

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

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † October 19, 2025



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- 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
- Mon. 10/20/25** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 10/21/25** 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. 10/22/25** 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
- Thurs. 10/23/25** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 10/24/25**
- Sat. 10/25/25** 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church
9am 2026 Mass Book Opening in Mercy Hall
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
2:30pm Unborn Prayer Service in the Church
5:30pm Columbiettes Bake Sale in the Church
- Sunday 10/26/25** 10am OCIA in PMR
Columbiettes Bake Sale after all Masses

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

On October 9th, Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation was released. An Apostolic Exhortation by a Pope often aims to encourage us in a particular virtue or activity developing a social teaching as its main theme. Pope named it *Dilexi Te* (I have loved you) which resembles Pope Francis' encyclical on Sacred Heart (*Dilexit Nos* which means 'He loved us'). Pope Leo took the words from Revelation 3:9 and his Exhortation is addressed to all Christians on the love of the Poor. As the work has been started by Pope Francis and completed by Pope Leo, we read the sentiments from both the Popes in this document.

The priests of our Diocese gathered with our Bishop on our Annual Priest Convocation last week for three days (Oct. 14th, 15th & 16th). I always cherish these days with our brother priests as it is a great time for catching up with friends and constructive dialogue that promotes parish and prayer life. The last day is devoted to learning from our Bishop the state of our Diocese as a whole. Cardinal Dolan talked about "used to be church" and "now what?" - the necessary preparation needed for the present church.

In the first reading, we are given one of the best images of prayer and perseverance through Moses. We also see in this reading a good example of the complementarity of prayer and action. God ordains to grant victory to Israel through Moses' intercession. "Prayer is a cooperation with God's will for us." (John Bergsma)

This is a great time to ask ourselves, 'When and how often do I pray?' 'When and how often do I pray other than Mass?' 'Do I consider my handwork as prayer?' Saint Josemaria addressed the students, "An hour of study, for a modern apostle, is an hour of prayer." How do I connect my prayer life to the way I live? How does my parish prosper through my practice of faith?

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!

All Saints and All Souls Day 2025:

The Solemnity of All Saints (November 1st) falls on Saturday and so will not have the weight of a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Since it is **not a day of Obligation** we will not have a vigil mass for All Saints on Friday. All Souls Day (November 2nd) will be on Sunday this year **including an additional mass on Saturday Night at 7pm** for the people who have passed away recently in our parish.

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, the 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:

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Events

(Oct. 24 & 25)

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

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 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

MONDAY, October 20th – *St. Paul of the Cross,* *Priest*

6:45am – Concetta Zgoda by Perrucci Family

12:10pm – Kimberlee Pisarek by Dieda Family

TUESDAY, October 21st

6:45am – Robert Amey by Family

12:10pm – Tom Jiorle by Dolly Loiacono

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd – *St. John Paul II,* *Pope*

6:45am – Blanche Gebhard by Zgoda Family

12:10pm – Gabriel Lantos by Lantos Family

THURSDAY, October 23rd – *St. John of* *Capistrano, Priest*

6:45am – Carol Lupi by Victor Lupi

12:10pm – Philip Mugavero by Paul, Phyllis & Jess

FRIDAY, October 24th – *St. Anthony Mary Claret,* *Bishop*

6:45am – Deceased Members of the Bronico Family by
Fran & Tom

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

SATURDAY, October 25th

8:00am – Mary Jane MacVicaro (A) by Catalli Family

4:30pm – Edward Tolosko by Danny & Terri Starosciak

SUNDAY, October 26th – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Michael Jabbour by Bob & Dee Ellwood

11:00am – Mary Mamrak by 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 25th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
	Minister	Michael Burke
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Server	-
	Server	-

October 26th

7:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Server	-
	Server	-
9:00am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Karen Juliano
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
	Server	-
1:00pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Gladys Jauridez
	Minister	Frank Anthony
	Announcements	Giovanni Lam
	Server	Gregory Cano
	Server	Aaron Cano
5:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Keith Gallagher
	Server	Leah Blanes
	Server	Noah Blanes

Stewardship

October 12, 2025	\$ 8,430.85
On-line	<u>3,127.50</u>
	\$11,558.35

Various Collections	\$ 327.00
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Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

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

Tuesday, October 21st, 4:30pm



Tuesday, October 28th, 4:30pm

Pray FOR THE SICK

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, 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, & Michael Burke.

