

# St. Philip & St. James CATHOLIC CHURCH

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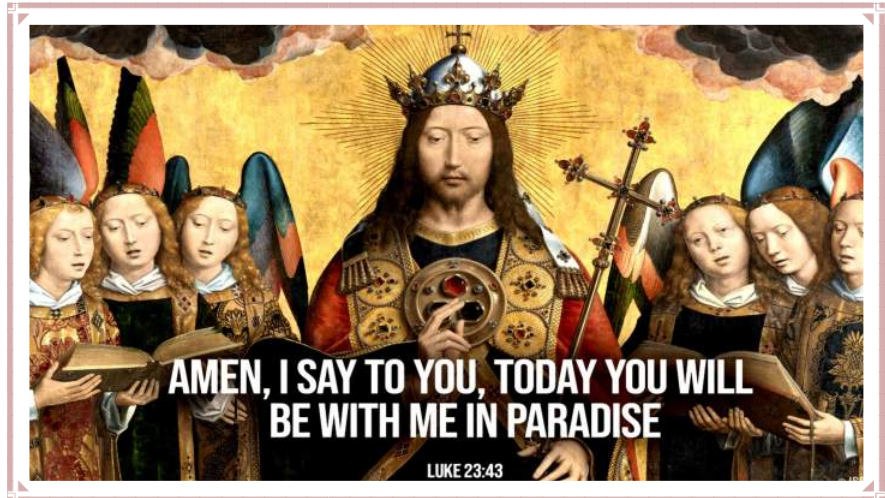
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm, Tues.—

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

1pm-4pm & Friday 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE † November 23, 2025



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 11/23/25** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room

**Mon. 11/24/25**

**Tues. 11/25/25** 8:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room

## No Faith Formation Classes

7pm Spanish Mass and afterwards Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church

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

**Wed. 11/26/25** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room

**Thurs. 11/27/25** **Happy Thanksgiving**  
**Church Office and Adoration Closed**  
3pm Thanksgiving Dinner in Mercy Hall

**Friday. 11/28/25** **Church Office Closed**

**Sat. 11/29/25** 8:30pm Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church  
10am Confessions in the Church  
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church

**Sunday 11/30/25**

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Family!

Reflecting on the Gospel this Sunday, St. Ambrose wrote, "The superscription is written and placed above, not below the cross, because the government is upon his shoulders. What is this government if not his eternal power and Godhead? When asked, "Who are you?" he replied, "The beginning, who also speaks to you." Let us read this superscription. "Jesus of Nazareth," it says, "The King of the Jews." The superscription is fittingly above the cross because Christ's kingdom does not belong to his human body but to his divine authority. The superscription is also fittingly above the cross, because although the Lord Jesus was on the cross, he shines above the cross with the majesty of a king." (Exposition of the Gospel of Luke)

The Universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King this Sunday. As we know from the gospels that Jesus revealed His Kingdom is not of this world. Yet Jesus taught us to pray for that coming of that Kingdom which is not of this world (Your Kingdom come!). When Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925, he wanted the Church to experience the peace of Christ. (Pax Christi in regno Christi). We live in that peace when we surrender our lives to Christ thus Christ rules our lives.

As Christ is the King, how do we participate in Christ's Kingly Office? The Catechism teaches us "*By his obedience unto death,<sup>444</sup> Christ communicated to his disciples the gift of royal freedom, so that they might "by the self-abnegation of a holy life, overcome the reign of sin in themselves":* Quoting St. Ambrose the Catechism continues, "*That man is rightly called a king who makes his own body an obedient subject and, by governing himself with suitable rigor, refuses to let his passions breed rebellion in his soul, for he exercises a kind of royal power over himself. And because he knows how to rule his own person as king, so too does he sit as its judge. He will not let himself be imprisoned by sin or thrown headlong into wickedness.*"

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! 'Thanksgiving' is one great time our parish helps the less fortunate, the poor and the needy in our community. We thank all our volunteers and ministries who help the poor to celebrate a meaningful Thanksgiving this year. Thank you for all your food donations! There is no better way to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King than to serve our people like our Lord and King Jesus.

**Pastor's Appeal:** I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. Thank you for all your donations! As announced at all masses how important it is to get Mercy Hall ready for the winter, we need to get the Boiler fixed. It is our primary concern. As shown in the pictures of this year the Pastor's Appeal, the doors of the church need to be repaired by a professional company. Please prayerfully consider donating to these projects if you have not done so!

