

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.)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD † May 17, 2026



Go therefore
and make
disciples of
all nations.

Matthew 28:19

Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- 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
Gaudalupe Food Sale after the 1pm Mass in front of the Church
- Mon. 5/18/26** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 5/19/26** 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel
- Wed. 5/20/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
7:30pm-8:30pm in Men's Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 5/21/26** 7m Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
7pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 5/22/26**
- Sat. 5/23/26** 10am Confessions in the Church
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 5/24/26**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Dear Family!

We are blessed indeed to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ on this Sunday. At one time we usually celebrated this on the Thursday before the 7th Sunday in Easter. It has since been permanently moved to the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that in the Ascension Jesus enters into heaven with our humanity. This way Jesus glorifies our human nature. Jesus enters heaven with our human nature not for himself but for us. Aquinas cites Micah 2:13, "He shall go up that shall open the way before them." He further explains that Christ is the Head and where the Head goes, the body (We are the body) follows. Saint Augustine taught us that "By celebrating this feast (Solemnity), we ascend with our Lord and have our hearts above. For the Resurrection of the Lord is our hope, and His Ascension our glorification."

The Catechism teaches us, "Only the one who came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us."

Ascension of Jesus marks the end of his journey on earth and signals the beginning of a new era. The mission of the Church begins under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Luke in the first reading shows that "the time of Israel" has yielded to "the time of Christ." Now, "the time of Christ" is to yield to "the time of the Church.". It does not mean Jesus is absent, rather, Jesus is present to us through the Holy Spirit, in and through the liturgical celebrations of our Church, and wherever two or three are gathered in his name. On this glorious Solemnity of the Ascension, I wish you all God's blessings!

Ordinations for the Diocese of Metuchen 2026:

The diocese has announced that **Rev. Mr. James F Prumos** will be ordained to the Order of Priests and **Mr. Patrick J Rasimowicz** will be ordained to the order of Deacon. Ordination to Priesthood and Diaconate will be at the Cathedral on **June 20th, 10am**. Please pray for these young men who said 'Yes' to the Service of God and Church.

Movie about Christian Unity

The National release of the film: 'That They May Be One' will be May 19th and 20th. This film provides a compelling case for Christian Unity, connecting the charismatic movement within both Catholic and Protestant Circles.

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.

250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence:

As for the preparation in parish level, I strongly encourage you to share your faith in 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:

NJ Catholic Youth Rally (May 17th). Save the Date heads up that this year is the **25th anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



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

MONDAY, May 18th – St. John I, Pope & Martyr

6:45am – Jameson Loreaux Price & Anna Bernadette Gomes-Aversa by Gomes-Aversa Family

12:10pm – William Coyle by Sara Greene

TUESDAY, May 19th

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael Leinenbach by Patti Leinenbach

12:10pm – Eileen Mondzak by Fleming Family

WEDNESDAY, May 20th – St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Terri Leinenbach by Patti Leinenbach

12:10pm – William Coyle by Aiello Family

THURSDAY, May 21st – St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

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

12:10pm – Mary Jabbour by Dee & Bob Ellwood

FRIDAY, May 22nd – St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Patti Leinenbach by Terri Leinenbach

12:10pm – Bernard A. Bladies by Peter Piperata

SATURDAY, May 23rd

8am – Blanche Flynn by Family

4:30pm – Dominick & Julia Romano & Family by Jennie & Gloria

SUNDAY, May 24th – PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00am – Blanche Gebhard by Phil & Maryann Kinney

11:00am – Deceased Members of the Bevilacqua & Emery Families by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua

1:00pm – (SP) – Raul Sanango-Rojas by Ana & Joshua Sanango

5:30pm – For the People

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$38,262.25
Total Received:	\$35,382.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$39,737.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	49.05%
Percent of Goal Received:	45.36%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$246.85

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



May 23rd

4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

May 24th

9am	Acolyte	Andrew Stretenovic
	Lector	Bill Strausser
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

11am

Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
Minister	Pat James
Server	Chiezimuzo Odimma
Server	Chimbuzo Odimma

1:00pm

Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-García
Lector	María Cristina Rossenouff
Lector	Iván Lam
Minister	Frank Anthony
Announcements	Anyelina Rodriguez
Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia
Server	Raphael Alfaro

5:30pm

Acolyte	-
Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
Server	Noah Blanes
Server	Leah Blanes

Stewardship

	May 10th
	\$6,041.95
Online Giving:	<u>2,445.00</u>
	\$8,486.95
Various Collections:	\$352.55

Around the Parish

OUR AMERICAN STORY:

How my faith influenced my identity as an American and how being an American influenced my life as a Catholic Christian.

