

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † October 12, 2025



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Mon. 10/13/25 **CHURCH OFFICE & ADORATION CLOSED**
6:00pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall

Tues. 10/14/25 8:30–9:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ - 137 Roseberry St.
7pm Spanish Mass followed by Sp. Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel

Wed. 10/15/25 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel

Thurs. 10/16/25 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday. 10/17/25

Sat. 10/18/25 9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
11am-6pm Knights of Columbus Sausage Sale at SSPJ School-
137 Roseberry Street

Sunday 10/19/25 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
10am OCIA in PMR
1pm LOM Curia Meeting in Mercy Hall
2pm Guadalupe Food Sale in front of Church

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

It was wonderful to see all the pets you brought in for a blessing last Sunday. We thank Father Pat for preparing the prayers for the Blessing of Animals. The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Sunday, October 19th, and it is our responsibility to journey with them and pray for them. The Faith Formation classes have started, and our children depend on our prayers especially the children who are preparing for Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The Reading this Sunday focus on gratitude, in particular the expression of gratitude God expects from us. In an Interview in 2013, Pope Francis said, 'The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else.'

As generosity is a virtue leaned from God himself, we as Christians, people of God, are given the mandate to love and serve like our Lord and Master Jesus himself. That is our standard with which we minister 'Love like Jesus does'. God distributes favors with absolute freedom and generosity. Naaman the general had to learn that we can never return God for the blessings we received from God - The one thing necessary at this stage is grateful acknowledgment.

Both the 'Good' Samaritans are found in the Gospel of Luke. None of them had returned to give praise to God except the stranger. Jesus paid the ransom to redeem us so that we may have life and that life in abundance. This way we were adopted as children of God. Who are the strangers? One could still be part of the family and still be strangers in the eyes of God. We are part of the family of God.

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. **A Mass of Farewell for Bishop Checchio will be on November 1st, 11am Mass at the Cathedral.** Please keep our Bishop in our prayers!

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary:

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. October 19th is also Mission Sunday. Please read our Bishop's letter on Mission Sunday under the memorials & feasts section of the Bulletin.

Confirmation at our Parish:

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

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

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

Mercy Hall Building Updates:

Please pray for the boiler project. It might cost us around \$70,000 to \$80,000. The Church doors need some proper care and repair. We have been getting different quotes for these projects. Please consider donating to these projects. When you send in the check made out to our Parish, please mention that it is for the Boiler or Church Doors. Thank you for your generosity!

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

The **Annual Blue Mass** (Oct. 29)

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Events
(Oct. 24 & 25)

Vocations Awareness Week (Nov. 2-8)

Celebration for **Black Catholic History Month**
(Nov. 8)

OCIA Formation Event (Nov. 15)

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, October 12th – TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

MONDAY, October 13th

6:45am – *No Mass*

9am – Thomas Jiorle by Floyd & Joelyn Kullman

12:10pm – *No Mass*

TUESDAY, October 14th - *St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*

6:45am – Blanche Gebhard by Ann & Paul Perrucci & Family

12:10pm – Margaret Mary & Harvey Hill by Family

7pm – (SP) *Sp. Int. Herbert Andres Castañeda-Bazan by Luis Robles Cardoz

WEDNESDAY, October 15th – *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – Patricia Flynn by June De Luca

12:10pm – Fred & Mae Iannacone by Camille Rapinesi

THURSDAY, October 16th – *St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

6:45am – Jean Baptiste Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche

12:10pm – Catherine Volpe by Marieann & Charles Decker & Family

FRIDAY, October 17th – *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

6:45am – Joyce Farley – Anna & Paul Perrucci & Family

12:10pm – Margaret Petchonka by Children

SATURDAY, October 18th - *St. Luke, Evangelist*

8:00am – Margaret Petchonka by Patrick Rossnagle

4:30pm – Peg & Bernie Brotzman, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, October 19th – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Ted Sager by Lillian & Joe Daniel

11:00am – Diana & Daryl Liro by Catalli Family

1:00pm – (SP) *Sp. Int. Anthony & Johana Sinchi by Luisa Tacuri

5:30pm – Scott Reda & Family by Gomes & Aversa Family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

October 18th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	Lucas Blanes
	Server	Alana Palos

October 19th

7:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Server	Anthony Stefano
	Server	Julián Mendoza
9:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Ann Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Andrew Sretenovic
	Server	-
11:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odemma
1:00pm	Lector	Jaime Rocha
	Lector	Maria C. Rossenouff
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Gladys Jauridez
	Server	Miguel García
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	Jackie García
5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Leah Blanes

Stewardship

October 5, 2025	\$ 8,717.85
On-line	<u>2,712.00</u>
	\$11,429.85

Repairs & Renovations	\$ 1,831.85
Various Collections	\$ 200.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

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

Tuesday, October 14th, 4:30pm



Tuesday, October 21st, 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, Fanny Rios, Owen McCaffrey, & Connie Sartini.

