

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

Fr. Antony Arockiadoss Pastor

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Fr. Joseph Ban Thien Ho Parochial Vicar ext. 402

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(Closed for lunch) 1 pm - 5 pm

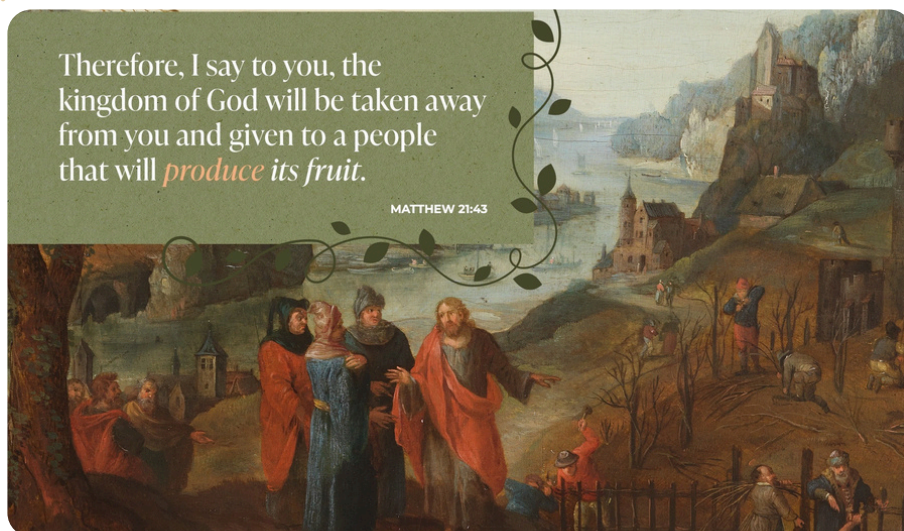
Tues. - Thurs. 9 am-12:30 pm

(Closed for lunch) 1 pm - 4 pm,

& **Friday** 9 am-1 pm

(Asistencia en español durante horas de atencion.)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † OCTOBER 4, 2026



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	10/04/26	10am OCIA in the Conference Room 2pm Life Chain in front of the Church 2:30pm Intercessory Cenacle in PMR
Monday	10/05/26	6pm Knight of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	10/06/26	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4:30pm Faith Formation Mass (CCD) at SSPJ School 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel 7pm Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group in the Church
Wednesday	10/07/26	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 1pm Over 50s Club in Mercy Hall 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	10/08/26	7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	10/09/26	9am-5pm Rummage Sale in Mercy Hall
Saturday	10/10/26	8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in the Church 8am-3pm Rummage Sale 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen in Mercy Hall 10am Confessions in the Church 3:15pm Confessions in the Church
Sunday	10/11/26	2pm Spanish Couples Retreat in Mercy Hall 2pm Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection: The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, "The Church is a cultivated field, as tillage of God. On that land, the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing" (CCC 755).

As God asks the fortunate countries in the first reading, "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?" The Gospel today reminds us of our responsibility in watching over the vineyard of the Lord. As God has blessed us and our country, our gratitude must be shown in producing good grapes and welcoming the Son and His words. Our gratitude is expected in giving to God what belongs to God. We are indeed blessed!

Talking about our responsibility in watching over the vineyard of the Lord, Pope Francis had been preparing a the new document Laudate Deum - Praise God and it is expected to be published on October 4th. The new document, he had said, is "a look at what has happened" since 2015 and a look at what still "needs to be done."

BEWARE OF "PASTOR TO PARISHIONER"

E-MAIL SCAMS! Please beware of the phony emails supposedly from a priest of a parish, asking for gift cards. The scammer will create an-email address using the priest's name, so it will look credible. Two things that should identify a scam:

1. The scammer will only communicate to you through e-mail and will have a reason they can't speak to you (of course they can't. You'd know it's not Father's voice).
2. Scams won't ask for cash. They almost always are going to ask you to buy gift cards. They will ask you to scratch off the security tape on the back, and either send them a photo of the card's account and PIN numbers or send the numbers in an-email.

Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress from October 3 to 9, 2026. This event is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. As in the past, we have tried to have a parish in each Deanery serve as host to give every parish at least one location close by. The ERC is a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sincere Thanks to all the volunteers who hosted the Healing Mass:

Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers especially the Hispanic Prayer Group and Choir for all the organizing and food in Mercy Hall. We thank the Respect for Life ministry also and all other volunteers who were involved in hosting the Healing Mass.

