



### 2026 Calendars

Are donated to our church by Maguire Funeral Home and Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown and Newbaker Funeral Home of Blairstown. Please help yourself to one.

### CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCES

If you would like your loved ones, living or deceased, remembered in Christmas Remembrance Masses during Christmas and throughout the month of January, please pick up a Christmas Mass Remembrance envelope found on the large brown table in the back of our church.

### YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR YEAR-END TAX PLANNING, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER MAKING GOOD USE OF THE INCOME TAX CHARITABLE DEDUCTION AND REMEMBER OUR CHURCH. ALL MONIES ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL BE WELL SPENT WITH THE GOOD OF THE ENTIRE PARISH IN MIND.

### GENTLE REMINDER...

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass; readying the church for others. Please replace all misselettes and song books and take the bulletin with you so we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Phillipsburg is in need of volunteers. Please call Maria

Hunter at 732-387-1315 for more information.

### Average Person Offerings in November

The following chart shows the average person offerings in the month of November 2025 per Mass:

Nov 1/2	# people	Total Collection	Average/ Person
5 P	68	\$904.00	\$13.29
7:30 A	57	\$658.00	\$11.54
10 A	148	\$1087.00	\$7.34
11:30 A	77	\$518.00	\$6.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>\$3,167.00</b>	<b>\$9.04</b>
<b>Nov 8/9</b>			
5 P	70	\$637.00	\$9.10
7:30 A	56	\$683.00	\$12.19
10 A	126	\$916.00	\$7.26
11:30 A	77	\$511.00	\$6.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>\$2,747.00</b>	<b>\$8.34</b>
<b>Nov 15/16</b>			
5 P	60	\$621.00	\$10.35
7:30 A	65	\$673.00	\$10.35
10 A	119	\$993.00	\$8.34
11:30 A	78	\$823.00	\$10.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>\$3,110.00</b>	<b>\$9.65</b>
<b>Nov 22/23</b>			
5 P	53	\$454.00	\$8.56
7:30 A	54	\$482.00	\$8.92
10 A	132	\$948.00	\$7.18
11:30 A	75	\$637.00	\$8.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>\$2,521.00</b>	<b>\$8.26</b>

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

It seems like Christmas is synonymous with big trees, ornaments, gifts and everything in between. Sometimes it is easy to forget what Christmas is all about. Each year during the third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child, the Bambinelli, from their family's nativity scene. The Pope blesses the children, their families, and the figurines.

To help us remember the true meaning of Christmas, we will once again celebrate Bambinelli Sunday here in our church. **Next weekend**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 13/14, we invite everyone to bring their family's Baby Jesus from their nativity scene to Mass and Fr. Gregory will bless us

and our Christ Child figurines. This is a wonderful tradition.

### WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER???



If you already received your First Holy Communion and wish to serve at Mass please contact the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:30am – 3pm). A training session will be set up for anyone interested. Please call, 908-637-4269 or email: [stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net).

### KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Some tips on keeping Christ in Christmas:

- Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme
- Hang an Advent Calendar at your work and in your home
- Display your nativity set where others can see
- Place an electric candle in a window symbolizing the light of Christ
- Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth
- Find religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations
- Read Christmas scripture and stories to children
- Purchase a gift and give it to the poor, encourage your children to do the same.
- Explain the original Christmas tree tradition to your children
- Use decorations, cards, etc., with Merry Christmas instead of "Happy Holidays"
- Have your children place a piece of straw in the creche each day that they do a good deed during Advent
- Pray for the young, so that when they become adults they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 – 15. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

### CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

"On my honor, I will do my best to promote the CHRISTmas traditions. I will incorporate, use the word "CHRISTmas": in my CHRISTmas greetings and conversation, in my CHRISTmas cards, CHRISTmas stamps, and every appropriate

CHRISTmas way. This I pledge to CHRIST, my Lord."

The following are the 2025 Raffle winners from the Right to Life raffle which benefits NJ Right to Life activities:

### Raffle 2025 Winners

Prize	Name	Ticket #	County	Verified Winner
Volvo	Jo Ann Brown	13516	Middlesex	YES
\$1,000 Shop-Rite GC	Eileen Curran	13455	Middlesex	Pending
\$750 Shop-Rite GC	Chris Esposito	14289	Middlesex	YES
\$500 Shop-Rite GC	Hannah Philpott	139403	Bergen	YES

### CRY ROOM



If you feel the need to remove your child from the main body of the church but still wish to hear and see the Mass, our chapel, located up near the main altar on the left side of the church, doubles as our Cry Room. There is a black speaker located on the wall that can be turned on and the lights are located on the outside wall near the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of doors. Please note: children are not allowed to be unattended or just run wild in the chapel. This is a setting to teach your child how to behave in church without disturbing the atmosphere of the Mass. Also, you can bring your child to the back of the church—just make sure all the glass doors are closed.

### FOOD CARD PROGRAM

It really helps!!! Please remember to purchase your food cards for Shop Rite as you leave Mass today. For every \$1,000 in food cards



we sell the church receives back \$50. You use them as you would a debit card in that the balance decreases as you use them. The remaining balance on your card will show up at the bottom of your shopping receipt.

Thanks for all your support. Thanks to our volunteers who help sell them.