# 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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(Asistencia en español durante estas

horas.)

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA † November 9, 2025



#### Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK** 

Sunday 11/9/25 10am OCIA in PMR

Columbiettes Jewelry Sale after all Masses in the Church

Mon. 11/10/25 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall

Tues. 11/11/25 10am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

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

Roseberry St.

6pm Giving Tree Tag Making in Mercy Hall
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

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

Wed. 11/12/25 10:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall

Thurs. 11/13/25 6pm Holy Hour Adoration in the Church

7pm Celebration of 22nd Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration

in Mercy Hall

7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

7pm Choir Practice in the Church

Friday. 11/14/25

Sat. 11/15/25 9am Celebrate Life Committee Meeting in Parish Meeting

Room

10am Holiday Blues Workshop in Parish Meeting Room

10am Confessions in the Church

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

3:15pm Confessions in the Church

5:30pm (after 4:30pm mass) Knights of Columbus Christmas

Card & Magnet Sale in the Church

6pm Prayer Service for lost loved ones by Suicide or Overdose

Sunday 11/16/25 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall

2pm-5pm Aliento de Vida Spanish Charismatic Group in Mercy

Hall

After all Masses Knights of Columbus Christmas Card & Magnet Sale  $\label{eq:Columbus}$ 

## THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Dear Family!

"The most holy Church of the Lateran, the mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world!" These words, in Latin, greet every pilgrim entering through the front door of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome and clearly proclaim the Lateran's significance in Christianity.

We call the Lateran the mother of every church edifice because it was the first legalized Christian Church in history and, as Pope Francis said a few years ago, "As there is a mother in a family, so does the venerated Cathedral of the Lateran become a 'mother 'to the churches of all the communities of the Catholic world." It is the head, because Rome is the principal Church of the principal local Church in the world, the Diocese of Rome, the see of St. Peter, the vicar on earth of the Head of the Mystical Body. The Lateran, not St. Peter's, is the Pope's Cathedral, where his cathedra, the chair symbolic of his teaching authority, rests. The Lateran, not the Vatican, is where the Popes resided for the first millennium of legalized Christianity (324-1308). This is the reason why on November 9<sup>th</sup> every year not just the Diocese of Rome but the whole Roman Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the dedication of their Head and Mother. "With this feast," Pope Francis said, "we profess, in the unity of the faith, the bond of communion that all the local Churches, spread throughout the earth, has with the Church of Rome and with its Bishop, the successor to Peter." St. John Lateran is, we can loosely say, the Cathedral of the world.

The Readings for this great feast help us to move from gratitude for treasured physical buildings, like the Lateran Basilica, to reflection on the true nature of the Church. Although we call places of worship "churches," in actual fact the true sanctuary or place of worship is the Body of Christ, both in the sense of Christ's personal body and in his mystical body, which consists of every Christian united to him by faith and the sacraments.

The Pope has appointed Bishop James Checchio as the Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans: The Church of Metuchen had a farewell Mass for Bishop Checchio on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cathedral. Please keep our Bishop in our prayers! We will continue to mention Bishop Checchio's name until the afternoon of Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

(That is when Bishop Checchio will be named the Coadjutor Bishop of New Orleans). Our diocese become vacant, and we will not mention Bishop's name until we get a new Bishop.

You can watch via YouTube Channel the livestream Welcoming Bishop Checchio to the Archdiocese of New Orleans on NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> (The YouTube channel is ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS)

#### **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 by the church doors!

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

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

#### Pastor's Appeal 2025

We thank Jak Daragjati and his sound-system company for rendering his services to us in fixing the longneeded quality sound in the church. We thank him for his generous service to our parish community in fixing the audio quality. (www.daraaudiovideo.com)

I bring you the Pastor's Appeal 2025 to you, hoping to serve you in bettering our facilities. I am aways grateful to all of you in your support and prayers for all the contributions you made in the past. Thank you for your generosity!

