

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, 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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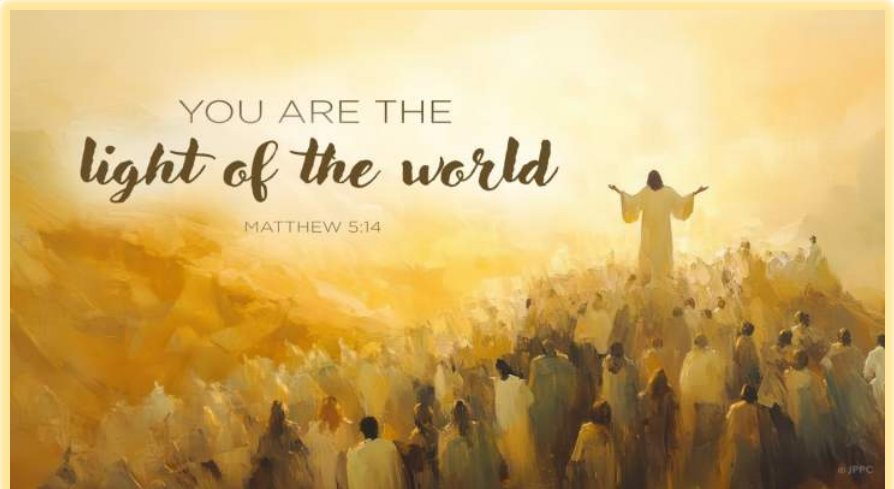
Website: www.spsj.org

Office Hours **Mon.** 9am-12:30pm
(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.)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † February 8, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 2/8/26** 10am OCIA in the Conference Room
- Mon. 2/9/26** 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in MH
- Tues. 2/10/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ
School—137 Roseberry St.
7pm Bi-lingual Healing Mass in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 2/11/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Thurs. 2/12/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 2/13/26**
- Sat. 2/14/26** 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
After 4:30pm Mass Columbiettes Loaf Bread Sale
- Sunday 2/15/26** After all Masses Columbiettes Loaf Bread Sale

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The observance of National Marriage Week (February 7-14th) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 8th) are so foundational to our faith and life as not only as Christians rather the foundation for any human society. This year's theme is 'Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose'. Our prayers are with all the married couples in our community: "Almighty and eternal God! You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing."

The readings focus on the witnessing power disciples. Why do we proclaim the gospel? Why do we need be a witness of the gospel? The Catechism teaches us, "The fidelity of the baptized is a primordial condition for the proclamation of the Gospel and for the *Church's mission in the world*. In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. "The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the faith and to God." (CCC 2044)

As our Covenantal Marriages are certainly a great witness of Jesus himself, the readings point us to other areas of witnessing and being disciples of Jesus. Salt and light are powerful images of the ancient world representing necessities of life in preserving and seasoning food, Jesus invites us to immerse ourselves in doing good. Through good deeds we could be most effective evangelizers of the Word. When we stop witnessing through our good deeds, we stop to evangelize; like the salt being useful, and like the lamp that gives light.

"The effects of Christ's light must clearly be seen in the goodness of your lives! You must be examples of a faith that is rooted in a personal relationship to Jesus, lived in full communion with the Church. Your faith must be clearly seen in your obedience to the Gospel, in your lives of charity and service, and in your missionary zeal towards those who still do not believe or who no longer live the faith they received at Baptism. Take to heart Saint Paul's lesson: be examples of patience and charity towards all people, mindful that if you have not love, then you are nothing at all (Cf. 1Cor. 13)." (Pope John Paul II's Homily in 1993).

Cornelius Lapidé writes: "Salt excites thirst. So, the Apostles have excited a thirst for heavenly things. Hear St. Hilary, 'The Apostles are the preachers of heavenly things and, as it were, sowers of eternity: they bring immortality to all upon whom their speech is sprinkled.'"

