

# 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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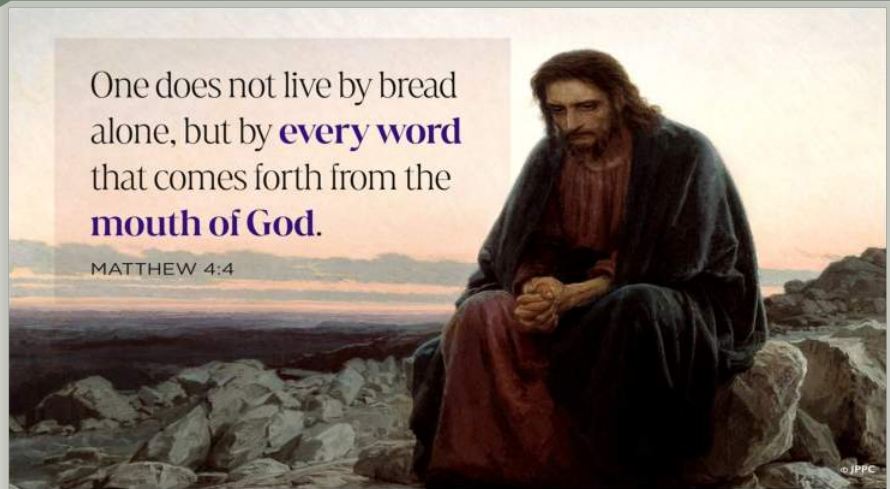
Website: [www.spsj.org](http://www.spsj.org)

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.)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT † February 22, 2026



## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 2/22/26** 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
- Mon. 2/23/26**
- Tues. 2/24/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ School—137 Roseberry St.  
7pm Spanish Mass followed by Charismatic Group in the Church  
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 2/25/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
7:30pm—8:30pm Men's Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 2/26/26** 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel  
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 2/27/26** 4pm—7pm Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner in MH  
3pm & 7pm Stations of the Cross in English—Church  
8pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish—Church
- Sat. 2/28/26** 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the Church  
10am Confessions in the Church  
9am—12:30pm Soup Kitchen in MH  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 3/01/26** 10am OCIA in Conference Room

## **THE FRIST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Dear Family!

At the beginning of the Lent, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday we are given powerful readings that reveal to us the foundational aspects of sin and God's continual grace in inviting us to holiness in freedom. In the first reading we read about the original sin. The woman took the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Taking this fruit of this tree is "equivalent to making a grab for moral autonomy. It is way of saying; I will decide what is right and what is wrong and I am not going to be told by anyone else. It is a form of idolatry." (Geoffrey Plant).

Satan compromised our first parents' trust in God and introduced doubt in them. (CCC 538). It presents us with a naked truth that we are so easily distracted in conceding to a lie than holding on to the limitless love of God. We came from God and we are created in God's image and in a way we are already 'like gods', yet we deny God's love and fail to respond to it by believing in a lie that come from father of lies.

Satan's lie - 'You certainly will not die!'. Death did enter the world through Adam's sin. Can we restore us to God's covenantal relationship after we wounded God's heart? The Second Reading teaches us that only God can do that. Only God can remove the sin and heal the wound the sin caused.

We are always tempted by the devil and call the evils of our society the 'new normal'. Ash Wednesday is the first day we witnessed God wiping the 'I' (our selfishness, greed, temptations, hatred and harmful desires) horizontally by tracing the Cross on our foreheads. Let us keep that image all through the season of Lent and beyond.

**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 you donations! Both the projects (**Mercy Hall boiler and the Church Doors**) are now **completed, thanks to all of you and your support and prayers! You have made this possible for your parish.**

Though we have completed these two important projects, they are not paid for yet. We have scheduled a monthly plan with the companies to pay for them over a period of one year. Your continued support and prayers are still needed to complete them.

### **Filipino Catholics Gathering Feb 21<sup>st</sup>:**

There will be a gathering of all Filipinos on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (February 22). We will be sending our OCIA Catechumens to this event and as a parish it is our duty to pray for them!

**Bishop Checchio is now the Archbishop of New Orleans:** Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans resigned as Archbishop of New Orleans on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, meaning that Archbishop James Checchio is now the Archbishop of New Orleans. No further ceremony will take place. The succession is automatic. Let us keep Archbishop Checchio in our prayers!

