

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.)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † AUGUST 23, 2026

YOU ARE
THE CHRIST,
THE SON
OF THE
LIVING GOD.

Matthew 16:16



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 8/23/26

Monday 8/24/26 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel

Tuesday 8/25/26 9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
7pm Spanish Mass followed by the Spanish
Charismatic Group in the Church
7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena
in the Chapel

Wednesday 8/26/26 10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room
4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel

Thursday 8/27/26 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel

Friday 8/28/26 7pm Spanish Bible Course in PMR

Saturday 8/29/26 8:30am - Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage in the
Church
9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall
10am Confessions in the Church
10:30am Legion of Mary Curia in Mercy Hall
3:15pm Confessions in the Church

Sunday 8/30/26 After the 1pm Mass the Guadalupe Food Sale in front
of the Church
6:30pm Prayer Service for Overdose Victims in the
Church

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Peter's whole life is a symbol of the church in itself. Peter was to encounter Jesus with the persuasion of his brother Andrew. He was to make known the revelation which has been given from above, that Jesus was the Christ. He was to get himself in a difficult and opposing position with Jesus on account of being very earthly in heart and mind. He was given the commission to lead the group of the apostles and gets his name and meaning of life changed by Jesus. Peter was set to betray Jesus and was to weep and repent later on to be encouraged by Jesus to tend His sheep.

We as one people of God held that Peter's (and other Apostles) authority was passed down to his successors. The complimenting passage in the First Reading (Isaiah 22:19-23) reminds us that this Office of Peter is one of service and stewardship, comes with great responsibility to lead like Jesus and care like Jesus. In the Gospel Jesus entrusts the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church to the care of Peter to lead it in the Holy Name of Jesus.

Peter's confession gets him the awards of the keys of the Kingdom. The keys of the kingdom are faith, hope and love. Jesus telling Peter and other apostles "I will give you faith to build the church, I will also give you hope to look for the new heaven and a new earth. I will also teach you how to love like me, so that together we will build the Kingdom of God". All baptized Christians share the ownership of the keys with Peter that we show the world how strong our faith is, how strong our hope is in expecting the world emerging from the Love of God in our own personal ways and hold high respect the ways that other religious show the same sentiments.

Let us reflect on the words of the Catechism 552 "Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Christ, the "living Stone", thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death.

Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the unshakable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it."

Pride in Our Priests Banquet:

Our Knights of Columbus Metuchen Chapter is continuing its tradition of generosity towards our priests. As they have in the past, the Knights are inviting all the priests of our diocese to join them at their **"Pride in Our Priests" Banquet** on Tuesday, September 15th, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at The Grand Marquis, 1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

The Stanley Rother Story:

The National theatrical release of the documentary 'American Martyr' - The Stanley Rother Story, being released on August 25th and in Spanish on August 27th.

Missionary Priest will be visiting us:

This weekend, **August 22-23**, we are blessed to welcome **Fr. Michael Tigga** from the **Diocese of Dinajpur, Bangladesh**, who will preach at all Masses on behalf of **Bishop Sebastian Tudu, D.D.**, as part of the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan.

NJ Bishops' Mass for Life & NJ March for Life

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.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

PCL Formation Days (Sept. 1 & Oct. 8), the **Hispanic Heritage Mass** (Sept. 18), **OCIA Formation Days** (Sept. 26, Nov. 14, & 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 23rd – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mixnor Berluche by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche

11:00am – Patricia A. Flynn by Family

1:00pm – (SP) – Iliberto Vasquez-Calderon by Anamaria Brenes Mongei

5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, August 24th – St. Bartholomew, Apostle

6:45am – Thomas B. Smith Sr. by Wife

12:10pm – Frank B. Pologruto by Rose Bladies

TUESDAY, August 25th - St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

6:45am – Patricia Flynn by Mary Lily

12:10pm – Peggy Pellegrino by Priessnitz Family

7pm – (SP) – *Sp. Int. for Junny Borja by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

6:45am – Patricia Lynch by Joan McCaffrey

12:10pm – Janelle M. Ajhar & Grace Ajhar by Rose Bladies

THURSDAY, August 27th – St. Monica

6:45am – Mickelange Gilet by Art & Pat Verdon

12:10pm – Jacinta Saporito by Rick & Denise Elliott

FRIDAY, August 28th – St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:45am – Charles Young Sr. by Nancy, Charlie, & Judy

12:10pm – Epifanio E. Cuvo by Marianne & Charles Decker

SATURDAY, August 29th – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8am – *Sp. Int. for Brenda Tiger-Pritchard by De & Matt Paige

4:30pm – Ann Quinn by Jerry Quinn

SUNDAY, August 30th – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – For the People

