

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.)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT † November 30, 2025



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 11/30/25

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| Mon. 12/1/25 | 6:30pm Knights of Columbus in Mercy Hall |
| Tues. 12/2/25 | 8:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ - 137 Roseberry St.
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel |
| Wed. 12/3/25 | 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
1pm Over 50's Meeting in Mercy Hall
7:30-8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel |
| Thurs. 12/4/25 | 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church |
| Friday. 12/5/25 | 6pm First Friday Holy Hour Devotion in the Church |
| Sat. 12/6/25 | 8:30am First Saturday Devotion in the Church
10am Confessions in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church |
| Sunday 12/7/25 | 8am-12noon Breakfast with Santa in Mercy Hall
10am OCIA in Conference Room
3-7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in PMR |

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Family!

The greatest treasure of Advent is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As the new Church Year begins, I urge you to take along the 'Green' (Treasures of the Season of Ordinary Time) to the 'Purple' (The Season of Advent)". Yes we are back to the days of purple as the season shares certain qualities of another purple season - Lent.

We thank God for all God's blessings on us in the last liturgical year; all that we accomplished together and all the ministry we did together to glorify God. As we step into the New Year, we ask God to be with us in all our plannings and administration this year, the planned projects for this year, all committee meet, parish spiritual visions and other pastoral activities.

These four weeks before Christmas are our foundational efforts that set a tone for us for the whole liturgical year. As every season in the year is unique in its own theological implications, Advent cannot be ignored as an add-on to the Christmas Season. The commercial aspects and decorations may not distract us from focusing on preparing the way for the Messiah.

In the first reading (Is 2:1-5), Isaiah describes his prophetic vision of all nations making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, affirming their Faith in the one true God. The Second reading and the Gospel talk about the Second-Coming and the due preparation that is needed from us to welcome Jesus. When our hearts are set on doing this very faith-filled act everyday of our lives especially in the Advent, we acknowledge both the First and Second Coming of Jesus.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 451 teaches us, "Christian prayer is characterized by the title "Lord", whether in the invitation to prayer ("The Lord be with you"), its conclusion ("through Christ our Lord") or the exclamation full of trust and hope: *Maranatha* ("Our Lord, come!") or *Maranatha* ("Come, Lord!") - "Amen Come Lord Jesus!"

Let us enter into the season of Advent with a renewed spirit within us that encourages us to 'Be Prepared. Let fear, worry and anxiety never stop us from our focus on Jesus; Let our every day of preparation include improving our relationships with God and people around us. Maranatha!

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 for the Pastor's Appeal for year, 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!

Thanks to our Finance Council

I extend my gratitude to our Finance Council for all their sacrifices of time and talent invested in meetings and planning. Special thanks to Ray DePillo, Cary Giacalone and William Casey for their years of service in this capacity. We wish them well for their future endeavors. We will have a new time at the beginning of 2026. Please pray for these men and thank them for their service to our community!

Our Diocese announced its Administrator on Nov 20th: 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 the Very Reverend Jonathan S. Toborowsky as the Administrator of the Diocese of Metuchen. He will run the diocese until a new Bishop is elected. Let us all keep the new Administrator in our prayers!

Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December

9th: 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. 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.

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: 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 30th -Feb 1st).**

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, November 30th – 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

MONDAY, December 1st

6:45am – Blanche Gerhard by Patricia Mercer

12:10pm – Charlene Chando by Joelyn Kullman

TUESDAY, December 2nd

6:45am – Barry Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle

12:10pm – Patricia Flynn by Volk Family

WEDNESDAY, December 3rd – *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

6:45am – Barry Rossnagle by Lorna, Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Family

12:10pm – Emile DeCoste by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche

THURSDAY, December 4th – *St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – Barbara C. Iannuccilli by Mark & Gloria Macrini

12:10pm – Helen & Nicholas Conti by Family

FRIDAY, December 5th

6:45am – John S. Butchko by Ann Foose

12:10pm – *Sp. Int. Frank & Sandy Favazza by Irene & Jim

SATURDAY, December 6th – *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

8:00am – Rose Duque by Dario Duque

4:30pm – James Finegan, Sr. by Family

SUNDAY, December 7th – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00am – For the People

9:00am – Eva Sciabica by Family

11:00am – Carol Lupi by Lupi Family

1:00pm – (SP) Estebana de Jesús by Rubenia Magaña

5:30pm – Grace Young by Children

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



December 6th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Mary O'Sullivan
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	-
	Server	-