**Our Diocese announced its Administrator on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>:** We are so grateful to Bishop Checchio and his ministry with us for the past nine years. The College of Consultors fulfilled their Canonical Duty and elected a Diocesan Administrator on Thursday Morning (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>). The Administrator will run the diocese till we get a new Bishop. Let us all keep the new Administrator in our prayers!

**Advent Penance Service is on Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>:** I invite all the parents to bring the children for the Penance Service with confessions for Faith Formation Families at 4:30pm IN THE CHURCH. Then at 7pm there will be the Parish Penance Service for all! Please come with your families. There will be around six priests to hear confessions.

**The Diocese received a Thank You note from the National Shrine:** Msgr. Walter Rossi, the Rector of the National Shrine in Washington, DC thanks the Diocese of Metuchen for the Special Collection for its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The collection is totaled \$100,000. Msgr. Rossi said, "The goodness of the faithful of Metuchen is truly appreciated".

**OCIA 2025 at SPSJ:** Please include in your daily prayers all our OCIA members this year, including our Parish team who is forming them. The names of the candidates are: Jude Blanes, Maggie Durnin, Sophia Durnin, Joshua Heron, Jeffrey Hurst, Conor McCullough, Alex Perez, Armani Perez, Kaitlynn Strausser, Alejandro Tenchipe, Angelic Tenchipe, & Miguel Tenchipe.

**Diocesan Programs in the near future:**  
**Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples in Troubled Marriages (Jan 30<sup>th</sup> -Feb 1<sup>st</sup>).**

Fr. Antony

# Masses For The Week



## SUNDAY, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Shirley Emery by Mary Emery & Family

11:00am – Connor Babula by Family

1:00pm – (SP) Aurelia Rodriguez by Verónica

5:30pm – Ricky Jules by Bev Early

## MONDAY, November 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

6:45am – Rocco Carsillo by Jeanne & Michael

12:10pm – Martha Richline by Chris & Denise Weber

## TUESDAY, November 25<sup>th</sup> - St.. Catherine of Alexandria Virgin & Martyr

6:45am – Patricia Flynn by Patricia Mercer

12:10pm - Marie & Ed Lafferty (A) by Catalli Family

7pm – (SP) Gregorio Garcia Victoria by Sons & Daughters

## WEDNESDAY, November 26<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Walter Starosciak by Danny & Terri Starosciak

12:10pm – Gabriel Lantos by Lantos Family

## THURSDAY, November 27<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – **No Mass**

9am – Barry & Mary Louise Rossnagle by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn & Family

12:10pm – **No Mass**

## FRIDAY, November 28<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – **No Mass**

9am - \*Sp. Int. Regina Hajcak by Kay

12:10pm – **No Mass**

## SATURDAY, November 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Anthony Comito by Labebe Buesing

4:30pm – Blanche Gebhard by Merrie Mulrine

## SUNDAY, November 30<sup>th</sup> – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Edward Connolly by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

11:00am – James F. Quigley by Daughter Tami Quigley

1:00pm – (SP) Filadelfo Pleites by Leonel Pleites

5:30pm – Anthony Comito by Bob & Dee Ellwood

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



### November 29<sup>th</sup>

|        |          |                |
|--------|----------|----------------|
| 4:30pm | Acolyte  | Gavin Hayes    |
|        | Lector   | Michael Boylan |
|        | Minister | Melody Talpas  |
|        | Minister | Ed Socci       |
|        | Server   | -              |
|        | Server   | -              |

### November 30<sup>th</sup>

|         |               |                       |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 7:00am  | Acolyte       | Julian Mendoza        |
|         | Lector        | Kelechi Odemma        |
|         | Server        | Chimbuzo Odemma       |
|         | Server        | Chiezmuza Odemma      |
| 9:00am  | Acolyte       | Breann Pisarek        |
|         | Lector        | Rachel Lazier         |
|         | Minister      | Julie Duffy           |
|         | Minister      | Michael Duffy         |
|         | Server        | -                     |
|         | Server        | -                     |
| 11:00am | Acolyte       | Andrew Sretenovic     |
|         | Lector        | Carol Bevilacqua      |
|         | Minister      | Eileen Catalli        |
|         | Minister      | Robert Hopkins        |
|         | Server        | Adam Sretenovic       |
|         | Server        | Gabriel Sretenovic    |
| 1:00pm  | Acolyte       | Miguel Quizhpi-Garcia |
|         | Lector        | Juan Lalama           |
|         | Lector        | Lissette Herrera      |
|         | Minister      | Gladys Jauridez       |
|         | Announcements | Oscar Dilone          |
|         | Server        | Gregory Cano          |
|         | Server        | Aaron Cano            |
| 5:30pm  | Acolyte       | Alana Palos           |
|         | Lector        | Marianne Palos        |
|         | Server        | Allyssa Palos         |
|         | Server        | -                     |