11:00am – Arthur, Ann Jiorle, & Son Arthur by Dave Jiorle

1:00pm – (SP) Jorge Espejo by Velasques-Espejo Family

5:30pm – Mary Jabbour by Dee & Bob Ellwood

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



August 29th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Michael Boylan
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Minister	Ed Socci
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw

August 30th

9am	Acolyte	Adam Sretenovic
	Lector	Rachel Lazier
	Minister	Paul Juliano
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	Chiezimuzo Odemma
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Pat James
	Minister	Eileen Catalli
	Server	Chimbuzo Odemma
	Server	-
1pm	Acolyte	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Lector	Anyelina Rodríguez
	Lector	Giovanni Lam
	Minister	Frank Anthony
	Annoncements	Martha Monroy
	Server	-
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Lucas Blanes
	Lector	-
	Server	Leah Blanes
	Server	Noah Blanes

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,392.25
Total Received:	\$46,952.25
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,607.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	62.04%
Percent of Goal Received:	60.20%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$264.44

Stewardship

August 16 th	\$6,582.33
Online Giving:	<u>2,127.00</u>
	\$8,709.83

The Assumption:	\$1,823.00
Various Collections:	\$969.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**26-27 SPSJ ONLINE
REGISTRATION FOR THE
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
IS OPEN Visit:
<https://www.spsj.org/ccd>**

Is God calling you to do more? Become a Catechist or volunteer to help in the SPSJ Faith Formation Program! Call the Church Office at 908-454-0112 x406

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, & Pam McMichael.

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.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, & MARRIAGE

Join us on August 29th, after the 8 am mass for prayers for life, liberty & marriage. We will be praying in thanksgiving for those who are caught in addictions & alcoholism.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Deliver meals to Homebound Seniors
Call Warren County Division of
Aging & Disability Services at
908-475-6591

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: 8/23 Kelly Perna, 8/30 Anne Coyle, & 9/6 Ed Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 8/23 Deacon Francisco, 8/30 Gladys Jauridez, & 9/6 William Casey

Phillipsburg Care Center: 8/23 & 8/30 Beth Dispoto and 9/16 Lisa Spanopolous

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



All are welcomed to come together for a Holy Hour on September 4th (First Friday) at 6:00pm in the Church.



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!

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES BY OVERDOSE

There will be a Prayer Service for those who lost loved ones through Overdose, on Sunday, August 30th, at 6:30 pm in the Church. Our hearts are broken as we remember our loved ones. Bring a picture of your loved one to reflect & remember them.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

August 23rd - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 24, Mon - Feast of Saint Bartholomew,
Apostle**

*August 25, Tue - Optional Memorial of Saint Louis,
Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

August 27, Thu - Memorial of Saint Monica

**August 28, Fri - Memorial of Saint Augustine,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**August 29, Sat - Memorial of the Passion of Saint
John the Baptist**

Pope Leo Accepts the Liberty Medal of The National Constitution Center (USA)

Dear friends,

I am honored to accept the Liberty Medal of the National Constitution Center in this year that marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. On the eve of this momentous occasion, I offer a warm greeting to all those assembled at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. As a son of this great country, founded by courageous men and women who dreamed of liberty and of a better life for themselves and for their children, I join you in asking God's blessings upon America's future, that the lofty ideals enshrined at the beginning of the Declaration of Independence may continue to guide the flourishing of the nation in unity, justice and peace.

In these past two-hundred and fifty years, for so many peoples throughout the world, it was the firm resolve to achieve the noble vision of the nation's founders that made America a byword for freedom, as the country opened its doors to successive waves of immigrants, enabling them and their children to play their part in shaping the future of the nation. It was this same love of freedom that inspired the United States, in the darkest hours of the last century, at the time of the two world wars, to look beyond itself and, at great sacrifice, to champion the cause of freedom beyond its own borders.

As every American knows, however, the path to building a society that would embody those high ideals of liberty and justice for all was not always easy and, in many respects, is still a work in progress. Indeed, the effort to realize this vision is one that must be taken up anew in each generation and in the face of ever new challenges.

Today, as we look to the future, this historic anniversary presents us with the opportunity to reflect once again on the nation's founding principles in the hope that America will remain ever true to the dream that has earned it the title of land of the free and home of the brave.

The forbearers of this country, men and women of diverse backgrounds, religions and languages, were able to find that common ground and the strength necessary to pursue a better future. The principles that inspired America's founders, rooted as they are in the truth of the human person, brought them together in a single cause, a common dream. Unity lent strength to that dream, giving rise, under God, to the United States of America. E pluribus unum — out of many, one. In order for a nation to flourish, it must be truly united; united not by goals bound to momentary endeavors, but by ideals that do not fade with the passing of time. May the principles we have reflected upon today - a shared human dignity, equality and the rights laid out in the Declaration of Independence - ever be a source of such unity and a guiding light for the present moment and for the years to come.

