

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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(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.)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † February 15, 2026



I have come
not to *abolish*
but to *fulfill*.

MATTHEW 5:17

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 2/15/26** 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
After all Masses Columbiettes Loaf Bread Sale
- Mon. 2/16/26** **President's Day — Church Office & Adoration Closed**
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in MH
- Tues. 2/17/26** 4:30pm-5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School—137 Roseberry St.
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 2/18/26** **Ash Wednesday— Masses: 6:34am, 12:29pm, 6pm in English, & 7pm in Spanish. Prayer Service: 4:30pm in English**
9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
7:30pm-8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 2/19/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 2/20/26** 4pm—7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner in MH
- Sat. 2/21/26** 10am Confessions in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 2/22/26** 10am OCIA in Conference Room

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

The Catechism teaches us that “Jesus, Israel's Messiah and therefore the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, was to fulfill the Law by keeping it in its all-embracing detail - according to his own words, down to "the least of these commandments". He is in fact the only one who could keep it perfectly. On their own admission the Jews were never able to observe the Law in its entirety without violating the least of its precepts. This is why every year on the Day of Atonement the children of Israel ask God's forgiveness for their transgressions of the Law. The Law indeed makes up one inseparable whole, and St. James recalls, "Whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it." (CCC 578)

The readings for this Sunday challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. God revealed His Laws to his Chosen People through Moses and the Prophets in the Old Testament and through Jesus, His Son in the New Testament. The First Reading is a great reminder that we are free people, and we choose God freely with our human free will. The Second Reading teaching us through Paul that we believers appreciate the wisdom of God' saving plan for His People, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit.

Jesus challenges us through this continued teaching of the Sermon on the Mount that our life of justice and righteousness should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. While Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic Laws concerning murder, adultery and false oaths Jesus strongly sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses.

The readings focus on love also. When kings conquer lands, they bring people under their control. Unlike kings God has nothing to gain from us, even if we obey the law or not.

It is for our advantage, Jesus brought us back to God, Jesus brought us back the happiness that we lost by our disobedience. Mathew introduces Jesus' public ministry with the revolutionary outpouring of the beatitudes. Jesus indeed fulfilled the old law by becoming the new Moses with the clean message - following the law must lead us to holiness.

God wants us not just to be ‘good’, rather God wants us to be holy. Does my Christian living, lead me to holiness? Does my following the church teachings, laws and practices make me a better person for my community? Observing God's precepts without love does not make sense and does not lead us to salvation. Jesus says, ‘if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Pharisees. You will never get into the kingdom of heaven Mt 5:20. We live and proclaim the gospel through the way we love God and other.

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 February 21st, Saturday 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), the **Rite of Election** (Feb. 22nd), the **Lenten Retreat for Consecrated Life** (Mar. 7th), & **St. Timothy & St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards** (Mar 26th)

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



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

MONDAY, February 16th

6:45am – **No Mass**
 9:00am – Francis T. Flynn, Jr. by Wife Ann & Family
 12:10pm – **No Mass**

TUESDAY, February 17th – *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

6:45am – Michael A. Affronte III by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Daniel Flynn by Family

WEDNESDAY, February 18th – Ash Wednesday

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Fr. Ronan Murphy by Adma Dababneh
 12:10pm – Francisco Pererio Gomes & Parents by Gomes-Aversa Family
 4:30pm – Prayer Service
 6:00pm – Deceased Members of the Parish
 7:00pm – (SP) – For the People

THURSDAY, February 19th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Keith Hoffman by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Sr. Mary Densita White CSJ by Aversa Family

FRIDAY, February 20th

6:45am – For the People
 12:10pm – Janet & Tom Earley by Catalli Family

SATURDAY, February 21st – *St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00am – *Sp. Int. Daryelle Chery by Darneige Guerrier
 4:30pm – Coleen J. Piazza by Rosalie & John Spiller

SUNDAY, February 22nd - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Francesco Foder by Deacon Rob Fisher
 11:00am – Richard & Glenda Lawler by Dieda Family
 1:00pm – (SP) Miguel Servin & Lucia Lopez by Gomes-Aversa Family
 5:30pm – For the People

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



February 21st

4:30pm Acolyte Anthony Ventura
 Lector Nancy Ensley
 Minister Ed Socci
 Minister Beth Disposto
 Server Gino Siano
 Server -

February 22nd

9:00am Acolyte Anthony Stefano
 Lector Rob & Jen Anselmo
 Minister Joseph Lusardi
 Minister Valerie Lusardi
 Server Erin Case
 Server -

11:00am Acolyte Andrew Sretenovic
 Lector Carol Bevilacqua
 Minister Kevin Kassick
 Minister Robert Hopkins
 Server Luke Sretenovic
 Server Gabriel Sretnovic

1:00pm Acolyte Miguel Quizhpi-García
 Lector Anyelina Rodríguez
 Lector Iván Lam
 Minister Frank Anthony
 Announcements Lissette Herrera
 Server Emelie Varela
 Server Steven Varela