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, and the NJ Rally and March for Life will begin at 11am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral. A bus will be departing from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center at 7:15am. Space is limited! To register visit: <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>

Priests Convocation (October 13-15)

The priests of the Diocese of Metuchen will be gathering for Convocation along with our Bishop Elect for three days to pray and reflect. Please remember to pray for all the priests.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:

OCIA Formation Days (Nov. 14 and Jan 23), the **NJ Bishops' Mass for Life** (Oct. 8), **PCL Formation Day** (Oct. 8), **Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration** (Oct. 18), **Blue Mass** (Oct. 21), the **Feminine Genius Brunch** (Oct. 24), and the **Multicultural Mass & Fair** (Nov. 7). Also included is information regarding the **Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Classes**, **National Black Catholic History Month** (Nov.) and the **Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress**.

Fr. Antony

Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, October 4th –TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Carl Ganz Sr. by Family
 11:00am – Nancy Zellner by Dave Jiorle
 1:00pm – (SP) – Estebana Magaña by Rubeina Magaña
 5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, October 5th – *St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

6:45am – Preston Davey by Jessica Roman
 12:10pm – Michael Wattleby by Bev Early

TUESDAY, October 6th – *St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

6:45am – Saturnino Castro Quispe by Jessica Roman
 12:10pm – Toni Paranee (A) by Vance Opdyke

WEDNESDAY, October 7th – *Our Lady of the Rosary*

6:45am – Dennis C. Reddick by Hoffman Family
 12:10pm – Theresa & Peter Schiro by Rose Bladies

THURSDAY, October 8th

6:45am – Benjamin Patti by Val Patti
 12:10pm – Alice Maurer by Family

FRIDAY, October 9th – *St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest*

6:45am – Joseph Petchonka, Sr. (A) by Children
 12:10pm – James Amos by Val Patti

SATURDAY, October 10th

8am – Fermina Rossini by Ron Rossini
 4:30pm – James & Clara McDonald by James & Brenda McDonald

SUNDAY, October 11th –TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Enzo Marinelli (A) by Lisa Marinelli
 11:00am – Deceased Members of Court Warren by Catholic Daughters
 1:00pm – (SP) – María Olimpia Rojas by Family
 5:30pm – For the People

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



October 10th

4:30pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Ron Rossini
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	Erin Case
	Server	Olivia Grimshaw

October 11th

9am	Acolyte	Jack Perna
	Lector	Milagros Dionisio
	Minister	Anne Coyle
	Minister	Kelly Perna
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Server	Laney Minutaglio
	Server	-
1pm	Acolyte	Kaley Bustamante
	Lector	Jaime Rocha
	Lector	María Cristina Rossenouff
	Minister	Francisco Jauridez
	Announcements	Ramon Hernández
	Server	Ayeisha Jauridez
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Lucas Blanes
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Leah Blanes

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal:	\$78,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$48,602.25
Total Received:	\$47,983.50
Over/under Goal:	(\$29,397.75)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	62.31%
Percent of Goal Received:	61.52%
Avg. Gift Amt.:	\$262.71

Stewardship

	Sept. 27th
Weekly Offering:	\$8,230.20
Online Giving:	<u>1,302.70</u>
	\$9,532.90
Various Collections:	\$435.00

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



**26-27 SPSJ ONLINE
REGISTRATION FOR THE
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
IS OPEN Visit:**

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

Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 4:30pm

**Faith Formation Classes at SSPJ School
137 Roseberry St.**

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, William Archer, & Ronald Browe.

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.

OVER 50s CLUB

The next Over 50's meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 1pm in Mercy Hall. New members are welcome. The officers meeting will be held at 12pm. Hope to see everyone there.

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: 10/4 Ron Rossini, 10/11 Anne Coyle, & 10/18 Bettina Socci

Brakeley Nursing Home: 10/4 Melody Talpas, 10/11 Eileen Dean, & 10/18 William Casey/Milagros Dionisio

Phillipsburg Care Center: 10/4 Beth Dispoto, 10/11 Lisa García, & 10/18 Lisa Spanopolous

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



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



Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen's current needs are Ziploc style gallon storage bags. Please not the **SLIDER** type. We also could use the **FLAP** style sandwich bags. We now have a registry on Amazon as well. We are listed as: SPSJ Soup Kitchen. We want to thank all of you for everything you do for us. Thus far this calendar year we have feed 5308 people in our community. We are able to do this because of your continued support. It can be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in MH. Thank you!