As I have been sharing with you all these weeks and months of needing to replace the boiler in Mercy Hall and repair our Church doors, we have made good decision in choosing the right companies who can do the job for us. I request your continued support and prayers for all our projects in church and school buildings.

Diocesan Programs in the near future: Black Catholic History Month (Nov 8<sup>th</sup>) OCIA Formation Event (Nov 15<sup>th</sup>). Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat (Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>) Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples in Troubled Marriages (Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Feb 1<sup>st</sup>).

Fr. Antony



## **SUNDAY, November 9<sup>th</sup> – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

7:00am – For the People

9:00am - Edward Rodriguez by Bev & Al Redondo

11:00am – Eddie Jacko by Gwen Fisk

1:00pm – (SP) Rosa Yukui by Luisa Tacuri

5:30pm – Patricia Flynn by Catholic Daughters

## MONDAY, November 10<sup>th</sup> – St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – June Parrott by Adrienne Parrott

12:10pm – Ann Marie Deutsch by Jodie & Matthew

## TUESDAY, November 11<sup>th</sup> - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

9am – Rita De Coste by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche 10am Cemetery Mass – Msgr. William A. Gilfillan (A) 7pm (SP) – Luis Espinal by Espinal Family

## WEDNESDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup> - St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kirby by Family 12:10pm – Thomas Jiorle by Antoinette, Stephanie, & Families

## THURSDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

6:45am – Peter Clarke by Family

12:10pm – Michael Slowey by Rita Gurczynski

#### FRIDAY, November 14th

6:45am – Rhea Gilet by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche 12:10pm – Martha Richline by Pavkovic & Elliott Families

#### SATURDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Albert the

Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am – Scott Reda Family by Gomes-Aversa Family

4:30pm – Anthony J. & Perina Cerino by Gloria

## SUNDAY, November 16<sup>th</sup> – THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Gino & Ludevina Angelozzi by Niece Lisa Marinelli

11:00am – Joseph Riotto by Loving Family

1:00pm – (SP) Ramon de Jesús Peralta by Family

5:30pm – Martha Richline by Catholic Daughters

#### Liturgical Ministry Schedule



November	15 <sup>th</sup>	
4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
-	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Server	-
	Server	-
November 1	6 <sup>th</sup>	
7:00am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Server	-
	Server	-
9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector Carol Bevilacqua	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiezmuzo Odimma
1:00pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi
_	Lector	Oscar Dilone
	Lector	Laura García
	Minister	Giovanni Lam
	Announcements Juan Lalama	nents Juan Lalama
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi
	Server	-
5:30pm	Acolyte	Alana Palos
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Allyssa Palos
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#### Stewardship

Server

**Various Collections** 

Leah Blanes

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920.00

November 2, 2025 On-line	\$ 7,715.50 <u>2,637.00</u> \$ 10,352.50
All Souls	\$ 2,147.00
All Saints	\$ 933.00

#### Around the Parish

#### Faith Formation News

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

Tuesday, November 11th, 4:30pm



Tuesday, November 18th, 4:30pm



James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Theresa Adams, The Ouesada-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 公众会

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, Marine LCpl 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 December 5th (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 In addition, Holy Communion is desire them. 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:** 11/9 Ed Socci, 11/16

Volunteer Needed, & 11/23 Anne Coyle **Brakeley Nursing Home:** 11/9 Michael St.

Jacques, 11/16 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques,

& 11/23 Deacon Francisco

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 11/9 & 11/16 Beth

Dispoto, & 11/23 Lisa Spanopolous

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for 12noon on Mondays, 6pm on Wednesdays, and 11am & 4pm on Thursday. Call Deacon Enock at 908-310-

8990 or Camille at 908-319-2719.