5:30pm Acolyte -
 Lector Marianne Palos
 Server Lucas Blanes
 Server Noah Blanes

Stewardship

February 8th

	\$6,546.00
Online Giving:	<u>3,254.50</u>
	\$9,800.50
Catholic Spirit:	\$698.56
Various Collections:	\$205.00

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 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: 2/15 Ron Rossini; 2/22 Ed & Bettina Socci; & 3/1 Ron Rossini

Brakeley Nursing Home: 2/15 Deacon Francisco & Gladys Jauridez; 2/22 Mike Burke; & 3/1 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques

Phillipsburg Care Center: 2/15 & 2/22 Beth Dispoto; & 3/1 Lisa Spanopolous

"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. There will only be a 9am Mass.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

Feb 15, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

Feb 17 Mon - Optional Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Feb 18 Wed - ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 21 Sat - Optional Memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12th World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking (February 8, 2026) Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters,

This year in particular, I wish to recall the greeting of the Risen Lord: “Peace be with you” (Jn 20:19). These words are more than a salutation; they offer a path toward a renewed humanity. True peace begins with the recognition and protection of the God-given dignity of every person. Yet, in an age marked by escalating violence, many are tempted to seek peace “through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion” Moreover, in situations of conflict, the loss of human life is too often dismissed by warmongers as “collateral damage,” sacrificed in the pursuit of political or economic interests.

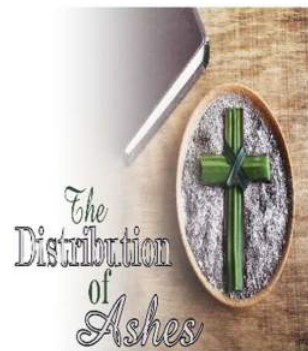
Sadly, the same logic of dominion and disregard for human life also fuels the scourge of human trafficking. Geopolitical instability and armed conflicts create fertile ground for traffickers to exploit the most vulnerable, especially displaced persons, migrants and refugees. Within this broken paradigm, women and children are the most impacted by this heinous trade. Furthermore, the widening gap between the rich and the poor forces many into precarious circumstances, leaving them susceptible to the deceptive promises of recruiters.

This phenomenon is particularly disturbing in the rise of so-called “cyber slavery,” whereby individuals are lured into fraudulent schemes and criminal activities, such as online fraud and drug smuggling. In such cases, the victim is coerced into assuming the role of perpetrator, exacerbating their spiritual wounds. These forms of violence are not isolated incidents, but symptoms of a culture that has forgotten how to love as Christ loves.

In the face of these grave challenges, we turn to prayer and awareness. Prayer is the “small flame” that we must guard amidst the storm, as it gives us the strength to resist indifference to injustice. Awareness enables us to identify the hidden mechanisms of exploitation in our neighborhoods and in digital spaces. Ultimately, the violence of human trafficking can be overcome only through a renewed vision that beholds every individual as a beloved child of God.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who serves as the hands of Christ by reaching out to victims of trafficking, including international networks and organizations. I would also like to acknowledge the survivors who have become advocates in support of other victims. May the Lord bless them for their courage, fidelity and tireless commitment.

With these sentiments, I entrust those who commemorate this day to the intercession of Saint Josephine Bakhita, whose life stands as a powerful witness of hope in the Lord who loved her to the end (cf. Jn 13:1). Let us all join the journey toward a world where peace is not merely the absence of war, but is “unarmed and disarming,” rooted in full respect for the dignity of all.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18th

Masses

6:45am, 12:10pm, 6pm
in English &
7pm in Spanish

Prayer Service

4:30pm in English

"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.**

DEACON'S CORNER

"More Than the Minimum"

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us He has come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He takes familiar commandments and leads us deeper—beyond external rules into the intentions of the heart.

Anger, harsh words, lust, broken promises—Jesus shows that these wound relationships long before any outward action occurs. His call is not simply to avoid sin but to choose love, reconciliation, and integrity in all things.

Discipleship means going beyond the minimum. It means letting God shape our hearts so that our "yes" is honest, our relationships are healed, and our lives reflect the mercy we have received.

This week, ask where Jesus may be inviting you to take that next step—from obligation to transformation.

May God always be pleased with us

Deacon Rob

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



"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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will be having our annual Lenten Fish Dinners on February 20th*, March 6th, 20th and 27th. Dinner will include: fish, fries, mac & cheese, coleslaw, & dessert for



table service or take-out from 4pm to 7pm in Mercy Hall. The cost is \$12/adult & \$6/child. Pizza will be available for \$3/slice. Place your order before going into church and we'll have your meal waiting for you after Stations of the Cross. *All proceeds of the February dinner directly benefit the Mercy Hall boiler replacement.

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.

