St. Philip & St. James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME † NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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 - 4 pm,
& **Friday** 9 am-1 pm
(Asistencia en español durante horas de antencion.)



Baptism, Marriage and OCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	**11/15/26**	10am OCIA in the Conference Room 10am OCIA in Spanish in PMR 10am Blues Grieving Group in Mercy Hall
Monday	**11/16/26**	6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in Mercy Hall 7pm Miraculous Medal Novena in the Chapel
Tuesday	**11/17/26**	9am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) at SSPJ School 6pm Making of the Giving Tree Gift Tags in Mercy Hall 7pm Cenacles of Life & St. Peregrine Novena in the Chapel 7pm Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group in the Church
Wednesday	**11/18/26**	10:30am Legion of Mary in the Conference Room 4pm St. Monica Prayer Ministry in the Chapel
Thursday	**11/19/26**	6pm Exploring our Faith Discussion in Mercy Hall 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in the Chapel
Friday	**11/20/26**	
Saturday	**11/21/26**	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 6:30pm Prayer Service for Lost Loved Ones due to Suicide or Overdose in the Church
Sunday	**11/22/26**	10am OCIA in the Conference Room 10am OCIA in Spanish in PMR

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Family!

Reflection: Saint Camillus de Lellis said, "Commitment is doing what you said you would do, after the feeling you said it in has passed." One of the things we perceive in friendship, marriage, parenting, a job or our covenant with God, all require being faithful to a commitment. They require the dedication and constancy, perseverance and sometimes courage and selflessness. Today's readings teach us about fidelity.

The Gospel through the parable of the talents continue to focus on the last four things (death, judgment, heaven and hell) as we get closer to the end of the liturgical year. Every one of us is given riches by God. To increase what has been given or bury it depends on our response to God's love who initiates the love in us. St. John Paul II said "Love is never something that is ready-made, something merely 'given' to man and woman; it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set."

God continues to shower his blessings on us so that we commit ourselves in sharing God's very life in our personal ways, though at times not that significant. God would be the judge of how we have chosen to allow this life to increase and grow in us. By burying our blessings, we bury our very selves. The First Reading uses a complimentary model of a loving, faithful wife celebrating that talent that God has given her to the full.

The Catechism teaches, "Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come. That is why, although we must be careful to distinguish earthly progress clearly from the increase of the kingdom of Christ, such progress is of vital concern to the kingdom of God, insofar as it can contribute to the better ordering of human society." (CCC 1049)

OCIA at SPSJ
These are the OCIA Candidates for this year: Marta Chun, Jessie Forson, Dominic Fresoli, Thelma Landaverry (OCIA in Spanish), Allison Monzon, Favour Obiaka, Alex Perez, Armani Perez, & John Taylor.

Please remember these people and also all the OCIA Team who teach them and journey with them.

Confirmation Dates and First Communion Dates:
Confirmation at our parish will be on Thursday, 22nd of April at 5pm. We will have the honor of hosting our Bishop for the first time for Confirmation here. I am positive we will be meeting our Bishop at our parish before that. First Communion will be on Saturday, May 1st at 11am in the church.

45th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese:
The Diocese of Metuchen was erected on November 19, 1981, by Saint Pope John Paul II. It was carved out of the territory of the Diocese of Trenton, taking four central New Jersey counties: Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren. The Mission of our Diocese is to evangelize all people, at all times, and in all places. We are to proclaim the Message of Jesus, to teach His Truth, to extend His Love to people of all ages. Let us continue to keep Our Bishop and the diocese in your prayers!

Parish Secretary and other updates:
Gladys Jauridez has been appointed as the parish secretary. She is a member of our parish and an active member of our Hispanic Community along with her husband and two children. We wish Gladys well and pray for her.

Mark Ensley will be retiring from his position as parish janitorial staff on the 20th of November. He will be replaced soon. We thank Mark for his service to our parish community both at the church and at the cemetery.

The position of a parish bookkeeper is still vacant. We are still on the lookout. During this transition, we operate with volunteers. I am grateful to Danny Corral for his support.

Diocesan Programs in the near future:
The **Rebuild My Church OCIA Formation Days** (Nov. 14 and Jan 23)**, the Virtual Marriage Mentor Program Training** (Nov. 17), **the Catholic Girl Scout Medal Workshop** (Nov. 21) **and the Hispanic Advent Retreat** (Dec. 5).