PCHS CLASS OF 1976

...is planning a 50th class reunion on Nov. 21, 2026 at Harkers Hollow Golf Club. Our goal is to reach out to all of our classmates, but we need your help! Please share this information if you know the whereabouts of anyone from the class. Contact Eileen Kearns Hiller at ehiller419@gmail.com with an email address.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

October 4th - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska, Bl. Seelos

October 6, Tue - Optional Memorial of St. Bruno, Bl. Durocher

October 7, Wed - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

October 9, Fri - Optional Memorial of St. Denis & Co, St. John Leonardi

POPE LEO XIV TO THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY CONFERENCE ON THE OPENING OF THE 800th OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (January 7, 2026)

"Our sister death," exclaimed Saint Francis on October 3, 1226, at the Porziuncola, as he went to meet her like a man finally at peace. Eight centuries have passed since the death of the Poor Man of Assisi, who inscribed the word of Christ's salvation indelibly in the hearts of the people of his time.

In commemorating the significant occasion of the Eighth Centenary of his passing, I wish to spiritually unite myself with the entire Franciscan Family and with all those who will participate in the commemorative events, hoping that the message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today.

At the beginning of his evangelical life, he had heard a call: "The Lord revealed to me that we should say this greeting: 'The Lord give you peace'" [1]. With these essential words, he entrusts to his friars and to every believer the inner wonder that the Gospel had brought into his life: peace is the sum of all God's blessings, a gift that comes from above. What an illusion it would be to think of building it with human strength alone! And yet it is an active gift, to be received and lived every day [2].

It is the same greeting that the risen Lord addressed to his disciples on Easter evening, frightened and locked in the Upper Room: "Peace be with you" [3]. It is not a formula of courtesy, but the certain announcement of Christ's victory over death. Like the voice of the Angels on Christmas night – "Glory to God in the highest heavens, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" [4] – so the peace that the Seraphic Father announces is the peace that

Christ himself made resound between heaven and earth. In this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.

The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to relations between human beings but embraces the entire creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister," who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must extend to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and groans under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among men, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Come join us for the National Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in front of St. Philip & St. James Church. We will be standing side-by-side praying for pregnant mothers, their babies & holding signs of babies that say, "Choose Life." It is a time of quiet prayer & it is very safe. Please join us!

HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE

Monday, December 7th, Christmas at the Playhouse Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Clinton, at 11am with table-served Entree, desserts & beverages - \$92 group rate (price correction).

Contact Camille for reservations [908-319-2719](tel:908-319-2719)

NJ MARCH FOR LIFE

On Thursday, October 8th, we will be marching in Trenton for the Second Annual NJ March for Life. There will be a bus leaving from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale at 7:45 am for a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton at 9:30 am, followed by the Rally for Life in front of the State House in Trenton, & the March around the streets of Trenton. It is very safe & there are police on every corner. If you are interested, please contact Bill Smith at [908-797-7359](tel:908-797-7359).

DEACON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners:

Today's Gospel can feel heavy, but its message is actually very direct: **God trusts us with His gifts, and He wants us to use them well.**

Jesus describes a vineyard that is already complete — fence, winepress, tower.

Everything is ready before the workers even arrive. This is a reminder that God gives us a life already filled with blessings: our families, our parish, our talents, our opportunities to love. We don't create the vineyard. We simply receive it.

Then the tenants begin to act like the vineyard belongs to them. They forget the landowner. They forget gratitude. They forget responsibility. This is the danger Jesus is warning us about: when we treat God's gifts as if they are ours alone, our hearts close. We stop listening. We stop serving. We stop bearing fruit.

The landowner sends his son, hoping the tenants will respect him. But they reject him too. Jesus is speaking about Himself — but also about us. Whenever we resist God's call, avoid conversion, or cling to comfort instead of mission, we repeat the tenants' mistake. We push the Son aside.

Jesus ends with hope:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Even when we fail, God can build something new. The Kingdom will bear fruit — but we must choose to be part of that fruitfulness.

