

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) 1 pm - 5 pm

Tues. - Thurs. 9 am-12:30 pm

(Closed for lunch) 1 pm - 4 pm,

& **Friday** 9 am-1 pm

(Asistencia en español durante horas de
atencion.)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 2, 2026

They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:20



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	8/02/26	2:30pm Intercessory Cenacles in PMR
Monday	8/03/26	6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	8/04/26	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
Wednesday	8/05/26	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	8/06/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	8/07/26	6pm First Friday Devotion in the Church
Saturday	8/08/26	8am-3pm Indoor & Outdoor Flea Market Mercy Hall & Parking Lot 8:30am Frank Duff Prayers in the Church 10am Confessions in the Church 3:15pm Confessions in the Church 6pm Spanish Prayer Vigil in the Church
Sunday	8/09/26	After the 1pm Mass Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church 3pm Legion of Mary Rosary Luncheon in Mercy Hall

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Every pope has a Papal Motto that highlights the pope's focus or his pastoral concern over the church. **Pope Leo XIV's** papal motto is *In Illo Uno Unum* which could be translated as '*In the One, we are one*'. This phrase comes from a writing by Saint Augustine about Psalm 127. **Pope Francis'** motto on his coat of arms, "*miserando atque eligendo*" is taken from a homily by Saint Bede, which could be translated as "*having mercy, Jesus called him.*" **Pope Benedict XVI's** Papal Motto was "*Cooperatores Veritatis*" (*Cooperators of the Truth*) taken from 3rd Letter of John, which has only one chapter, 8th verse). **Pope John Paul II's** motto is "*Totus Tuus*" which means '*Totally Yours*' or '*I am all yours, and all I have is yours*' is inspired by the teaching of St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort. **Pope Paul VI's** apostolic motto is "*Cum Ipso in monte*" (*With Him on the mountain*). Pope Paul VI entered into the peace of the Lord at 9:40pm on Sunday, the 6th August 1978. The Church always remembers to pray for him on this day especially in all reflections on the feast of Transfiguration. Pope John Paul always remembered Pope Paul VI and his contribution to the Universal Church.

The readings focus on the Messianic Banquet at large. Only God can satisfy our spiritual hunger, and Jesus promises that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God. Isaiah in the first reading is calling us for conversion in order to avail a future Messianic banquet. Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise as he calls all of us, who are 'thirsty' to come to the living water of Christian Baptism. Jesus satisfies our hunger at the Eucharistic table.

Jesus feeding the people in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves point to miracle feedings from the Old Testament. It reminds the people of Manna. People recognized Jesus as the new Moses, new David and recognized God in Jesus, the Davidic Redeemer-Messiah. Jesus' preaching is accompanied by "mighty works and wonders and signs" which "manifest that the kingdom is present in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah" (CCC 547). They "strengthen faith . . . [and] bear witness that he is the Son of God" (CCC 548).

Requesting your prayers

I will be away on a Medical Leave to take care of my health. We are blessed with two priests and Fr. Pat to take care of your spiritual needs. I am grateful to them and their ministry. I am also very thankful to the ministry of the deacons. Please pray for me as I attend to my health a few days. I will be back in time when we start our school.

Earthquake Relief (Special Collection on July 25/26)

Last Weekend July 25/26 we took up a special second collection for the victims of two Earthquakes (Philippines and Venezuela). I thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause of helping the families of the victims. Please continue to pray for them!

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life & NJ March for Life on Oct 8, 2026

On Thursday, October 8th, 9:30am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, there will be a special NJ Bishops' Mass for Life, the NJ Rally, and the March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. There will be buses organized for this trip. Please call the office for more information.

Monsignor Sheehan Scholarship Committee:

This year the families continued to get scholarships from the diocese to go Catholic Schools throughout the diocese. In addition to that we also had little money saved in the Monsignor Sheehan's Scholarship Fund. We created a committee to work with various families that applied to us for help. I thank the committee in guiding me to award this much needed help to our school families.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

The 2026 Children's Choir Summer Camp (Aug. 10-14, 16), **PCL Formation Days** (Sept. 1, Oct. 8), the **Hispanic Heritage Mass** (Sept. 18), **OCA Formation Days** (Sept. 26, Nov. 14 and Jan. 23) and the **Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18). Also included is information regarding the **Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes** and **National Black Catholic History Month** (Nov.).

