

# 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.)

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † June 14, 2026



The harvest is abundant but  
the laborers are few.

Matthew 9:37

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## Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 6/14/26** After the 1pm Mass—Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church
- Mon. 6/15/26** 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall
- Tues. 6/16/26** 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. 6/17/26** 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room  
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
- Thurs. 6/18/26** 6:30pm Choir Practice in the Church
- Friday. 6/19/26**
- Sat. 6/20/26** 10am Confessions in the Church  
9am-12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall  
3:15pm Confessions in the Church
- Sunday 6/21/26**

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Family!

The Gospel reminds us the mission of every Christian. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, "Jesus is the Father's Emissary. From the beginning of his ministry, he "called to him those whom he desired; . . . . And he appointed twelve, whom also he named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach. From then on, they would also be his "emissaries" (Greek *apostoloi*). In them, Christ continues his own mission: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. The apostles' ministry is the continuation of his mission; Jesus said to the Twelve: "he who receives you receives me." (CCC 858)

The Catechism further teaches us how we are part of the Plan of God in building the Kingdom. "The Church is born primarily of Christ's total self-giving for our salvation, anticipated in the institution of the Eucharist and fulfilled on the cross. "The origin and growth of the Church are symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus." "For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the 'wondrous sacrament of the whole Church.'" As Eve was formed from the sleeping Adam's side, so the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross. (CCC 766)

As the Gospel presents two beautiful yet challenging scenarios (1. the people were without a shepherd and 2. a need for laborers who could harvest so people have food) where the call of the disciples began we still see how relevant the vocation of God to each one in not just to these two challenging scenarios but many more present life situations.

Pope Benedict talked about the mission the apostles taught, "Holiness is always a force that transforms others. In this regard, it is useful to reflect that the Twelve Apostles were not perfect men, chosen for their moral and religious irreproachability. They were indeed believers, full of enthusiasm and zeal but at the same time marked by their human limitations, which were sometimes even serious.

Therefore, Jesus did not call them because they were already holy, complete, perfect, but so that they might become so, so that they might thereby also transform history, as it is for us, as it is for all Christians." (Homily in Apulia, Italy on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2008)

### **World Blood Donor Day (June 14<sup>th</sup>)**

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Please pray for these young men who said 'Yes' to the Service of God and Church.

#### **The Diocese Still Without a Bishop?**

This is what we hear from our Diocesan Administrator Fr. Jay Toborowsky: "*We are approaching 7 months of being a Vacant See. Please consider asking your people to continue to keep the selection of our new Bishop in their prayers, particularly at Mass. Between us, as for "when", I've brought up before the precedent of the Diocese of Belleville and their recent 10-month wait. FYI - Abp. Caccia (the new Apostolic Nuncio) has settled in DC and presented his credentials to the President, so he is in place. If anyone does ask, remind them that besides dioceses like ours that are vacant because of transfers, there are a number of dioceses whose Ordinary is close to or already past 75 years of age. Like the Motor Vehicles, we wait and hope.*"

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

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed this year a Special Jubilee to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis' death in 1226.

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

Save the Date heads up that this year is the **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11** terrorist attacks.

**Post-Cana Workshop** (June 20<sup>th</sup>), the **Celebrate Life Event for Grandparents & Seniors**

**( 55+)** (July 23<sup>rd</sup>), the **2026 Children's Choir**

**Summer Camp** (Aug. 10-14, & 16), **PCL Formation Days** (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>), the **Hispanic Heritage**

**Mass** (Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>), **OCIA Formation Days** (Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>) and the **Silver & Gold**

**Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>).

Fr. Antony

# Masses For The Week



## SUNDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup> – ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Jim Moroney by Nancy Jo Zgoda & Family

11:00am – For the People

1:00pm – (SP) – Miguel Servin & Lucia Lopez by Gomes-Aversa Family

5:30pm – Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ganz by Family

## MONDAY, June 15<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Elsie & Joseph Schaefer by Hoffman Family

12:10pm – Deceased Members of the Guerreiro, Gomes, & Aversa Families by Gomes-Aversa Family

## TUESDAY, June 16<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Maria Mattioli by Rosemary Carnali

12:10pm – Bub Lilly by Family

## WEDNESDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Michael Eureyecko by Family

12:10pm – Concetta Zgoda by Jim & Family

## THURSDAY, June 18<sup>th</sup>

6:45am – Kathy Verdon by Ann Foose

12:10pm – Arlene Mayberry by Fran Quinn

## FRIDAY, June 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Romuald, Abbot

6:45am – James Magini by Rose Kelly

12:10pm – Mirna Duran (A) by Daughters & Granddaughters

## SATURDAY, June 20<sup>th</sup>

8am – Carmin F. Cocozzo & Lena Cocozzo by Hoffman Family

4:30pm – William Coyle by Eileen Catalli

## SUNDAY, June 21<sup>st</sup> – TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Gabriel Lantos by Family

11:00am – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Tommy & Rachel

1:00pm – (SP) – For the People

5:30pm – Joan Johnson Shafer by Maryann Ignatz

## 2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$42,055.25</b>
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$39,774.00</b>
<b>Over/under Goal:</b>	<b>(\$35,944.75)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	<b>53.92%</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>50.99%</b>
<b>Avg. Gift Amt.:</b>	<b>\$240.32</b>

