

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.)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † October 5, 2025



If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

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Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 10/5/25** 2pm Life Chain in front of the Church
2pm Guadalupe Food Sale
12:30pm Blessing of the Animals in the Church Parking lot (next to Mercy Hall)
3pm-7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in the PMR
- Mon. 10/6/25** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
6:30pm Parish Fundraising Committee Meeting in Conference Room
- Tues. 10/7/25** 8:30–9:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ - 137 Roseberry St.
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 10/8/25** 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Thurs. 10/9/25** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 10/10/25**
- Sat. 10/11/25** 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
5:30pm Knight's of Columbus Roses for Life Sale after Mass
- Sunday 10/12/25** 2pm-8pm Charismatic Couples Retreat in Mercy Hall and PMR
Knight's of Columbus Roses for Life Sale after all Masses

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Focusing on the readings of this Sunday, I thought about a quote that made me stop and think, “Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.” (JRR Tolkien). Prophet Habakkuk in the first reading, amidst the cloud of Babylonian exile of the people of God, not to give up on God especially when the road darkens, sure enough that was the darkest road they have ever seen! What is required in these circumstances in our life? Faith - a persevering trust that God will eventually intervene.

The readings are focused on the notion of faith. Even scientists agree that “both religion and science are founded on faith.” It is also important to know that the word ‘creed’ (my belief, my faith, my conviction) is a combination of two Latin words. ‘Cor’ (which means ‘Heart’) and ‘dare’ (which mean ‘to give’). Thus, when we talk about faith, it refers to the intellectual faculties that I associate my convictions but more importantly, it refers to the convictions to which I give my heart to. If I have my heart intimately connected to my convictions, I have faith. “Faith is like Wi-Fi, it’s invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.” (Unknown).

How closely related the two requests of the apostles are: ‘Lord increase our faith’ and ‘Lord teach us how to pray’. Every attempt to increase our faith is prayer and every prayer is aimed to grow in our faith. We have the opportunity to ask the Lord the same in the month of October as this month is dedicated to praying the Rosary. I encourage you to feel the Rosary in our hands often, just feel it! Let us stay close to Rosary!

The Pope has appointed Bishop James Checchio as the Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans: A ‘coadjutor’ bishop is appointed to assist the diocesan bishop until his retirement. When the Archbishop of New Orleans retires and the Holy Father accepts his resignation, Bishop Checchio automatically becomes the Archbishop of New Orleans. In the meantime, Bishop Checchio becomes the Administrator of the Diocese of Metuchen. No date of his departure, his farewell, or any other information regarding the successor – all to be determined. Please keep our Bishop in our prayers!

Blessing of Pets will be on THIS SUNDAY at 12:30pm in our parking lot. Please bring all your pets!

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary:

Memorial of Our Lady of Rosary is celebrated on the 7th of October. Also, this month we have Memorials to St. Therese of the Child Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius of Antioch. Jubilee of the Missions and Migrants on Oct 4-5. Jubilee of Consecrated Life on Oct 8-9. Marian spirituality on October 12th centers around two major events in 2025: the closing Mass of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality in Rome, presided over by the Pope, and the feast day of Our Lady of the Pillar, a significant Marian title. The Jubilee is a special event celebrating devotion to Mary, while the feast day commemorates her appearance to Saint James. October 19th there will be a Canonization Mass for 7 blessed.

Confirmation at our Parish:

Please mark your calendar - May 7, 2026 - 5pm Mass

150th Anniversary of Catholic Education in Phillipsburg (Sun, Dec 7th at 11am)

As the anniversary approaches near, there are preliminary preparations that need to happen. Please save the date: Sunday, December 7th, 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 4th to December 18th.

Feminine Genius Brunch (Oct 11)

Blue Mass (Oct 29)

Surviving Divorce (8 week program organized by the Diocese): This program starts on October 1st and ends on November 19th.