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week



SUNDAY, August 2nd – EIGHTEENTH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Leo Bush-Bush by Deacon Rob
 11:00am – James Quigley by Tami Quigley
 1:00pm – (SP) – *Spec. Int for Luis Quizhpi by Family
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, August 3rd

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Anthony Bargellini by Romano Family

TUESDAY, August 4th – St. John Vianney, Priest

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Diane M. Gergar by Dolly Loiacono

WEDNESDAY, August 5th – *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Janelle Ajhar by Bev & Al Redondo

THURSDAY, August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – Colin Samuel Disko by Rick & Lou Anne Bonney

FRIDAY, August 7th – *St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest*

6:45am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 12:10pm – John Finegan by Family

SATURDAY, August 8th – St. Dominic, Priest

8am – *Sp. Int. Michael W. Grifone by Kevin
 4:30pm – Pat Purcel by Jim & Ruth Martin

SUNDAY, August 9th – NINETEENTH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Italo & Jan Lusardi by Lusardi Family
 11:00am – Kimberlee Pisarek by Dieda Family
 1:00pm – (SP) – Fermin Lam by Parish Fundraising Team
 5:30pm – For the People

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,117.25
Total Received:	\$46,542.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,882.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	61.69%
Percent of Goal Received:	59.67%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$265.84

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



August 8th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolomo
	Minister	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Melody Talpas
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Gino Siano

August 9th

9am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Kelvin Osoria
	Server	Laney Minutaglio
	Server	-
1pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	Lisette Herrera
	Lector	Ivan Lam
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Announcements	Giovanni Lam
	Server	Raphael Alfaro
	Server	Liam Rosario
5:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	-
	Server	-

Stewardship

July 26th

	\$7,360.00
Online Giving:	<u>1,660.00</u>
	\$9,020.00
Earthquake Relief	\$2,306.00
Various Collections:	\$120.00

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, Angel & Ellen Piperata.

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. Hesck, 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 August 7th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



We urgently need an Adorer for THURSDAY at 2PM, since no one is scheduled at this time.

...also, we need adorers for **10am on Mondays, 10am, 1pm & 5pm on Tuesdays; 8am, 2pm, 5pm, & 7pm on Wednesdays; 12noon &**

2pm on Thursdays; and 11am, & 2pm on Fridays. Call Deacon Enock at 908-310-8990 or Camille at 908-319-2719.

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: 8/2 Ed Socci, 8/9 Ron Rossini, & 8/16 Bettina Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 8/2 Gladys Jauridez, 8/9 Melody Talpas, & 8/16 Bill Casey & Kelvin Osorio

Phillipsburg Care Center: 8/2 Beth Dispoto and 8/9 & 8/16 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!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Open to boys and girls ages 8-18 who have received First

Holy Communion. The schedule is flexible. Counts toward volunteer hours for Confirmation, Bethlehem Catholic High School and Notre Dame High School. Jesus loves his little ones! That is why they have such an important role at Holy Mass. Email Don and Laura Sretenovic at altarservers@spsj.org.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

August 2nd - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, Tue - Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

10. You cannot begin to speak of St. John Mary Vianney without automatically calling to mind the picture of a priest who was outstanding in a unique way in voluntary affliction of his body; his only motives were the love of God and the desire for the salvation of the souls of his neighbors, and this led him to abstain almost completely from food and from sleep, to carry out the harshest kinds of penances, and to deny himself with great strength of soul. Of course, not all of the faithful are expected to adopt this kind of life; and yet divine providence has seen to it that there has never been a time when the Church did not have some pastors of souls of this kind who, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, did not hesitate for a moment to enter on this path, most of all because this way of life is particularly successful in bringing many men who have been drawn away by the allurements of error and vice back to the path of good living. (Pope John XXIII Encyclical *'Sacerdotii Nostri Primordia'* 1959)

August 5, Wed - The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

August 6, Thu - Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Theme is centered around Jesus revealing Himself to the Apostles as the Messiah-King before His crucifixion and resurrection. Through this celebration we acknowledge the Kingship of Jesus over all creation and the promise of our future with Him in glory. In the words of Pope Paul VI, "On the top of Tabor, Christ reveals for a few moments the splendor of his divinity, and manifests himself to the chosen witnesses as he really is, the Son of God, "the radiance of the Father's glory and the imprint of his substance" (cf. Heb. 1, 3); but it also shows the transcendent destiny of our human nature, which he assumed to save us, also destined, because redeemed by his irrevocable sacrifice of love, to participate in the fullness of life, in the "destiny of the saints in the light" (Col. 1, 12). That body, which is transfigured before the astonished eyes of the apostles, is the body of Christ our brother, but it is also our body called to glory; that light that floods it is and will also be our share of inheritance and splendor.