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, & Robby Anselmo.



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.



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: 10/19 Anne Coyle, 10/26 Magnolia Mateo, & 11/2 Ron Rossini

Brakeley Nursing Home: 10/19 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques, 10/26 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, & 11/2 Deacon Francisco Jaurides

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/19 Beth Dispoto & 10/26 & 11/2 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, & Elizabeth Jane Bevins.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Oct 19 Sun - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Sunday)

Oct 20 Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Oct 22 Wed - Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope

Oct 23 Thu - Optional Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Oct 24 Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Pope Leo XIV publishes first apostolic exhortation

Pope Leo XIV has published his first apostolic exhortation, [Dilexi te](#) ('I have loved you'), on love for the poor.

This exhortation is a joint effort between the new Holy Father and the late Pope Francis, who began this writing before his death on April 21, 2025. [Dilexi te](#) builds on the teaching of Francis' final encyclical – [Dilexit nos](#), on the Sacred Heart of Jesus – highlighting the “close connection” between the love of God and love for the poor.

“Pope Leo’s Exhortation offers numerous points for reflection and calls for action in its analysis of the many ‘faces of the poor and of poverty’, including ‘the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence’ or ‘who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities’” (9) [Vatican News](#)

“In the first apostolic exhortation from Pope Leo XIV, we are consoled and challenged by his message reminding us of the deep love Christ has for each member of the human family. ‘God’s love is vividly demonstrated by his protection of the weak and the poor,’ our Holy Father writes. Building upon the teaching of his predecessor, Pope Leo XIV has offered to us a powerfully moving invitation to reflect upon the history of the Church’s service to the poor and urges us to allow it to transform our contemporary lives.

The Holy Father reminds us of a simple, life-changing truth, ‘love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God.’ This means that ‘charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship,’” wrote Archbishop Broglio, president of the USCCB, [in a statement](#) on the new exhortation.

The exhortation was signed on Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Encyclical: A high-level teaching document that expresses the Pope’s thoughts on faith and morals. Though they may not have infallible authority, they are important as they fulfill a Pope’s role as pastor and teacher.

Apostolic Exhortation: Usually issued in response to a synod of bishops in which a Pope encourages the universal church to undertake a particular activity. They are less authoritative than encyclicals but more authoritative than Pope’s audiences or homilies.

St Philip & St James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**ALTAR SERVERS
NEEDED**

Open to
Boys and Girls
Grades 3-12
who have
received
First Holy
Communion

Did you know?
ST. TARCISIUS
Patron Saint of Altar Servers
As a young boy, he was
entrusted with carrying the
Eucharist to Christians in
hiding during a time of
persecution in Rome.

"My Father will honor the
one who serves me."
- John 12:26

God is calling! Will you answer?

AltarServers@spsj.org

DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners:

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a parable that is both unsettling and deeply empowering: a persistent widow confronts an unjust judge, demanding justice until he relents—not out of compassion, but out of exhaustion. And yet, Jesus tells us this story to teach one thing: “to pray always and not lose heart.”

This widow is not meek. She is relentless. She refuses to be silenced, dismissed, or forgotten. Her voice—though marginalized—becomes a force that moves even the immovable. And Jesus says: if even an unjust judge can be swayed by persistence, how much more will our loving God respond to the cries of His people?

As deacons, educators, and community builders, we often stand in the gap—between systems and souls, between bureaucracy and brokenness. We advocate for the voiceless, accompany the weary, and sometimes feel like the widow ourselves: knocking, pleading, praying, waiting.

But this parable reminds us: holy persistence is not weakness. It is faith in motion. It is the heartbeat of justice. It is the prayer that refuses to quit.