Jay Donofrio, our **Diocesan Youth Director** has announcing the launch of a new podcast ‘No half Saints’. Please check it out in YouTube.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, October 5th – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Art & Ann Ostili by Lusardi Family

11:00am – Alice & Frank Doyle by Pat & Mike
James

1:00pm – (SP) María Olimpiada Rojas by Zoila
Andrade

5:30pm – Sister Agnese Neumann by Gail Barbadora

MONDAY, October 6th - *St. Bruno, Priest & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

6:45am – Patricia A. Flynn by Perrucci Family

12:10pm – Toni Paranee by Vance Opdyke

TUESDAY, October 7th - *Our Lady of the Rosary*

6:45am – Blanche Gerhard by Rosalie Flynn

12:10pm – Ted Sager by Denise & Penny

WEDNESDAY, October 8th

6:45am – Leonie De Long by Valerie & Joe Lusardi

12:10pm – Benjamin Patti (A) by Valeri Patti

THURSDAY, October 9th – *St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; & St. John Leonardi, Priest*

6:45am – Fermina Rossini by Ron Rossini

12:10pm – James Amos (A) by Valerie Patti

FRIDAY, October 10th

6:45am – James & Clara McDonald by Jim & Brenda
McDonald

12:10pm – Estebana de Jesús by Rubenia Magaña

SATURDAY, October 11th - *St. John XXII, Pope*

8:00am – Joseph Petchonka, Sr. by Children

4:30pm – *Sp. Int. Helen Sands by Cathy

SUNDAY, October 12th – TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Enzo Marinelli by Daughter Lisa Marinelli

11:00am – Santo & Theresa Sciabica by Family

1:00pm – (SP) Estebana de Jesús by Rubenia Magaña

5:30pm – Thomas Earley (A) by Catalli Family



PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

Patricia A. Flynn, Joyce Farley,
Blanche "Sis" Gebhard,
Vita Loughry, & Lawrence Toscano

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



October 11th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Ron Rossini
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Allyssa Palos

October 12th

7:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ron Anselmo
	Server	Oliver McKenna
	Server	-
9:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Gabe Sretenovic
	Server	Breann Pisarek
11:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
	Server	Chimbuza Odemma
1:00pm	Lector	Iván Lam
	Lector	Laura García
	Minister	Giovanni Lam
	Announcements	Maria Rubi
	Server	Miguel García
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	Jackie García
5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Gavin Hayes
	Server	Leah Blanes

Stewardship

September 28, 2025	\$ 9,114.50
On-line	<u>2,305.00</u>
	\$11,419.50
Various Collections	\$ 773.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation Classes at 137 Roseberry St.

Tuesday, October 7th, 4:30pm



Tuesday, October 14th, 4:30pm

Pray FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Fanny Rios, & Owen McCaffrey .

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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on November 1st (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.



SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd 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: 10/5 Ed Socci, 10/12 Eileen Catalli, & 10/19 Anne Coyle

Brakeley Nursing Home: 10/5 Deacon Francisco, & 10/12 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, & 10/19 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/5 Lisa Spanopolous & 10/12 & 10/19 Beth Dispoto

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **11am and 12noon on Tuesdays, 11am and 6pm on Wednesdays, 12noon on Thursdays, and 2pm on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.



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!



...through the Sacrament of Baptism, Reagan S. Baska daughter of Mr. Thomas Baska and Ms. Sydney Pesaresi.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Oct 5 Sun - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 6 Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Oct 7 Tue - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Pope Benedict XVI said: "Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary"."

Oct 9 Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

"Motivated by apostolic zeal, in May 1605 he sent Pope Paul V, who had just been elected, a Petition in which he suggested the criteria for an authentic renewal of the Church. Observing that it is "necessary for those who aspire to the reform of human morals to seek especially and above all things, the glory of God", he added that they must shine out "for their integrity of life and the excellence of their morals so that, rather than constraining people, they gently draw them to reform". He remarked that "anyone who wishes to carry out a serious religious and moral reform must first of all, like a good doctor, make an attentive diagnosis of the evils besetting the Church, thereby to be able to prescribe the most appropriate remedy for each one of them". And he noted that "likewise the renewal of the Church must be brought about in her leaders and in their subordinates, both above and below.