This Gospel asks us to reflect honestly:

- Where have I treated God's blessings as possessions?
(My time, my abilities, my relationships.)
- Where is Jesus inviting me to grow, and I've been resisting?
(A conversation, a forgiveness, a step in faith.)
- What fruit is God asking of me right now?
(Patience, generosity, courage, compassion.)

The vineyard is a gift.

The Son is an invitation.

The cornerstone is a new beginning.

May we be tenants who welcome Christ, honor the Father, and bear fruit that blesses others.

May God always be pleased with us,
Deacon Rob

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Famous Sausage Sandwich Sale will be Curbside - 11am-6pm on Saturday, October 17th at SSPJ School: [137 Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, NJ](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITY – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

St. Philip and St. James Church is seeking a reliable and organized Administrative Assistant to support the daily administrative needs of the parish office at 430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ.

Qualifications:

- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Computer literate and comfortable using basic office software
- Organized, dependable, and able to work independently
- Professional and courteous when working with parishioners and visitors
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle parish information appropriately

Interested candidates: Please call 908-454-0112 to schedule an interview. We look forward to hearing from you!

Could you not watch one hour with me?"

We urgently need Adorers for Mondays at 9am.



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

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 is: 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.

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



...discussion Group meetings will be on the following date: **Oct. 15th at 6:00pm** in Mercy Hall. Light Refreshments will be served! The October topic is Virtues vs. Vices with Deacon Francisco as the presenter. **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.**

Can you help clean our church?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: **CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY**

Over the years, St. Philip and St. James Parish has been blessed with a wonderful, dedicated, and generous group of parishioners who faithfully volunteered their time to keep our church clean and beautiful. We would like to revive our Church Cleaning Ministry and invite parishioners who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to help care for our church. If you are interested in volunteering for the greater glory of God and the care of His house, please contact Deacon Enock at 908-310-8990. Thank you for considering this important ministry. May God bless you for your generosity and service to our parish!

GROUND MAINTENANCE HELP

**HELP
WANTED**

We are in the process of interviewing for a ground's maintenance person. The person will be responsible for the mowing and weed whacking of the lawn at the rectory and back parking lot,

assisting at the cemeteries and school. This will also include the removal of snow and ice and salting during the winter months. Knowledge of maintenance of equipment is a plus. If you are interested in this job, please call the church office at 908-454-0112.

Diocesan News ——— † † † **LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS SUPPORT GROUP**

From Oct. 10 – Feb. 6 this small group will provide support for adult children of separation or divorce, exploring themes of grieving, identity, faith, love, forgiveness, and more. Two in-person sessions and the rest are virtual.

For more information, please visit:

<https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce>

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~
OCTOBER 30, 2026**

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need, and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. ***Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!*** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at **www.diometuchen.org/champions** and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and Good luck!



TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress for the second consecutive year this October 3-9, 2026. This event is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. Hosted in a parish or diocese, it is a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For the full schedule of locations in our Diocese, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/traveling-eucharistic-rosary-congress>. Learn more about the Congress at <https://rosarycongressusa.org/>.

SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th or 50+ wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this special prayer service. *Registration is required by October 12.* The event is free, though in the past jubilarian couples have given a free-will donation in support of the Office of Family Life.

For more information, please visit:

<https://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY **27º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña: «La Iglesia es un campo cultivado, labranza de Dios. En ese campo crece el antiguo olivo cuyas santas raíces fueron los profetas y en el cual se ha realizado y se realizará de nuevo la reconciliación de judíos y gentiles. Ese campo, como viña escogida, ha sido plantado por el Cultivador celestial. Sin embargo, la verdadera vid es Cristo, quien da vida y fecundidad a los sarmientos —es decir, a nosotros—, que por medio de la Iglesia permanecemos en Cristo, sin el cual nada podemos hacer» (CIC 755).

Tal como Dios pregunta a las naciones afortunadas en la primera lectura: «¿Qué más se podía hacer por mi viña que yo no hubiera hecho?», el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad de cuidar la viña del Señor. Puesto que Dios nos ha bendecido a nosotros y a nuestro país, debemos expresar nuestra gratitud produciendo buenos frutos y acogiendo al Hijo y sus palabras. Se espera que demostremos nuestra gratitud dando a Dios lo que es de Dios. ¡Ciertamente somos bendecidos!