### **Diocesan Programs in the near future:**

**Catechist's Guide to Engaging Parents and Families** (Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>), the Rite of Election (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>), the Lenten Retreat for Consecrated Life (Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>) **Lenten Day of Recollection for Priests** (Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>) **St. Timothy & St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards** (Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>), **Chrism Mass** (Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> at 4pm)

Fr. Antony

# Masses For The Week



## SUNDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Francesco Fodero 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

## MONDAY, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

6:45am – Craig Hill by Colette Dukau  
 12:10pm – Terence J. Flanagan by Moira McDougal

## TUESDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Joan J. Shafer by Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Bonnie Regemann  
 12:10pm – Mrs. Joyce Doland by Niece Rosemary  
 7pm – (SP) Luis Jimenez by Family

## WEDNESDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Timothy Balas by Family  
 12:10pm – Pascal Boder by Patricia Tan

## THURSDAY, February 26<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Jameleh Issa Hattar by Adma Dabahneh  
 12:10pm – Frank B. Pologruto by Rose Bladies

## FRIDAY, February 27<sup>th</sup> – *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

6:45am – Francis T. Flynn Jr. by Ann & Family  
 12:10pm – Laura McDonald by Mom, Dad, Jimmy, & Angie

## SATURDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Msgr. Joseph Francis Sheehan (A)  
 4:30pm – Frank “Whitey” Sparks by Tricia, Wendy, Jaclyn, & Families

## SUNDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup> – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am – Gregorio & Vincenza Fodero by Deacon Rob Fisher  
 11:00am – Francis T. Flynn Sr. by Family  
 1:00pm – (SP) For the People  
 5:30pm – Frank Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle

### Stations of the Cross in the Church

February 27<sup>th</sup>

3pm & 7pm in English; 8pm in Spanish

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

3pm & 7pm in English; 8pm in Spanish

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday

6pm in English & 8pm in Spanish

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



### February 28<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

### March 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretnovic

11:00am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Minister	Pat James
	Server	Chimbuza Odimma
	Server	Chiezmuzo Odimma

1:00pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	María Rubi
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Announcements	Ivan Lam
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-García

5:30pm	Acolyte	Alana Palos
	Lector	Keith Gallagher
	Server	Allyssa Palos
	Server	-

## Stewardship

### February 15<sup>th</sup>

	<b>\$8,384.00</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>2,915.00</b>
	<b>\$11,299.00</b>

<b>SSPJ School:</b>	<b>\$936.00</b>
<b>Various Collections:</b>	<b>\$284.00</b>

# Around the Parish

## Faith Formation News



**25-26 SPSJ Faith Formation - Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades at 4:30pm at 137 Roseberry St February 24<sup>th</sup> March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31**

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



The Warren Council Columbiettes would like to thank our Parishioners for the generous donations at our Loaf Cake sale. We enjoy baking for you and are very appreciative of all your support to help us donate to all our charities.

## SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 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:** 2/22 Ed & Bettina Socci; 3/1 Ron Rossini; & 3/8 Ed & Bettina Socci  
**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 2/22 Mike Burke; 3/1 Eileen Dean & Michael St. Jacques; & 3/8 Deacon Francisco & Gladys Jauridez  
**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 2/22 Beth Dispoto & 3/1 & 3/8 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!

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

### Feb 22, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Feb 23, Mon - Optional Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

*Feb 27, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

### **Listening & Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion (Pope Leo's Message for Lent)**

Dear brothers and sisters,

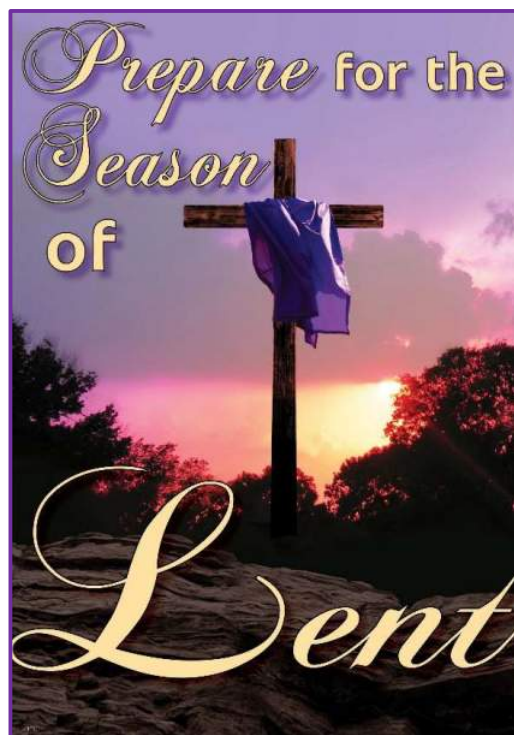
Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about.