It must be started by those in charge and extended to their subjects". For this reason, while asking the Pope to promote a "universal reform of the Church", he concerned himself with the Christian formation of the people and especially of children, to be educated "from their earliest years... in the purity of Christian faith and holy morals". (General Audience on Wed, 7th Oct by Pope Benedict XVI)

Oct 11 Sat - Optional Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope

"To have accepted with simplicity the honor and the burden of the pontificate, with the joy of being able to say that I did nothing to obtain it, absolutely nothing; indeed, I was most careful and conscientious to avoid anything that might direct attention to myself. As the voting in Conclave wavered to and from, I rejoiced when I saw the chances of my being elected diminishing and the likelihood of others, in my opinion truly most worthy and venerable persons, being chosen." — Journal of a Soul, page 235

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



The blessing of the animals will take place next Sunday October 5th at 12:30pm in the Church parking lot (next to Mercy Hall) Please bring all your pets and animals! St. Francis, Pray for us!

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Come & join us in prayer for the unborn & for women in crisis pregnancies for Life Chain Sunday on Sunday, October 5th, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in front of St. Philip & St. James Church. It is a powerful quiet time of prayer for the unborn & their mothers.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

☪ The Catholic Daughters' next monthly meeting is Monday, October 13th at 6:00 pm in Mercy Hall. Non-members welcome!

☪ Sunday, October 19, 2025, has been formally designated as this year's National Catholic Daughter Sunday! Proud to be one of the oldest and largest volunteer organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Thank you for your support to our ministry. Please keep an eye-out for future events.

Follow us on

Facebook: facebook.com/CatholicDaughtersCourtWarren or contact us

at CourtWarren389@gmail.com for information.

DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners:

“Increase our faith,” the apostles plead in today’s Gospel. Jesus doesn’t give them a lecture. He gives them a seed.

“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed,” He says, “you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

It’s a strange image. A tiny seed. A tree in the sea. But Jesus isn’t talking about magic tricks. He’s talking about trust. About obedience. About the quiet power of faith that moves hearts, not just trees.

And then He shifts gears. He tells a parable about a servant who works all day, comes in from the field, and still prepares dinner for the master. The servant doesn’t expect praise. He simply does what is asked.

It’s a jarring follow-up. From mustard seed miracles to humble duty. But that’s the point.

Faith isn’t just about believing big things. It’s about doing small things—faithfully.

It’s about showing up for the friend who’s grieving, even when you don’t have the right words. It’s about forgiving someone again, even when it’s hard. It’s about praying when you’re tired, serving when you’re unseen, loving when it’s inconvenient.

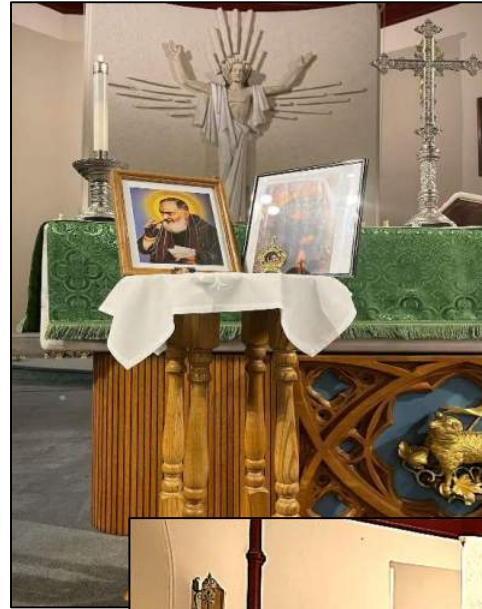
Faith isn’t flashy. It’s steady. It’s the quiet “yes” to God, repeated over a lifetime.

As deacons, as disciples, we are not called to be heroes. We are called to be faithful. To plant mustard seeds in the soil of daily life. To serve without seeking applause. To trust that God sees what others don’t.

This week let’s ask not for more faith—but for the courage to use the faith we already have. Even if it’s just the size of a mustard seed.

May God always be pleased with us,
Deacon Rob

HEALING MASS ON THE FEAST DAY OF ST. PADRE PIO



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



*Our Famous
Sausage Sandwich Sale
Curbside, 11am to 6pm
Saturday, October 18th
SSPJ School*

137 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg, NJ

Diocesan News

SILVER AND GOLD 5 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+, or 5th 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

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 AND PUT MERCY INTO ACTION

**50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~
OCTOBER 31, 2025**

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need, and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. ***Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!*** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!