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. Hesck, 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 7th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
THE CHURCH OFFICE & ADORATION
WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF
COLUMBUS DAY

SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 10am the First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, 10:30am the Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 10am 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: 10/12 Eileen Catalli, 10/19 Anne Coyle, & 10/26 Magnolia Mateo

Brakeley Nursing Home: 10/12 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, 10/19 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques, & 10/26 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/12 & 10/19 Beth Dispoto, & 10/26 Lisa Spanpolous

"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!



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

Lawrence Toscano, Anthony Comito, & Rocco Carsillo

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Oct 12 Sun - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 14 Tue - Optional Memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Oct 15 Wed - Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Oct 16 Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Oct 17 Fri - Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Oct 18 Sat - Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the election of Pope Leo XIV as our Pope this past Spring, a priest who served as a missionary has become our chief Shepherd! Pope Leo served in the missions both as a priest and bishop. I am not sure we have ever had a missionary elected pope in the history of the Church. That makes this October 19, 2025 a very special day as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. We are all called and instructed by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. This day becomes our opportunity, united with Catholics around the world, to unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church, ultimately overseen by our missionary Pope. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," It was particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Pope Leo XIV, who spent 22 years of his priestly ministry as a missionary in the remote regions of Peru, reminds us that The Pontifical Mission Societies are "the primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized [and for] supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young." His personal witness deepens the meaning of this year's celebration, inviting us all to renew our commitment to the Church's mission in the world.

It is important for us to remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was itself once a mission territory. Just over a century ago, the faith here was still taking root, supported by the zeal and generosity of Catholics from Europe and beyond, who provided financial assistance, sent priests and religious, and built the parishes and schools that formed the foundation of the Church in this country. Without that missionary support, many of the churches and dioceses we know today would have struggled even more to grow.

In those early years, American Catholics benefited from the same collection we are invited to support, overseen by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies.

Now, it is our turn to extend that same generosity to others. We are called to support the missionaries, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders who serve in the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is still young, vibrant, and often facing persecution or poverty. These areas, spanning Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East, depend on our prayers and financial support to sustain and expand their efforts to share Christ and his saving words and work.

The second collection on World Mission Sunday (October 19, 2025) supports the work of The Pontifical Mission Societies, the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the world's poorest and most remote regions. Our contributions provide essential resources for the Church's mission: the formation of seminarians and religious sisters, ensuring that future priests and religious leaders are prepared to serve; the training of lay catechists, who bring the faith to communities that may not have regular access to a priest; education for children in Catholic schools, giving them not only knowledge but also a foundation of faith; medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics, offering healing and hope where healthcare is scarce; and the construction and maintenance of churches and parish centers, creating sacred spaces where the faithful can gather, worship, and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Our prayers and sacrifices today ensure that the light of Christ reaches the ends of the earth. The Church's mission is not the responsibility only of those who serve in distant lands; it belongs to all of us by Baptism. Each time we support the missions, we affirm that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people.

I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the missionary dimension of our faith. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people. Thank you for all that you do, and know of my love, prayers and gratitude for all of you.

In Hope, united in Christ's mission and with renewed best wishes, I remain.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Diocesan Administrator of Metuchen, Coadjutor
Archbishop-designate of New Orleans

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/CatholicDaughtersCourt](https://facebook.com/CatholicDaughtersCourtWarren)

[Warren](#) or contact us

at CourtWarren389@gmail.com for information.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, October 19th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



*Show Support of Pro-Life Causes
Wear a Rose for Life.*

Available this weekend after all Masses. Suggested donation: \$1.