Pastor's Appeal - Thanks to all of you for your efforts: I am forever grateful to all of you for your generosity. Thank you for all your donations! Both the projects (**Mercy Hall boiler and the Church Doors**) are nearly completed, thanks to all of you and your support and prayers! You have made this possible for your parish.

Filipino Catholics Gathering Feb 21st:

There will be a gathering of all Filipinos on Saturday, February 21st, after the 4:30pm Mass - a meet and greet session for parish involvement and ministry.

Rite of Election:

Our Cathedral will have the Rite of Election on the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 22nd). We will be sending our OCIA Catechumens to this event and as a parish it is our duty to pray for them!

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

Catechist's Guide to Engaging Parents and Families (Feb. 28th), **St. Timothy & St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards** (Mar. 26th)

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, February 8th - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Carmella Fisher by Deacon Rob Fisher
 11:00am – Kathy Verdon by Family
 1:00pm – (SP) *Sp. Int. Anthony & Johana Sinchi by Louisa Tacuri
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, February 9th

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Warren Grazscosi by Danny & Terri Starosciak
 12:10pm – Anthony Loiacono by Family

TUESDAY, February 10th – St. Scholastica, Virgin

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Patricia Harper by Jane Hanisek
 12:10pm – Mary & Stehpen Ignatz by Daughter, MaryAnn
 7pm – *Sp. Int. Alexis Izurieta by Family

WEDNESDAY, February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

6:45am – Irene Dotoli by Scott & Joan Parker
 12:10pm – Donald R. Barton, Sr. by Gwen Fisk

THURSDAY, February 12th

6:45am – Joseph Fulse by Family
 12:10pm – Helen Lilly by Peg Lilly

FRIDAY, February 13th

6:45am – Donna Rossini by Ron Rossini
 12:10pm – Margaret Janci by Janci Family

SATURDAY, February 14th – Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop; St. Valentine's Day

8:00am – John & Mary Elliott by Family
 4:30pm – Helen Casey by Sons, Daughters, & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, February 15th - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Carmen & Mary Angelozzi by Lisa Marinelli
 11:00am – Ann Lynn De Gerolamo by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm – (SP) *Sp. Int. Anthony & Johana Sinchi by Louisa Tacuri
 5:30pm – William Opdyke (A) by Wife & Son

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



February 14th

4:30pm Acolyte Gavin Hayes
 Lector Michael Boylan
 Minister Margie Markus
 Minister Tom Casey
 Server Leah Blanes
 Server Noah Blanes

February 15th

9:00am Acolyte Andrew Sretenovic
 Lector Rachel Lazier
 Minister Ann Coyle
 Minister Kelly Perna
 Server Jack Perna
 Server Adam Sretenovic

11:00am Acolyte Breann Pisarek
 Lector Mary O'Sullivan
 Minister Carol Bevilacqua
 Minister Robert Hopkins
 Server Chimbuzo Odimma
 Server Chiezmuzo Odimma

1:00pm Acolyte Kaley Bustamante
 Lector Oscar Dilone
 Lector Laura Garcia
 Minister Martha Lam
 Announcements Iván Lam
 Server Aaron Cano
 Server Gregory Cano

5:30pm Acolyte Alana Palos
 Lector Nancy Ensley
 Server Allyssa Palos
 Server Leah Blanes

Stewardship

	February 1st
	\$10,094.06
Online Giving:	1,675.00
	\$11,769.06
Repairs & Renovations:	\$1,646.56
Various Collections:	\$533.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1st thru 8th grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St February 10, 17, & 24

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, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke, Scott Visco, Hannah Paxton, & Peggy Borelli.

Pray for our Military

Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Colonel Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, 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 March 6th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

COLUMBIETTES WARREN COUNTY



The Warren Council Columbiettes will be having our famous loaf cake sale on February 14th and 15th after all masses at SPSJ Church. Enjoy our homemade baked goods with your coffee or tea.

SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 10:30am the First Tuesday at Complete Care also known as Brakeley Care Center, 10:30am the Second Tuesday at Lopatcong nursing home, and 10:30am 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: 2/8 Anne Coyle; 2/15 Ron Rossini; & 2/22 Ed & Bettina Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 2/8 Mike Burke; 2/15 Deacon Francisco & Gladys Jauridez; & 2/22 Mike Burke

Phillipsburg Care Center: 2/8 Lisa Spanopolous; & 2/15 & 2/22 Beth Dispoto

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **12noon on Mondays; 4pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 9am & 2pm on Wednesdays; 12noon, 2pm, & 4pm on Thursdays; and 8am on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-**

319-2719.



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!

The Church Office and Adoration will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK Feb 8, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb 7-14 - National Marriage Week

Feb 8 - International Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking

“Human trafficking is a global phenomenon that claims millions of victims and continues unabated. It continually finds new ways to infiltrate our societies the world over. In the face of this tragedy, we must not remain indifferent. Like yourselves, we need to unite our forces and our voices, calling upon everyone to accept responsibility for combating this form of crime that profits from the most vulnerable.

We must not tolerate the shameful exploitation of so many of our sisters and brothers. Trafficking in human bodies, the sexual exploitation even of small children and forced labor are a disgrace and a very serious violation of fundamental human rights.

I encourage all organizations and individuals in this network to continue to work together, making victims and survivors your primary concern, listening to their stories, caring for their wounds and enabling them to make their voices heard in society at large. That is what it means to be ambassadors of hope, and it is my hope that during this Jubilee Year many others will follow your example:.” (Pope Francis’ Message on Feb 7th, 2025)

Feb 10 Tue - Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin

Feb 11 Wed - Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

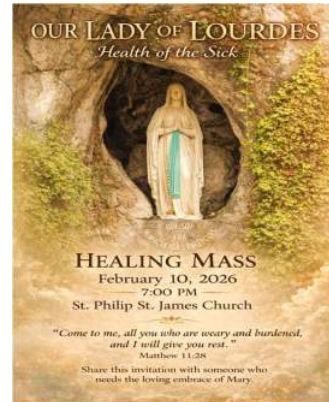
Feb 11 Wed - World Day of the Sick

“The thirty-fourth World Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in Chiclayo, Peru, on 11 February 2026. For this occasion, I would recommend reflecting once again on the figure of the Good Samaritan, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. This reflection further directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick. We are all familiar with the moving account found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (cf. Lk 10:25-37).

Jesus responds to a scholar of the law, who asks him to identify the neighbor he must love, with this story: a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers and left for dead. While a priest and a Levite passed him by, a Samaritan took pity on him, bandaged his wounds, took him to an inn and provided for his care. I have chosen to reflect on this biblical passage through the lens of the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, written by my beloved predecessor Pope Francis. There, compassion and mercy towards those in need are not reduced to a merely individual effort but are realized through relationships: with our brothers and sisters in need, with those who care for them and, ultimately, with God who gives us his love.” (Pope Leo XIV on Feb 11, 2026)

Feb 14 Sat - Memorial of Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishops

HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



On Tuesday, February 10th, at 7:00 pm, there will be a Bi-lingual Healing Mass in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Alex will be our celebrant. All are welcome!

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"

Discussion Group: **Thursday, February 19th - 6:00 pm** in Mercy Hall, light Refreshments will be served! **MISSION:** To build our *Knowledge* of the Faith; to help us *Explain* the Faith; & to encourage us to *Share* the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions**

PASTA SUPPER AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary Youth Group will be holding their annual Pasta Supper on Sunday, March 1st in the Church Hall. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 5-12 and free for children under 5. There will be gluten free and take out options available.

DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus turns to His disciples—and to us—and speaks with a disarming simplicity: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." He does not say, "Try to be," or "One day you might become." He names what we already are by grace.