## Stewardship

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| <b>November 16, 2025</b> | <b>\$ 7,676.28</b>     |
| <b>On-line</b>           | <b><u>2,122.13</u></b> |
|                          | <b>\$ 9,799.41</b>     |

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| <b>SPSJ School</b>         | <b>\$ 1,319.00</b> |
| <b>Various Collections</b> | <b>\$ 486.00</b>   |



### Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

*The Church Office & Adoration Closed*

### Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

*The Church Office Closed*



## Around the Parish

### Faith Formation News

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

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
No Classes Thanksgiving Break**



**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30pm  
Classes at 137 Roseberry St.**

### 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, Paxton John Bowman, Michael Boyle, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Pat Houck, Thomas Sulick, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Fanny Rios, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke & Scott Visco.*

### 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, 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 5<sup>th</sup> (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

### SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 11/23 Anne Coyle, 11/30 Magnolia Mateo, & 12/7 Ron Rossini

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 11/23 Deacon Francisco, 11/30 Michael St. Jacques & 12/7 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 11/23 & 12/7 Lisa Spanopolous

### "Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **12noon on Mondays, 6pm on Wednesdays, and 11am, 2pm, & 4pm on Thursdays.**

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 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!

**Our Parish generously contributed \$54, 616.70  
to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal.  
Thank you!**

## **MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK**

**Nov 23 Sun - Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Nov 24 Mon - Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companion, Martyrs**

*Nov 25 Tue - Optional Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*

**Nov 27 Thu - Thanksgiving Day**

### **SUMMARY OF MATER POPULI FIDELIS - New Document on Titles of Mary**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith published a new document called ‘Mater Populi Fidelis’ a Doctrinal Note on Some Marian Titles regarding Mary’s Cooperation in the Work of Salvation. The purpose is it to deepen Marian devotion’s foundations while strengthening Catholic identity and encouraging ecumenical sensitivity.

#### **Doctrinal Clarification of Marian Titles**

- **Co-redemptrix:**
  - Originated as a correction to “Redemptrix”—meaning primarily “Mother of the Redeemer”—in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.
  - Some Popes have used it but without precise dogmatic definition, reflecting her union with Christ at the Cross.
  - Vatican II and recent popes have discouraged this title due to risk of confusion, stressing Christ’s unique mediation and redemption.
  - Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) and Pope Francis explicitly rejected “Co-redemptrix,” emphasizing that Christ alone is Redeemer and that such titles risk theological imbalance.
- **Mediatrix:**
  - This title developed in both Eastern and Western Christianity, recognizing that Mary had a real mediatory role by enabling the Incarnation (“born of a woman”), and at Cana, as an intercessor.
  - The Council taught she is “Mediatrix” only in a subordinate, non-efficacious sense, and preferred terms like “cooperation” and “maternal assistance.”

- Christ is the sole Mediator; Mary’s mediation never obscures Christ’s exclusivity.
- **Mother of Believers/Faithful:**
  - Scripturally and Tradition-rooted, this title is emphasized as theologically sound.
  - Her “spiritual motherhood” springs from her physical motherhood of Christ and includes all members of the Mystical Body.
  - Her intercession is maternal, never priestly, arising from close union with Christ and the Church.

So, the title, ‘Co-Redemptrix’ is not approved, and it is discouraged. Thus, it is not to be used in doctrine or devotion. ‘Mediatrix’ has a subordinate sense as Mary mediates by cooperation, but mediation is exclusively Christ’s. Thus, the pastoral guide prefers ‘cooperation’ and ‘maternal help’. ‘Mother of Believers’ is approved & encouraged as the main Marian paradigm.

Mater Populi Fidelis provides a nuanced and biblically-rooted framework for understanding Marian devotion. It calls for clarity, fidelity, and discernment in naming and describing Mary’s role, insisting that all authentic Marian theology and piety highlight the singular primacy of Christ and the unique, subordinate, and maternal cooperation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the divine plan of salvation.