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule



June 20<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm	Acolyte	Gavin Hayes
	Lector	Rob & Jen Anselmo
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Minister	Bill Casey
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	-

June 21<sup>st</sup>

9am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Lisa DeGerolamo
	Minister	Julie Duffy
	Minister	Michael Duffy
	Server	-
	Server	-

11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Marion Smith
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

1pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-Garcia
	Lector	Maria Cristina Rossenouff
	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Announcements	Lissette Herrera
	Server	Jacqueline Quizhpi-Garcia
	Server	Raphael Alfaro

5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Kelechi Odimma
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Lucas Blanes

## Stewardship

June 7<sup>th</sup>

<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>\$8,161.00</b>
	<b>3,376.45</b>
	<b>\$11,537.45</b>
<b>Catholic Communication:</b>	<b>\$816.00</b>
<b>Various Collections:</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>

## Around the Parish

### 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, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, 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, & Russell Perna.

### 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.

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

### "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**.

### 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:** 6/14 Anne Coyle, 6/21 Bettina Socci, & 6/28 Kelly Perna

**Brakeley Nursing Home:** 6/14 William Casey, 6/21 Deacon Francisco, & 6/28 Mike St. Jacques

**Phillipsburg Care Center:** 6/14 Beth Dispoto, 6/21 & 6/28 Lisa Spanopolous



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

MH. Thank you!

### "EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following dates: **June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, & Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The topic will be St.

Joseph. **OUR 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

Where is Christ sending you?

Today's Gospel gives us a breathtaking glimpse into the very heart of Jesus. Matthew tells us that when He looked out at the crowds, He was "moved with compassion" because they were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." That single moment becomes the turning point of the entire passage. Jesus doesn't simply feel compassion—**He acts on it.** He calls the Twelve, names them, and sends them out to heal, to lift burdens, to restore dignity, and to proclaim that "the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

This is the rhythm of discipleship: we receive the heart of Christ, and then we are sent to share it. Not with grand gestures, but with the quiet, steady work of mercy—visiting the lonely, encouraging the discouraged, forgiving generously, and offering hope where the world has grown tired.

Jesus' instruction to the apostles— "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give"—is not a suggestion. It is the blueprint of Christian life. **Everything we have is gift: our faith, our talents, our breath, our ability to love. And gifts are meant to be given away.**

This week, ask where Christ is sending you. Maybe it's toward someone who feels forgotten. Maybe it's toward a situation that needs peace. Maybe it's toward a person who needs to hear a word of encouragement spoken gently and sincerely.

The harvest is still abundant. The laborers are still few. **And Christ still sends us—ordinary people with imperfect hearts—to carry His extraordinary compassion into the world.**

May God always be pleased with us,

Deacon Rob

## MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

June 14<sup>th</sup> - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*June 19, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot*

### *Excerpts from Pope Leo XIX's Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas*

*The Equal Dignity of all Human Beings*

51. Saint John Paul II stated that, "this heightened sense of the dignity of the human person and of his or her uniqueness, and of the respect due to the journey of conscience, certainly represents one of the positive achievements of modern culture." This statement follows the line already laid out by the Second Vatican Council, which had noted a growing recognition of the sublime dignity of all persons, their superiority over material things and their universal and inviolable rights and duties. It is important to ensure that this growth in appreciation of human dignity is not obscured by the pressure of new ideologies or very powerful interests in today's world. Among these ideologies, I consider particularly insidious the one that suggests that every person must earn or justify his or her own worth, to the point of attributing greater value to those who are more efficient or effective. From this perspective, persons end up being reduced to a means of achieving results, a resource to be used and exploited, and are no longer recognized as a proper end in themselves who should never be instrumentalized. The value of persons, however, does not depend on what they achieve or produce. There are rights that apply to everyone simply by virtue of being human, and no human power can legitimately deny or arbitrarily limit them.

52. When we speak of dignity, we do not always use the word in the same way. Sometimes we refer to moral dignity, namely the way in which a person directs his or her choices and actions. At other times, we think of social dignity, which refers to a person's living conditions and the concrete respect received from society. In other cases, we refer to existential dignity, meaning the way in which a person perceives his or her own worth and the value of life. These aspects of dignity can be enhanced or diminished. In addition to these notions, there is also the more profound and important level of ontological dignity.