Year to Date we have served over 5800 **COMPLETE** meals to our neighbors. Your generosity allows us to continue KITCHEN 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

Assunta "Sue" Angelozzi

#### MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Nov 9 Sun - Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov 10 Mon - Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Nov 11 Tue - Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Nov 12 Wed - Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

## Nov 13 Thu - Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Nov 15 Sat - Optional Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday (33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) we celebrate the WORLD DAY OF THE POOR. Please reflect the words of Pope Francis:

- 20. We are called to promote a *culture of mercy* based on the rediscovery of encounter with others, a culture in which no one looks at another with indifference or turns away from the suffering of our brothers and sisters. *The works of mercy are 'handcrafted'*, in the sense that none of them is alike. Our hands can craft them in a thousand different ways, and even though the one God inspires them, and they are all fashioned from the same 'material', mercy itself, each one takes on a different form.
- 21. This is the time of mercy. Each day of our journey is marked by God's presence. He guides our steps with the power of the grace that the Spirit pours into our hearts to make them capable of loving. It is the time of mercy for each and all since no one can think that he or she is cut off from God's closeness and the power of his tender love. It is the time of mercy because those who are weak and vulnerable, distant and alone ought to feel the presence of brothers and sisters who can help them in their need. It is the time of mercy because the poor should feel that they are regarded with respect and concern by others who have overcome indifference and discovered what is essential in life. It is the time of mercy because no sinner can ever tire of asking forgiveness and all can feel the welcoming embrace of the Father.

During the "Jubilee for Socially Excluded People", as the Holy Doors of Mercy were being closed in all the cathedrals and shrines of the world, I had the idea that, as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, the entire Church might celebrate, on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the World Day of the Poor. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (cf. Mt 25:31-46). It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.

22. The Holy Mother of God always looks upon us with her eyes of mercy. She is the first to show us the way and to accompany us in our witness of love. As she is often shown in works of art, the Mother of Mercy gathers us all under the protection of her mantle. Let us trust in her maternal assistance and follow her perennial counsel to look to Jesus, the radiant face of God's mercy. (Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis - *Misericordia et Misera* at the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Nov 20, 2016)

#### **COLUMBIETTES – WARREN COUNCIL**



The Warren Council Columbiettes will be having our Religious Jewelry sale on November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at SPSJ church and St. Mary church after all masses. Thank you for your support.

#### **GIVING TREE**

It is time to create the tags for the Giving Tree. If you would like to help, come to Mercy Hall on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

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

#### The Anger of Jesus

There were reasons why Jesus acted as He did, and why anger was in His heart. He acted as He did because God's house was being desecrated. It was a place of worship and devotion not a market place for "One stop shopping." Such activities included selling of livestock and animals, disputes over the condition of coins and their value and the clatter of the crowds in the court of God's house in Jerusalem. Jesus boldly and harshly objected that animal sacrifice was completely irrelevant. The prophets for centuries had been saying exactly that, "Bring no more vain offerings" (Isaiah 1:11-17). "They love sacrifice; they sacrifice flesh and eat it, but the Lord has no delight in them" (Hosea 8:13).

There was another reason why Jesus acted as He did. Mark had a curious addition to his writings which does not appear in any of the other gospels. "My house shall be called the house of prayer for all nations" (Mark 11:17). The temple consisted of a series of four courts leading into the temple proper and to the Holy Place. The court of Gentiles, the court of Women, the court of the Israelites, and finally the court of the Priests. All buying and selling was going on in the court of the Gentiles which was the only place a Gentile was allowed to enter.

We are not totally free from this very tendency today. Indeed, we are not offering animal sacrifice to God in this present age. Do we realize that our true devotion does not consist of outward signs, but an inward experience not seen by others? Do we attend liturgy as only a social event or obligation or for prayer and most importantly for the Eucharist?

Remember: L. I. G. H. T.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

As of January 4, 2026 the St. Philip & St. James Church Sunday Mass Schedule will be as follows:

9am, 11am, & 5:30pm in English, & 1pm in Spanish.

(There will no longer be a 7am mass.)

