for a gift card to Leo's Pizzeria!

https://bluearmyshrine.com/event/guided-on-his-path-catholic-young-adult-event/

#### WHERE:

Round Valley Reservoir South Lot, Lebanon, NJ 08833

#### WHEN:

#### 2:00 PM - Arrival & Welcome

- · Meet at the Round Valley South parking lot
- · Participants bring their own lunch & water bottles
- · Extra water bottles available

#### 2:30 PM - Talk #1

• Fr. Luke: Priesthood & Religious Life (at pavilion area)

#### 3:00 PM - Group Hike

Cushetunk trail / Campground trail (1.5–2 hrs)

#### 5:00 PM - Talk #2 & Fellowship

- Carlos Perez, Knights of Colombus Rep: Vocation of Marriage (at pavilion/parking lot)
- · Refreshments available
- Gift card raffle for those that sign up online:
   tinyurl.com/BlueArmyHike2025



nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/roundvalleyrecreationarea.html

### Diocesan News \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **PARISH BUS TRIPS**

### To the Basilica in Washington DC September 20th, 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 (908) 310-0358
- \*Baptistown Our Lady of Victories Contact Gary Lacey <u>gllacey339@gmail.com</u> (908) 310-0358 Flemington – St. Magdalen de Pazzi – Contact Cheryl Manfredonia <u>cmanfredonia@stmagdalen.org</u> (215) 858-3582, & Somerville- Church of the Immaculate Conception – Contact Grace Latosky <u>gjl317@aol.com</u> (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 Rachelle Hanna at 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:

<u>https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration.</u>

If you are unable to access it, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or 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

### BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

You are invited to join CHAMPIONS for CATHOLIC CHARITIES—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 70,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren. Catholic Charities continues to work each day to renew hope and bring wholeness to those broken in body and spirit, and we invite you to join us in putting love into action by becoming a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/Champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to Champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.



## NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

¡Querida familia!

Nuestro Papa León XIV celebra su 70.º cumpleaños el 14 de septiembre. Personas de todo el mundo le desean un feliz cumpleaños de muchas maneras creativas. Unámonos también para desearle un feliz cumpleaños y orar por sus intenciones. OSV está reuniendo numerosas oraciones en un "ramo de cumpleaños espiritual" muy especial para nuestro Papa. Todos pueden participar.

Visite: https://www.osvnews.com/add-your-prayers-to-this-spiritual-bouquet-for-pope-leo-xivs-70th/

El tema de la liturgia de este domingo se centra en el Perdón y la Misericordia. «La oscuridad no puede expulsar a la oscuridad; solo la luz puede hacerlo. El odio no puede expulsar al odio; solo el amor puede hacerlo.» (Martin Luther King Jr.) Dios quiere hacer todo lo posible para que el pecador recupere una relación de amor consigo mismo.

Dios es la luz que disipa la oscuridad de nosotros: la oscuridad del pecado, el odio y la indiferencia que intercambiamos con Dios y con los demás. Dios es el amor que elimina nuestro odio y nos sana, llevándonos a la plenitud y la santidad.

La imagen de «hacerse un becerro de fundición y adorarlo» me llamó la atención. Esta imagen es poderosa, ya que hacer un becerro de fundición requiere total atención al detalle y perseverancia. Implica imaginación y un sueño. Esto podría contrastarse con el «barro en las manos de Dios» de Jeremías 18:1-6. ¡Dios nos creó! Nos moldeó; sopló sobre nosotros; nos hizo templo del Espíritu Santo y plantó su morada entre nosotros.

El poder creador de Dios vio bondad en la creación. Nuestro poder creador creó un becerro de fundición. Este becerro de fundición podría verse como nuestro mundo artificial de amor, la falta de compasión y perdón, el deseo de dividir y conquistar para la gloria propia. El becerro de fundición es una imagen de todo lo que nos separa del amor de Dios. Estamos invitados a participar del poder creador de Dios que promueve el amor, el perdón, la compasión y la misericordia.

¡Bienvenidos todos nuestros niños de Formación en la Fe y miembros de OCIA, junto con sus maestros y formadores! Gracias por participar en la confesión y la Misa de Apertura. Queridos padres, por favor, sigan animando a sus hijos a responder a las oraciones de la misa.

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.

#### Misa de Sanación en nuestra parroquia:

El P. Alex celebrará una Misa de Sanación el 23 de septiembre en nuestra iglesia a las 7pm. Después de la misa, habrá una unción de enfermos.

#### Misa de Confirmación en nuestra parroquia:

Apunten en su calendario: 7 de mayo de 2026, misa de 5pm.

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.

### 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!

#### 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, díganles 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 16 de septiembre Clase a las 4:30 pm en la 137 Roseberry St.



Martes 23 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 la 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

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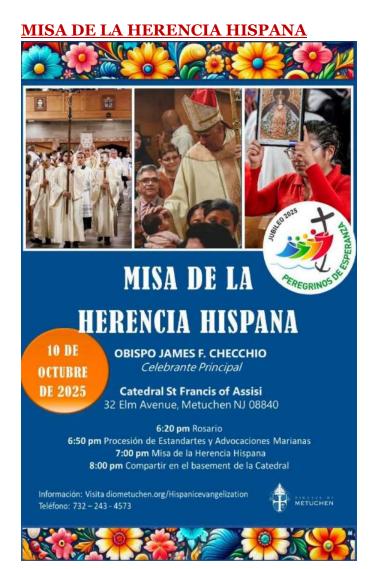


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