**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.)**

## DEACON'S CORNER

### **The Promise of Paradise**

Jesus said many great things, but nothing more compassionate than, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) When Stephen was being stoned to death he too prayed, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." (Acts 7:60). When the unforgiving spirit is threatening to turn our hearts to bitterness, let us reflect again to our Lord asking forgiveness for those who crucified Him. There is nothing more difficult and rare as Christian forgiveness. It is an amazing and "conscious freeing" gift.

It was purposely orchestrated when the authorities crucified Jesus between two known criminals. He was on display before his family and friends, humiliated by hanging on a cross and placed between two robbers who were ranked as the lowest of low in the world.

The word Paradise is a Persian word meaning a walled garden. When a Persian king wished to honor one of his subjects, he was granted permission to walk beside him in the garden. This honor was granted only once by the king.

It was more than immortality that Jesus promised the penitent thief. He promised him the honor of companion in heaven's garden "paradise." The moral of this story, it is never too late to turn to Christ. As long as a person's heart beats, the invitation to come to Jesus Christ still stands now and forever. Where there is life, there is HOPE!!! Remember: L. I. G. H. T.

**LIVE IN GOD'S HELP TODAY**

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Alone? Without family?*

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon for our Thanksgiving Dinner in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home by yourself, come and enjoy the day with us! For reservations, call 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number. Walk-ins welcome, too.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Help our neighbors in need! Catholic Charities is collecting the following items for a Thanksgiving Family Dinner: 2 small cans of fruit, 2 small cans of soup, 3 cans of vegetables, 1 can of cranberry sauce, 1 can of yams or sweet potatoes, 1 bag, box, or can of stuffing, 1 box or a bag of fresh potatoes, 1 can of juice, 1 can or envelope of gravy mix, 1 box or bag of pasta, rice, or noodles, 1 dessert, and one 12 to 15 lb. turkey. ***Items are to be dropped off at the rear entrance of Catholic Charities at 387 S Main St, Phillipsburg, NJ. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm & Thursday – 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.***

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Phillipsburg is in need of volunteers. Please call Maria Hunter at 732-387-1315 for more information.

### PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on November 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will pray specifically for end of life issues.

### OVER 50'S CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 is the next Over 50's meeting. We will meet in Mercy Hall at 1 pm. We will have our business meeting, refreshments and bingo. New members are welcome to join. The officers will meet at 12 pm. Any questions, please contact President Dolly Loiacono at 908-454-8067.

### LEGION OF MARY SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

**Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30pm Mass.**

On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, giving him a scapular saying ***"Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of Salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace."***



## HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CEMETERY



Applications for Cemetery Assistants are now being accepted for the cemetery's main location, and on Filmore Street. This includes mowing lawns, trimming, burial sites (provision for burial and seeding), cleaning of the cemetery, internees in the mausoleum, placing letters on crypts and niches, any necessary repairs to the cemetery, and repair of small engines. This position will start on a part-time basis.

Also included is mowing and trimming of school grounds. Please stop by the office and ask for Nancy for an application on Mondays from 9am to 5pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9am to 4 pm, and Fridays from 9am to 1pm. If you have any questions, please call Nancy at 908-454-0112 ext. 401.

## MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come and walk with us to the Capitol to stand up for Life! It is an amazing experience to walk with over a half million people. Bus will leave St. Jane de Chantel Church in Easton at 7:30 am and arrive back around 8:30 pm. To reserve a seat, call Andrew Azan at 484-259-7740 or email him at [andrewazan3rd@rcn.com](mailto:andrewazan3rd@rcn.com). There will not be a bus from Phillipsburg this year.

## HOME ENTHRONEMENT & PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Invite Jesus into your home by scheduling your Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by phoning Gwen at 973-769-3011 and/or have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue for one week in your home by phoning Pat at 908-454-0767. (Facilitated by the SPSJ Legion of Mary)

## Diocesan News

### HOME SCHOOL MINISTRY

Homeschool events for the 2025/2026 year:

- December 8 - Immaculate Conception/Consecration
- February 27 - Outside Stations of the Cross
- April 15 - Trenton Day
- June 7 - Corpus Christi Procession

Rev. Gilbert Starcher  
Coordinator, Homeschool Ministry  
[gstarcher@diometuchen.org](mailto:gstarcher@diometuchen.org)

## THE PROPHETS 2 JAN 15 - MARCH 19, 2026

These classes will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. Thursdays January 15 – March 19, 2026 10:30am–11:30am at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. \$20 per person for all 10 classes. Required Text - Any Bible which contains the works of the Former (Historical) and Latter (Book) Prophets such as the *New American Bible* or the *Revised Standard Version*.