**Listening:** The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone. In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, in order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does.

**Fasting:** Fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Augustine observes that: "In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity."

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. Let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

**Together:** Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.



## DEACON'S CORNER

“Led by the Spirit... into the desert.”

Every year, the Church begins Lent not with a command but with a journey. Matthew tells us that Jesus is “led by the Spirit into the desert”—not pushed, not punished, but led. The desert is not a place of abandonment; it is a place of preparation. Before Jesus preaches a single word, heals a single wound, or calls a single disciple, He first allows Himself to be emptied, tested, and strengthened in silence.

The temptations He faces are not exotic. They are painfully familiar.

- Turn stones into bread—the temptation to let our appetites rule us.
- Throw Yourself down—the temptation to demand signs, to force God’s hand.
- Bow down and receive the kingdoms—the temptation to choose power over fidelity.

These are the same temptations that whisper to us:

“Take the easy way.”

“Choose comfort over courage.”

“Grasp control instead of trusting God.”

But Jesus shows us another way. He does not argue with the devil. He does not negotiate. He simply anchors Himself in the Word of God. Lent invites us to do the same—to return to the Scriptures not as a rulebook but as a lifeline.

Notice something else: Jesus enters the desert hungry, but He leaves it strong. The devil leaves Him, and angels come to minister to Him. The desert did not weaken Him; it clarified Him. It revealed who He is and what He is for.

Lent can do that for us too.

If we allow the Spirit to lead us—into silence, into honesty, into deeper prayer—our own deserts can become places of renewal. The goal of Lent is not to prove our toughness but to rediscover our dependence. Not to punish ourselves but to make room for grace.

So perhaps the question for us this week is simple: Where is the Spirit leading me to be emptied so that God can fill me?

May this holy season strip away what distracts us, strengthen what is good in us, and prepare us to walk with Christ toward the joy of Easter.

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

## PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on February 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will be praying for the sick & elderly.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## PASTA SUPPER AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary Youth Group will be holding their annual Pasta Supper on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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.

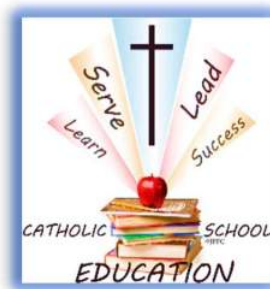
Also included is mowing and trimming of school grounds. Please stop by the office and ask for Nancy for an application on Mondays from 9am to 5pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9am to 4 pm, and Fridays from 9am to 1pm. If you have any questions, please call Nancy at 908-454-0112 ext. 401.

## MASS FOR FAMILY HEALING

For all feeling alone or grieving due to divorce, severe marital difficulties, as well as for children of any age who are affected by these facets of Family Brokenness, please join us for a special Mass and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center.

Representatives from the "Surviving Divorce," "Retrouvaille" and "Life-Giving Wounds" ministries will be present. There will also be activities for younger children while adults are looking into the resources. To register, please visit:

[diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass](https://diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass). Contact Rachele Hanna for details at [rachele.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachele.hanna@gmail.com).



## 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

Shaping the hearts and minds of our youth is a priority in the Diocese of Metuchen. The young need our attention and care. Every day they are confronted with a secular culture that constantly pulls at them and threatens their faith and morals at this vulnerable period in their spiritual formation. Through the work of the Offices of Schools, Catechesis, Youth & Young Adult ministry and Campus Ministry at Rutgers University, our children, teens and young adults grow to understand the roots of their faith and their responsibilities as Christians. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal will help to preserve our faith for future generations.

**NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL**  
**ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY**  
**PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

¡Querida familia!