As a young boy my father along with his family emigrated from Italy. Like most early immigrants they brought with them nothing but the clothes on their backs. Like others, with hard work and determination, he was able to take advantage of the American story.

Despite his personal attributes he was faced with obstacles including prejudices, prejudicial treatment and ethnic slurs. Thanks to "The American Story" he was able to earn a college education, a master's degree and become a successful father, teacher, politician and business owner. His five children attended Catholic School and were college educated and became civic minded professionals. This is what can happen in the American story and should continue to happen.

As we approach our 250th Anniversary there is much to celebrate. I personally have realized and cherished the gift of being able to practice my faith and continue to grow in closeness to Jesus without civil disapproval or interference. The freedom to practice my faith has led me to see all of my neighbors as brothers and sisters; even those with whom I do not agree. Jesus's love for all breaks down personal barriers and prejudices leading to greater civil understanding, tolerance, and sense of community.

We should rightfully celebrate our 250 years of freedom but must be careful to ensure that these freedoms continue to exist for all.

The Gospel truths of Jesus accept individual human differences along with nonjudgmental, mutual respect for all. In order for democracy to work it takes patience, diligence, understanding and selfless, sometimes painful sacrifice from all.

I find the closer I grow to Jesus and the better I am able to adopt his ways, the better citizen I become.

Pat Mazza

Pray FOR THE SICK ©TPPC

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, & Lynn Trimmer.

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.*

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Alone? Without family? Join us on Memorial Day, May 25th, at 3:00 pm for our Memorial Day Picnic in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home by yourself, come and enjoy the day with us!

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.

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Join us for a special Mass in Honor of St. Rita of Cascia. This is in remembrance of Rita Santaniello McGuffey, mother of Father James McGuffey, one time associate of St. Mary Parish. The Mass at 7 pm is on Friday, May 22, 2026, at the Church of the Annunciation, 80 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ.

DEACON'S CORNER

Based on The Gospel of Matthew 28:16–20

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus returns to the Father forty days after His Resurrection. But He does not abandon His disciples. Instead, He gives them a mission and a promise.

In the Gospel, Jesus says: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.”

This is the mission of the Church. Every baptized Christian is called to share the Gospel—not only with words, but with the witness of our lives. A life of prayer, charity, forgiveness, and faith can bring others closer to Christ.

The Gospel also tells us that when the disciples saw Jesus, “they worshiped, but they doubted.” Even the apostles struggled at times. Yet Jesus still chose them. This reminds us that God works through imperfect people. We may have fears, weaknesses, or doubts, but Christ still calls us to follow Him and trust in Him.

Then Jesus gives one of the most beautiful promises in all Scripture: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Ascension is not the absence of Jesus. Christ remains with us: in the Holy Eucharist, in His Word, in His Church, and through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we feel alone, discouraged, or overwhelmed by the problems of life. But today Jesus reminds us: “I am with you always.” He walks with us in our struggles, our families, our work, and even in our suffering.

The Ascension also reminds us that Heaven is our true home. Jesus ascended not to leave us behind, but to prepare a place for us. Our lives on earth are a journey toward eternal life with God.

As we celebrate this feast, let us ask for the courage to live as true disciples and to bring the light of Christ to others.

May The Blessed Virgin Mary help us remain faithful until the day we share in the glory of her Son. Amen.

