

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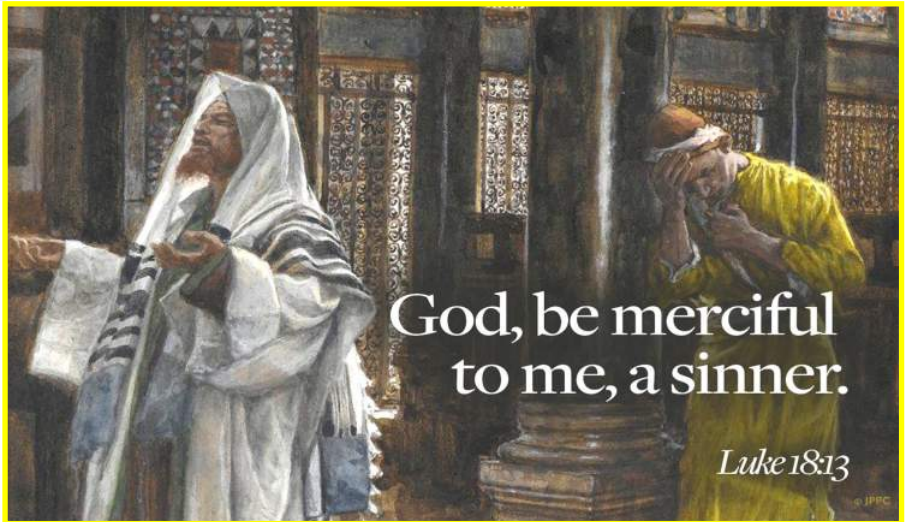
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm, Tues.—

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

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † October 26, 2025



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 10/26/25 10am OCIA in PMR

Columbiettes Bake Sale after all Masses

Mon. 10/27/25

Tues. 10/28/25 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 Charismatic Group in the Church

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

Wed. 10/29/25 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

Thurs. 10/30/25 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

7pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday. 10/31/25

Sat. 11/1/25 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church

9am—11am Committee Timon in PMR

10am—Confessions in the Church

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

3:15pm—Confessions in the Church

7pm—Special Mass for All Souls Mass

Sunday 11/2/25 10am OCIA in PMR

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

We are drawing near to the end of the Cycle C (Gospel of Luke). The theme continues to focus on prayer. The 1st reading opens our minds and hearts to the reality that ‘the humble man’s prayer pierces the clouds’ is fulfilled in the tax-collector in the Gospel. I was drawn to the conclusion that Jesus makes here - ‘the latter went home justified’.

We look for justification only from God. We need to make the journey to the presence of God in order to experience the justification. Once we are in the presence of God, we open our hearts to receive the justification from God. Therefore, our prayers are aimed at being justified with God and more over bringing that treasure of justification home to our family, to our loved ones.

This brings us to the question to what justification means. First as foremost justification is our total restoration into a life of union with God. (This doctrine is detailed in Saint Paul’s letter to Romans). Though the readings talk about humility in prayer, we need to keep in mind that justification is accessed by our believing in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Saint Paul in the second reading takes on humility in his ministry as a servant of God. He says, ‘My life is a libation’ - poured out for people. Being filled with the Holy Spirit each day is one way to attain the humility we desire. God desires us and requires us to be holy just as He requires us to humble even though we are not perfect. Do we go home ‘justified’?

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 at 11am 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.

Funeral Ministry:

The Legion of Mary will be involved in the Funeral Ministry. I thank them for their generous contribution in being involved in this important ministry. More details will follow.

Parish Calendars are available. Please find them at the door!