In accepting this award, I therefore pray that this, the 250th anniversary of the founding of this great nation, may be the occasion of a solemn recommitment to these ideals that have made America a country that values peace and prosperity, a country characterized by generosity and nobility of heart. I commend all of you, as well as the future of the Nation, to the One who is himself the source of true freedom and lasting peace, the One whose very name is Peace. May God bless America! Thank you!

COLUMBIETTES SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



The Warren Columbiettes #474 will start collecting school supplies for the children of our community. 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

Building Authentic Relationships in a Digital World

"Love one another as I have loved you." — John 15:12

During the past three weeks, we have reflected on the God-given dignity of every human person, the importance of living in the truth, and the need to seek wisdom in our use of technology. This week, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that while technology can help us communicate, **it can never replace authentic human relationships**. We were created not only to think and work but also to love, to be loved, and to live in communion with one another.

In *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV teaches that **human beings are made for relationships that are rooted in love, truth, and self-giving. Technology should strengthen these relationships, never weaken or replace them**. The Holy Father also reminds us that **no technological advancement can substitute for the presence, compassion, and love that one person offers another**. These words speak directly to the world in which we live. We are more connected than ever through text messages, emails, video calls, and social media. Yet many people admit that they have never felt more lonely. It is possible to have hundreds of online friends and still feel isolated. Technology connects devices; **love connects hearts**.

Jesus understood the importance of personal relationships. Throughout the Gospels, He spent time with people. He walked with His disciples, shared meals with them, visited families, comforted the grieving, healed the sick, and listened to those who came to Him. He did not simply send messages from a distance. He was present. His presence brought hope, healing, and peace.

As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate His example. Healthy relationships begin at home. Husbands and wives strengthen their marriage by praying together, listening to one another, and spending quality time together without distractions. Parents build lasting relationships with their children by talking with them, encouraging them, and giving them their full attention. Grandparents pass on the faith not only by their words but also by their example of prayer, kindness, and perseverance.

Our parish family also depends on authentic relationships. A smile before Mass, a warm welcome to a visitor, a phone call to someone who has been ill, or a visit to a homebound parishioner can make an enormous difference. These simple acts of love remind people that they belong to the Body of Christ. This is especially true for those involved in parish ministry. Lectors proclaim God's Word not merely by reading well but by witnessing to Christ in their daily lives. Eucharistic Ministers do much more than distribute Holy Communion. When they visit the sick, the homebound, or residents of nursing homes, they bring not only the Eucharist but also the loving presence of Christ and the concern of the parish community. Technology itself is not the problem. It becomes a problem only when it begins to replace the relationships God intends us to have. No machine or artificial intelligence could ever replace the comfort of a compassionate visitor holding the hand of someone who feels forgotten.

Questions for Reflection

- Do I give my family and friends my full attention, or am I often distracted by technology?
- Is my relationship with Jesus growing through daily prayer and the sacraments?
- Is there someone in my parish or neighborhood who could benefit from a visit, a phone call, or a word of encouragement?
- How can I use technology to strengthen relationships instead of replacing them?

Stay tuned for the next Article "Building a World of Justice and Peace"

Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheers

Deacon Enock

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following date: **Sept. 17th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The September topic is TBD

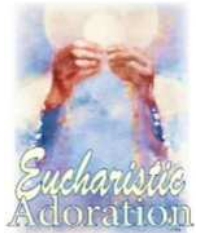
OUR MISSION: To build our *Knowledge* of the Faith; to help us *Explain* the Faith; & to encourage us to *Share* the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE IN PHILADELPHIA

The pilgrimage is on Friday, November 6th from 7am to 5:30pm, departing from 137 Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, with a stop at the Reading Terminal Market for lunch & shopping. The cost is \$60/person; optional tour cost are: Basilica Shrine & Rosary Walk \$15 and Marian Art Museum \$12, please write out a separate check for each tour.

For more information contact Camille Bates at 908-319-2719.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

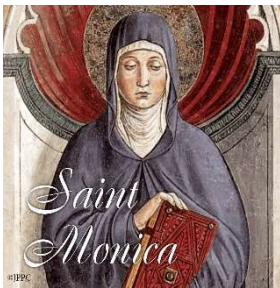


...also, we need adorers for **Mondays 10am, Tuesdays 10am & 4pm; Wednesdays 8am & 7pm; Thursdays 10am, Noon & 6pm; and Fridays 11am & 2pm.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719**.