We are called to share so much glory, because we are "participants in the divine nature" (2 Petr. 1, 4). An incomparable fate awaits us, if we have done honor to our Christian vocation: if we have lived in the logical sequence of words and behavior that the commitments of our baptism impose on us." (Pope Paul VI, Feast of Transfiguration, 1978)

August 7, Fri - Optional Memorial of Saint Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs

- Optional Memorial of Saint Cajetan, Priest

August 8, Sat - Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

"This great Saint reminds us that in the heart of the Church a missionary fire must always burn. It must be a constant incentive to make the first proclamation of the Gospel and, wherever necessary, a new evangelization. Christ, in fact, is the most precious good that the men and women of every time and every place have the right to know and love! And it is comforting to see that in the Church today too there are many pastors and lay faithful alike, members of ancient religious orders and new ecclesial movements who spend their lives joyfully for this supreme ideal, proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel!" Pope Benedict XVI's General Audience on Feb 3, 2010)

COLUMBIETTES SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



The Warren Columbiettes #474 will start collecting school supplies for the children of our community. With the back-to-school sales beginning, now is the time to start collecting school supplies from Target, Walmart, Staples and Dollar Tree. Any donations such as backpacks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, and crayons, that can fill a school backpack would be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be placed in the foyer of the church from August 15th to August 31st. We will deliver these items in September to SPSJ school and the Elementary schools of Alpha and Phillipsburg. We appreciate your help with this project, so the children of our community have their needed items. Thank You!

DEACON'S CORNER

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (*Magnificent Humanity*), subtitled **"On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence,"** addresses one of the defining challenges of our age: how to protect and uphold the dignity of every human person in an increasingly technological world. Five important themes stood out in this Encyclical: **Human Dignity, Truth, Education, Relationships, and Justice & Peace.** During the month of August, I will share a weekly reflection on each of these themes, highlighting Pope Leo XIV's teachings and offering practical ways we can live them in our daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is my hope that these reflections will deepen our faith, help us use technology wisely, strengthen our relationships with God and one another, and inspire us to build a more just and peaceful world.

Every Person Has God-Given Dignity "God created mankind in His own image." Genesis 1:27 One of the most beautiful truths of our Catholic faith is that every human person possesses an immeasurable dignity because each one is created in the image and likeness of God. This dignity is not something we earn through our achievements, education, wealth, or social status. It is God's gift to every human being from the moment of conception until natural death.

In *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV reminds us: **"Human dignity is not something that can be measured by productivity, intelligence, or usefulness. It is a gift bestowed by God and therefore belongs equally to every person."** He further teaches: **"Artificial intelligence must always remain at the service of the human person and never reduce the person to an object, a statistic, or a means to an end."**

These words are especially important today. We live in a society that often measures people by what they own, how much money they earn, how successful they are, or even how many followers they have on social media. Technology has made our lives easier in many ways, but it also carries the danger of treating people as numbers instead of persons. Jesus never looked at people that way. When Jesus met the blind man, He saw more than blindness.

When He met Zacchaeus, He saw more than a tax collector. When He met the woman caught in adultery, He saw more than her sin. Jesus always saw a beloved son or daughter of God. As Christians, we are called to see people through the eyes of Christ.

What Does This Mean for Us? Respecting human dignity begins in our own homes. It means speaking kindly to our spouse even when we disagree. It means listening patiently to our children and grandchildren instead of being distracted by our phones. It means visiting an elderly neighbor who rarely receives visitors. It means welcoming a newcomer at Mass instead of waiting for someone else to do it. It means recognizing the dignity of the unborn, the disabled, the immigrant, the poor, the homeless, and those who feel forgotten by society.

As Pope Leo reminds us, technology should never replace compassion. Artificial intelligence can answer questions, but it cannot comfort a grieving widow. A robot may assist in a hospital, but it cannot offer the healing touch of genuine human love. A computer may process information, but it cannot pray with someone who is suffering. Only people can love as Christ loves.

Questions for Reflection

Do I judge people by their appearance, education, wealth, or opinions?

Do I recognize Christ in the poor, the elderly, and those who are suffering?

How can I better respect the dignity of every person I meet this week.

Stay tuned for the next Article **"Living in the Truth"**

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

PCHS CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

Members of PCHS Class of '71 will celebrate their 55th Class Reunion on October 3, 2026 at the Blue Grill Restaurant in Bethlehem PA. For more information, contact Colleen Coyle Newhart at (570) 262-4978. If you leave a message, please include your name, phone number and reason for calling, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following dates: **August 20th & Sept. 17th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The August topic is What does it mean to be Saved?

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.**

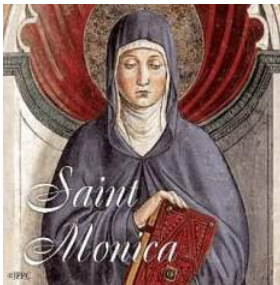
LAZARUS MINISTRY

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.