HEALING MASS AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

Come celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day with a Healing Mass with Father John Campoli, i.v.dei, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 1730 US Hwy 130 North, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00pm. All are welcome! A gifted homilist, Father's beloved Masses are always a grace-filled, peaceful celebration of God's Healing Love & Mercy.

Sponsored by the Parish Columbiettes.

For more info: <https://www.frjohncampoli.com/>



October

Month of the Rosary

TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

A Jubilee Year is a Holy Year for the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. During this Jubilee of Hope, we are encouraged to renew our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and to encounter His healing grace. We have the perfect opportunity to do so this October 4-10, during the Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress. A Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress is seven days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration, including an Hourly Rosary, with each 24-hour period hosted by a different parish. This year's Congress features eight parishes, spread throughout the diocese. During each 24-hour period, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following morning/afternoon Mass, with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. Pope Leo XIV recently imparted his Apostolic Blessing to the Eucharistic Congresses, "invoking a fresh outpouring of heavenly graces" to the participants, commending them "to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary that by the witness of generous and faithful hearts the Flame of Hope may always shine brightly in our world." We hope that you will join us in this wonderful celebration.



DIocese of METUCHEN

Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

October 4 - 10, 2025

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Saturday, October 4, 2025
National Blue Army Shrine (Morris Canal) *
674 Mountain View Road E., Asbury
(908) 689-1700
12:15 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Sunday, October 5, 2025
Blessed Sacrament (Somerset Hills)
1890 Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville
(732) 356-4405
12:00 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Monday, October 6, 2025
Our Lady of Fatima (Middlebrook)
501 New Market Road, Piscataway
(732) 968-5555
9:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Queenship of Mary (Forsgate)
16 Dey Road, Plainsboro
(609) 799-7511
8:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Somerset Hills)
500 US Highway 22, Bridgewater
(908) 725-0552
12:10 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
St. Ambrose (Raritan Bay)
83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge
(732) 679-5666
9:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Thursday, October 9, 2025
St. Ann (Round Valley)
6 Church Street, Hampton
(908) 537-2221
8:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Friday, October 10, 2025
Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament (County Seat) *
52 West Somerset Street, Raritan
(908) 722-1489
9:30 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

For more information, please contact
Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication
at acarlisle@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7936

* Designated by Bishop James J. Checchio as sacred places in the Diocese of Metuchen where the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA "1000 STRONG ROSARY FOR LIFE"

Please join the virtual "1000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call" on **Monday, October 13th at 7:00 PM** which is being organized by LIFENET. Join priests from throughout NJ to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Note: October 13th is the 108th anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! For more info: 973-497-4520.

Register at: lifeneteducation.org/1000strong
Conference Call Number: 1-401-252-0031;
Code: 759297 #

DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT

The Office of Youth and Young Adults is hosting a *Diocesan Youth Night* on Friday, October 24th. It will take place from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. All 7th – 12th graders (and parents) are welcome for a couple hours of inspiration and enjoyment. Come for an inspiring talk by Catholic Youtuber, Youth Minister, and Author: Gabriel Castillo, where he will be talking about the Power of Mary and the Holy Rosary. Gabriel's YouTube channel "Gabiafterhours" has amassed tens of millions of views! Gabriel's talk will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, and lastly an ice cream social to conclude. The registration \$10 per youth. We hope to see you there! **Information including details and registration can be found of the Diocesan Website under the *Office of Youth and Young Adults Page*.** <https://diometuchen.org/gabriel-castillo-events>

YOUNG ADULT MARIAN RETREAT

The Office of Youth and Young Adults is hosting a *Young Adult Marian Retreat* on Saturday, October 25th. It will take place from 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Joseph's in Hillsborough.