Deacon Francisco

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: 5/17 Kelly Perna, 5/24 Anne Coyle, & 5/31 Ed Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 5/17 William Casey, 5/24 Melody Talpas, & 5/31 Eileen Dean

Phillipsburg Care Center: 5/17 Beth Dispoto and 5/24 & 5/31 Lisa Spanopolous

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



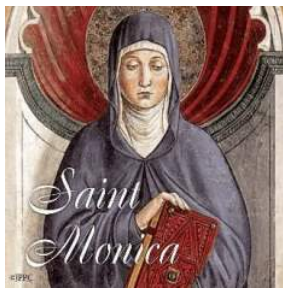
We need adorers for **1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, & 5pm on Wednesdays; 12noon & 2pm on Thursdays; and 8am & 11am on Fridays.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719.**



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, cookies, and puddings cups. Any help is appreciated. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in

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.



HAVE
A BLESSED
ASCENSION
DAY

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

May 17th - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 18, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. John I, Pope & Martyr.

May 20, Wed - Optional Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest.

May 21, Thu - Optional Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Co, Martyrs.

May 22, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Pope Leo's Homily on our Blessed Mother at Pompeii (May 8, 2026) - Summary

Saint John Paul II, speaking in this place of grace on 7 October 2003, at the conclusion of the Year of the Rosary, relaunched for the Third Millennium, in the context of the new evangelization: "Today", he said, "as in the times of ancient Pompeii, it is vital to proclaim Christ to a society that is drifting away from Christian values and even forgetting about them".

My choice of the name Leo places me in the footsteps of Leo XIII, who, among his other merits, also developed an extensive Magisterium on the Holy Rosary. Added to all this is the recent canonization of Saint Bartolo Longo, apostle of the Rosary.

Yes, the Hail Mary is an invitation to joy: it tells Mary, and through her all of us, that upon the ruins of our humanity, tested by sin and therefore ever prone to oppression, abuse and war, the caress of God has come, the caress of mercy, which takes on a human face in Jesus. Mary thus becomes the Mother of Mercy.

Everything happens in the power of the Holy Spirit, who overshadows Mary and makes her virginal womb fruitful. This moment in history possesses a tenderness and a power that draw the heart and lift it to that contemplative height where the prayer of the Holy Rosary takes root.

"Hail Mary"! The repetition of this prayer in the Rosary is like an echo of Gabriel's greeting, an echo that spans the centuries and guides the believer's gaze to Jesus, seen through the eyes and heart of His Mother. Jesus adored, contemplated, and assimilated in each of His mysteries, so that with Saint Paul we may say: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:19).

Preceded by the proclamation of the Word of God, nestled between the Our Father and the Glory Be, the Hail Mary repeated in the Holy Rosary is an act of love. Is it not characteristic of love to repeat, without tiring: "I love you"? An act of love which, through the beads of the rosary, as is clearly seen in the Marian painting in this Shrine, leads us back to Jesus and brings us to the Eucharist, "the fount and apex of the whole Christian life" (Lumen gentium, 11).

By repeating it in every Hail Mary, we in some way experience the home of Nazareth, almost hearing once more the voices of Mary and Joseph during the long years when Jesus lived with them. We also experience the Upper Room, where the Apostles, together with Mary, awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Rosary has rightly been considered a compendium of the Gospel, which Saint John Paul II wished to integrate with the Luminous Mysteries.

Diocesan News

CANDLELIGHT HOLY HOUR

Saint John Vianney Church, Colonia, NJ is hosting a Guided Meditations and Sacred Choral Music Sunday, June 14th, 2026, at 7:00pm. Please come for this beautiful night of Eucharistic Adoration.

POST-CANA: MARRIAGE WORKSHOP



Reconnect with your spouse - and meet other "newly-wed" couples at this Post-Cana Marriage Workshop. If you are married 1-5 years in the Catholic Church

and looking to deepen your love for your spouse and the Sacrament of Marriage, you are invited to attend on June 20, 2026, from 10am-1pm. This is an opportunity to revisit topics discussed at your Pre-Cana and share about your experiences as newlyweds.

Topics include: Friendship & Communication, Prayer and Spirituality, Catholic Parenting, Intimacy, and more. This program is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton & Metuchen and Integrated Hearts Counseling and Consultation.

BABY IN BLOOM

Free Community Baby Shower at St. Francis Cathedral **May 30, 2026**, for expectant mothers and moms of children 0-2 yrs. Registration required. Every attendee will receive baby essentials.