All are invited to celebrate our 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> with a special Holy Hour at 6:00pm in the Church with refreshments afterwards in Mercy Hall. Eucharistic Adoration will close at 6:00pm for the remainder of that day.

#### **HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP**

Feeling depressed, grieving, or afraid to face the holidays? Join us on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the Parish Meeting Room to find ways to cope with the holidays. A grieving counselor will be present. Refreshments to follow.

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES BY OVERDOSE OR SUICIDE

On Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm in the Church, there will be a Prayer Service for those who lost loved ones by overdose or suicide. Our hearts are broken as we remember our loved ones. Bring a picture of your loved one to reflect & remember them.

#### <u>CELEBRATE LIFE COMMITTEE</u> <u>MEETING</u>

Come and join us to find out more about the upcoming life events. We will be meeting on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the Parish Meeting Room.

#### "THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

## Community News

#### **ANGELORUM**

Angelorum presents an afternoon of Christmas music at St. Janes Frances de Chantal Church, 4049 Hartley Ave. Easton PA, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Guest soloist is Father Keaton Eidle. Also featuring the choir of St. Jane's. A free will offering is greatly appreciated.

# St Philip St James

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Family!

When I began this journey with you four years ago your support for the Pastors Appeal was wonderful to say the least. We were able to replace the front doors on the office, upgrade security at the school, replace the fire doors in the Mercy Hall Building and replacement of third floor windows. Our parish has had its struggles with the sound system, the chapel air conditioning and they were repaired now we have our boiler in Mercy Hall that has decided that it was time for a replacement. Over the last couple of years, we have babied the boiler along. We now need a new boiler to heat the Mercy Hall Building so we can continue holding events and to bring our Faith Formation back to Mercy Hall. Along with heating the Mercy Hall building, we need to repair the side doors of the church. They have seen better days and have helped us along the way. They have become rusted out and now do not close easily or properly. On one side the glass has been damaged and needs replacement. In the next section please find the pictures of our boiler and doors that need replacing.

We are asking for this Pastors Appeal to cover the cost of the boiler and doors. The price we are challenged with is \$125,000.00. I know with your support and kindness we will be able to meet this goal. Every dollar will help in obtaining our goal. If you can't donate to the projects at this time, I ask that you pray that we are able to accomplish this goal.

Below is our form to donate to the Pastors Appeal. You can donate by filling out the form, putting it in an envelope with your check and dropping it in the collection basket on Sundays. You may also make your donation online just as you would your regular collection and mark in the memo section boiler/doors or by Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express.

# My Gift to Our Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to St. Philip & St. James Church — for credit card gifts, please complete below.

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## PICTURES OF THE BOILER & ONE OF THE TWO DOORS THAT NEED REPAIR









### Diocesan News \_\_\_





Dr. Ray Guarendi

Breakfast and Lunch provided

Doors open 8:30am



Kevin Wells



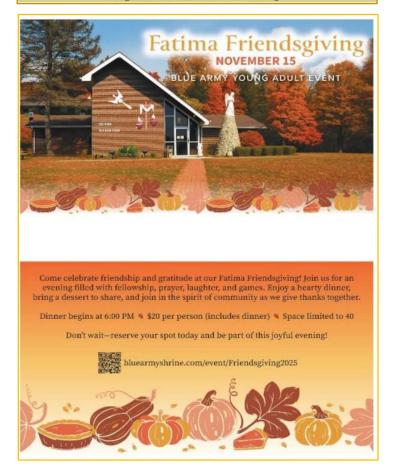
Fr. Kevin Kelly Isual artist and musician. ministrator of St. Joseph, itton. Sorvos several wooks th of the past 15 years in the locac of San Miguel, El Solvodoi

Register Early: Conference 9:15am - 3:00pm \$55 through October 15

\$65 after October 15



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



#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 -15. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

#### NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

#### DEDICACIÓN DE LA BASÍLICA DE LETRÁN

¡Querida familia!

