

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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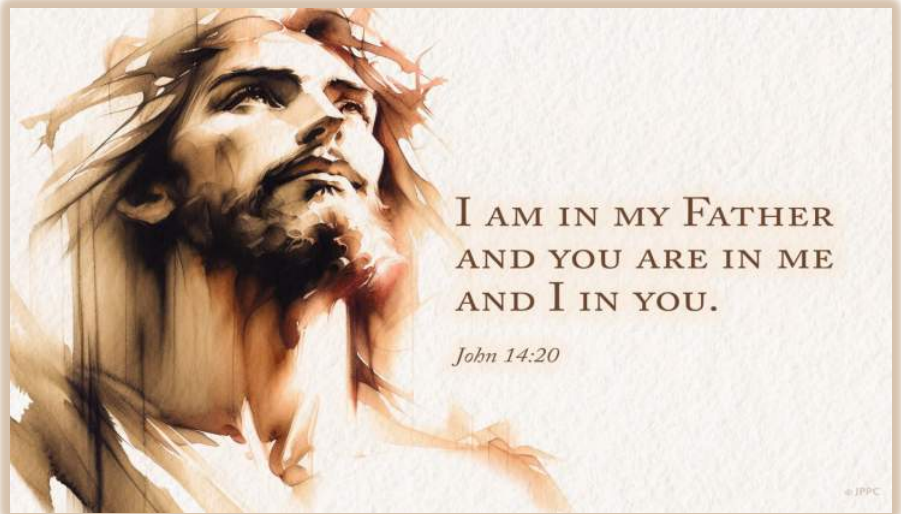
(Closed for lunch) 1pm to 5pm,

Tues.—Thurs. 9am-12:30pm (Closed for

lunch) 1pm-4pm & **Friday** 9am—1pm

(Asistencia en español durante estas horas.)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER † May 10, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 5/10/26** Columbiettes Flower Sale after all Masses
- Mon. 5/11/26** 6pm Catholic Daughters Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 5/12/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 5/13/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
7pm Columbiettes Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Thurs. 5/14/26** 7m Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 5/15/26**
- Sat. 5/16/26** 10am Confessions in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 5/17/26** 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
Before and After the 9 & 11am Masses the Pancake Breakfast
Sandwich Sale in front of the Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Family!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers! We began our Marian Month on the 1st of May. My best wishes to our children who have received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation and also thank the First Communicants for their participation in honoring our Blessed Mother last Sunday with the May Crowning ceremony. My sincere thanks to Escarlen Duran, Diane Volk, Kelly Perna, Eileen Dean, Christine Laquintano and all the volunteers who have prepared our children. A special thanks to the families, especially the parents, for their generosity and faith in preparing our children for the Sacrament.

As you know the dioceses of the Latin Rite Province of Newark in New Jersey have transferred the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. "The Solemnity of the Ascension be permanently transferred from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the following Sunday. The bishops' discernment included a great desire for more of the faithful to participate in this integral dimension of the completion of Our Lord's paschal mystery by the Ascension observed on a Sunday." (March 25, 2022 Memorandum, Diocese of Metuchen)

From Easter to Pentecost our readings focus on the early apostolic preaching of the Good News of salvation and on the promises of Jesus to his disciples, especially his promise of the Holy Spirit. Today's readings explain who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are and how we can experience Him in our daily lives. The readings are also important for understanding the sacrament of confirmation. Indeed, confirmation (or *chrismation*) is closely linked to Pentecost. Pope Paul VI explains that confirmation "in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church"

Catechism teaches us that "Before his Passover, Jesus announced the sending of "another Paraclete" (Advocate), the Holy Spirit. At work since creation, having previously "spoken through the prophets", the Spirit will now be with and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them "into all the truth". The Holy Spirit is thus revealed as another divine person with Jesus and the Father." (CCC 243)

Confirmation 2026: A special word of thanks to our Faith Formation Team in preparing our children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have been blessed with Most Rev. Manuel A Cruz D. D., Titular Bishop of Gaguari and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark to administer the Sacrament for our children. On behalf of all of you, I thank the Bishop for accepting our invitation. Please continue to pray for our children.

Special Franciscan Jubilee Year (January 10, 2026 - January 10, 2027)

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year a Special Jubilee to mark the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' death in 1226. To commemorate the spirituality of St. Francis, we will have a weekly quote from St. Francis in our Bulletin.

