

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.)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT † December 7, 2025



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Sunday 12/7/25 | 8am-12noon Breakfast with Santa in Mercy Hall
10am OCIA in Conference Room
3-7pm Spanish Prayer Cenacles in PMR |
| Mon. 12/8/25 | Church Office Closed—Feast of Immaculate Conception
5pm National Night of Prayer for Life in the Chapel |
| Tues. 12/9/25 | 8:30am Legion of Mary in Conference Room
4:30-5:30pm Penance Service for Faith Formation Families At the Church
7pm Penance Service for all Parishioners in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel |
| Wed. 12/10/25 | 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room |
| Thurs. 12/11/25 | 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church |
| Friday. 12/12/25 | 5pm Holy Hour for Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Chapel |
| Sat. 12/13/25 | 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church
10am Confessions in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Giving Tree Gift Return after the 4:30pm Mass |
| Sunday 12/14/25 | 10am OCIA in Conference Room
2pm Our Lady of Gudalupe Celebration in Mercy Hall
Giving Tree Gift Return after all Masses |

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Family!

In the season of Advent, larger than life personalities like Isaiah and John the Baptist certainly draw our attention to living a holy season but most importantly it is Our Mother who always plays the most important role in leading us to the heart of Jesus. The Church begins with the year with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and end the year with Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of Americas.

Of the three oracles of concerting a future king in the book of Isaiah (1st in the 7th chapter & the 2nd in the 9th chapter) the third is presented to us in the first reading (11th chapter). The prophesy of the spirit of God with sevenfold gifts are associated with the advent of the Messiah. All four gospels mention the ministry of John of the Baptist - his message was clear - a call to repentance, thus return to the Lord.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 712 teaches us that "the characteristics of the awaited Messiah begin to appear in the "Book of Emmanuel" ("Isaiah said this when he saw his glory," speaking of Christ), especially in the first two verses of Isaiah 11 "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."

Teaching about John the Baptist, the Church clarifies, "John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain; this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. . . . Behold, the Lamb of God." (CCC 719)

Pastor's Appeal

I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. Thank you for all you donations! As announced at all masses about 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 this year, the doors of the church need to be repaired by a professional company as well. 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 and time 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 Diocesan Administrator Fr. Jay Toborowsky celebrates our 150th Anniversary of Catholic Education in Phillipsburg

Fr. Jay, our Diocesan Administrator will be celebrating a Special Mass at 11am this Sunday to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Catholic Education in Phillipsburg. In the absence of a bishop, I thank Fr. Jay for accepting our invitation and celebrating the mass for us. We remember all our priests, nuns, principals, teachers, parents and all the parishioners who have contributed to the growth of Catholic education in our town all these years!

December 8th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday. It is a day of Obligation.

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 to all! Please come with your families. There will be around six priests to hear confessions.

Diocesan Programs in the near future

Diocesan Youth Day (Jan. 31), the Novena for Life (Jan. 16 - 23), Handel's Messiah Choral Concert (Dec. 20), Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples in Troubled Marriages (Jan. 30 - Feb. 1), the Retreat for Hispanic Musicians (Feb. 7) and a Catechist's Guide to Engaging Parents and Families (Feb. 28)

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



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

MONDAY, December 8th – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45am – Barbara C. Iannuccilli by David Macrini
12:10pm – *Sp. Int. for Patrick Gionanatta by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
6pm – For the People
7pm – *Sp. Int. Luz Málaga de Rocha by María Cristina Rossenouff

TUESDAY, December 9th – *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

6:45am – Virginia Fahr by Patrick Rossnagle
12:10pm – Paula Getter by Hoffman Family
4:30pm – Penance Service – Faith Formation Families
7pm – Penance Service – All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, December 10th – *Our Lady of Loreto*

6:45am – Msgr. Edward Egan (A)
12:10pm – Virginia Fahr by William Fahr

THURSDAY, December 11th – *St. Damasus I, Pope*

6:45am – Juan A. Rosario by Hoffman Family
12:10pm – Lucius F. Lilly Sr. by Peg Lilly