BABY in Bloom
A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD AND NEW LIFE

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER
Join us for a joyful day of support, community, and celebration for you and your little one!

SAINT FRANCIS CATHEDRAL
548 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

MAY 30TH
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

EVERY ATTENDEE WILL RECEIVE
Baby Essentials!

FREE EVENT
Limited to 100 Women
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

- This event is for:
 - PREGNANT MOMS
 - MOMS WITH BABIES 0 TO 2 YEARS OLD
- FREE RAFFLE
Great prizes!
- DELICIOUS FOOD
Will be served
- SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT & COMMUNITY
You are not alone!

SPONSORED BY THE PIONEER VOLUNTEER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Life Choices RC, Metuchen

Reserve Your Spot Today! Registration is required. Limited to 100 women. Scan the QR code or email ThePioneerVolunteer@gmail.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL ThePioneerVolunteer@gmail.com

"AGING WELL: A LIFE IN FULL"

Celebrate Life
A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

Aging Well: A Life in Full

with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN of Saint Peter's University Hospital

All grandparents and seniors are welcome for a morning of joy and renewal, including breakfast, fellowship, an uplifting presentation, and Holy Mass.

Thursday, July 23, 2026
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

The event is free, but registration is required. Scan the QR code to register
Email magnese@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543 with any questions.

**NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL
ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY**
ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

¡Querida familia!

Verdaderamente somos bendecidos al celebrar, este domingo, la Solemnidad de la Ascensión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Antiguamente, solíamos celebrarla el jueves anterior al séptimo domingo de Pascua; desde entonces, ha sido trasladada de manera permanente al séptimo domingo de Pascua.

Santo Tomás de Aquino explica que, en la Ascensión, Jesús entra en el cielo con nuestra humanidad. De este modo, Jesús glorifica nuestra naturaleza humana. Jesús entra en el cielo con nuestra naturaleza humana no por sí mismo, sino por nosotros. Aquino cita Miqueas 2:13: «Subirá el que les abrirá el camino». Explica además que Cristo es la Cabeza y que, adonde va la Cabeza, el cuerpo — nosotros somos el cuerpo— la sigue. San Agustín nos enseñó que: «Al celebrar esta fiesta (Solemnidad), ascendemos con nuestro Señor y tenemos nuestros corazones en lo alto. Pues la Resurrección del Señor es nuestra esperanza, y su Ascensión, nuestra glorificación».

El Catecismo nos enseña: «Solo aquel que "vino del Padre" puede volver al Padre: Cristo Jesús. "Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el que bajó del cielo, el Hijo del hombre". Abandonada a sus propias fuerzas naturales, la humanidad no tiene acceso a la "casa del Padre", a la vida y a la felicidad de Dios. Solo Cristo puede abrir al hombre tal acceso, para que nosotros, sus miembros, tengamos la confianza de que también iremos adonde Él, nuestra Cabeza y nuestra Fuente, nos ha precedido».

La Ascensión de Jesús marca el fin de su camino en la tierra y señala el comienzo de una nueva era. La misión de la Iglesia se inicia bajo la guía del Espíritu Santo. Lucas, en la primera lectura, muestra que «el tiempo de Israel» ha dado paso a «el tiempo de Cristo». Ahora, «el tiempo de Cristo» ha de dar paso a «el tiempo de la Iglesia». Esto no significa que Jesús esté ausente; por el contrario, Jesús está presente entre nosotros a través del Espíritu Santo, en y por medio de las celebraciones litúrgicas de nuestra Iglesia, y dondequiera que dos o tres se reúnan en su nombre. En esta gloriosa Solemnidad de la Ascensión, ¡les deseo a todos las bendiciones de Dios!

Ordenaciones para la Diócesis de Metuchen 2026:

La diócesis ha anunciado que el Rev. Sr. James F. Prumos será ordenado al Orden de los Presbíteros y el Sr. Patrick J. Rasimowicz será ordenado al Orden del Diaconado. La ordenación al sacerdocio y al diaconado tendrá lugar en la Catedral el 20 de junio, a las 10:00 a. m. Por favor, oren por estos jóvenes que han dicho «sí» al servicio de Dios y de la Iglesia.