December 7th

7:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
	Server	-
	Server	-
9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Ann Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Jack Perna
11:00am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Chimbuzo Odemma
	Server	Chiezmuzo Odemma
1:00pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	María Cristina Rossenouff
	Lector	Iván Lam
	Minister	Frank Anthony
	Announcements	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Server	José Jauridez
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Keith Gallagher
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Leah Blanes

Stewardship

**Due to early bulletin deadline,
the Stewardship information for 11/23/25,
will be included in the next bulletin.**

2025 Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 9th



4:30pm – Faith Formation Families

7pm – All Parishioners

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

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

Tuesday, December 2nd, 4:30pm



**Tuesday, December 9th, 4:30pm
at the Church, 430 S Main 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 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 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: 11/30 Magnolia

Mateo, 12/7 Ron Rossini, & 12/14 Ed Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 11/30 Michael St.

Jacques & Mike Burke, 12/7 Eileen Dean &

Michael St. Jacques, & 12/14 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke

Phillipsburg Care Center: 12/7 Lisa Spanopolous & 12/14 Beth Dispoto

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **12noon on Mondays; 11am, 2pm, 5pm, & 6pm on Wednesdays; and 11am, 2pm, 3pm, & 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!

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Nov 30, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 3 Wed - Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier

*Dec 4 Thu - Optional Memorial of Saint John
Damascene, Priest and Doctor*

*Dec 6 Sat - Optional Memorial of Saint Nicholas,
Bishop.*

*Excerpts from the REMARKS BY HIS
EMINENCE CARDINAL CHRISTOPHE PIERRE,
Apostolic Nuncio to USA (USCCB Pplenary
Assembly, MD) NOV 11, 2025*

I. Vatican II as the Self-Description of the Church for Our Age

What was Vatican II? In the words of John Paul II and Benedict XVI, it was “the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century.”⁴ The Council offered us, not a new faith, but a new way of describing and living the one faith in the modern world. As such, it is a reliable guide for ecclesial discernment in this time of epochal change.

The documents of the Second Vatican Council gifted the Church with a map for the journey ahead. Yet the territory that this map outlined was, in many ways, uncharted. The vision of the Council was a vision for the future—a prophetic orientation toward a world that was only beginning to take shape. The Council’s documents were not fully understood in their time. Now is the time to unfold the Council’s map and walk its path—to rediscover in those texts the light and courage needed to navigate this moment with fidelity and creativity.

II. From Francis to Leo XIV: Continuing the Council’s Path

Pope Francis’ pontificate was marked by a call to live more fully the vision of the Council. *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Fratelli Tutti* both reflect that vision: a missionary Church, joyful and outward-looking, a community that builds fraternity in a divided world. Francis called the Church to speak with a single evangelical voice—prophetic, merciful, and united in service to the poor.

The way forward is not to diverge, but to advance along the road he helped to illuminate—a road on which Pope Leo continues to lead us. Many believers have been encouraged, by the witness of Francis, to live the Gospel in greater simplicity, mercy, and openness. And Leo, by carrying forward and expanding upon the magisterium of his predecessor, is helping us to keep walking as the “pilgrim Church”.

In his first Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which Francis had begun, the Holy Father’s reference point continues to be Vatican II, this time as it addresses our mission among the poor. Leo writes: “I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society.” He says that “The Second Vatican Council represented a milestone in the Church’s understanding of the poor in God’s saving plan.”

Conclusion: Where Have We Been, and Where Are We Going?

The Second Vatican Council is not behind us; it stands before us, the map for our journey. To the questions with which we began—Where have we been, and where are we going?—the deepest ecclesial answer is this:

- We are a Church rooted in the grace of the Second Vatican Council;
- A Church still receiving and embodying its vision;
- A Church sent forth in unity, as disciples and shepherds, bringing hope, joy, and mercy to a world in need.

The Council’s documents continue to form us and guide our discernment of this moment. Pope Leo XIV now carries that same vision forward, interpreting it anew for the world of today. If we walk faithfully with him, we will be the Church the Council envisioned: a pilgrim people, a sacrament of communion, a beacon of hope, and a servant of the poor—drawing, even now, new maps of hope for the generations to come.