FRIDAY, December 12th – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

6:45am – Debra Yager by Hoffman Family
12:10pm – Sandra Hanks by PPHS Class of 1959

SATURDAY, December 13th – *St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr*

8:00am – Sandra Burkhart by PCHS by Class of '65
4:30pm – Brett Marino by Baltz, Talpas, & Luzzetti Families

SUNDAY, December 14th – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00am – For the People
9:00am – Robert Gerbhard by Family
11:00am – Agnes Doyle & Eddie Vernun by Pat & Mike James
1:00pm – (SP) Miguel Santillan by Maria Santillan & Family
5:30pm – Elizabeth Bevins by Catholic Daughters

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



December 13th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

December 14th

7:00am	Acolyte	Julian Mendoza
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Server	Chimbuzo Odimma
	Server	Chiezmuza Odimma
9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11:00am	Acolyte	Anthony Ventura
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Server	-
	Server	-
1:00pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi
	Lector	Gladys Jauridez
	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	María Rubi
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi
	Server	-
5:30pm	Acolyte	Alana Palos
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Allyssa Palos
	Server	-

Stewardship

November 23 rd	\$7,797.78	November 29 th	\$8,184.28
On-line	2,440.00	On-line	1,895.00
	\$10,237.78		\$10,079.28
Works of Mercy	\$2,561.28		
Various Coll.	\$367.00	Various Coll.	\$75.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation

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



**Tuesday, December 16th, 4:30pm
Classes at 137 Roseberry St.**



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, 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 January 2nd (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: 12/7 Ron Rossini, 12/14 Ed Socci, & 12/21 Volunteer needed

Brakeley Nursing Home: 12/7 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques, 12/14 Michael St. Jacques & Mike Burke, & Deacon Francisco Jaurides

Phillipsburg Care Center: 12/7 Lisa Spanopolous & 12/14 & 12/21 Beth Dispoto

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



We need adorers for **12noon on Mondays; 11am, 2pm, 5pm, & 6pm on Wednesdays; 11am, 2pm, 3pm, & 4pm on Thursdays; and 11am on Fridays.**

Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.



Year to Date we have served over **8616**

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!

2025 Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 9th



4:30pm – Faith Formation Families

7pm – All Parishioners

DEACON'S CORNER

Are you ready for the Second coming of Christ?

What's on your mind, this day and age? I am sure everybody is thinking about Christmas, and for many, most importantly, Christmas preparation. That can be very stressful, but in the midst of all the preparation you remember the reason for the season. So, Advent Season helps us to prepare for the Anniversary of Christ first coming and also for the second coming of Christ.

I said that because, last Sunday's readings were about the end time and Christ's second coming, in those readings, we are asked to get ready because we don't know the day nor the hour when Jesus is coming back. He is coming like a thief in the night. So don't be surprised if Jesus returns before you finish this reading.

So, as we are preparing to celebrate Christmas let us get ready for His second coming. If you get caught in the preparation for the celebration of His first coming without being ready for His second Coming, it is insignificant, a waste of time and energy.

Our ultimate goal is to spend eternity with God, so it makes sense to be preparing ourselves for that reality every day: by spending quality time among God's people, by seeking him in prayer, and by immersing ourselves in his word. We can also prepare by loving and caring for other people.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* "Rejoice and be glad" said: "we have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus wants us to do in the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes." If we practice them in our life we will be on the right track to meet Jesus for his second coming. So, I encourage you to read and meditate on the Sermon on the Mount. Better yet, read the Holy Father's *Gaudete et Exsultate* especially the section on the Beatitudes. He explained them in ways that all of us can understand. You can download it from your computer.

If we practice the Beatitudes in our daily life and spend time regularly in prayer then we will grow in Holiness and be prepared to meet the Lord whenever He returns. Have a blessed Advent Season.