Fr. Antony



SUNDAY, November 15th – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00am – Gino & Ludevina Angelozzi by Lisa Marinelli
11:00am – Deceased Brothers of the Knights of Columbus #474
1:00pm – (SP) – *Sp. Int. for Sandy Swope by Charlie Swope
5:30pm – For the People

MONDAY, November 16th – *St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude, Virgin*
6:45am – Souls in Purgatory by Gomes-Aversa Family
12:10pm – Randall Hartdorn by Maryann Hartdorn

TUESDAY, November 17th – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
6:45am – Shirley Church by Patti Leinenbach
12:10pm – Deceased Members of the Guerreiro-Gomes Family by Gomes-Aversa Family

WEDNESDAY, November 18th – *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles*
6:45am – Michael Leinenbach by Patti Leinenbach
12:10pm – Deceased Members of the William & Nancy Huges Family by Elaine & Vance Opdyke

THURSDAY, November 19th
6:45am – Terri Leinenbach by Patti Leinenbach
12:10pm – Laura McDonald (A) by Mom, Dad, Jimmy, & Angie

FRIDAY, November 20th
6:45am – Members of the PCHS Class of 1976
12:10pm – Travis Maddock by Vance Opdyke

SATURDAY, November 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8am – Marie Rose Berntine by Juliette Bonheur
4:30pm – Joseph J. Riotto by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, November 22nd – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
9:00am – Mariann Fisher by Deacon Rob
11:00am – James Dieda by Dieda Family
1:00pm – (SP) – Gregorio García-Victoria by Family
5:30pm – For the People

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

November 21st

4:30pm	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Lisa De Gerolamo
	Minister	Margie Markus
	Minister	Tom Casey
	Server	Gino Siano
	Server	-

November 22nd

9am	Acolyte	Adam Sretenovic
	Lector	Ronald Rossini
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic
	Server	Luke Sretenovic
11am	Acolyte	Breann Pisarek
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Kevin Kassick
	Server	Laney Minutaglio
	Server	-
1pm	Acolyte	-
	Lector	Juan Lalama
	Lector	Lissette Herrera
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Announcements	Oscar Dilone
	Server	Raphael Alfaro
	Server	José Jauridez
5:30pm	Acolyte	Lucas Blanes
	Lector	Rob Anselmo
	Server	Noah Blanes
	Server	Leah Blanes

Stewardship

November 8th

The information was not available in time before print deadline.

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News



Next Faith Formation Class is Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 4:30pm 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, Steven Hille, Richard Dalrymple, Mauricio Castro, Grace Epo, Kevin Stannard, Jennie Rossetti, Terry LaBar, 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, Pam McMichael, William Archer, Ronald Browe, Jason Chan, Bruce Smith, & Mary Brogan.

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.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES BY OVERDOSE OR SUICIDE

On Saturday, November 21st, at 6pm in the Church, there will be a Prayer Service for those who lost loved ones by overdose or suicide. Our hearts are broken as we remember our loved ones. Bring a picture of your loved one to reflect & remember them. There will be a Candle-Lighting Ceremony, too.

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: 11/15 Bettina Socci, 11/22 Kelly Perna & 11/29 Anne Coyle
Brakeley Nursing Home: 11/15 Bill Casey & Kelvin Osoria, 11/22 Deacon Francisco, & 11/29 Gladys Jauridez
Phillipsburg Care Center: 11/15 Lisa Spanopolous, 11/22 Beth Dispoto, & 11/29 Lisa Garcia

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



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

SPSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Your generosity allows us to continue to feed the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen's current needs are cookies and pudding cups. 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. We are able to do this because of your continued support. Donations may be dropped off Saturday mornings from 9am-12noon in Mercy Hall. Thank you!