2025 Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 24th - 4pm, 7pm, &
Midnight



Thursday, Dec. 25th - 7am, 9am, 11am
(English), & 1pm (Spanish)

No 5:30pm Mass

GIVING TREE GIFTS



Christmas Giving Tree

Please take an ornament from our Giving Tree to help a child in need. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please take an envelope from the basket and enclose a check written payable to SPSJ with Giving Tree in the memo section. You may place the envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the church office. There are also two boxes with tags for nursing home residents. One box is for male residents and the other for female. All gifts are to be returned, with the tag attached, the weekend of December 15/16th. Please return the gifts unwrapped. Parents will be picking up the gifts by December 17th, so our return date is important. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, December 6th, 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.

LEGION OF MARY SCAPULAR INVESTITURE

Saturday December 6th 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."*

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)

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 23rd. 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. There will not be a bus from Phillipsburg this year.

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.

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.)

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

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

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 – 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

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

¡Querida familia!

El mayor tesoro del Adviento es nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Al comenzar el nuevo año litúrgico, los animo a llevar consigo el «Verde» (los tesoros del Tiempo Ordinario) al «Morado» (el Adviento). Sí, volvemos a los días morados, pues este tiempo litúrgico comparte ciertas características con otro tiempo litúrgico morado: la Cuaresma.

Damos gracias a Dios por todas sus bendiciones durante el año litúrgico pasado; por todo lo que logramos juntos y por todo el ministerio que realizamos juntos para glorificarlo. Al comenzar el nuevo año, le pedimos a Dios que nos acompañe en la planificación y administración de este año, en los proyectos previstos, en todas las reuniones de comité, en las visiones espirituales de la parroquia y en demás actividades pastorales.

Estas cuatro semanas previas a la Navidad constituyen nuestros esfuerzos fundamentales, marcando la pauta para todo el año litúrgico. Así como cada temporada del año posee implicaciones teológicas únicas, el Adviento no puede considerarse un mero añadido a la Navidad. Los aspectos comerciales y las decoraciones no deben distraernos de nuestro objetivo principal: preparar el camino para el Mesías.

En la primera lectura (Is. 2,1-5), Isaías describe su visión profética de todas las naciones peregrinando a Jerusalén, reafirmando su fe en el único Dios verdadero. La segunda lectura y el Evangelio hablan de la Segunda Venida y de la preparación necesaria para recibir a Jesús. Cuando nos proponemos realizar este acto de fe cada día de nuestra vida, especialmente durante el Adviento, reconocemos tanto la Primera como la Segunda Venida de Jesús.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 451 nos enseña: “La oración cristiana se caracteriza por el título «Señor», ya sea en la invitación a la oración («El Señor esté contigo»), en su conclusión («por Cristo nuestro Señor») o en la exclamación llena de confianza y esperanza: Maranatha («¡Ven, Señor!») o Maranatha («¡Ven, Señor!») - «Amén. ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!»”.

Entremos en el Adviento con un espíritu renovado que nos anime a estar preparados. Que el miedo, la preocupación y la ansiedad jamás nos aparten de nuestra mirada en Jesús; que cada día de preparación incluya fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios y con quienes nos rodean. ¡Maranatha!

Apelación del Pastor: Les estoy eternamente agradecido a todos por su generosidad. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones! Como se anunció en todas las misas, es fundamental preparar Mercy Hall para el invierno, y necesitamos reparar la calefacción. Es nuestra principal prioridad. Como se muestra en las fotos de la colecta pastoral de este año, las puertas de la iglesia necesitan ser reparadas por una empresa profesional. ¡Por favor, consideren en oración donar para estos proyectos si aún no lo han hecho!

Gracias a nuestro Consejo de Finanzas: Extiendo mi gratitud a nuestro Consejo de Finanzas por todos sus sacrificios y el tiempo dedicado a las reuniones y la planificación. Un agradecimiento especial a Ray DePillo, Cary Giacalone y William Casey por sus años de servicio en este cargo. Les deseamos mucho éxito en sus futuros proyectos. Tendremos un nuevo horario a principios de 2026. ¡Oren por ellos y agrádezcánle por su servicio a nuestra comunidad!

Nuestra diócesis anuncio el administrador el 20 de noviembre: Estamos muy agradecidos al Obispo Checchio y a su ministerio con nosotros durante los últimos nueve años. El Colegio de Consultores cumplió con su deber canónico y eligió al Muy Reverendo Jonathan S. Toborowsky como Administrador de la Diócesis de Metuchen. Él dirigirá la diócesis hasta que se elija 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 las 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.