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!!!"

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.

VENDORS FOR MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Interested helping our parish by preparing your favorite dish from your heritage? To sign up contact the church office. All proceed go to the church. Please note that you will have to set up and attend to your own table/booth. (See flyer within the bulletin.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Metuchen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Make a difference.
Change lives. ♡*

FRIDAYS
11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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HELP WITH:

- Organizing donations
- Assisting customers
- Sale of items

No experience needed

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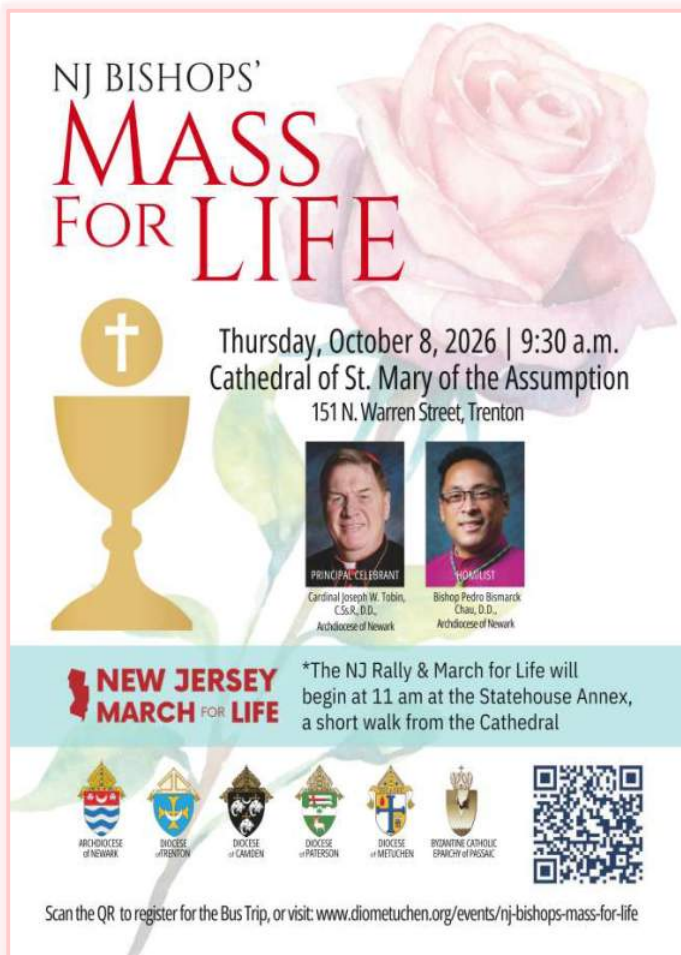
Diocesan News

"MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY: ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

This fall, Fr. Glenn Comandini will walk adult faith formation students through Pope Leo's first encyclical -- which examines how digitalization, AI and robotics challenge humanity. The Holy Father proposes a path which safeguards human dignity and the common good. Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 2026 from 10:30am – 11:30am, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway.

NJ BISHOPS' MASS FOR LIFE

Prayerfully begin the day before The NJ Rally & March for Life. Hosted by March for Life and New Jersey Right to Life. 151 N. Warren St, Trenton. On October 8, 2026, the NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. More information: <https://diometuchen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life>



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY **18º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

Cada papa tiene un lema papal que destaca su enfoque o su preocupación pastoral por la Iglesia. El lema del papa León XIV es *In Illo Uno Unum*, que podría traducirse como «En Aquel que es Uno, somos uno». Esta frase proviene de un escrito de san Agustín sobre el Salmo 127. El lema del papa Francisco en su escudo de armas, *miserando atque eligendo*, está tomado de una homilía de san Beda y podría traducirse como «al mirarlo con misericordia, Jesús lo llamó».

El lema papal del papa Benedicto XVI era *Cooperatores Veritatis* (Cooperadores de la verdad), tomado de la Tercera Carta de san Juan (que consta de un solo capítulo; versículo 8). El lema del papa Juan Pablo II es *Totus Tuus*, que significa «Totalmente tuyo» o «Soy todo tuyo, y todo lo que tengo es tuyo», inspirado en las enseñanzas de san Luis María Grignon de Montfort. El lema apostólico del papa Pablo VI es *Cum Ipso in monte* (Con Él en el monte). El papa Pablo VI entró en la paz del Señor a las 21:40 horas del domingo 6 de agosto de 1978. La Iglesia siempre recuerda orar por él en este día, especialmente al reflexionar sobre la fiesta de la Transfiguración; el papa Juan Pablo II siempre recordaba al papa Pablo VI y su contribución a la Iglesia universal.