Pope Leo's First Anniversary of his Election:

Our Pope celebrated his First year anniversary on May 8th. Please remember him in our daily prayers as he boldly shepherds the Universal Church.

250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence: As for the preparation in parish level, I strongly encourage you to share your faith by writing an article for the parish community. The topic - Our American Story: How my faith influenced my identity as an American and how being an American influenced my life as a Christian/Catholic. Please send your article to the parish office.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

First anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV (May 8th), and the **NJ Catholic Youth Rally** (May 17th). Save the Date: this year is the **25th anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, May 10th – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00am – Carol Lupi by Melissa & Mark Adams

11:00am – Kimberlee Pisarek by Daughters

1:00pm – (SP) – For the People

5:30pm – *Sp. Int. by Keith Gallagher

MONDAY, May 11th

6:45am – Suzanne Ritter by Family

12:10pm – William Coyle by Volk Family

TUESDAY, May 12th – *St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, Martyrs*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Alexis Izurieta by Sister

12:10pm – Geraldine Rapinesi by Millie Michaels

7pm - (SP) – Roberto Duran by Nieces

WEDNESDAY, May 13th – *Our Lady of Fatima*

6:45am – Robert Ritter by Family

12:10pm – Thomas Early by Catalli Family

THURSDAY, May 14th – *St. Matthias, Apostle*

6:45am – Oreste Rogora by Family

12:10pm – Anthony & Marie Pologruto by Rose Bladies

FRIDAY, May 15th – *St. Isidore*

6:45am – Mr. & Mrs. Linus Leinenbach by Patti Leinenbach

12:10pm – Mary Vanya by Fleming Family

SATURDAY, May 16th

8am – Marie Theresa Georges by Juliette Bonheur

4:30pm – Randall Hartdorn by Maryann Hartdorn

SUNDAY, May 17th – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00am – Virginia Rossnagle by Patrick Rossnagle

11:00am – Glenn & Margaret Clark by Kullman Family

1:00pm – (SP) – Kenia Magaña by Rubeina Magaña

5:30pm – For the People

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



May 16th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Beth Dispoto
	Server	-
	Server	-

May 17th

9am	Acolyte	Anthony Stefano
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
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1:00pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Lissette Herrera
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Announcements	Oscar Dilone
	Server	Emelie Varela
	Server	Steven Varela

5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Server	Leah Blanes
	Server	Lucas Blanes

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$37,807.25
Total Received:	\$35,052.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$40,192.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	48.47%
Percent of Goal Received:	44.94%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$255.45

Stewardship

	<u>May 3rd</u>
	\$6,600.00
Online Giving:	<u>3,713.00</u>
	\$10,313.00
Food for the Poor:	\$2,265.00
Various Collections:	\$130.00

Congratulations to the Confirmadi

Brianna A. “*St. John Bosco*” Abarca, Natalie “*St. Cecilia*” Almazan-Sanchez, Genevieve D. “*Joan of Arc*” Barca, Abraham “*St. Benedict of Nursia*” Barlatier, Sophia “*St. Elizabeth*” Bellon, Elder E. “*St. Erastus*” Blanco-Portillo, Lucas E. “*St. John the Apostle*” Blanes, Gabriel P. “*St. Michael*” Burgos, Sherlyn “*St. Therese of Lisieux*” Calderon, Owen “*St. Anthony of Padua*” Case, Alonso “*St. Sebastian*” Cordero-Galloza, Brittany D. “*St. Catherine of Bologna*” Cuellar, Ryan N. “*St. Luigi Scrosoppi*” Dominguez, Vivienne “*St. Cecilia*” Ehrhardt, Sherlyn “*St. Jude Thaddeus*” Esquivel-Romero, Colton “*St. Paul the Apostle*” Genovese, Matthew “*St. Michael*” Gilrane, Dagny “*Joan of Arc*” Grillo, Madeline “*St. Cecilia*” Jaramillo, Vanessa “*St. Valentine*” Jaramillo-Herrera, Albina “*St. Mary*” Joseph, Alexa “*St. Therese of Lisieux*” Kays, Jackson “*St. Sebastian*” Lobb, Liam “*St. Michael the Archangel*” Marciani, Raul S. “*St. Sebastian*” Martinez, Luciana “*St. John Bosco*” Martinez-Pulido, Sophia “*St. Cecilia*” Mateo-Sanchez, Chiezimuzo “*St. Augustine*” Odimma, Allyssa I. “*St. Therese of Lisieux*” Palos, Jack “*St. Thomas Aquinas*” Perna, Jonathan “*St. Sebastian*” Phillips, Adam “*St. Michael the Archangel*” Sretenovic, Linarys “*St. Catherine of Siena*” Tavarez-Duran, Diana M. “*St. Dymphna*” Vidal, Yhamir “*St. Michael the Archangel*” Vidal, & Jordyn “*St. Victoria*” Zaro.