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)

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



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.factsmgt.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

By now you have received a letter from Father Jonathan Toborowsky, our Diocesan Administrator, inviting your participation in the 2026 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Philip & St. James. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Antony Arockiadoss, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

El Catecismo nos enseña que "Jesús, el Mesías de Israel y, por tanto, el más grande en el reino de los cielos, debía cumplir la Ley guardándola en todos sus detalles, según sus propias palabras, hasta "el más pequeño de estos mandamientos". De hecho, Él es el único que podía cumplirla perfectamente. Según ellos mismos admiten, los judíos nunca pudieron observar la Ley en su totalidad sin violar el más pequeño de sus preceptos. Por eso, cada año, en el Día de la Expiación, los hijos de Israel Piden perdón a Dios por sus transgresiones de la Ley. De hecho, la Ley constituye un todo inseparable, y Santiago recuerda: "Quien guarda toda la Ley pero falla en un punto se ha hecho culpable de toda ella". (CCC 578)

Las lecturas de este domingo nos desafían a elegir libre y sabiamente observar las leyes dadas por un Dios amoroso y bondadoso. Dios reveló Sus Leyes a su Pueblo Elegido a través de Moisés y los Profetas en el Antiguo Testamento y a través de Jesús, Su Hijo en el Nuevo Testamento. La Primera Lectura es un gran recordatorio de que somos personas libres y elegimos a Dios libremente con nuestro libre albedrío humano. La Segunda Lectura nos enseña a través de Pablo que los creyentes apreciamos la sabiduría del plan salvador de Dios para Su Pueblo, un plan escondido por siglos pero ahora revelado por el Espíritu.

Jesús nos desafía a través de esta enseñanza continua del Sermón del Monte de que nuestra vida de justicia y rectitud debe exceder la de los escribas y fariseos. Mientras Jesús explica el verdadero significado de las tres Leyes Mosaicas relativas al asesinato, el adulterio y los falsos juramentos, Jesús expone con firmeza su propia posición con respecto a la Ley dada a través de Moisés.

Las lecturas también se centran en el amor. Cuando los reyes conquistan tierras, ponen a la gente bajo su control. A diferencia de los reyes, Dios no tiene nada que ganar con nosotros, incluso si obedecemos la ley o no. Es para nuestro beneficio, Jesús nos devolvió a Dios, Jesús nos devolvió la felicidad que perdimos por nuestra desobediencia.

Mateo presenta el ministerio público de Jesús con el derramamiento revolucionario de las bienaventuranzas. De hecho, Jesús cumplió la antigua ley al convertirse en el nuevo Moisés con el mensaje limpio: seguir la ley debe llevarnos a la santidad.

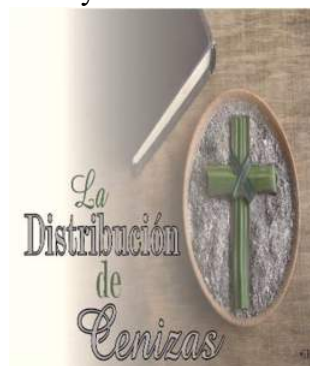
Dios quiere que no sólo seamos "buenos", sino que más bien quiere que seamos santos. ¿Mi vida cristiana me lleva a la santidad? ¿Seguir las enseñanzas, leyes y prácticas de la iglesia me convierte en una mejor persona para mi comunidad? Observar los preceptos de Dios sin amor no tiene sentido y no nos lleva a la salvación. Jesús dice: "si vuestra virtud no es más profunda que la de los fariseos". Nunca entrarás en el reino de los cielos Mt 5:20. Vivimos y proclamamos el evangelio a través de la forma en que amo a Dios y a los demás.

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 en Mercy Hall 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!

P. Antony



**MIÉRCOLES DE
CENIZA,
18 DE FEBRERO**

Misas

6:45 am, 12:10 pm,
6:00 pm en inglés y
7:00 pm en español

Servicio de oración

4:30 pm en inglés

CENAS DE PESCADO DE CUARESMA DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN



El Consejo n.º 474 de los Caballeros de Colón celebrará sus cenas de pescado anuales durante los siguientes días de Cuaresma 20 de febrero*, 6, 20 y 27 de marzo. La cena incluye pescado, papas fritas, macarrones

con queso, ensalada de repollo y postre, para comer en Mercy Hall o para llevar de 4pm a 7pm. El costo es de \$12 por adulto y \$6 por niño. También habrá pizza disponible a \$3 la porción. *Todas las ganancias de la cena de febrero se destinarán directamente a la calefacción en Mercy Hall.

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.

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



25-26
SPSJ Formación en la Fe
Clases en la 137 calle
Roseberry
para los grados 1º al 8º
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diácono Francisco.

La oficina parroquial y la capilla de adoración permanecerán cerradas el lunes 16 de febrero con motivo del Día del Presidente. Solo habrá una Misa a las 9am

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

En este momento, usted ya ha recibido una carta del Padre Jonathan Toborowsky, nuestro Administrador Diocesano invitándolo a participar en la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2026. Los ministerios diocesanos que reciben apoyo con esta Campaña impactan directamente a muchos de los feligreses aquí en St. Philip & St. James. Su donación ofrece oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. En los próximos días, recibirá una carta de nuestro párroco padre Antony Arockiadoss alentando su participación. Si aún no ha hecho su donación, por favor considere hacerlo hoy, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando al sitio web seguro: <https://diometuchen.org>.

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 "donate" on the top menu bar to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!



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