Confirmation at our Parish:

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

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! We are also working on the sound system for our church.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

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 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

MONDAY, October 27th

6:45am – Gerline Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines
Berlucho
12:10pm – JoAnne Murray by Family

TUESDAY, October 28th - Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

6:45am – Joyce Farley by Ann Flynn & Family
12:10pm – Thomas Jiorle by Jim & Kay Lennon
7pm (SP) - For the People

WEDNESDAY, October 29th

6:45am – Souls in Purgatory by Danny & Terri
Starosciak
12:10pm – Thomas Jiorle by Lawler Family

THURSDAY, October 30th

6:45am – Joyce Farley by Zgoda Family
12:10pm – William Hummell by Bev & Lisa

FRIDAY, October 31st

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reilly by Danny & Terri
Starosciak
12:10pm – Lydia Reppert by Woolf Family

SATURDAY, November 1st – All Saints

8:00am – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Marion, Tommy &
Rachel
4:30pm – Joseph Novotny by Maryann & Randy
7pm – For all the Deceased

SUNDAY, November 2nd – THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

7:00am – For the People
9:00am – Stanislaw Dzielak by Family
11:00am – Gabriel Lanton by Deacon Larry & Carol
Bevilacqua
1:00pm – (SP) *Sp. Int. Anthony & Johanna Sinchi by
Luisa Tacuri
5:30pm – Henryk Dzielak by Family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



November 1st

4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavins Hayes
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Server	-
	Server	-

November 2nd

7:00am	Acolyte	Julian Mendoza
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiezmuza Odimma

9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Jack Perna
	Server	Adam Sretenovic

11:00am	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Server	-
	Server	-

1:00pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi
	Lector	Lisette Herrera
	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Minister	Oscar Dilone
	Announcements	Laura Garcia
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi
	Server	-

5:30pm	Acolyte	Alana Palos
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Allyssa Palos
	Server	Lucas Blanes

Stewardship

October 19, 2025	\$ 7,336.79
On-line	<u>2,155.00</u>
	\$ 9,491.79

World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,263.79
Various Collections	\$ 1,037.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

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

Tuesday, October 28th, 4:30pm



Tuesday, November 4th, 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: 10/26 Magnolia

Mateo, 11/2 Ron Rossini, & 11/9 Ed Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 10/26 Michael St.

Jacques & Mike Burke, 11/2 Deacon Francisco

Jaurides, & 11/9 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/26 & 11/2 Lisa

Spanpolous & 11/9 & 11/16 Beth Dispoto

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **12noon on Mondays, 12noon on Tuesdays, 6pm on Wednesdays, 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

Elizabeth Jane Bevins & Patricia (Cicale) McGinley

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Oct 26 Sun - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 28 Tue - Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Today, let us examine two of the Twelve Apostles: Simon the Cananaean and Jude Thaddaeus (not to be confused with Judas Iscariot). Let us look at them together, not only because they are always placed next to each other in the lists of the Twelve (cf. Mt 10: 3, 4; Mk 3: 18; Lk 6: 15; Acts 1: 13), but also because there is very little information about them, apart from the fact that the New Testament Canon preserves one Letter attributed to Jude Thaddaeus. Simon is given a nickname that varies in the four lists: while Matthew and Mark describe him as a "Cananaean", Luke instead describes him as a "Zealot".

In fact, the two descriptions are equivalent because they mean the same thing: indeed, in Hebrew the verb *qanà'* means "to be jealous, ardent" and can be said both of God, since he is jealous with regard to his Chosen People (cf. Ex 20: 5), and of men who burn with zeal in serving the one God with unreserved devotion, such as Elijah (cf. I Kgs 19: 10). Thus, it is highly likely that even if this Simon was not exactly a member of the nationalist movement of Zealots, he was at least marked by passionate attachment to his Jewish identity, hence, for God, his People and divine Law.

If this was the case, Simon was worlds apart from Matthew, who, on the contrary, had an activity behind him as a tax collector that was frowned upon as entirely impure. This shows that Jesus called his disciples and collaborators, without exception, from the most varied social and religious backgrounds. It was people who interested him, not social classes or labels! And the best thing is that in the group of his followers, despite their differences, they all lived side by side, overcoming imaginable difficulties: indeed, what bound them together was Jesus himself, in whom they all found themselves united with one another. (General Audience, Pope Benedict XVI on Oct 11, 2006)

Nov 1 Sat - Solemnity of All Saints (Not a Holyday of Obligation)

"Praise and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving and honor, power and might, to our God for ever and ever" (Rv 7: 12). In a spirit of profound adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, we join all the saints who eternally celebrate the heavenly liturgy, to offer thanks again with them to our God for the wonders he has accomplished in the history of salvation.