Congratulations to the First Communicants

James L. Arteaga-Fuentes, Emilia Avila-Ochoa, Estefy I. Avila-Ochoa, Lorelee M. Baker, Abraham L. Barlatier, Bekah E. Blanes, Parker R. Carita, Kallen Daniel, Claude Demosthene-Exius, Luna H. Esquivel-Romero, Elsie-Hope A. Exius, Eleanor P. Gerlach, Aislinn Jaramillo, Juliana Juvino-Penarete, Peter Mejia-Arriaga, Jr., Joaquin Melendez, María Paz Melendez, Dereck Merchan, Mayelin Merchan, Christopher G. Morales, Marvin A. Morales, María V. Perea, Logan Pickel, Joel F. Portillo-Morales, Gabrielle Quesada, Hensley R. Rossnagle, Linairys Tavarez, Gianluca Tineo, Camila A. Torres, Amalia Torzilli, Johanna G. Valdez, & Aisling I. VanPelt

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, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, Paxton John Bowman, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, Jack Kane, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Connie Sartini, Michael Burke, Hannah Paxton, Ruth Ann, Scott Visco, Ann Janasek Visco, & Emily Raab.

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, Marine LCpl 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.

"THE BLUES" GROUP

Grieving, depressed, need support? Come & join us on Sunday, May 17th, at 10:00 am in Mercy Hall. We will give you the support you need to get through this difficult time.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus Council #474 will have their...

Famous Sausage Sandwich

\$10 - Curbside - 11am-6pm

Saturday, May 16th - SSPJ School
 137 Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, NJ

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on June 5th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

SPSJ NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, we hold Mass at the following nursing homes, 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: 5/10 Bettina Succi, 5/17 Kelly Perna, & 5/24 Anne Coyle

Brakeley Nursing Home: 5/10 Gladys Jauridez, 5/17 William Casey, & 5/24 Melody Talpas

Phillipsburg Care Center: 5/10 & 5/17 Beth Dispoto and 5/24 Lisa Spanopolous

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



We need adorers for **1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, & 5pm on Wednesdays; 12noon & 2pm on Thursdays; and 8am on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.



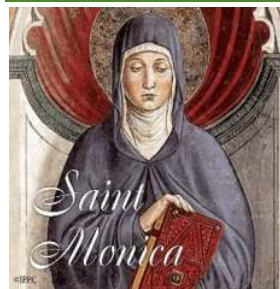
MH. Thank you!

Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen is in need of bottled water & peanut butter and jelly. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank everybody for supporting our spring fundraising event! Blessings to all First Holy Communion recipients and to the newly confirmed. Our next meeting is Monday, May 11th at 6 pm in Mercy Hall. We will hold our annual May crowning, non-members welcome!

ST. MONICA PRAYER MINISTRY



The **St. Monica Ministry** is dedicated to offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. Like St. Monica, its members pray unconditionally for loved ones who have left the Church. St. Monica prayed for 20+ years for her wayward son and her prayers were answered. St. Monica's great faithfulness was rewarded as her son, St. Augustine, converted and went on to become one of the greatest theologians in Church History and was declared a Doctor of the Church. This is a testimony to perseverance in prayer!!! **NOTHING IS FAR FROM GOD!!!**

Please join us on Wednesday's at 4:00pm in the Adoration Chapel for the St. Monica Prayer Ministry.

SCARED LINENS MINISTRY

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers of the Sacred Linens Ministry. Over the years, they have dedicated countless hours to ensure that our parish has clean and ready-to-use linens for our liturgical celebrations. I am confident that God will continue to bless and reward them for their efforts. Thank you to the following volunteers for their support of the Linens Ministry: Gwen Fisk, Jane Hanisek, Kelechi Odimma, Donna Thomas, Gladys Jauridez (Team Captain), Luisa Tacuri, Maria Rubi, Deydania Anyelina Rodriguez, and Virginia Garcia. We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please do not hesitate to call me at 908-310-7264. Angela M. Hardison – Coordinator.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

May 10th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 12, Tue - *Optional Memorial of St. Nereus, St. Achilleus, & Pancras Martyrs*

May 13, Wed - *Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatimas.*

May 15, Fri - *Optional Memorial of St. Isidore*

Pope Leo's First Encyclical?