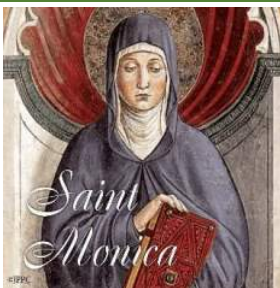
This is the dignity that belongs to every human being simply by virtue of existing, of having been willed, created and loved by God. No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being.

53. The fundamental dignity of each person, therefore, is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified. The recent Declaration *Dignitas Infinita* offers a summary of the Church's thinking on this subject: "Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter" — in other words, always and without exception. The dignity of every human being can be described as infinite, as Saint John Paul II stated, for two reasons: first, because the love of God, who calls us to friendship with him, is infinite; and second, his love is absolutely unconditional, in the sense that, even if we search endlessly, we will never find anything that can erase or deny it.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held on June 26-28 at the Blue Army Shrine, Washington, NJ. To register or for more information, contact Leah at [LeahSoulFilledByGrace@gmail.com](mailto:LeahSoulFilledByGrace@gmail.com) or call/text 609-709-3479. (Sponsored by Life Choices, Inc.)

### 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.



### **PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES**

**Timothy J. Hudak**

**Janelle Ajhar**

### WARREN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE BOOTH

Would you give a few hours of your time to volunteer to cover Warren County Right to Life's booth at the upcoming Warren County Farmers Fair, Sat., July 25<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are an important part of the booth's success. Please call Anne at 973-876-3580. Time slots fill quickly, so please call today.

### LAZARUS MINISTRY

The **Lazarus Ministry** is a function of the Legion of Mary and is designed to assist the **Souls of the Faithful Departed** and their families by praying the Rosary prior to a **Viewing or Funeral Mass**. If you would like this devotion to be performed for your deceased loved one, please send your request to: [lazarusministry@spsj.org](mailto:lazarusministry@spsj.org).

This is a *free ministry* that will greatly assist your loved one on their journey toward heaven!

*St. Padre Pio on the Rosary, "Its costs so little and is worth so much to a precious soul!!!"*

## Diocesan News

### POST-CANA: MARRIAGE WORKSHOP



Reconnect with your spouse - and meet other "newlywed" 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. For more information and registration, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/events/post-cana>

### LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

A one-day healing retreat for adult children of divorce or separation on Saturday, July 11 2026, from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Registration is \$40 and includes a light breakfast, boxed lunches, and all retreat materials.

For questions about registration: email [magnese@diometuch.org](mailto:magnese@diometuch.org) or call 732-562-1543.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

*The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:*

**July 17 - 19, 2026**

*Space is limited.  
Apply now!*



our love is  
timeless

Call Tom & Ruth DeFalco:  
732-904-9636 to apply  
and learn more.

[wwme.org](http://wwme.org)



The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Vocations  
invites young men ages 14-17 to attend

# QUO VADIS QUO VADIS

## WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP  
DISCERNMENT ACTIVITIES

QUESTIONS? EMAIL [QUOVADIS@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG](mailto:QUOVADIS@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG)

**JULY  
7 - 9,  
2026**

RSVP BY  
JUNE 1

This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and learn how to think and pray about where God may be calling you in your life.

Quo Vadis is an action-packed few days, designed specifically for high school boys, with opportunities for prayer, sports, adoration, teambuilding, and inspirational talks by priests and seminarians.

It's an adventure retreat for high school boys, ages 14-17, who want to learn more about the priesthood and pray about if it's for them.

**CAMP SHILOH**  
753 BURNT MEADOW ROAD,  
HEWITT, NJ 07421

Learn more and register at:  
[diometuchen.org/quovadis](http://diometuchen.org/quovadis)



## "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](mailto:magnese@diometuchen.org) or  
call (732) 562-1543 with any questions.

### **NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY UNDÉCIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

El Evangelio nos recuerda la misión de todo cristiano. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña: «Jesús es el Enviado del Padre. Desde el comienzo de su ministerio, "llamó a los que él quiso... e instituyó a doce, para que estuvieran con él, y para enviarlos a predicar"». A partir de entonces, ellos serían también sus «enviados» (\*apóstoloi\*, en griego). En ellos, Cristo continúa su propia misión: «Como el Padre me envió, también yo os envío». El ministerio de los apóstoles es la continuación de su misión; Jesús dijo a los Doce: «Quien a vosotros recibe, a mí me recibe» (CEC 858).

El Catecismo nos enseña además cómo formamos parte del plan de Dios para edificar el Reino. «La Iglesia nace principalmente de la entrega total de Cristo para nuestra salvación, anticipada en la institución de la Eucaristía y consumada en la cruz.