Praise and thanksgiving to God for having raised up in the Church a great multitude of saints, whom no one could count (cf. Rv 7: 9). *A great multitude*: not only the saints and blessed we honor during the liturgical year, but also the *anonymous* saints known only to him. Mothers and fathers of families, who in their daily devotion to their children made an effective contribution to the Church's growth and to the building of society; priests, sisters and lay people who, like candles lit before the altar of the Lord, were consumed in offering material and spiritual aid to their neighbor in need; men and women missionaries, who left everything to bring the Gospel message to every part of the world. And the list could go on.

Praise and thanksgiving to God, particularly for the holiest of creatures, Mary, beloved of the Father, blessed because of Jesus, the fruit of her womb, sanctified and made a new creation by the Holy Spirit. A model of holiness for having put her own life at the disposal of the Most High, she "shines forth on earth as a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God" (*Lumen gentium*, n. 68)." (Excerpt from the Homily of Saint John Paul II on Wednesday, Nov 1, 2000)

DEACON'S CORNER

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable that invites us to examine the posture of our hearts. Two men go up to the temple to pray. One stands tall, listing his virtues. The other bows low, whispering a plea for mercy. Only one leaves justified.

The Pharisee's prayer is polished—but it's not addressed to God. It's a monologue of self-congratulation. He fasts, tithes, and avoids the sins of others. The tax collector, by contrast, stands at a distance. He cannot lift his eyes. His prayer is raw and brief: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

This parable isn't a condemnation of religious practice. It's a warning against spiritual pride. The Pharisee uses his good deeds to elevate himself above others. The tax collector offers his brokenness as a bridge to grace.

As deacons, teachers, and companions in faith, we are called to model the humility of the tax collector—not as groveling, but as truth-telling. We stand before God not as finished products, but as works in progress. Our ministry is not about being perfect—it's about being honest.

This Gospel invites us to ask:

- Do I approach God with a heart open to mercy, or a résumé of righteousness?
- Do I compare myself to others, or confess my need for grace?
- Do I make space for others to be seen, or do I crowd the temple with my own ego?

In our classrooms, pulpits, and parish halls, may we create spaces where people feel safe to pray like the tax collector—with trembling hope and honest hearts. May our words and witness reflect not superiority, but solidarity. And may we remember that the most powerful prayer is often the simplest: "God, be merciful to me."

May God always be pleased with us,
Deacon Rob

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, November 1st, after the 8 am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we would make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confessions are in the church at 10 am & 3:15 pm.

OVER 50's CLUB

The next Over 50's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 1 pm in Mercy Hall at St. Philip and James Church. After the meeting we will have refreshments and play bingo. New members are welcome to join. The officers will meet at 12 pm before the membership meeting. Any questions, please call Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-8067.

Diocesan News ————

THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN IS CELEBRATING

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRANT:

REVEREND PATRICK WINBUSH, O.S.B.

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!

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.



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




An invitation
for the faithful of the Church of Metuchen to attend

a Solemn Mass of
**THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL FOR
BISHOP JAMES FRANCIS CHECCHIO**

5th Bishop of Metuchen,
on the Solemnity of All Saints Day,
Saturday, November 1 at 11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

After shepherding the faithful
of the Church of Metuchen for nine years,
Bishop James F. Checchio prepares to say goodbye
as he begins to transition to his new role
as Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans.

In thanksgiving for this local Church
and a farewell to the faithful of Central New Jersey,
please join Bishop Checchio as he offers
a final Mass of Thanksgiving for the people as their Bishop
and with gratitude for their continued blessing
in this new chapter in the life of the Church.

Following the Mass, please join Bishop Checchio
in the CYO building for a light reception.

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.