Vatican sources say that our Pope may sign his first encyclical on May 15th, a historical date for several reasons. (In 1891 Pope Leo XIII published the famous *Rerum Novarum* on this day to address the Church's response to the upheavals of the industrial revolution). On the 135th year commemoration of this encyclical which addressed labor rights, private property, and the moral responsibilities of both workers and employers, thus giving the Universal Church a blue print of its Social Teaching.

Pope Leo XIV took his name 'Leo' as an inspiration from Pope Pius XIII to address and guide the church through social issues of our time. Many scholars believe that our Pope would address the great changes coming to our world especially through AI. May 15th is also a traditional date for encyclicals that followed *Rerum Novarum*. 40 years after *Rerum Novarum* in 1931, Pope Pius XI signed *Quadragesimo Anno* which deepened Pope Leo's framework. It addressed the Church's critique of socialism, insufficient regard for human person and private ownership.

Pope John XXIII, 30 years later signed *Mater et Magistra* to further deepen our Social Teaching advocating workers life in general especially in economic life. Pope Paul VI's *Populorum Progresso* and Pope John Paul's *Laborem Exercens* followed and on May 1, 1991, Pope John Paul published *Centesimus Annus* to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Original Encyclical by Pope Leo XIII.

Many scholars believe that the new Encyclical be named 'Magnificent Humanity' to face the challenges posed by AI which raises the pressing concerns about human agency, work and responsibility. The fragility of international law and ongoing conflicts add further urgency. It develops in response to new realities while remaining anchored in enduring principles: the dignity of every person, the priority of the common good, and the moral limits of power. (Summary of the Article in *Aleteia*, by Daniel Esparza and Kathleen N Haltrup on May 4, 2026)

DEACON'S CORNER

The Big Idea: Love is a Relationship in Action

This passage teaches us that being a Catholic is not just about knowing facts about God—it is about **living in union** with Him. Jesus shows us how this works through three simple steps:

1. **We Show Love by Doing**

Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." In the Church, we learn that love (Agape) isn't a feeling that comes and goes. It is a choice. When we choose to be honest, kind, and pure, we are telling Jesus "I love you" with our actions. We don't follow rules to "be good"; we follow them to stay close to the One we love.

2. **The Holy Spirit is Our "Helper"**

Jesus knew that living like Him would be hard, so He promised we would never be "orphans" (alone). He sent the **Holy Spirit** (the Advocate).

- **At Baptism and Confirmation:** This Spirit came to live inside you.
- **In Daily Life:** The Spirit is like a quiet voice in your heart, giving you the strength to do the right thing when you feel weak or confused.

3. **A Life Full of God**

The passage ends with a beautiful promise: If we love Jesus, the Father will love us, and Jesus will "show Himself" to us.

For Catholics, this happens most clearly in the **Sacraments**, especially the **Eucharist**. When we live in a "state of grace" (staying away from sin and staying close to God), our hearts become a home for the Holy Trinity. We begin to see God's hand in everything around us.

Summary Reflection

To be a follower of Christ means:

- **My Hands** obey His commands.
- **My Heart** is filled with His Spirit.
- **My Life** is never lonely because I am a child of God, not an orphan.

A Simple Daily Prayer:

"Lord, thank You for staying with me. Holy Spirit, help me to obey Jesus today out of love, not fear. Show me how to see You in the people I meet. Amen."

Deacon Francisco

NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY 2026



NJ Catholic Youth Rally 2026!
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

SCAN!