Salt and light are humble things. Neither calls attention to itself. Salt disappears into the food; light fills a room without demanding applause. Yet both quietly transform everything they touch. Jesus chooses these images because discipleship is not about grand gestures. It is about the steady, faithful presence that brings out goodness in others and reveals God's tenderness in ordinary places.

Salt preserves what is fragile. Light reveals what is hidden. In a world that often feels anxious, divided, or weary, the Lord invites us to be people who preserve hope and reveal compassion. A kind word spoken at the right moment, a patient listening ear, a willingness to forgive—these are the small acts that season the world with God's mercy.

But Jesus also offers a gentle warning: salt can lose its taste; a lamp can be hidden. Discipleship grows dull when we forget who we are, when fear or discouragement leads us to dim our witness. The Gospel calls us back to the simple courage of authenticity. Let your faith be visible—not flashy, not forced, but real. Let your life quietly point beyond itself to the One who is the true Light.

As a parish community, we shine brightest not through programs or perfection, but through the daily holiness of ordinary people: parents who pray with their children, teens who choose kindness, elders who offer wisdom, volunteers who serve without recognition. Every small act of love becomes a beam of light in God's hands.

This week, ask the Lord to renew your flavor and brighten your flame. Where can you bring encouragement? Where can you illuminate someone's path? Christ trusts us with this mission—not because we are perfect, but because His grace works through our imperfect hearts.

May our lives give glory to the Father, and may our parish continue to be a place where the light of Christ is impossible to hide.

May God always be pleased with us...Deacon Rob

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, February 15th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"A society is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it" ~ Pope Leo XIV

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion from February 18 - March 29th during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave, Washington, NJ.

For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net, 973-525-6692, or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. ~ Joshua 1:9

ONE DAY SPIRITUAL REVIVAL FOR



MEN

St. Philip & St. James Men - You Are Cordially Invited! Men's Cornerstone Annual Event @ Immaculate Conception Annandale: A Life Changing Invite!

Please Save the Date of FEB. 21, 2026:

"FORGED IN FAITH" A ONE DAY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Questions? Brochure & More information by Email:

CornerstoneM419@gmail.com

To Register Scan the QR Code



OVER 50's MEETING

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 1:00pm in Mercy Hall.

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)

PCHS CLASS OF 1976

Phillipsburg Catholic High School Class of 1976 is planning a 50th class reunion on November 21, 2026, at Harkers Hollow Golf Club. Our goal is to reach out to all of our classmates, but we need your help! Please share this information if you know the whereabouts of anyone from the class. Contact Eileen Kearns Hiller at ehiller419@gmail.com with an email address. Thank you!

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Our parish is seeking volunteers to serve as ****Eucharistic Ministers****, especially those able to bring Holy Communion to nursing homes, hospitals, and the homebound—fulfilling Jesus' words: ***"I was sick and you visited Me."***

We are also looking for ****Lectors**** to proclaim the Word of God at weekend and daily Masses. A clear voice and a prayerful heart are all that is needed. If you feel called to these ministries of service, please contact ****Deacon Enock at 908-310-8990****.

Jesus loves you—and so do we.

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.

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.

Diocesan News



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS IS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2026**. **A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions, and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.** Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL ONE IN CHRIST: CALLED TO LOVE AND SERVE

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is **Seminarian Formation**. We are blessed to have 17 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FEBRUARY

13-15, 2026

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? 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 (Dan & Jeannette Soto). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

La celebración de la Semana Nacional del Matrimonio (del 7 al 14 de febrero) y del Día Mundial del Matrimonio (domingo 8 de febrero) es fundamental para nuestra fe y nuestra vida, no solo como cristianos, sino también como base de cualquier sociedad humana. El tema de este año es «Hombre y mujer los creó: Juntos con un propósito». Nuestras oraciones están con todas las parejas casadas de nuestra comunidad: «¡Dios todopoderoso y eterno! Tú bendijiste la unión de los esposos para que reflejaran la unión de Cristo con su Iglesia: míralos con bondad. Renueva su alianza matrimonial, aumenta tu amor en ellos y fortalece su vínculo de paz para que, junto con sus hijos, se regocijen siempre en el don de tu bendición».