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Dec 7, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 8, Mon - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast day of the USA, Holy day of Obligation)

Dec 9 Tue - Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

"In accepting the Christian message without forgoing his indigenous identity, Juan Diego discovered the profound truth of the new humanity, in which all are called to be children of God. Thus, he facilitated the fruit meeting of two worlds and became the catalyst for the new Mexican identity, closely united to Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose mestizo face expresses her spiritual motherhood which embraces all Mexicans. That is why the witness of his life must continue to be the inspiration for the building up of the Mexican nation, encouraging brotherhood among all its children and ever helping to reconcile Mexico with its origins, values and traditions" (St. John Paul II, canonization homily on July 31, 2002).

Dec 10 - Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

Dec 11 - Optional Memorial of Saint Damasus I, Pope

Dec 12, Thu - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Apostle Paul teaches us that in the fullness of time God sent his Son, born of a woman, to redeem us from sin and to make us his sons and daughters. Accordingly, we are no longer servants but children and heirs of God (cf. Gal 4:4-7). Therefore, the Church must proclaim the Gospel of life and speak out with prophetic force against the culture of death. May the Continent of Hope also be the Continent of Life! This is our cry: life with dignity for all! For all who have been conceived in their mother's womb, for street children, for Guadalupe! To you we present this countless multitude of the faithful praying to God in America. You who have penetrated their hearts, visit and comfort the homes, parishes and Dioceses of the whole continent. Grant that Christian families may exemplarily raise their children in the Church's faith and in love of the Gospel, so that they will be the seed of apostolic vocations. Turn your gaze today upon young people and encourage them to walk with Jesus Christ.

O Lady and Mother of America! Strengthen the will be celebrated throughout America with the liturgical rank of feast.

O Mother! You know the paths followed by the first evangelizers of the New World, from Guanahani Island and Hispaniola to the Amazon forests and the Andean peaks, reaching to Tierra del Fuego in the south and to the Great Lakes and mountains of the north. Accompany the Church, which is working in the nations of America, so that she may always preach the Gospel and renew her missionary spirit. Encourage all who devote their lives to the cause of Jesus and the spread of his kingdom. O gentle Lady of Tepeyac, Mother of indigenous peoples and Afro-Americans, for immigrants and refugees, for the young deprived of opportunity, for the old, for those who suffer any kind of poverty or marginalization. (Saint Pope John Paul II's Homily, 23 January, 1999)

Dec 13 - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

On Monday, December 8th, we will be having our National Night of Prayer for Life in the Chapel from 5-6 pm. Please come and join us for an hour to pray for life from conception until natural death.

BREAKFAST WIT SANTA!



Held in Mercy Hall from 8am – 12noon on December 7th, \$10 per person ages 6 and up, \$5 person ages 3 – 5, and under 3 free. Includes omelet, pancakes, bacon, sausage and a 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!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAYERS & HOLY HOUR

We will be having a Eucharistic Holy Hour in the Chapel on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 12th, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Our Lady promises to intercede for every prayer prayed at that hour in honor of Her Son. Please join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING



We will have a Church Cleaning on Dec. 12th from 8am to 12 noon and Dec. 13th from 9am to 12noon. Any questions please contact Kelly Perna at Fourlifemom@gmail.com.

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.

**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.)

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.

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

2025 Christmas Mass Schedule

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



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

No 5:30pm Mass

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.wvme.org for more information.



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL
DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

¡Querida familia!

En el tiempo de Adviento, figuras trascendentales como Isaías y Juan el Bautista nos inspiran a vivir una época de santidad, pero sobre todo, es nuestra Madre quien siempre desempeña el papel más importante al guiarnos al corazón de Jesús. La Iglesia inicia el año con la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, y lo termina con la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Madre de las Américas.