Las lecturas se centran en el Banquete Mesianico en su sentido más amplio. Solo Dios puede saciar nuestra hambre espiritual, y Jesús promete que nada podrá separarnos del amor de Dios. En la primera lectura, Isaías nos llama a la conversión para poder participar en el futuro banquete mesiánico. Jesús es el cumplimiento de esta promesa, pues invita a todos los que tienen «sed» a acudir al agua viva del Bautismo cristiano. Jesús sacia nuestra hambre en la mesa eucarística.

El hecho de que Jesús alimente a la gente en el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes remite a los milagros de alimentación del Antiguo Testamento; recuerda al pueblo el maná. La gente reconoció a Jesús como el nuevo Moisés y el nuevo David, y reconoció a Dios en Jesús, el Mesías Redentor davídico. La predicación de Jesús va acompañada de «obras poderosas, prodigios y signos» que «manifiestan que el Reino está presente en él y atestiguan que él es el Mesías prometido» (CCE 547). Estos «fortalecen la fe... [y] dan testimonio de que él es el Hijo de Dios» (CCE 548).

Les pido sus oraciones

Estaré ausente por una licencia médica para cuidar de mi salud. Contamos con la bendición de tener a dos sacerdotes y al P. Pat para atender sus necesidades espirituales. Les estoy muy agradecido a ellos y a su ministerio. También agradezco profundamente el ministerio de los diáconos. Por favor, oren por mí mientras dedico unos días a cuidar mi salud. Estaré de regreso a tiempo para el inicio de clases en nuestra escuela.

Ayuda para los damnificados por los terremotos (Colecta especial del 25 y 26 de julio)

El pasado fin de semana, 25 y 26 de julio, realizamos una segunda colecta especial para las víctimas de dos terremotos (en Filipinas y Venezuela). Les agradezco su generosidad al apoyar esta causa para ayudar a las familias de las víctimas. ¡Por favor, sigan rezando por ellas!

Misa por la Vida de los Obispos de NJ y Marcha por la Vida de NJ el 8 de octubre de 2026

El jueves 8 de octubre, a las 9:30 am, se celebrará una Misa especial por la Vida oficiada por los obispos de Nueva Jersey en la Catedral de Santa María de la Asunción; posteriormente, a las 11:00am, comenzarán el mitin y la Marcha por la Vida de Nueva Jersey en el anexo del Capitolio estatal (Statehouse Annex), situado a poca distancia a pie de la Catedral. Se organizarán autobuses para este evento; por favor, comuníquese con la oficina para obtener más información.

Comité de Becas Monseñor Sheehan:

Este año, las familias siguieron recibiendo becas de la diócesis para asistir a escuelas católicas dentro de la misma. Además, contábamos con algunos fondos ahorrados en el Fondo de Becas Monseñor Sheehan. Creamos un comité para atender a las diversas familias que solicitaron nuestra ayuda. Agradezco al comité por orientarme a la hora de otorgar esta ayuda, tan necesaria, a las familias de nuestras escuelas.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

El campamento de verano del coro infantil de 2026 (10-14 y 16 de agosto), las **jornadas de formación para coordinadores de catequesis parroquial (PCL)** (1 de septiembre y 8 de octubre), la **Misa de la Herencia Hispana** (18 de septiembre), las **jornadas de formación del OCIA** (26 de septiembre, 14 de noviembre y 23 de enero) y la **celebración de aniversarios de bodas de plata y oro** (18 de octubre). También se incluye información sobre las próximas clases de **formación en la fe para adultos** y el **Mes Nacional de la Historia de los Católicos Negros** (noviembre).

P. Antony

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"
Necesitamos urgentemente un adorador para los JUEVES a las 2:00 pm, ya que no hay nadie programado para este horario.



Necesitamos adoradores **lunes** a las **10am**, **martes** a las **10am**, **1pm** y **5pm**; los **miércoles** a las **8am**, **2pm**, **5pm** y **7pm**; los **jueves** a al mediodía y **2pm**; y a las **11am** y al mediodía los **viernes**. Si estás interesado

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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 7:00pm a 9:00pm, 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 7:00pm en la Catedral.

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS EN ESPAÑOL

Nuestra parroquia va a comenzar un programa de "Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos" en español. El programa de O. I. C. A es el camino ordinario de integración plena en la Iglesia Católica para adultos, que necesitan recibir uno o varios de los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana (v.gr. Bautismo, Comunión, o Confirmación). Por favor llame al 908-454-0112 x406 para más información.

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