*Our Famous Sausage
Sandwich Sale Curbside,*

11am to 6pm

Saturday, October 18th

**SPSJ School - 137 Roseberry St,
Phillipsburg, NJ**

THE COLUMBIETTES



The Warren Council Columbiettes will be having our famous bake sale at SPSJ church on October 25th and 26th. Please enjoy our home baked cakes, cookies, brownies and pies with your tea or coffee. Thank you for your support.

DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners:

In case you missed it last week...

“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

**THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENING
WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th
STARTING AT 9AM IN MERCY HALL**

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 7:30-8:30 pm 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

Diocesan News

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND PUT MERCY INTO ACTION

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities

As a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES, you are a champion in every sense of the word. Through your financial support, you provide a warm bed for someone who is homeless...food for a hungry child...emergency aid for a disaster victim...and help for a family in crisis; all of which truly makes you a champion in our eyes and in the eyes of those we serve. Please join our team today and become a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES by making a gift or purchasing a raffle ticket.

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.



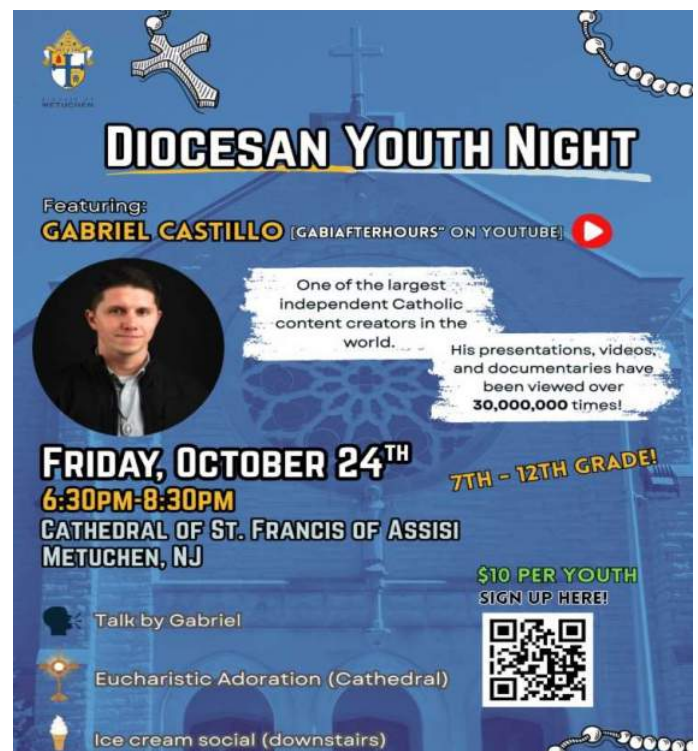
OUR LADY OF FATIMA “1000 STRONG ROSARY FOR LIFE”

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>



DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT

Featuring:
GABRIEL CASTILLO [GABIAFTERHOURS™ ON YOUTUBE]

One of the largest independent Catholic content creators in the world. His presentations, videos, and documentaries have been viewed over **30,000,000** times!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
6:30PM-8:30PM
CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
METUCHEN, NJ

7TH - 12TH GRADE!

\$10 PER YOUTH
SIGN UP HERE!

Talk by Gabriel
Eucharistic Adoration (Cathedral)
Ice cream social (downstairs)



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!

Interested in learning more about the Holy Rosary?
Come deepen your love for Jesus through Mary! 🌹



YOUNG ADULT Marian RETREAT

Hosted by: The Diocese of Metuchen

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH

9:00am - 1:00pm

Featuring:
Gabriel Castillo



One of the largest independent Catholic content creators in the world. His presentations, videos, and documentaries have been viewed over 30,000,000 times!

"GabiAfterHours" on Youtube

Ages 18-39
\$20 per person
Sign up Here: 

Address:
St. Joseph's Parish
34 Yorktown Rd.
Hillsborough, NJ

Holy Mass
Talks by Gabriel
Eucharistic Adoration
Breakfast Included!



2025 Blue Mass

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

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
at 10:30 a.m.

* Law enforcement officials are asked to be seated in the Cathedral by 10:15 a.m. sharp

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 23rd Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.



South Brunswick Police Department
2025 Host Agency



Scan for more information and to Reserve Attendance
732-243-4581 or visit
www.diometuchen.org/bluemass



THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN IS CELEBRATING

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH



CELEBRANT:



SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2025

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER
146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY,
NEW JERSEY 08854

THERE IS NO FEE, BUT PLEASE **REGISTER** (BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED)
PLEASE REGISTER BY: **OCTOBER 24TH**

9:00 AM WELCOME
9:30 AM MASS
FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW!