De los tres oráculos que anuncian la llegada del futuro rey en el libro de Isaías (el primero en el capítulo 7 y el segundo en el capítulo 9), el tercero se nos presenta en la primera lectura (capítulo 11). La profecía del Espíritu de Dios con sus siete dones se asocia con la llegada del Mesías. Los cuatro evangelios mencionan el ministerio de Juan el Bautista; su mensaje fue claro: un llamado al arrepentimiento y, por lo tanto, al retorno al Señor.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 712 nos enseña que «las características del Mesías esperado comienzan a aparecer en el «Libro del Emmanuel» («Isaías dijo esto cuando vio su gloria», refiriéndose a Cristo), especialmente en los dos primeros versículos de Isaías 11: «Saldrá un retoño del tronco de Jesé, y un vástago brotará de sus raíces. Y reposará sobre él el Espíritu del Señor: espíritu de sabiduría y de inteligencia, espíritu de consejo y de poder, espíritu de conocimiento y de temor del Señor».

Al enseñar sobre Juan el Bautista, la Iglesia aclara: «Juan el Bautista es más que un profeta». En él, el Espíritu Santo concluye su predicación a través de los profetas. Juan completa el ciclo de profetas iniciado por Elías. Proclama la inminencia de la consolación de Israel; es la «voz» del Consolador que viene. Como también lo hará el Espíritu de la verdad, Juan «vino a dar testimonio de la luz». Ante Juan, el Espíritu culmina así la búsqueda minuciosa de los profetas y cumple el anhelo de los ángeles. «Aquel sobre quien veas al Espíritu descender y permanecer, éste es el que bautiza con el Espíritu Santo. Y yo lo he visto y he dado testimonio de que éste es el Hijo de Dios... He aquí el Cordero de Dios» (CIC 719).

Apelación del Pastor: Les estaré eternamente agradecido por su generosidad. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones! Como se anunció en todas las misas, es fundamental preparar el Salón de la Misericordia para el invierno. Necesitamos reparar la caldera. Es nuestra principal preocupación. Como se muestra en las fotos de la Campaña Pastoral de este año, las puertas de la iglesia necesitan ser reparadas por una empresa profesional. Si aún no lo han hecho, consideren con devoción donar a estos proyectos.

Gracias a nuestro Consejo de Finanzas: Agradezco a nuestro Consejo de Finanzas por todos sus sacrificios y el tiempo invertido en las reuniones y la planificación. Agradezco especialmente a Ray DePillo, Cary Giacalone y William Casey por sus años de servicio en este cargo. Les deseamos lo mejor en sus proyectos futuros. Tendremos un nuevo tiempo a principios de 2026. ¡Por favor, oren por estos feligreses y agradézcanle su servicio a nuestra comunidad!

Nuestro Administrador Diocesano, el P. Jay Toborowsky, celebra su 150 aniversario El Padre Jay, nuestro Administrador Diocesano, celebrará una Misa Especial a las 11:00 am este domingo para conmemorar el 150.º Aniversario de la Educación Católica en Phillipsburg. En ausencia del obispo, agradezco al Padre Jay por aceptar nuestra invitación y celebrar la misa por nosotros.

Recordamos a todos nuestros sacerdotes, monjas, directores, maestros, padres y feligreses que han contribuido al crecimiento de la educación católica en nuestra ciudad durante todos estos años.

8 de diciembre - La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción cae en lunes. Es día de precepto.

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 habrá un Servicio de Penitencia Parroquial para todos. Por favor, vengan con sus familias. Habrá unos seis sacerdotes para confesar.

P. Antony

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

25-26 SPSJ Formación en la Fe



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

Martes 16 de diciembre:
clases a las 4:30 pm en la
137 calle Roseberry

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



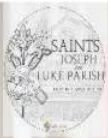
Necesitamos adoradores los lunes al mediodía, los miércoles a las 11am, 2pm, 5pm y 6pm, los jueves a las 11am, 2pm, 3pm y 4pm, y a las 11am los viernes. Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS PARA LA LIMPIEZA DE LA IGLESIA

Tendremos una limpieza de la iglesia el 12 de diciembre de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm y el 13 de diciembre de 9:00 am a 12:00 pm. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Kelly Perna a Fourlifemom@gmail.com.

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



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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)



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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.

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