JOB OPPORTUNITY - BOOKKEEPER

St. Philip & St. James Church is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper to manage the day-to-day financial and accounting records for the church. Prior experience in bookkeeping, basic accounting, and knowledge of QuickBooks are required. Please submit resume to churchoffice@spsj.org.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

November 15th - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, Mon - Optional Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

November 17, Tue - Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Nov 18, Wed - Optional Memorial of the Dedication of Peter & Paul, St. Duchesne

November 21, Sat - Memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TENTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR –
Pope Leo XVI (Nov 15, 2026)
The Lord is the refuge of the poor (cf. Ps 14,6)

1. The Lord is a refuge for the poor (cf. Ps 14:6). Once again, we must return to the Word of God to reaffirm the importance of the poor in the life of the Church, they reveal the face of God and acknowledge human poverty. Indeed, at a dramatic moment in history — the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem — the people felt deprived of God's presence and experienced unprecedented material and moral misery. The poor are the first to suffer the consequences, and it is no coincidence that their numbers are growing in many societies. The absence of God no longer places people side by side in mutual respect, but places one above the other in a relationship of domination and oppression. Thus, a desecrating logic of abuse and exclusion is laid bare, one that marginalizes and humiliates.

2. Today, the poor's cry for justice is silenced, to the point of rendering voiceless their every effort to make their demands heard. The digital world exacerbates prejudice against them and reinforces the veil of indifference surrounding their plight. Taking refuge in God means finding true and lasting protection — the kind that the powerful cannot guarantee and prefer to deny. The poor, however, are more able than others to recognize what is essential, because they live on the essentials. All who are afflicted, all who suffer injustice and are wronged, all who are in suffering and pain, all who are lonely and without a sense of purpose in life can find consolation and renewed motivation in the Lord.

3. That God is their refuge is not merely a promise; it becomes a reality in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is truly God's refuge for the poor. In Jesus, God not only protects but shares in human poverty all the way to the cross. The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face. May they encounter him, first and foremost, in those who call themselves Christians. The obsession of those who accumulate wealth only for themselves is opposed by God's steadfastness which, through the witness of real people, opens hearts and welcomes all into his love.

4. In Christ, therefore, we are called to become poor and to be a refuge for the poor. The Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls. The Church, by its very nature, is called to be poor and a refuge for the poor. Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor? Are we aware of our own poverty, and do we prefer it to unjust wealth? Do we go where the poor are, experiencing their marginalization? Do we listen to their thoughts and share their hopes? Do we speak their names with divine tenderness? Does our charity reawaken and sustain in them the desire for justice and redemption? Christ's love, in fact, makes us sharers in God's life of love.

5. The eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi prompts us to recall how, upon arriving in Rome as a pilgrim to the tomb of the Apostle Peter, he was moved with compassion for the beggars. To understand and experience their suffering, he took off his own clothes and exchanged them for the ragged garments of one of them, sitting down to beg and spending the entire day among the poor with a joyful spirit (cf. Fonti Francescane, 1405–1406). Let us remain faithful to the Word of God, which calls us to a conversion of heart.

The Church Office will be closed on:

Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th



Adoration closed only on Thursday, November 26th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #474 CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards and 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets this weekend after Masses.

GIVING TREE



It is time to make the tags for our Giving Tree. We are meeting Tuesday, November 17th at 6pm in Mercy Hall. Please join us. Holiday music and snacks will be provided.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



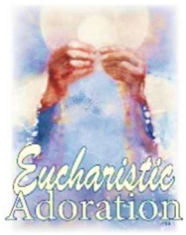
The November 19th topic is ***"When Prayers Seem To Go Unanswered"***, presented by Deacon Francisco.
The gathering is at 6:00pm in Mercy Hall.
Light Refreshments will be served!
OUR MISSION: To build our ***Knowledge*** of the Faith; to help us ***Explain*** the Faith; & to encourage us to ***Share*** the Faith!!! No membership, no dues, no obligations! **Let Us Answer Your Questions.**

SCAPULAR INVESTITURE



On July 16, 1251, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock giving him a scapular saying ***"Receive, my beloved son, this scapular. whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire….it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace."*** The Scapular Investiture will take place on Sunday, December 6th after the 11am Mass. This is facilitated by the Legion of Mary.

Could you not watch one hour with me?"



We need adorers for **Mondays: 9am, 10am & 12noon; Tuesdays: 3pm & 4pm; Wednesdays: 11am, 2pm, & 5pm; Thursdays: 11am & Noon; and Fridays: 2pm.** Call Deacon Enock at **908-310-8990** or Camille at **908-319-2719.**

DEACON'S CORNER

Used and Unused Gifts

The talent was not a coin, it was a weight; and therefore, its value depended on whether the weight involved was copper, gold or silver.