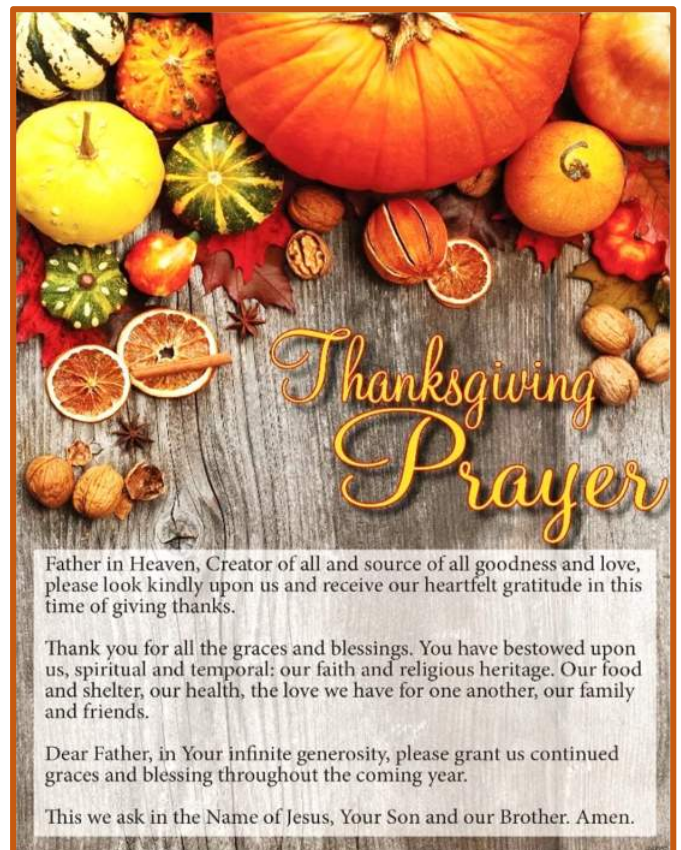
To register online go to -

<https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation>.

For questions email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543.

## 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<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.



## NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

### **NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO**

¡Querida familia!

Reflexionando sobre el Evangelio de este domingo, San Ambrosio escribió: «La inscripción está escrita y colocada encima, no debajo de la cruz, porque el gobierno está sobre sus hombros. ¿Qué es este gobierno sino su eterno poder y divinidad? Cuando le preguntaron: “¿Quién eres?”, respondió: “El principio, que también habla contigo”. Leamos esta inscripción: “Jesús de Nazaret”, dice, “El Rey de los Judíos”. La inscripción está apropiadamente encima de la cruz porque el reino de Cristo no pertenece a su cuerpo humano, sino a su autoridad divina. La inscripción está apropiadamente encima de la cruz porque, aunque el Señor Jesús estuvo en la cruz, resplandece sobre ella con la majestad de un rey». (Exposición del Evangelio de Lucas)

La Iglesia Universal celebra este domingo la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey. Como sabemos por los evangelios, Jesús reveló que su Reino no es de este mundo. Sin embargo, Jesús nos enseñó a orar por la venida de ese Reino que no es de este mundo (¡Venga tu Reino!). Cuando el Papa Pío XI instituyó esta fiesta en 1925, deseaba que la Iglesia experimentara la paz de Cristo (Pax Christi in regno Christi). Vivimos en esa paz cuando entregamos nuestras vidas a Cristo, de modo que Cristo gobierna nuestras vidas.

Siendo Cristo Rey, ¿cómo participamos en su Realeza? El Catecismo nos enseña: *«Por su obediencia hasta la muerte,<sup>444</sup> Cristo comunicó a sus discípulos el don de la libertad real, para que, mediante la abnegación de una vida santa, pudieran vencer el dominio del pecado en sí mismos»*. Citando a San Ambrosio, el Catecismo continúa: *«Con razón se llama rey a aquel que somete su cuerpo a la obediencia y, gobernándose con el rigor necesario, se niega a que sus pasiones engendren rebeldía en su alma, pues ejerce sobre sí mismo una suerte de poder real. Y puesto que sabe gobernarse como rey, también se sienta como su juez. No se dejará aprisionar por el pecado ni caer de cabeza en la maldad»*.

¡Les deseamos a todos un feliz Día de Acción de Gracias! Esta festividad es una ocasión especial en la que nuestra parroquia ayuda a los menos afortunados, a los pobres y a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

Agradecemos a todos nuestros voluntarios y ministerios que ayudan a los pobres a celebrar un Día de Acción de Gracias. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones de alimentos! No hay mejor manera de celebrar la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey que sirviendo a nuestra gente como nuestro Señor y Rey Jesucristo.