Al hablar de nuestra responsabilidad de cuidar la viña del Señor, el Papa Francisco ha estado preparando un nuevo documento, **Laudate Deum** («Alabad a Dios»), cuya publicación está prevista para el 4 de octubre. Según ha señalado, este nuevo documento supone «una mirada a lo que ha sucedido» desde 2015 y a lo que aún «queda por hacer».

¡CUIDADO CON LAS ESTAFAS POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO QUE PRETENDEN VENIR DEL PÁRROCO!

Por favor, tenga cuidado con los correos electrónicos falsos que supuestamente provienen de un sacerdote de la parroquia y solicitan tarjetas de regalo. El estafador crea una dirección de correo electrónico utilizando el nombre del sacerdote para que parezca auténtica. Hay dos señales que permiten identificar esta estafa:

1. El estafador se comunicará con usted únicamente por correo electrónico y alegará algún motivo para no poder hablar personalmente (naturalmente, no pueden hacerlo, ya que usted reconocería que no es la voz del sacerdote).
2. En estas estafas no se pide dinero en efectivo. Casi siempre le pedirán que compre tarjetas de regalo. Le solicitarán que raspe la banda de seguridad en el reverso y que les envíe una foto de los números de cuenta y el PIN de la tarjeta, o bien que les facilite dichos números por correo electrónico.

Congreso Viajero del Rosario Eucarístico

La Diócesis de Metuchen organizará un Congreso Viajero del Rosario Eucarístico del 3 al 9 de octubre de 2026. Este evento consiste en siete días y noches de adoración eucarística continua, durante los cuales se reza el Santo Rosario en voz alta al inicio de cada hora, día y noche, sin interrupción. Al igual que en ocasiones anteriores, hemos procurado que una parroquia de cada decanato actúe como sede anfitriona, para así ofrecer a todas las parroquias al menos una ubicación cercana. El Congreso del Rosario Eucarístico es un acto sostenido de oración comunitaria ante Nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento, ofrecido por la conversión de los pecadores, la consagración de nuestra nación y el triunfo del Inmaculado Corazón de María.

Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a todos los voluntarios que hicieron posible la Misa de Sanación:

Expresamos nuestro sincero agradecimiento a todos los voluntarios, especialmente al Grupo de Oración Hispano y al coro, por toda la organización y la comida en Mercy Hall. Agradecemos también al ministerio de Respeto a la Vida y a todos los demás voluntarios que participaron en la realización de la Misa de Sanación.

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. Un autobús saldrá del Centro Pastoral St. John Neumann a las 7:15am. ¡El cupo es limitado!

Para inscribirse, visite:

<https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>

Convocatoria de sacerdotes (13-15 de octubre)

Los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Metuchen se reunirán durante tres días para una convocatoria junto a nuestro obispo electo, con el fin de orar y reflexionar. Por favor, recuerden orar por todos los sacerdotes.

Programas Diocesanos en el futuro cercano:

Misa y Feria Multicultural (7 de noviembre).

P. Antony

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SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS: MINISTERIO DE LIMPIEZA DE LA IGLESIA

A lo largo de los años, nuestra parroquia de St. Philip y St. James ha sido bendecida con un maravilloso grupo de feligreses dedicados, generosos y comprometidos, que han ofrecido fielmente su tiempo para mantener nuestra iglesia limpia y hermosa. Nos gustaría reactivar el Ministerio de Limpieza de la Iglesia e invitamos a los feligreses que estén dispuestos a ofrecer su tiempo y sus talentos para ayudar a cuidar nuestra iglesia. Si está interesado en ser voluntario para la mayor gloria de Dios y el cuidado de Su casa, por favor comuníquese con el Diácono Enock al 908-310-8990. Gracias por considerar este importante ministerio! Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad y servicio a nuestra parroquia.

CONVIÉRTASE EN UN CAMPEÓN DE CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

50/50 RIFA ~ 30 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026

Es posible que nunca conozcamos a los destinatarios de nuestras Obras de Misericordia o el impacto que nuestro aporte financiero tuvo en sus vidas. Piense en la familia que recibió ayuda de Caridades Católicas durante un período de desempleo y ahora está en el camino hacia la autosuficiencia o, la persona cuya lucha con las adicciones está siendo aliviada a través de los servicios de consejería de Caridades Católicas. ¿Quién creería que convertirse en un Campeón de Caridades Católicas comprando un boleto para una rifa podría tener resultados a tan largo plazo? Cuando una comunidad responde con generosidad, eso es exactamente lo que sucede.