Ticket Package: \$70
 (Includes: Parking For Your Group, Park Admission, and Meal Plan)
 If you have a Six Flags Season Pass you do not need to purchase a package

Add Ons:

- Mega Meal Deal Plan: \$20**
 (Includes: 1 drink, 1 snack, and 1 meal)
- All Day Sport Bottle: \$20**
 (Free refills all day)

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Schedule

- 9:00am-9:45am: Gates open for Opening Ceremony
- 9:45am: Opening Ceremony
- 10:30am-6:00pm: Rides open to enjoy!
- 5:15pm: Doors open for Holy Mass
- 6:00pm-7:15pm: Sunday Holy Mass)
- 8:00pm: Park closes

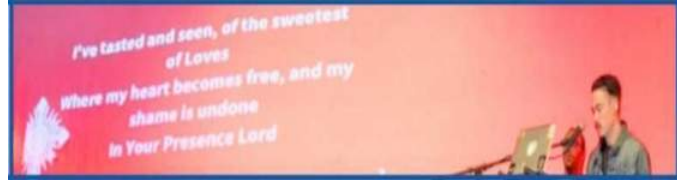
Open To:

- JR. High
- High School
- Young Adults
- Families
- and All!

To pick up/print your Tickets:

Option 1: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want the **Diocese to print your tickets**. Then please arrange with the Office of Youth and Young Adults to pick up your tickets at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane).

Option 2: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want to print your own tickets. The Diocese will put your email address in the ticket system, and you will be emailed all of your tickets for you to print.



Diocese of Metuchen | Office of Evangelization

FORMATION EVENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

A statewide Resiliency Conference for active and inactive (retired) police officers to support the emotional, psychological, and spiritual well-being of our men and women in uniform.

"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." - C.S. Lewis

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 A.M. TO 12:45 P.M.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, New Jersey
Priests, Deacons, and Police Chaplains Are Welcome



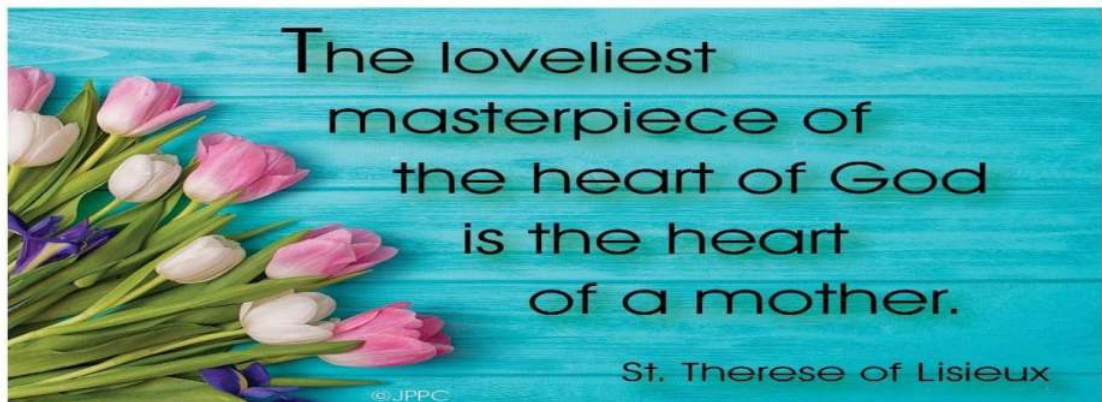
Fr. Larry Richards
 Best selling author of *Re A Man!*
 Founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation*

Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers
 Internationally renowned Author and Preacher
 Host of *Beacon of Truth* on EWTN Radio



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NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY
SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

¡Querida familia!

¡Feliz Día de la Madre a todas las madres! Comenzamos nuestro Mes Mariano el 1 de mayo. Mis mejores deseos para nuestros niños que recibieron su Primera Comunión y Confirmación, y también les agradezco su participación en honrar a nuestra Santísima Madre el domingo pasado con la ceremonia de la Coronación de Mayo. Mi sincero agradecimiento a Escarlen Duran, Diane Volk, Kelly Perna, Eileen Dean, Christine Laquintano y a todos los voluntarios que prepararon a nuestros niños. Un agradecimiento especial a las familias, especialmente a los padres, por su generosidad y fe al preparar a nuestros niños para el Sacramento.