This story tells us that God gives us different gifts. One man received five gifts, another two, and another one. It is not a man's gift, which matters; what matters is how he uses it. God never demands abilities from a person that the person does not possess. He does demand that a person use the abilities the person does possess. People are not equal in abilities; but people can be equal in effort. The parable tells us that whatever gifts we have, few or many, we must use it in service to God and others.

The Gospel demonstrates a rule of life which is universally true. It tells us that a person who has more will be given more, and a person who has little will lose even what he or she has. The meaning is this, a person who has a gift and exercises it, he or she is progressively able to do more with it. If he or she has a gift and falls to exercise it, that person will inevitably lose it. If we have some proficiency at a game or an art, if we have some gift for doing something, the more we exercise that proficiency and that gift, the harder the work and the bigger the task we will be able to tackle.

Whereas, if we fail to use it, we lose it. That is equally true of playing golf or playing the piano, or singing songs or writing homilies, of carving wood or thinking out ideas. It is the lesson of life that the only way to keep a gift is to use it in the service of God and in the service of our neighbors.

† God Bless †

Deacon Larry

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Alone? Without family? Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, at 12noon for our Thanksgiving Dinner in Mercy Hall. Don't sit home by yourself, come and enjoy the day with us! For reservations, call 908-454-9880 & leave your name & phone number. Walk-ins are welcome, too.

39 PILGRIMS JOURNEY TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE IN PHILADELPHIA



Sponsored by and for the **Legion of Mary**, a group of **39 faithful pilgrims** from Sts. Philip and James and surrounding parishes embarked on a deeply spiritual journey to the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia,** seeking a day of prayer and reflection. The pilgrimage offered a powerful opportunity to step away from the noise of daily life and immerse themselves in the rich traditions of Catholic devotion. The day unfolded as a beautiful tapestry of prayer and sacramental grace, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who attended.

Enthroned Under Mary's Care - The journey began with the formal **enthronement into the Association of the Miraculous Medal**. During this special liturgical rite, the pilgrims were officially enrolled and placed under the Blessed Mother's maternal care. A deacon formally blessed each of their medals with holy water, transforming the wearable medal into a living shield of grace and protection. By participating in the enthronement, the pilgrims publicly dedicated themselves to living a Christian life modeled after Mary's perfect example.

A Walk of Reflection - The spiritual journey continued in the peaceful surroundings of the Shrine with a communal Rosary walk. Walking side-by-side, the pilgrims meditated on the mysteries of the faith. This perfect transition into a state of quiet contemplation, in a beautiful landscape, established a reverent tone for the rest of the day.

A Journey Through Sacred Art - A central highlight of the visit was a tour of the **Fr. Joseph Skelly, CM, Madonna Art Museum**, located directly on the shrine's historic Germantown campus. Stepping into the museum added a rich layer of cultural and theological depth to an already grace-filled pilgrimage, allowing the group to transition from quiet prayer into visual contemplation.

Connected to a Legacy of Miracles - While exploring the exquisite details of the shrine, the pilgrims reflected deeply on the life of **Saint Catherine Labouré**, the humble French visionary to whom the Blessed Mother revealed the design of the Miraculous Medal in 1830. Born into a large farming family, Catherine answered a call to religious life and joined the Daughters of Charity in Paris. It was during her novitiate that she experienced profound apparitions of Our Lady, who tasked her with spreading a medal bearing the image of the Immaculate Conception and the promise of great graces for those who wear it with confidence. Catherine spent the remaining 46 years of her life in quiet humility, caring for the aged and infirm while keeping her identity as the visionary a complete secret from everyone except her confessor. Decades after her death in 1876, her body was exhumed as part of the beatification process and discovered to be completely **incorrupt**. Today, her untouched, lifelike body rests inside a glass case in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, serving as a powerful, enduring sign of her holiness and the reality of her heavenly encounters.

The Perfect Complement to a Day of Grace - The pilgrimage concluded with Holy Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a group photo. Pilgrims offered up their personal intentions and thanksgiving in the stunning, sacred space of the Basilica. The pilgrims carried with them a renewed appreciation for the beauty of Catholic tradition, visually and spiritually inspired to bring the graces of the Miraculous Medal back to their home parish.