Película sobre la unidad cristiana

El estreno nacional de la película “That They May Be One” tendrá lugar los días 19 y 20 de mayo. La película presenta un argumento convincente a favor de la unidad cristiana, conectando al movimiento carismático tanto en los círculos católicos como en los protestantes.

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.

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:

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). ¡Reserva la fecha! Recordamos que este año se conmemora el 25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre.

P. Antony

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"



Necesitamos adoradores los **martes a la 1pm y a las 5pm; los miércoles a las 8am, 2pm, y 5pm; los jueves a al mediodía y 2pm; y a las 8am y 11am los viernes.** Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

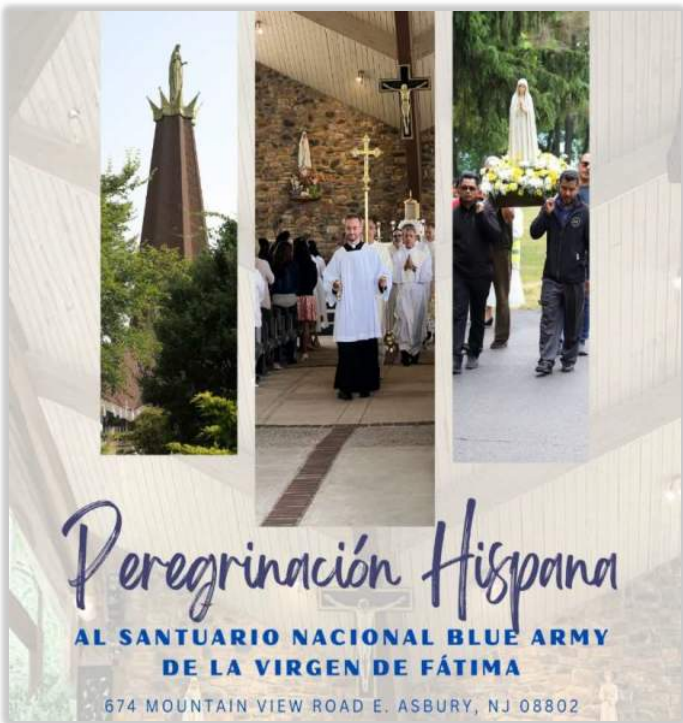
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO



Las parejas interesadas en formarse para recibir el sacramento del matrimonio están invitadas a las reuniones los miércoles de 7pm a 8pm en los bajos de Mercy Hall. Para más detalle hablen con Óscar Dilone.

PEREGRINACIÓN HISPANA AL SANTUARIO NACIONAL BLUE ARMY DE LA VIRGEN DE FÁTIMA.

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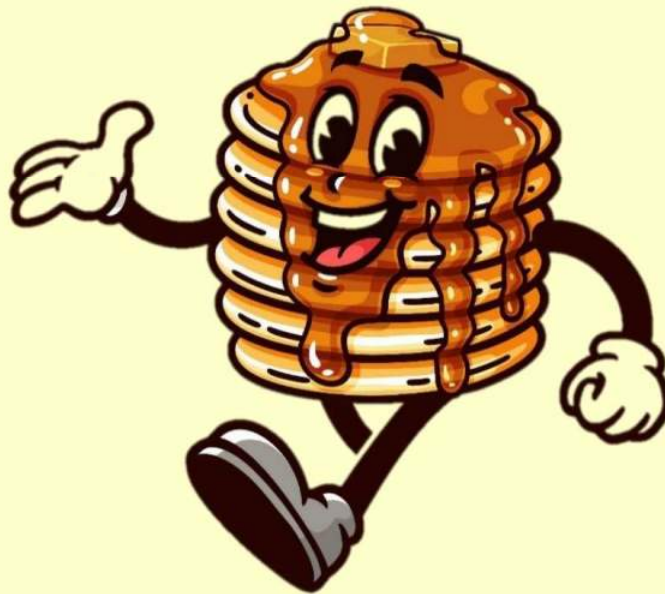
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