El origen y el crecimiento de la Iglesia están simbolizados por la sangre y el agua que brotaron del costado abierto de Jesús crucificado. Pues del costado de Cristo, mientras dormía el sueño de la muerte en la cruz, nació el "sacramento admirable de la Iglesia entera"». Así como Eva fue formada del costado de Adán mientras este dormía, la Iglesia nació del corazón traspasado de Cristo que pendía muerto en la cruz. (CCE 766)

El Evangelio nos presenta dos escenarios hermosos a la vez que desafiantes —por un lado, el pueblo estaba sin pastor y, por otro, existía la necesidad de obreros para la cosecha que garantizara el alimento de la gente—, situaciones en las que surgió el llamado a los discípulos; hoy seguimos viendo la vigencia de la vocación que Dios dirige a cada uno, no solo ante esos dos desafíos, sino también frente a muchas otras situaciones de la vida actual.

Al hablar sobre la misión de los apóstoles, el Papa Benedicto enseñó: «La santidad es siempre una fuerza que transforma a los demás. A este respecto, es útil reflexionar que los doce apóstoles no eran hombres perfectos, elegidos por su irreprochabilidad moral y religiosa. Eran, ciertamente, creyentes llenos de entusiasmo y celo, pero al mismo tiempo estaban marcados por sus limitaciones humanas, que a veces eran incluso graves. Por tanto, Jesús no los llamó porque ya fueran santos, íntegros o perfectos, sino para que llegaran a serlo; para que, de este modo, transformaran también la historia, tal como sucede con nosotros y con todos los cristianos». (Homilía en Apulia, Italia, el domingo 15 de junio de 2008)

San Juan Pablo II nos enseñó: «Un gran misterio, un misterio de amor, un misterio inefable, ante el cual las palabras deben ceder el paso al silencio de la admiración y de la adoración. Un misterio divino que nos interpela y nos involucra, pues se nos ha concedido participar de la vida trinitaria por la gracia, mediante la Encarnación redentora del Verbo y el don del Espíritu Santo». (17 de marzo de 1999)

## **Día Mundial del Donante de Sangre (14 de junio)**

### **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 am**. Por favor, oren por estos jóvenes que han dicho «Sí» al servicio de Dios y de la Iglesia.

### **¿La diócesis sigue sin obispo?**

Esto es lo que nos comunica nuestro administrador diocesano, el P. Jay Toborowsky: *«Nos acercamos a los siete meses de sede vacante. Por favor, consideren pedir a sus fieles que sigan incluyendo en sus oraciones —especialmente durante la Misa— el proceso de selección de nuestro nuevo obispo. En cuanto a la cuestión de "cuándo" ocurrirá, ya he mencionado anteriormente el precedente de la diócesis de Belleville y su reciente espera de diez meses. A título informativo: el arzobispo Caccia (el nuevo nuncio apostólico) ya se ha instalado en Washington D. C. y ha presentado sus cartas credenciales al presidente, por lo que ya está en funciones. Si alguien pregunta al respecto, recuérdense que, además de las diócesis como la nuestra que están vacantes debido a traslados, hay varias diócesis cuyo obispo diocesano está cerca de cumplir los 75 años o ya los ha superado. Al igual que en el Departamento de Vehículos a Motor, solo nos queda esperar y mantener la esperanza».*

### **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.

### **Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:**

¡Reserva la fecha! Este año se conmemora el 25.º aniversario de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre, **Taller Post-Caná** (20 de junio), evento «**Celebrar la vida**» para abuelos y personas mayores de 55 años (23 de julio), **Campamento de verano del coro infantil 2026** (10-14 y 16 de agosto), **Jornadas de formación para coordinadores parroquiales de catequesis/PCL** (1 de septiembre y 8 de octubre), **Misa de la Herencia Hispana** (18 de septiembre),

**Jornadas de formación del OCIA** (26 de septiembre, 14 de noviembre y 23 de enero) y **Celebración de aniversarios de plata y oro** (18 de octubre).

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### **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.

### **ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA**

La Diócesis de Metuchen iniciará un nuevo ciclo de la Escuela Bíblica Hispana. La escuela ofrece 9 cursos básicos: Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras, Pentateuco, Libros Históricos, Profetas, Literatura Sapiencial, Evangelios, Epístolas Paulinas (2 cursos) y el Apocalipsis; el costo de cada curso es de \$35 por persona. El 20 de agosto de 2026 comenzaremos el curso de Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras. Las clases se impartirán de forma presencial los jueves, de 7:00 p m a 9:00 pm, en el Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway, NJ).

### **MISA DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

El viernes 18 de septiembre de 2026, la Oficina de Evangelización Hispana celebrará la Misa anual de la Herencia Hispana a las 7:00 pm en la Catedral.

### ***"¿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.


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