"¡La santísima Iglesia de Letrán, madre y cabeza de todas las iglesias de la ciudad y del mundo!" Estas palabras, en latín, dan la bienvenida a todo peregrino que entra por la puerta principal de la Archibasílica de San Juan de Letrán en Roma y proclaman claramente la importancia de Letrán en el cristianismo.

Llamamos a Letrán la madre de toda iglesia porque fue la primera iglesia cristiana legalizada en la historia y, como dijo el Papa Francisco hace algunos años: «Así como hay una madre en una familia, la venerada Catedral de Letrán se convierte en "madre" de las iglesias de todas las comunidades del mundo católico». Es la cabeza, porque Roma es la iglesia principal de la principal iglesia local del mundo, la Diócesis de Roma, sede de San Pedro, vicario en la tierra de la Cabeza del Cuerpo Místico. Letrán, no San Pedro, es la catedral del Papa, donde reposa su cátedra, la silla que simboliza su autoridad magisterial. Letrán, no el Vaticano, es donde residieron los Papas durante el primer milenio del cristianismo legalizado (324-1308). Por eso, cada 9 de noviembre, no solo la Diócesis de Roma, sino toda la Iglesia católica romana celebra la fiesta de la dedicación de su Cabeza y Madre. «Con esta fiesta», dijo el Papa Francisco, «profesamos, en la unidad de la fe, el vínculo de comunión que todas las Iglesias locales, repartidas por toda la tierra, tienen con la Iglesia de Roma y con su Obispo, sucesor de Pedro». San Juan de Letrán es, podríamos decir, la catedral del mundo.

Las lecturas de esta gran fiesta nos ayudan a transitar de la gratitud por valiosos edificios físicos, como la Basílica de Letrán, a la reflexión sobre la verdadera naturaleza de la Iglesia.

Si bien llamamos «iglesias» a los lugares de culto, en realidad el verdadero santuario o lugar de culto es el Cuerpo de Cristo, tanto en el sentido de su cuerpo personal como en su cuerpo místico, que consiste en cada cristiano unido a él por la fe y los sacramentos.

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

La iglesia de Metuchen celebró una misa de despedida para el obispo Checchio el 1 de noviembre en la catedral. ¡Oremos por nuestro obispo! Seguiremos recordando al obispo Checchio hasta la tarde del martes 18 de noviembre. (En ese momento, el obispo Checchio será nombrado obispo coadjutor de Nueva Orleans). Nuestra diócesis quedará vacante y no mencionaremos el nombre del obispo hasta que tengamos uno nuevo.

Podrán ver la transmisión en vivo de la bienvenida al obispo Checchio a la Arquidiócesis de Nueva Orleans el 18 de noviembre a través del canal de YouTube ("ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS").

#### **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. ¡Están en las entradas de la iglesia!

#### Misa de Confirmación en nuestra parroquia:

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

#### Apelación del Pastor 2025

Agradecemos a Jak Daragjati y a su empresa de sistemas de sonido por sus servicios para mejorar el sonido de nuestra iglesia, algo que necesitábamos desde hace mucho tiempo. Le agradecemos su generoso servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial para la mejora de la calidad del audio. (www.daraaudiovideo.com)

Les presento el Apelación del Pastor 2025, con la esperanza de que les sea útil para mejorar nuestras instalaciones. Siempre estaré agradecido por su apoyo y oraciones, así como por todas las contribuciones que han hecho en el pasado. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Durante estas semanas y meses, les he estado informando sobre la necesidad de reemplazar la caldera en el Salón de la Misericordia y reparar las puertas de nuestra iglesia. Hemos tomado la decisión correcta al elegir a las empresas adecuadas para realizar el trabajo. Les pido que continúen apoyándonos y orando por todos nuestros proyectos en la iglesia y la escuela.

#### **Programas Diocesanos:**

Mes de la Historia Católica Afroamericana (8 de noviembre)

Evento de Formación de la OCIA (15 de noviembre)

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