Men's Conference 2025

"Renewal of Hope"

Strengthen your life, family and community

November 15, 2025

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

FEATURED SPEAKERS:



Dr. Ray Guarendi
Catholic clinical psychologist,
author and host of "The Dr. is In"
on Sirius XM and "Living Right
With Dr. Ray" on EWTN



Kevin Wells
Acclaimed Catholic speaker,
best-selling author, and former
award-winning sports reporter
with the Tampa Tribune



Fr. Kevin Kelly
A visual artist and musician.
Administrator of St. Joseph,
Raritan. Serves several weeks
each of the past 15 years in the
Diocese of San Miguel, El Salvador

Doors open 8:30am
Conference 9:15am - 3:00pm
Breakfast and Lunch provided

Register Early:
\$55 through October 15
\$65 after October 15

Scan to Register



Questions?: Call (732) 548-0100
Register at www.stfranciscathedral.org

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL
DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
30° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Nos acercamos al final del Ciclo C (Evangelio de Lucas). El tema continúa centrándose en la oración. La primera lectura nos abre la mente y el corazón a la realidad de que «la oración del humilde traspasa las nubes» se cumple en el publicano del Evangelio. Me llamó la atención la conclusión que Jesús plantea aquí: «este regresó a casa justificado».

Buscamos la justificación solo en Dios. Necesitamos llegar a la presencia de Dios para experimentarla. Una vez en la presencia de Dios, abrimos nuestro corazón para recibirla. Por lo tanto, nuestras oraciones buscan ser justificados ante Dios y, sobre todo, llevar ese tesoro de la justificación a nuestra familia y a nuestros seres queridos.

Esto nos lleva a la pregunta sobre el significado de la justificación. En primer lugar, la justificación es nuestra restauración total a una vida de unión con Dios. (Esta doctrina se detalla en la carta de San Pablo a los Romanos). Aunque las lecturas hablan de la humildad en la oración, debemos recordar que la justificación se obtiene al creer en Jesús como nuestro Señor y Salvador.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo aborda la humildad en su ministerio como siervo de Dios. Dice: «Mi vida es una libación», derramada por los hombres. Ser llenos del Espíritu Santo cada día es una manera de alcanzar la humildad que anhelamos. Dios nos desea y nos exige ser santos, así como nos exige ser humildes, aunque no seamos perfectos. ¿Regresamos a casa «justificados»?

El Papa ha nombrado al obispo James Checchio arzobispo coadjutor de Nueva Orleans:

Se nombra un obispo coadjutor para asistir al obispo diocesano hasta su jubilación. Cuando el arzobispo de Nueva Orleans se jubila y el Santo Padre acepta 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.

Ministerio Funerario:

La Legión de María participará en el Ministerio Funerario. Les agradezco su generosa contribución al participar en este importante ministerio. Próximamente les daré más detalles.

Los calendarios parroquiales están disponibles.

¡Encuéntrelos en la puerta!

Misa de Confirmación en nuestra parroquia:

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

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! También estamos trabajando en el sistema de sonido de nuestra iglesia.

Programas Diocesanos:

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

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



25-26 SPSJ Formación en la Fe

Clases a las 4:30 pm en la 137 Roseberry St.

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**Martes 28 de octubre
Martes 4 de noviembre**

*Misa de despedida para el Obispo Checchio
1 de noviembre de 2025 a las 11am
Catedral St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen*



"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



Necesitamos adoradores los lunes al mediodía, los martes al mediodía, los miércoles a las 6pm, y los viernes a las 2pm. Si estás interesado habla con el diácono Francisco.

ALIENTO DE VIDA

Grupo de Oración Aliento de Vida se reúne todos los martes de 7:00pm a 9:00pm y el segundo y cuarto Martes del Mes tendremos Santa Misa. El cuarto martes del mes tendremos Santa Misa de unción de los enfermos. Ven a encontrarte con nuestro dulce Amigo JESÚS!

CONVIÉRTASE EN UN CAMPEÓN DE CARIDADES CATÓLICAS Y PONGA LA MISERICORDIA EN ACCIÓN

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Visite www.diometuchen.org/champions para hacer una ofrenda o descargue el formulario de rifa para comprar un boleto. Cada ofrenda, sin importar el tamaño, es importante y muy apreciado. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de *Champions for Catholic Charities* y enviarse por correo a *Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191*. Las preguntas pueden dirigirse por correo electrónico a champions@diometuchen.org.