REVEREND PATRICK WINBUSH, O.S.B.

- MEMBER OF THE BENEDICTINE MONKS OF NEWARK ABBEY, NEWARK, NJ.
- ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD BY CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY, ON MAY 20, 2023.
- SERVED IN ST. BENEDICT'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL AS A THEOLOGY TEACHER, CAMPUS MINISTER, -
- ASSISTANT DEAN AND FACULTY GROUP MODERATOR.
- SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN NEWARK FOR 2 YEARS.
- SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS (2007-2023) IN THE MONASTERY.
- CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ABBEY SUB-PRIOR SINCE 2012 AND RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.
- SERVED 4 YEARS AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK VOCATION BOARD OF RELIGIOUS LIFE.
- A GRADUATE OF ST. PETER'S UNIVERSITY AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY.
- MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CLERGY CAUCUS.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL
DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
28º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Fue maravilloso ver a todas las mascotas que trajeron para bendecirlas el domingo pasado. Agradecemos al Padre Pat por preparar las oraciones para la Bendición de los Animales. La OCIA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) comenzará el domingo 19 de octubre, y es nuestra responsabilidad acompañarlos y orar por ellos. Las clases de Formación en la Fe ya comenzaron, y nuestros niños dependen de nuestras oraciones, especialmente los que se preparan para la Sagrada Comunión y la Confirmación.

La lectura de este domingo se centra en la gratitud, en particular en la expresión de gratitud que Dios espera de nosotros. En una entrevista de 2013, el papa Francisco dijo: «Lo que más necesita la Iglesia hoy es la capacidad de sanar las heridas y reconfortar los corazones de los fieles; necesita cercanía, proximidad. Veo la Iglesia como un hospital de campaña después de una batalla. ¡Es inútil preguntarle a un herido grave si tiene el colesterol alto y cuál es su nivel de azúcar! Hay que curar sus heridas. Luego podemos hablar de todo lo demás».

Como la generosidad es una virtud que proviene de Dios mismo, nosotros, como cristianos, pueblo de Dios, recibimos el mandato de amar y servir como nuestro Señor y Maestro Jesús. Ese es nuestro estándar con el que ministramos: «Amar como Jesús lo hace». Dios distribuye favores con absoluta libertad y generosidad. Naamán, el general, tuvo que aprender que nunca podemos corresponder a Dios por las bendiciones que recibimos de Él. Lo único necesario en esta etapa es el agradecimiento.

Ambos "buenos" samaritanos aparecen en el Evangelio de Lucas. Ninguno de ellos había regresado para alabar a Dios, excepto el forastero. Jesús pagó el rescate para redimirnos y que tuviéramos vida, y vida en abundancia. De esta manera, fuimos adoptados como hijos de Dios. ¿Quiénes son los forasteros? Uno puede seguir siendo parte de la familia y seguir siendo forastero a los ojos de Dios. Somos parte de la familia de Dios.

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 el administrador de la Diócesis de Metuchen. **La misa de despedida del obispo Checchio se celebrará el 1 de noviembre a las 11:00 am en la Catedral.** ¡Por favor, mantengan a nuestro obispo en nuestras oraciones!

Octubre está dedicado al Santísimo Rosario:

La espiritualidad mariana del 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, una importante advocación mariana. 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. El 19 de octubre es el Domingo de las Misiones. Lea la carta de nuestro Obispo sobre el Domingo de las Misiones en la sección de memoriales del boletín.

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:

Por favor, oren por el proyecto de la caldera. Podría costarnos entre \$70,000 y \$80,000. Las puertas de la iglesia necesitan un buen mantenimiento y reparación. Hemos recibido diferentes presupuestos para estos proyectos. Por favor, consideren donar. Cuando envíen el cheque a nombre de nuestra parroquia, por favor mencionen que es para la caldera o las puertas de la iglesia. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Programas Diocesanos:

Misa Azul Anual (29 de octubre), **Eventos Diocesanos para Jóvenes y Adultos Jóvenes** (24 y 25 de octubre), **Celebración del Mes de la Historia Católica Afroamericana** (8 de noviembre) y el **Evento de Formación de OCIA** (15 de noviembre). **Semana de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones** (2-8 de noviembre).

P. Antony

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