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited for a morning of spiritual nourishment and talks from Gabriel Castillo! Gabriel is a Catholic Youtuber, Youth Minister, and Author. He will be talking about the Power of Mary and the Power of the Holy Rosary. Gabriel's YouTube channel "Gabiafterhours" has amassed tens of millions of views! The day will include Holy Mass, Breakfast, Inspiring Talks, and Eucharistic Adoration. The registration is \$20 per young adult. **Information including details and registration can be found of the Diocesan Website under the *Office of Youth and Young Adults Page*.** <https://diometuchen.org/gabriel-castillo-events>.

We hope to see you there!

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL
DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
27º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Centrándome en las lecturas de este domingo, pensé en una cita que me hizo reflexionar: «Infidel es el que se despide cuando el camino se oscurece» (J. R. R. Tolkien). El profeta Habacuc, en la primera lectura, en medio de la nube del exilio babilónico del pueblo de Dios, nos dice que no nos abandonamos a Dios, especialmente cuando el camino se oscurece. ¡Ese fue el camino más oscuro que jamás hayan visto! ¿Qué se requiere en estas circunstancias de nuestra vida? Fe: una confianza perseverante en que Dios finalmente intervendrá.

Las lecturas se centran en la noción de fe. Incluso los científicos coinciden en que «tanto la religión como la ciencia se basan en la fe». También es importante saber que «credo» (mi creencia, mi fe, mi convicción) es una combinación de dos palabras latinas: «Cor» (que significa «corazón») y «dare» (que significa «dar»). Por lo tanto, cuando hablamos de fe, nos referimos a las facultades intelectuales que asocio con mis convicciones, pero aún más importante, a las convicciones a las que entrego mi corazón. Si mi corazón está íntimamente conectado con mis convicciones, tengo fe. «La fe es como el wifi: es invisible, pero tiene el poder de conectarte con lo que necesitas». (Desconocido).

Qué íntimamente relacionadas están las dos peticiones de los apóstoles: «Señor, auméntanos la fe» y «Señor, enséñanos a orar». Todo intento por aumentar nuestra fe es oración, y toda oración tiene como objetivo crecer en ella. Tenemos la oportunidad de pedirle esto mismo al Señor en el mes de octubre, ya que este mes está dedicado al rezo del Rosario. Los animo a sentir el Rosario en nuestras manos con frecuencia, ¡simplemente siéntanlo! ¡Mantengamos el Rosario cerca!

El Papa ha nombrado al obispo James Checchio arzobispo coadjutor de Nueva Orleans: Se nombra a un obispo coadjutor para asistir al obispo diocesano hasta su jubilación. Cuando el arzobispo de Nueva Orleans se jubile y el Santo Padre acepte su renuncia, el obispo Checchio se convierte automáticamente en arzobispo de Nueva Orleans.

Mientras tanto, el obispo Checchio se convierte en administrador de la diócesis de Metuchen. Aún no se ha determinado la fecha de su partida, su despedida ni ninguna otra información sobre su sucesor. ¡Por favor, mantengan a nuestro obispo en nuestras oraciones!

Octubre está dedicado al Santísimo Rosario:

La memoria de Nuestra Señora del Rosario se celebra el 7 de octubre. Además, este mes se conmemoran las memorias de Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, San Francisco de Asís y San Ignacio de Antioquía. El Jubileo de las Misiones y los Migrantes se celebra el 4 y 5 de octubre. El Jubileo de la Vida Consagrada se celebra el 8 y 9 de octubre. La espiritualidad mariana, el 12 de octubre, se centra en dos eventos importantes en 2025: la Misa de clausura del Jubileo de la Espiritualidad Mariana en Roma, presidida por el Papa, y la festividad de Nuestra Señora del Pilar, un importante título mariano. El Jubileo es un evento especial que celebra la devoción a María, mientras que la festividad conmemora su aparición a Santiago Apóstol. El 19 de octubre se celebrará la Misa de Canonización de siete beatos.

Misa de Confirmación en nuestra parroquia:

Apunten en su calendario: la misa de Confirmación es el 7 de mayo de 2026, a las 5pm.

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**, anuncio 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



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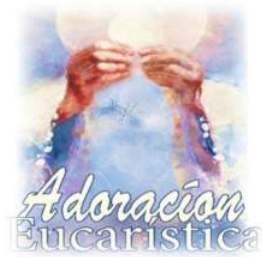
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