OCIA 2025 en SPSJ: Por favor, incluyan en sus oraciones diarias a todos los miembros de nuestra OCIA este año, 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.

P. Antony

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

jueves, 9 de diciembre, 2025



4:30pm – Familias de Formación en la Fe

7pm – Para todos los Feligreses

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

25-26 SPSJ Formación en la Fe



Martes 2 de diciembre:
clases a las 4:30 pm en
la 137 calle Roseberry

Martes 9 de diciembre:
a las 4:30pm en la
Iglesia, 430 calle
S. Main

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



Necesitamos adoradores los lunes al mediodía, los miércoles a las 11am, 2pm, 5pm y 6pm, y los jueves a las 11am, 2pm, 3pm y 4pm. Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

¡DESAYUNO CON SANTA!



Se llevará a cabo en Mercy Hall de 8am a 12 del mediodía el 7 de diciembre. \$10 por persona para adultos y niños de 6 años o más, \$5 para niños de 3 a 5 años y menores de 3 años gratis. Incluye omelet, panqueques, tocino, salchicha y bebida de elección. ¡Los niños podrán disfrutar de un delicioso desayuno y luego visitar con Santa! También se entregarán bolsitas de dulces, pero las cantidades son limitadas.

Horario de Misas de Navidad 2025

miércoles 24 de diciembre: 4pm, 7pm y 12am
misa del gallo



jueves 25 de diciembre: 7am, 9am, 11am (inglés)
y 1pm (español) – No habrá misa de 5:30pm

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

9:00am, 11:00am y 5:30pm en inglés, y 1pm en español. (Ya no habrá misa a las 7:00am)

Breakfast with Santa!



Breakfast with Santa! 🌲👴👵

\$10 per person ages 6 and up \$5 per person ages 3-5. Under 3 is free. Includes Omelet, pancakes, bacon, sausage and choice of drink.

Kids can have a great breakfast and then visit with Santa! Goodie bags will also be handed out but quantities will be limited!

**Held in Mercy Hall at Saint Philip & James Church
430 So. Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 from 8am –
12noon on Dec. 7th.**

2025

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	01 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	02 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm CCD Grades 1-8 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	03 ST. FANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary MH - 1pm Over 50s Meeting CHP - 7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry	04 <i>St. John Damascene, Proest and Doctor of the Church</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	05 <i>First Friday of the Month</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration CH - 6pm - Frist Friday Holy Hour	06 <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am 1st Saturday Devotion PMR - 9am - 11am Committee MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions MH - 1pm Legion of Mary Reunion CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass - afterwards Scapular Investiture
07 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish MH - 8am-12pm Breakfast w/ Santa CR - 10am OCIA PMR - 3-7pm Sp. Prayer Cenacles 5:30pm Mass in English	08 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 5pm National Nights of Prayer for Life CH - 6pm Immaculate Conception Mass in English CH - 7pm Immaculate Conception Mass in Spanish MH - 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting	09 <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 8:30am Legion of Mary CH - 4:30pm CCD Penace Service Grades 1-8 CH - 7pm Penace Service CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena	10 <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	11 <i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 5pm Holy Hour for Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Group Mtg. MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass CH - Return Giving Tree Gifts
14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA CH - Return Giving Tree Gifts	15 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 2:30pm Sorting of Giving Tree Gifts MH - 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	16 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 CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	17 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30-8:30pm Men's Ministry	18 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell CH - 7pm Choir Practice	19 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	20 CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confession CH - 4:30pm Mass
21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30 Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA PMR - 10am Blues Grieving Group MH - 1pm- Curia Meeting	22 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	23 <i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</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 & afterwards Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group	24 CH - Christmas Eve Masses 4pm, 7pm, & Midnight Office CLOSED CHP - 7:30am - 4pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary	25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) Christmas Day Masses 7am, 9am, 11am (English) & 1pm (Spanish) No 5:30pm Mass Office & Adoration CLOSED	26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr CH - Daily Mass 9am Only Office CLOSED CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
28 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH CH - 7am, 9am, 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English	29 <i>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	30 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 Charismatic Group	31 <i>St. Sylvester I, Pope</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am, & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	01	02	03



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