Al participar en nuestra rifa de Campeones 50/50, estamos ayudando a nuestros hermanos necesitados y usted podría ganar uno de los dos grandes premios. **¡A lo largo de los años, el premio para esta rifa ha alcanzado hasta \$ 40,000 para cada uno para dos afortunados ganadores!** Con su participación, esperamos tener un éxito aún mayor este año. Los boletos cuestan \$100 cada uno y se pueden comprar descargando el formulario de rifa en www.diometuchen.org/champions y enviándolo por correo con su pago o llamando al 732-562-2432.



¡Gracias y Buena suerte!

PEREGRINACIÓN AL SANTUARIO DE LA MEDALLA MILAGROSA EN FILADELFIA

La peregrinación tendrá lugar el viernes 6 de noviembre, de 7:00 am a 5:30 pm, con salida desde el 137 de Roseberry St., Phillipsburg, y una parada en el Reading Terminal Market para almorzar y hacer compras. El costo es de \$60 por persona; los costos de las visitas opcionales son: \$15 por la Basílica y el Camino del Rosario, y \$12 por el Museo de Arte Mariano (por favor, emita un cheque separado para cada visita).

"¿No pudieron velar una hora conmigo?"

Necesitamos urgentemente adoradores para los lunes a las 9:00 am.



Necesitamos adoradores los **lunes** a las **10am**, **martes** a las **10am**, **1pm** y **5pm**; y **7pm**; los **jueves** a **al mediodía** y **2pm**; y a las **11am** y **al mediodía** los **viernes**. Si estás interesado hable con el diácono Francisco.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 CH - Church CHP - Chapel CR - Conference Room (in the office) MH - Mercy Hall PMR - Parish Meeting Room SSPJ - School on Roseberry St	28	29	30	01 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	02 The Holy Guardian Angels <i>First Friday of the Month</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 6pm Adoration CH - 6pm First Friday Devotion with Holy Hour	03 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am First Saturday Devotion PMR - 9am Sp. Steering Committee MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
04 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm in English CR - 10am OCIA In front of Church - 2pm Life Chain PMR - 2:30pm Intercessory Cenacle	05 <i>St. Faustina Kowalka, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	06 <i>St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	07 Our Lady of the Rosary CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary MH - 1pm Over 50s Club Meeting CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry	08 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration In Trenton, NJ - 11am NJ March for Life CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	09 <i>St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 8am - 5pm Rummage Sale	10 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Duff Prayer Ministry MH - 8am - 3pm Rummage Sale CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
11 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CH - 11am Catholics Daughters Mass MH - 2pm Spanish Couples Retreat After the 1pm Mass - Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church	12 Church Office & Adoration Closed CH - Daily Mass 9am Only	13 CH Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	14 St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry CHP - 7:30pm - 8:30pm Men's Ministry MH - 7pm Columbiettes Meeting	15 <i>St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm - Exploring Our Faith Discussion CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	16 <i>St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 5pm Holy Hour National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr CH - Daily Mass 8am MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen MH - 10:30am Legion of Mary Curia CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass - Prayers for Conception after Mass CH - Columbiettes Bake Sale after 4:30pm Mass
18 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA MH - 10am Blues Grieving Group CH - Columbiettes Bake Sale after all Masses	19 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration MH - 6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	20 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Charismatic Group	21 <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry	22 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	23 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration	24 <i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs</i> CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 2:30pm Unborn Prayer Service CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass
25 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY CH - 9am & 11am Mass in English, 1pm Mass in Spanish, 5:30pm Mass in English CR - 10am OCIA After the 1pm Mass - Guadalupe Food Sale in front of the Church	26 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena	27 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CR - 9am Legion of Mary SSPJ - 4:30pm - 5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) CHP - 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena CH - 7pm Spanish Mass followed by Spanish Charismatic Group	28 Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CR - 10:30am Legion of Mary CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry	29 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration CHP - 7pm - Blue Army Prayer Cell	30 CH - Daily Mass 6:45am & 12:10pm CHP - 7:30am - 8pm Adoration PMR - 7pm Spanish Bible Study	31 CH - Daily Mass 8am CH - 8:30am Prayers for Life, Liberty, & Marriage MH - 9am - 12:30pm Soup Kitchen CH - 10am Confessions CH - 3:15pm Confessions CH - 4:30pm Mass

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