Como saben, las diócesis de la Provincia de Rito Latino de Newark, en Nueva Jersey, han trasladado la Solemnidad de la Ascensión de Nuestro Señor al Séptimo Domingo de Pascua. «La Solemnidad de la Ascensión se traslada de manera permanente del jueves de la Sexta Semana de Pascua al domingo siguiente. El discernimiento de los obispos incluyó un gran deseo de que un mayor número de fieles participe en esta dimensión integral de la culminación del misterio pascual de Nuestro Señor, mediante la celebración de la Ascensión en domingo». (Memorando del 25 de marzo de 2022, Diócesis de Metuchen)

Desde la Pascua hasta Pentecostés, nuestras lecturas se centran en la predicación apostólica primitiva de la Buena Nueva de la salvación y en las promesas de Jesús a sus discípulos, especialmente su promesa del Espíritu Santo. Las lecturas de hoy explican quién es el Espíritu Santo, cuáles son sus funciones y cómo podemos experimentarlo en nuestra vida cotidiana. Estas lecturas son también importantes para comprender el sacramento de la Confirmación. De hecho, la Confirmación (o crismación) está estrechamente vinculada a Pentecostés. El Papa Pablo VI explica que la Confirmación «de cierto modo perpetúa en la Iglesia la gracia de Pentecostés».

El Catecismo nos enseña que: «Antes de su Pascua, Jesús anunció el envío de "otro Paráclito" (Abogado), el Espíritu Santo. Activo desde la creación, habiendo "hablado por los profetas" anteriormente, el Espíritu estará ahora con los discípulos y en ellos, para enseñarles y guiarlos "a toda la verdad". El Espíritu Santo se revela así como otra persona divina junto con Jesús y el Padre» (CCC 243).

Confirmación 2026:

Un agradecimiento especial a nuestro Equipo de Formación en la Fe por preparar a nuestros niños para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Hemos sido bendecidos con la presencia de Su Excelencia Reverendísima, Mons. Manuel A. Cruz, D.D., Obispo Titular de Gaguari y Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Newark, para administrar el Sacramento a nuestros niños. En nombre de todos ustedes, agradezco al Obispo por aceptar nuestra invitación. Por favor, continúen rezando por nuestros adolescentes.

Año Jubilar Franciscano Especial (10 de enero de 2026 – 10 de enero de 2027)

El Papa León XIV ha proclamado este año como un Jubileo Especial para conmemorar el 800.º aniversario de la muerte de San Francisco, acaecida en 1226. Para celebrar la espiritualidad de San Francisco, incluiremos una cita semanal suya en nuestro boletín.

Primer aniversario de la elección del Papa León:

Nuestro Papa celebró su primer aniversario el pasado 8 de mayo. Por favor, recuérdelo en nuestras oraciones diarias mientras sirve con valentía a la Iglesia Universal.

250.º Aniversario de la Declaración de Independencia:

En cuanto a la preparación a nivel parroquial, los animo encarecidamente a compartir su fe escribiendo un artículo para la comunidad parroquial. El tema es: «Nuestra historia estadounidense: Cómo mi fe influyó en mi identidad como estadounidense y cómo ser estadounidense influyó en mi vida como cristiano/católico». Por favor, envíen su artículo a la oficina parroquial.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:
Primer aniversario de la elección del Papa León XIV (8 de mayo), el **Encuentro de Jóvenes Católicos de Nueva Jersey** (17 de mayo), y **Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario Nacional Blue Army de la Virgen de Fátima** (30 de mayo).
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P. Antony

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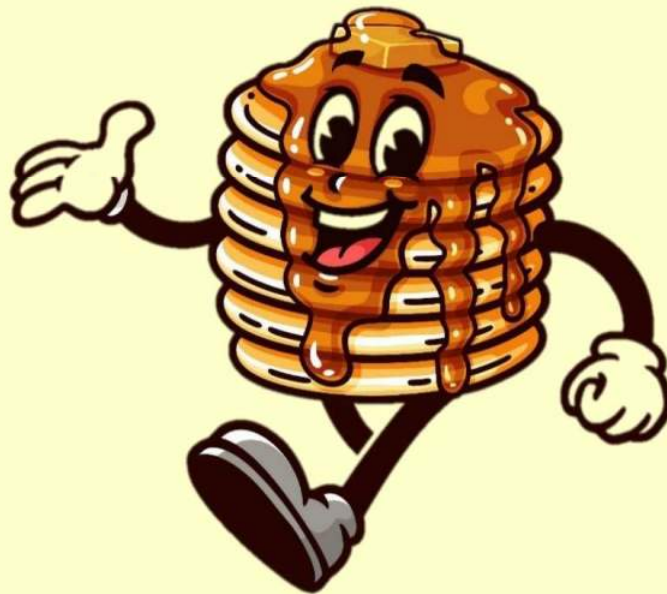
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