

WELCOME FR. JOSEPH BOYKOW!

FR. JOSEPH'S FIRST HOMILY AT ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE:

Hello everyone, my name is Fr. Joseph Boykow. I'm one of the newly ordained priests for our diocese. I just wanted to start by saying how happy I am to be here at St. Philip's, and to have you as my new family. This is actually my first homily and assignment as a priest, so I feel like Jairus' daughter - like I'm gonna die.

About eight years ago, I graduated high school in Rockaway and I immediately entered the College Seminary at Seton Hall University. The College Seminary was such a wonderful experience for me in so many ways: I was able to learn more about my faith, I was able to grow closer to Christ, and I was able to make new friends from around the country. There were so many joys in my life that came out of being at Seton Hall. I can also remember when I was first starting out, being a little worried and a little nervous about having to live away from home with seminarians who were much older than I was, having to adjust to a house schedule for when to pray and when to eat, and on top of all that trying to find the time to fit into my schedule an hour to pray on my own, all while being a full time college student. It was very daunting in the beginning for me. I felt a little like Jairus' daughter feeling sick and dying from the stress of all this. What got me through that feeling was a quote from Padre Pio that I stumbled upon while I was doing research for a paper. The quote from Padre Pio read: "Be cheerful. Jesus will take care of everything. Let us trust in Jesus and our heavenly mother, and everything will work out well." Even though this quote may seem very simple, I really took it to heart and began to pray with it. I began to put my faith and my trust in God even more during this difficult time, that He would give me the courage and perseverance that I needed to get through this. For me, that prayer was like finding Jairus and having him bring me to the Lord to raise me from the dead and heal me. This prayer helped me to change my perspective on the situation and it gave me the help that I needed to continue and to not give up, but instead to come back from the dead and carry on. I was able to put myself in God's hands through prayer and I was able to see clearly what he wanted for me in my life. Because of prayer I was able to have a wonderful eight years in seminary.

I'm sure that all of us at one point or another in our lives have had this Jairus moment. Where someone whether it was a family member, a coworker, a classmate, or even a close friend, was a Jairus for us. Someone who was there by our side to be with us and to help us through a difficult time in our life, whether it was helping with the transition to a new school or a new job, helping someone get through a difficult breakup, or walking with someone during the loss of a loved one. Each and every one of us has that special person or persons in our life that helped us through the darkness and into the light. And that person whoever it may be, is very important, because like Jairus, they do something very special for us - they bring us to Christ. Whoever those people in our life may be, pray for them and thank God for putting them in your life. Prayer brings us to Christ. Through prayer we can see the light of Christ shining through those dark and difficult times, so that by experiencing Christ's love and mercy we may be raised from that death that we may be experiencing and given new life.

Prayer helps us to remember that Christ is always present in our daily lives. He is there to raise us from that death that we may be experiencing and to heal us of every sickness that may have caused it, just like He did to Jairus' daughter. That is what God wants to do for each and every one of us as His adopted sons and daughters. Prayer helps us to remember that God loves each one of us no matter who we are, and because of this we can have the knowledge and certainty that when we turn to Him and ask Him for help, He will listen to us.

Offer your prayer as a way to put your trust completely in God, because as Padre Pio says, "He will take care of everything." Even when things may not be going how we would like them to, prayer allows for us to have trust and faith that God will help us through that difficult time, because God is always with us and He will never abandon us. Even in those times we may feel alone or confused about what is happening in our lives, or where our lives are taking us, God is there with us walking by our side through it. If God was not with us, He never would have sent His son to come down and die on the cross for us so that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven. So, in those times of uncertainty or trouble that each and every one of us faces, have trust in God that He will help you. I offer you again this prayer that helped me to put my trust in God: "Be cheerful. Jesus will take care of

everything. Let us trust in Jesus and our heavenly mother, and everything will work out well.”

God Bless,

Fr. Joseph Boykou

INDEPENDENCE DAY – A TIME TO GIVE THANKS

As we celebrate this Independence Day we as Americans are mindful of the gift of freedom which God has given us. We are thankful for the gift of our nation who defends and values our God given freedoms. As Catholics we are particularly grateful for the religious liberty that we enjoy in the United States. As people of faith and proud Americans let us remember to take time this weekend to give thanks to God for the freedoms we enjoy and for those men and women who have sacrificed much, even their own lives, to uphold those freedoms. Included is a prayer that can be used to give thanks to God and to ask his continued blessing and strengthening of our country.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

God, source of all freedom,
This day is bright with the memory
Of those who declared that life and liberty
Are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong;
That only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
And justice only in the honor that belongs
To every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
To understand the ways of others,
To offer friendship,
And to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Catholic Household Prayers & Blessings

Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as

. . .

We Remember
gratefully our past companions on the Journey
whose sacrifice inspires us.
We Celebrate
the good news of love in action that empowers
spiritual, service and social ministry.
We Believe
In God’s providence as faithful stewards who
continue Christ’s
work using the Keys to the Kingdom. Amen

JUBILEE YEAR 2018

The Year of our Lord 2018 is our parish Jubilee commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi –which is Latin for Christ’s Work*. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry. Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works.” John 14:22

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is now open. **New families are welcome!**

There are two ways to register:

- Online: Please visit www.stphilip.org. The registration forms and fees can be submitted electronically.
- In Person or by Mail: Download and Print the registration form and return with fees to the Parish Office.

Please be sure that you are registered with the parish prior to registering your child/children for class. Contact Barbara Salzer, parish secretary at 973 779-6200.

Please contact dleach@stphilip.org with any questions about our Religious Education program.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 10th & 24th** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday - 8:00 PM: *The VFW Hall* - 491 Valley Road, Clifton

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, July 9th – 6:30 PM – Please note: We will be meeting the Molloy Center at 6:30 PM.



The Carnival Committee wishes to thank all workers and parishioners who helped at the 39th Annual Carnival.

There will be a **Carnival Appreciation Night** on

Monday, July 23rd at 7:00 PM in the **Auditorium**.
Carnival results will be reviewed followed by refreshments.

We are especially grateful for the support of our Sponsors:

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PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY MARRIED: Michael Pirgo & Janette Ambrose

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Fred Van Duynes, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, John Thievon,

Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Ryan G. Micale, Vincent Caragliano, Domenico Cirilli, Lori Liskowicz, Eileen Gerber, Pete Durso, Paul Pairo

THE DECEASED: Kathleen Egan, Clara Maffei, William Weimer

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Anthony M. Petaccio
 Sadie Zaccone
 Gerardina Spatola
 Lillian Durso
12:00 Roger Rossnagel
 Mark Kaczor

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018

9:00 John Jurich, Sr.

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018

9:00 Ignacia Domingo

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018

9:00 Ralph H. Pennella – 19th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018

9:00 Edward, Sr. & Jr. and Ann Sheridan

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018

9:00 John & Catherine Jurich

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018

9:00 Mary Ann McRay
 Jerry T. Scrosia – 23rd Anniversary
5:30 Anna Marie Grenda
 Rudolph & Helaine Pohle
 Vincenzo Gangone

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Francesco Pugliano
 Cpl. James J. Stangeway – 50th Anniversary
 Giuseppe Castaldo
 Doris Ann Walsh
12:00 Kathy Miragliotta

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 25, 2017	\$17,721.00
Sunday Collection: JUNE 24, 2018	
Envelopes	\$13,391.00
Cash	\$ 1,312.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,325.00
Total	\$19,028.00
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,258.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JULY 8, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Matt	8:00 AM	Fr. Matt
10:00 AM	Fr. Joseph	12:00 N	Fr. Kevin