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 31st

Overdose Awareness Day is Monday, August 31st. There will be a Holy Hour in the Chapel from 5-6 pm to pray for those trapped in Addictions.

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 in 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).

We recently graciously donated in solidarity to the people of Venezuela & the Philippines following the earthquakes they experienced. This week, a powerful earthquake in Colombia has prompted us once again to invite members of our parish to show solidarity with those affected through prayer and financial support. CRS is working with Caritas Colombia to provide an on-the-ground response.

For more information, please visit www.crs.org

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!!!"

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

21º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

La vida entera de Pedro es, en sí misma, un símbolo de la Iglesia. Pedro llegó a conocer a Jesús gracias a la persuasión de su hermano Andrés. Proclamó la revelación recibida de lo alto: que Jesús era el Cristo. Se vio envuelto en una situación difícil y de oposición frente a Jesús debido a su mentalidad y corazón profundamente terrenales. Recibió el encargo de liderar al grupo de los apóstoles, y Jesús transformó tanto su nombre como el sentido de su vida. Pedro llegó a traicionar a Jesús, pero más tarde lloró y se arrepintió, recibiendo entonces el aliento de Jesús para apacentar a Sus ovejas.

Como un solo pueblo de Dios, sosteníamos que la autoridad de Pedro (y de los demás apóstoles) se transmitió a sus sucesores. El pasaje complementario de la Primera Lectura (Isaías 22, 19-23) nos recuerda que este oficio de Pedro es de servicio y administración, y conlleva la gran responsabilidad de guiar y cuidar como lo hizo Jesús. En el Evangelio, Jesús confía la Iglesia —una, santa, católica y apostólica— al cuidado de Pedro, para que la guíe en el santo nombre de Jesús.

La confesión de Pedro le hace merecedor de las llaves del Reino. Estas llaves son la fe, la esperanza y el amor. Jesús dice a Pedro y a los demás apóstoles: «Les daré fe para edificar la Iglesia; también les daré esperanza para aguardar el cielo nuevo y la tierra nueva. Asimismo, les enseñaré a amar como yo amo, para que juntos construyamos el Reino de Dios». Todos los cristianos bautizados compartimos con Pedro la posesión de estas llaves: mostramos al mundo la fortaleza de nuestra fe y de nuestra esperanza al aguardar un mundo nacido del amor de Dios —cada uno a su manera—, al tiempo que respetamos profundamente la forma en que los fieles de otras religiones expresan esos mismos sentimientos.

Reflexionemos sobre las palabras del Catecismo, n.º 552: «Simón Pedro ocupa el primer lugar en el colegio de los Doce; Jesús le confió una misión única. Gracias a una revelación del Padre, Pedro había confesado: "Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo". Entonces, nuestro Señor le declaró: "Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y las puertas del Hades no prevalecerán contra ella". Cristo, la "Piedra viva", asegura así a su Iglesia, edificada sobre Pedro, la victoria sobre los poderes de la muerte. En virtud de la fe que confesó, Pedro seguirá siendo la roca inquebrantable de la Iglesia. Su misión consistirá en preservar esta fe de toda caída y en fortalecer a sus hermanos en ella».

Banquete «Orgullo por nuestros sacerdotes»:

El Capítulo de Metuchen de los Caballeros de Colón continúa con su tradición de generosidad hacia nuestros sacerdotes. Al igual que en ocasiones anteriores, los Caballeros invitan a todos los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis a acompañarlos en el banquete «Orgullo por nuestros sacerdotes», que se celebrará el martes 15 de septiembre, de 6:00 pm a 10:00 pm, en The Grand Marquis (1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ 08857).

La historia de Stanley Rother:

Estreno nacional en cines del documental “American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story”, que se estrenará el 25 de agosto y en español, el 27 de agosto.

Nos visitará un sacerdote misionero:

Este fin de semana, 22 y 23 de agosto, tenemos la bendición de recibir al P. Michael Tigga, de la Diócesis de Dinajpur (Bangladesh), quien predicará en todas las Misas en representación del Obispo Sebastian Tudu, D.D., como parte del Plan Anual de Cooperación Misionera.

Misa por la Vida de los Obispos de NJ y Marcha por la Vida de NJ

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.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

La **Misa de la Herencia Hispana** (18 de septiembre) y la **XI Conferencia Nacional para Músicos Hispanos** (25 y 26 de septiembre).

P. Antony

INFORMACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE DE ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES



**LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL
PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN
EN LA FE DE SPSJ 26-27
HA COMENZADO
EL ENLACE ES:**

<https://www.spsj.org/ccd>

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Sra. Escarlen Duran (Directora de Catequesis Parroquial)

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Para obtener más información, visite: www.crs.org/es

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