"Let's Eat" - Historic Reading Public Market - The ultimate way to wrap up an absolute classic Philadelphia experience was our visit to the **historic Reading Public Market.** The market grounds you in a culture of Philadelphia like nowhere else. It had a beautiful bustling local charm that perfectly captured the soul of Philadelphia. It offered an incredible variety of flavors that made it impossible to leave hungry. Our souls nourished and our belly's full made for a very peaceful and relaxing ride home!

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!

Diocesan News

VIRTUAL MARRIAGE MENTOR PROGRAM TRAINING

On November 17th at 6:30pm the Office of Family Life is sponsoring a free Zoom tutorial for parishes led by 2 parish teams currently piloting the program on. This new model is a response to the call for a Marriage Catechumenate in which engaged couples are mentored one-on-one by married couples through a series of meetings. Current parish teams will discuss tips, materials and best practices for getting started. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

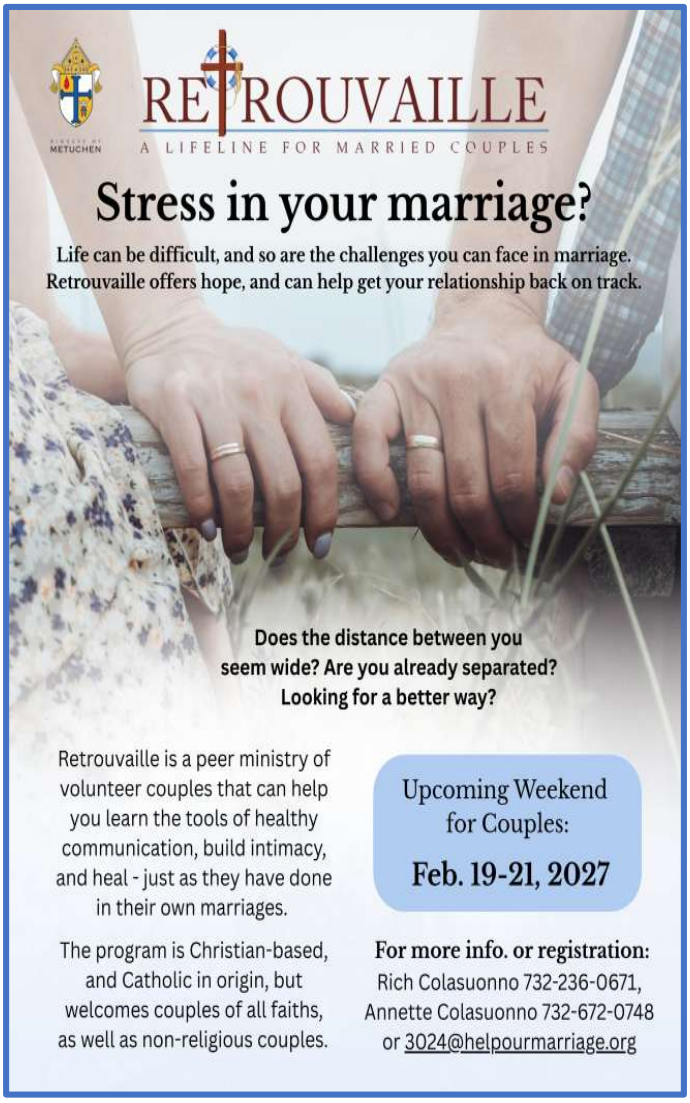


RETROUVAILLE FOR COUPLES IN TROUBLED MARRIAGES

The next Retrouvaille weekend in the Diocese of Metuchen will be February 19-21, 2027.

This gathering will assists couples who are presently experiencing serious problems in their marriage. It consists of a weekend experience from Friday night to Sunday afternoon and is followed by six post-weekend sessions. Both partners must express a desire to attend the weekend and a willingness to work at their marriage. During the weekend, presentations are made by a team of three married couples and a priest. The presentations deal with a technique of communication that enables a couple the ability to examine areas of their relationship. After each presentation, the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their room to discuss the previous presentation as it relates to them.

Before registering, all couples must first speak to and be screened by Rich Colasuono 732-236-0671 and/or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748



NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL DEL ESCRITORIO DEL P. ANTONY

33° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Querida familia!