Las lecturas se centran en el poder del testimonio de los discípulos. ¿Por qué proclamamos el Evangelio? ¿Por qué necesitamos ser testigos del Evangelio? El Catecismo nos enseña: «La fidelidad de los bautizados es una condición primordial para la proclamación del Evangelio y para la misión de la Iglesia en el mundo. Para que el mensaje de salvación pueda manifestar el poder de su verdad y su esplendor ante los hombres, debe ser autenticado por el testimonio de la vida de los cristianos. El testimonio de una vida cristiana y las buenas obras realizadas con espíritu sobrenatural tienen un gran poder para atraer a los hombres a la fe y a Dios» (CIC 2044).

Dado que nuestros matrimonios basados en la alianza son sin duda un gran testimonio de Jesús mismo, las lecturas nos señalan otras áreas para dar testimonio y ser discípulos de Jesús. La sal y la luz son imágenes poderosas del mundo antiguo que representan elementos esenciales para la vida, como la conservación y el sazónamiento de los alimentos. Jesús nos invita a comprometernos a hacer el bien. A través de las buenas obras, podemos ser evangelizadores de la Palabra de manera muy eficaz. Cuando dejamos de dar testimonio con nuestras buenas acciones, dejamos de evangelizar; al igual que la sal pierde su utilidad y la lámpara deja de dar luz.

“¡Los efectos de la luz de Cristo deben manifestarse claramente en la bondad de sus vidas! Deben ser ejemplos de una fe arraigada en una relación personal con Jesús, vivida en plena comunión con la Iglesia. Su fe debe ser evidente en su obediencia al Evangelio, en sus vidas de caridad y servicio, y en su celo misionero hacia quienes aún no creen o ya no viven la fe que recibieron en el Bautismo. Tomen en serio la enseñanza de San Pablo: sean ejemplos de paciencia y caridad con todas las personas, recordando que si no tienen amor, de nada les sirve (Cf. 1 Corintios 13).” (Homilía del Papa Juan Pablo II en 1993).

Cornelio Lapide escribe: “La sal provoca sed. Así, los Apóstoles han despertado la sed de las cosas celestiales. Escuchemos a San Hilario: ‘Los Apóstoles son los predicadores de las cosas celestiales y, por así decirlo, sembradores de la eternidad: traen la inmortalidad a todos aquellos sobre quienes se derrama su palabra’”.

Mensaje del pastor: Gracias a todos por sus esfuerzos: Les estoy eternamente agradecido por su generosidad. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones! Ambos proyectos (**la calefacción del salón parroquial y las puertas de la iglesia**) **están casi terminados, ¡gracias a todos ustedes, a su apoyo y a sus oraciones! Han hecho posible esto para nuestra parroquia.**

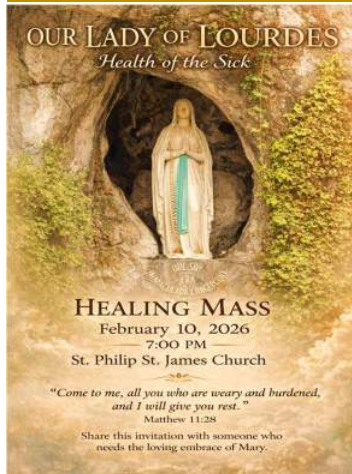
Encuentro de católicos filipinos el 21 de febrero: El sábado 21 de febrero, después de la misa de las 4:30 pm, se llevará a cabo un encuentro para todos los filipinos, con el fin de conocerse y participar en las actividades y ministerios de la parroquia.

Rito de Elección:

Nuestra catedral celebrará el Rito de Elección el primer domingo de Cuaresma (22 de febrero). Enviaremos a nuestros catecúmenos del OCIA a este evento, ¡y como parroquia es nuestro deber orar por ellos!