**Apelación del Pastor:** Les agradezco infinitamente su generosidad. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones! Como se anuncia en todas las misas, es fundamental preparar Mercy Hall para el invierno, y necesitamos reparar la calefacción. Es nuestra principal prioridad. Como se mostraron en las fotos de la Apelación del Pastor de este año, las puertas de la iglesia necesitan ser reparadas por una empresa profesional. Si aún no lo han hecho, les pido que consideren donar para estos proyectos.

**Nuestra diócesis anunció a su administrador el 20 de noviembre:** Estamos muy agradecidos al obispo Checchio por su ministerio con nosotros durante los últimos nueve años. El Colegio de Consultores cumplió con su deber canónico y eligió un administrador diocesano el jueves por la mañana (20 de noviembre). El administrador dirigirá la diócesis hasta que tengamos un nuevo obispo. ¡Oremos todos por el nuevo administrador!

**Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento el martes 9 de diciembre:** Invito a todos los padres a traer a sus hijos al Servicio de Penitencia con confesiones para familias de Formación en la Fe a las 4:30 pm. EN LA IGLESIA. A las 7 pm se celebrará el Servicio de Penitencia Parroquial para todos. Les invitamos a venir con sus familias. Habrá alrededor de seis sacerdotes para escuchar confesiones.

**La Diócesis recibió una nota de agradecimiento del Santuario Nacional:** Monseñor Walter Rossi, rector del Santuario Nacional en Washington D. C., agradece a la Diócesis de Metuchen la colecta especial realizada con motivo de su centenario. La colecta ascendió a \$100,000.00 dólares. Monseñor Rossi expresó: «Agradecemos profundamente la generosidad de los fieles de Metuchen».

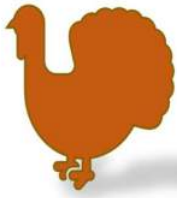
**OCIA 2025 en SPSJ:** Por favor, mantengan en sus oraciones diarias a todos los miembros de nuestra OCIA, incluyendo al equipo parroquial que los está formando. Los nombres de los candidatos son: Jude Blanes, Maggie Durnin, Sophia Durnin, Joshua Heron, Jeffrey Hurst, Conor McCullough, Alex Pérez, Armani Pérez, Kaitlynn Strausser, Alejandro Tenchipe, Angelic Tenchipe y Miguel Tenchipe.



### Programas Diocesanos:

**Fin de Semana de Reencuentro para Parejas con Problemas Matrimoniales (30 de enero - 1 de febrero)**

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#### **Jueves 27 de noviembre**

La oficina parroquial y la capilla de adoración estarán cerrados.

#### **Viernes 28 de noviembre**

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada.

### **SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS**



La tienda de segunda mano y despensa de alimentos de Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Metuchen en Phillipsburg necesita voluntarios bilingües. Para más información, llame a María Hunter al 732-387-1315.

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

**25-26 SPSJ Formación en la Fe**  
**Martes 25 de noviembre**  
**No habrá clases**



**Martes 2 de diciembre**  
**clases a las 4:30 pm en la**  
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Necesitamos adoradores los lunes al mediodía, los miércoles a las 6pm, y los jueves a las 11am, 2pm y 4pm. Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

**CARIDADES CATÓLICAS** ¡Ayude a nuestros vecinos necesitados! Caridades Católicas está recolectando los siguientes alimentos para una cena familiar de Acción de Gracias: 2 latas pequeñas de fruta, 2 latas pequeñas de sopa, 3 latas de verduras, 1 lata de salsa de arándanos, 1 lata de camote o batata, 1 bolsa, caja o lata de relleno, 1 caja o bolsa de papas frescas, 1 lata de jugo, 1 lata o sobre de mezcla para salsa gravy, 1 caja o bolsa de pasta, arroz o fideos, 1 postre y un pavo de 12 a 15 libras. **Los artículos deben entregarse en la entrada trasera de Caridades Católicas, ubicada en 387 calle S Main, Phillipsburg, NJ.** Horario de atención: lunes, martes, miércoles y viernes de 10:00 am a 3:30 pm y jueves de 1:00 pm a 3:30 pm.



**A partir del 4 de enero de 2026,**  
**el horario de misas**  
**dominicales de la**  
**Iglesia de St. Philip y St. James**  
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