Reflexión: San Camilo de Lellis decía: «El compromiso consiste en hacer lo que dijiste qué harías, una vez que ha pasado el sentimiento que te llevó a decirlo». Ya sea en la amistad, el matrimonio, la crianza de los hijos, el trabajo o nuestra alianza con Dios, todo requiere ser fiel a un compromiso. Esto exige dedicación, constancia, perseverancia y, a veces, valentía y abnegación. Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan sobre la fidelidad.

El Evangelio, a través de la parábola de los talentos, sigue centrándose en las postrimerías (muerte, juicio, cielo e infierno) a medida que nos acercamos al final del año litúrgico. Dios nos ha otorgado riquezas a cada uno de nosotros. Aumentar lo que se nos ha dado, o bien enterrarlo, depende de nuestra respuesta al amor de Dios, quien es el que inicia ese amor en nosotros. San Juan Pablo II afirmó: «El amor nunca es algo ya hecho, algo simplemente "dado" al hombre y a la mujer; es siempre, al mismo tiempo, una "tarea" que se les encomienda».

Dios sigue derramando sus bendiciones sobre nosotros para que nos comprometamos a compartir la vida misma de Dios, cada uno a su manera, aunque a veces de formas que no parecen tan significativas. Dios será quien juzgue cómo hemos decidido permitir que esta vida aumente y crezca en nosotros. Al enterrar nuestras bendiciones, nos enterramos a nosotros mismos. La primera lectura presenta el modelo ejemplar de una esposa amorosa y fiel que aprovecha al máximo el talento que Dios le ha concedido.

El Catecismo enseña: «Lejos de disminuir nuestra preocupación por desarrollar esta tierra, la espera de una tierra nueva debe impulsarnos; pues en ella crece el cuerpo de la nueva familia humana, que puede ofrecer ya un cierto esbozo del siglo nuevo. Por ello, aunque hay que distinguir cuidadosamente el progreso terreno del crecimiento del Reino de Cristo, dicho progreso es, sin embargo, de gran importancia para el Reino de Dios, en la medida en que puede contribuir a una mejor organización de la sociedad humana». (CCE 1049)

OCIA en SPSJ

Estos son los candidatos al OCIA para este año: Marta Chun, Jessie Forson, Dominic Fresoli, Thelma Landaverry (OCIA en español), Allison Monzon, Favour Obiaka, Alex Pérez, Armani Pérez y John Taylor. Por favor, tengan presentes a estas personas, así como a todo el equipo del OCIA que les imparte formación y los acompaña en su camino.

Fechas para la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión:

La Confirmación en nuestra parroquia está programada para el jueves 22 de abril a las 5pm. Tendremos el honor de recibir a nuestro obispo por primera vez en nuestra parroquia para la celebración de la Confirmación. Estoy seguro de que nos reuniremos con él en nuestra parroquia antes de esa fecha. La Primera Comunión tendrá lugar el sábado 1 de mayo a las 11am en la iglesia.

45.º aniversario de la creación de la diócesis:

La diócesis de Metuchen fue erigida el 19 de noviembre de 1981 por san Juan Pablo II. Fue constituida a partir del territorio de la diócesis de Trenton, abarcando cuatro condados del centro de Nueva Jersey: Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon y Warren. La misión de nuestra diócesis es evangelizar a todas las personas, en todo momento y en todo lugar. Nuestra labor consiste en proclamar el mensaje de Jesús, enseñar su verdad y extender su amor a personas de todas las edades. ¡Sigamos teniendo presentes en nuestras oraciones a nuestro obispo y a la diócesis!

Secretaria parroquial y otras novedades:

Gladys Jauridez ha sido nombrada secretaria parroquial. Ella es feligresa de nuestra parroquia y miembro activo de nuestra comunidad hispana, junto con su esposo y sus dos hijos. Le deseamos lo mejor a Gladys y rezamos por ella.

Mark Ensley dejará su puesto en el personal de mantenimiento y limpieza de la parroquia el 20 de noviembre. Pronto será reemplazado. Agradecemos a Mark por su servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial, tanto en la iglesia como en el cementerio.

El puesto de encargado de contabilidad parroquial sigue vacante; continuamos en su búsqueda. Durante este periodo de transición, estamos contando con la ayuda de voluntarios. Agradezco a Danny Corral por su apoyo.

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P. Antony

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