SEMINARIO DE ADVIENTO - EL EVANGELIO SEGÚN SAN MATEO

El sábado, 15 de noviembre de 2025, 9:00am - 3:00 pm. Preparándonos para el nuevo año litúrgico, este seminario nos ayudará a tener un conocimiento más profundo del evangelio según San Mateo, y nos dará elementos para ponerlo en acción en nuestra vida.

2025

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	27	28	29	30	31	01 ALL SAINTS CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am 1st Saturday Devotion MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen PMR - 9am - 11am Committee Timon CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - 7pm All Souls Special Mass
02 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish CR - 10am OCIA PMR - 3-7pm Sp. Prayer Cenacles 5:30pm Mass in English	03 THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	04 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary CH - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	05 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 1pm - Over 50s Meeting CHP - 7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry	06 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	07 <i>First Friday of the Month</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration CH - 6pm - First Friday Holy Hour	08 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group Mtg. MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - Columbiettes Jewelry Sale after all Masses
09 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA CH - Columbiettes Jewelry Sale after all Masses	10 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting	11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop CH Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration SSPJ - 4:30-5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 MH - 6pm - Giving Tree Meeting CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed Spanish Charismatic Group	12 St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7:30-8:30pm Men's Ministry MH - 7pm - Columbiettes Meeting	13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	14 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	15 <i>St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen PMR - 10am Holiday Blues Workshop CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confession CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - 6pm Prayer Service for loved ones lost by Suicide or Overdose CH - Knights of Columbus Christmas Card & Magnets Sale after 4:30pm Masses
16 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30 Mass in English PMR - 10am Blues Grieving Group MH - 1pm- Curia Meeting CH - Knights of Columbus Christmas Card & Magnets Sale after all Masses	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	18 <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30-5:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group	19 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	20 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	22 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
23 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	25 <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary SSPJ - No CCD CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed Spanish Charismatic Group	26 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	27 CHURCH OFFICE & ADORATION CLOSED CH - Daily Mass 9am Only	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED CH - Daily Mass 9am Only CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	29 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30 Prayers for Life, Liberty, and Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass



Christmas Wreaths, Grave Blankets, Cemetery Logs, Pine Roping and Poinsettias

Saints Philip and James School is sponsoring a Wreath Sale!

Due to order and delivery deadlines, orders are due EARLY this year.

Please have forms submitted by Monday November 10, 2025.

**Note: There will be only one pick-up day: Saturday December 6th
from 12:30pm to 4:30pm.*

Any questions please contact Marianne Cicalese macicalese3@gmail.com

*You can call or text me at 610-554-6645 or call the school office at
908-859-1244. Thank you for your support!*

Family Name _____

Phone # _____

<u><i>Qty</i></u>	<u><i>Wreaths are single faced fraser fir approx. 22"</i></u>	<u><i>Cost/Total</i></u>
_____	<i>Red Bow</i> _____ <i>Burgundy Bow</i> _____ <i>Plaid Bow</i> _____	<i>\$29.00 each</i> _____

<u><i>Qty</i></u>	<u><i>Grave Blankets (choose size)</i></u>	<u><i>Cost/Total</i></u>
_____	<i>Small 3'x2.5'</i>	<i>\$35.00 each</i> _____
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	<u><i>Decorated Cemetery Logs</i></u>	<u><i>\$26.00 each</i></u>
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	<u><i>White Pine Roping 25 yards/75 feet</i></u>	<u><i>\$37.00each</i></u>
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<u><i>Poinsettias:</i></u>	<u><i>Color</i></u>	<u><i>Quantity</i></u>	<u><i>Cost</i></u>	<u><i>Total</i></u>
	<i>Red</i>	_____	<i>\$15.00each</i>	_____
	<i>Pink</i>	_____	<i>\$15.00each</i>	_____
	<i>White</i>	_____	<i>\$15.00each</i>	_____
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