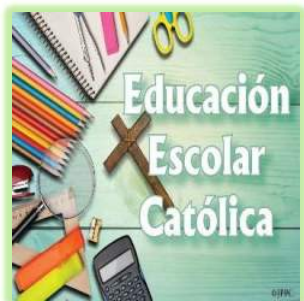
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MISA DE SANACIÓN



El martes 10 de febrero, a las 7pm horas, se celebrará una misa de sanación bilingüe en honor a Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. El Padre Alex será el celebrante. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

ASISTENCIA PARA LA MATRÍCULA EN LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS 2026-2027 - EL PROCESO DE SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA ESTA ABIERTO



Las familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda en la matrícula para asistir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora, a través de la Evaluación de

subvenciones y ayuda de FACTS en <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) a más tardar el **31 de marzo de 2026**. La Diócesis también exige un **Formulario de Verificación Parroquial**, que debe estar firmado por su Párroco y presentarse en la escuela o escuelas a las que asisten sus hijos. Los requisitos de elegibilidad, las instrucciones y los formularios se pueden encontrar en <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.

Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o que necesiten acceso a una computadora para presentar la solicitud deben comunicarse con su escuela.

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Todos son bienvenidos los martes en la iglesia de 7:00pm a 9:00pm al grupo de oración Aliento de Vida. Y el segundo y cuarto martes del mes tendremos Santa Misa. Ven a encontrarte con nuestro dulce Amigo JESÚS!!!

La oficina parroquial y la capilla de adoración permanecerán cerradas el lunes 16 de febrero con motivo del Día del Presidente.

CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO, 2026 UNO EN CRISTO: LLAMADOS A AMAR Y SERVIR

Uno de los ministerios clave apoyados por la Campaña Anual es la *Formación de Seminaristas*. Somos bendecidos por tener actualmente en la Diócesis de Metuchen 17 hombres estudiando para el sacerdocio. Es una bendición que trae consigo la responsabilidad de proveer para su educación. Una formación de calidad es esencial para nuestros futuros sacerdotes, quienes serán la presencia sacramental del Señor en medio de nuestras parroquias, alimentando y sanando con la Palabra y los sacramentos, a las personas a las que están llamados a servir. Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a sufragar los costos de formar a los futuros párrocos de nuestra Iglesia.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CHURCH PROJECTS

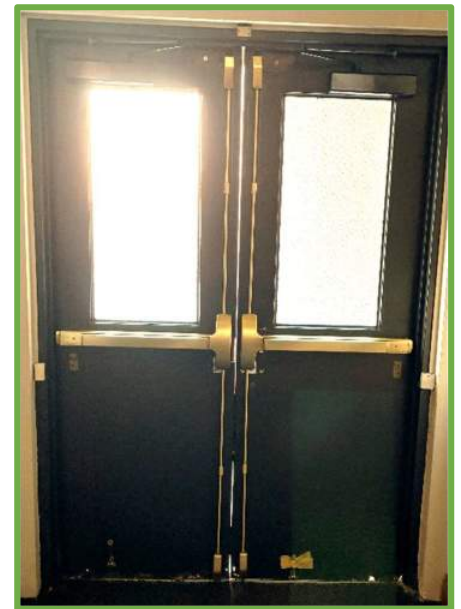
(In the near future an announcement will be made on completion.)



Removal of old boiler



*Installation of
new boiler*



*Updated hardware on
the church doors*

Second collection the weekend of February 21/22

ON FEB. 22 THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SNOW STORMS. THIS WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE PLOWING AND SALTING OF THE PARKING LOTS. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN.

EL 22 DE FEBRERO SE REALIZARÁ UNA SEGUNDA COLECTA POR LAS TORMENTAS DE NIEVE.

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Saints Update

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Interested in contributing to Saints Fund, and making a donation toward the general operating costs of Saints Philip and James School? Visit sspjnj.org and click the donate button located on the top of the page to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education!

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