Let us be like the widow—not just in our petitions, but in our courage. Let us teach our students, parishioners, and neighbors that prayer is not passive—it is active, bold, and rooted in trust. And let us never forget that God is not like the unjust judge. He is near, attentive, and faithful.

So today if you feel weary, unheard, or tempted to give up—remember the widow. Remember her grit. And remember the promise: “Will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones who cry out to Him day and night?”

Yes, He will. And He already is.

May God always be pleased with us,
Deacon Rob

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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.

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.

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

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on October 25th, after the 8am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will pray specifically for the unborn & women in crisis pregnancies.

UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE

On Saturday, October 25th, at 2:30 pm in St. Philip & St. James Church, there will be an Unborn Prayer Service. This is a special service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. An opportunity to name your child is expressed compassionately and confidentially through meditative prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Mass will follow at 4:30 pm.

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.





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



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 on 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.**

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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

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"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!

THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN IS CELEBRATING

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2025

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

CELEBRANT:


REVEREND PATRICK WINBUSH, O.S.B.

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!



- MEMBER OF THE BENEDICTINE MONKS OF NEWARK ABBEY, NEWARK, N.J.
- 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 29º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

El 9 de octubre se publicó la primera Exhortación Apostólica del Papa León XIV. Una Exhortación Apostólica papal suele tener como objetivo animarnos en una virtud o actividad específica, desarrollando una enseñanza social como tema principal. El Papa la denominó Dilexi Te (Te he amado), similar a la encíclica del Papa Francisco sobre el Sagrado Corazón (Dilexit Nos, que significa «Él nos amó»). El Papa León XIV se basó en las palabras del Apocalipsis 3:9 y su Exhortación se dirige a todos los cristianos sobre el amor a los pobres. Dado que el trabajo fue iniciado por el Papa Francisco y completado por el Papa León XIV, en este documento leemos los sentimientos de ambos Papas.

Los sacerdotes de nuestra Diócesis se reunieron con nuestro Obispo en nuestra Convocatoria Sacerdotal Anual la semana pasada durante tres días (14, 15 y 16 de octubre). Siempre aprecio estos días con nuestros hermanos sacerdotes, ya que son un excelente momento para reencontrarme con amigos y entablar un diálogo constructivo que promueve la vida parroquial y de oración. El último día está dedicado a que nuestro Obispo nos informe sobre el estado de nuestra Diócesis en su conjunto. El Cardenal Dolan habló sobre "lo que era antes la iglesia" y "¿y ahora qué?": la preparación necesaria para la iglesia actual.

En la primera lectura, encontramos una de las mejores imágenes de oración y perseverancia a través de Moisés. También vemos en esta lectura un buen ejemplo de la complementariedad entre oración y acción. Dios ordena conceder la victoria a Israel por la intercesión de Moisés. «La oración es una cooperación con la voluntad de Dios para nosotros». (John Bergsma)

Este es un buen momento para preguntarnos: "¿Cuándo y con qué frecuencia rezo?" "¿Cuándo y con qué frecuencia rezo fuera de la Misa?" "¿Considero mis trabajos manuales como oración?" San Josemaría se dirigió a los estudiantes: "Una hora de estudio, para un apóstol moderno, es una hora de oración". ¿Cómo conecto mi vida de oración con mi estilo de vida? ¿Cómo prospera mi parroquia gracias a mi práctica de la fe?

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!

Día de Todos los Santos y Día de los Fieles Difuntos 2025: La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos (1 de noviembre) cae en sábado, por lo que este año no tendrá la consideración de Día de Precepto. **Al no ser día de precepto**, no tendremos misa de vigilia por Todos los Santos el viernes.

El Día de los Fieles Difuntos (2 de noviembre) se celebrará en domingo este año, **incluyendo una misa adicional el sábado por la noche a las 7pm** en memoria de los fallecidos recientemente en nuestra parroquia.

Misa de Confirmación en nuestra parroquia:

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

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:

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:

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

P. Antony

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