Al comienzo de la Cuaresma, en el primer domingo, recibimos lecturas impactantes que nos revelan los aspectos fundamentales del pecado y la gracia continua de Dios al invitarnos a la santidad en libertad. En la primera lectura leemos sobre el pecado original. La mujer tomó el fruto del árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal. Tomar este fruto de este árbol equivale a intentar obtener autonomía moral. Es una forma de decir: «Decidiré lo que está bien y lo que está mal, y nadie más me lo dirá. Es una forma de idolatría» (Geoffrey Plant).

Satanás comprometió la confianza de nuestros primeros padres en Dios e introdujo la duda en ellos (CIC 538). Nos presenta la cruda realidad de que nos distraemos con tanta facilidad al ceder ante una mentira en lugar de aferrarnos al amor infinito de Dios. Venimos de Dios, fuimos creados a su imagen y, en cierto modo, ya somos como dioses; sin embargo, negamos el amor de Dios y no le respondemos creyendo en una mentira que proviene del padre de la mentira.

La mentira de Satanás: "¡Ciertamente no morirán!". La muerte entró en el mundo por el pecado de Adán. ¿Podemos restaurar la relación de alianza con Dios después de herir su corazón? La segunda lectura nos enseña que solo Dios puede hacerlo. Solo Dios puede eliminar el pecado y sanar la herida que causó.

Siempre nos tienta el diablo y llamamos a los males de nuestra sociedad la "nueva normalidad". El Miércoles de Ceniza fue el primer día en que presenciamos cómo Dios limpió el "yo" (nuestro egoísmo, avaricia, tentaciones, odio y malos deseos) horizontalmente al trazar la cruz en nuestras frentes. Conservemos esa imagen durante toda la Cuaresma y más allá.

**Llamado del Pastor - Gracias a todos por su esfuerzo:** Les estaré eternamente agradecido por su generosidad. ¡Gracias por todas sus donaciones! Ambos proyectos (**la calefacción en Mercy Hall y las puertas de la iglesia**) ya están terminados. **Gracias a todos ustedes, a su apoyo y a sus oraciones. Ustedes han hecho esto posible para su parroquia.**

Aunque hemos completado estos dos importantes proyectos, aún no están pagados. Hemos acordado un plan mensual con las empresas para financiarlos durante un año. Necesitamos su continuo apoyo y oraciones para completarlos.

**Encuentro de católicos filipinos el 21 de febrero:**

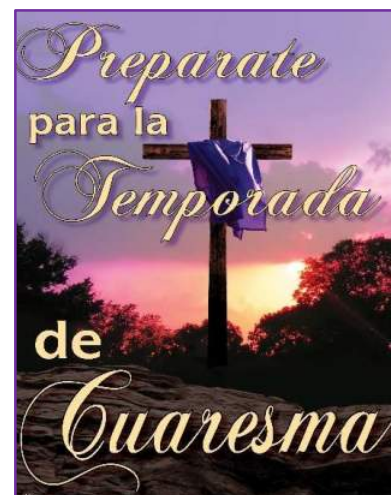
El sábado 21 de febrero, después de la misa de las 4:30 pm, se llevará a cabo un encuentro para todos los filipinos, con el fin de conocerse y participar en las actividades y ministerios de la parroquia.

**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!

**El Obispo Checchio es ahora Arzobispo de Nueva Orleans:**

El Arzobispo Gregory Aymond de Nueva Orleans renunció como Arzobispo de Nueva Orleans el 11 de febrero, lo que significa que el Arzobispo James Checchio es ahora Arzobispo de Nueva Orleans. No se realizará ninguna otra ceremonia. La sucesión es automática. ¡Mantengamos al Arzobispo Checchio presente en nuestras oraciones!

P. Antony



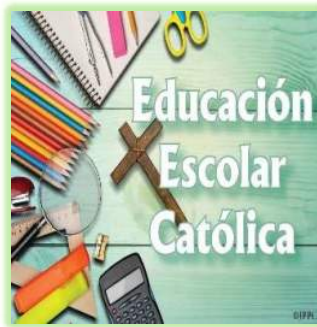
## CENAS DE PESCADO DE CUARESMA DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN



El Consejo n.º 474 de los Caballeros de Colón celebrará sus cenas de pescado anuales durante los siguientes días de Cuaresma 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.

## 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.factsmgmt.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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Si te gustaría que visitemos tu parroquia puedes comunicarte al 732-243-4573 o escribir a [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org)

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