



WAITING IS WISDOM

There is an old saying that "Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity". (Henry Van Dyke)

It seems as though there is too much to be done and too little time to get it all accomplished. We wait at the doctor's office and it seems forever. We wait for a son or daughter to come home and we lose a night's sleep. We are told over and over again that all good things come to those who wait but we are impatient. As we grow older there does not seem to be enough time for all this waiting. And yet when we take a long look at creation, we realize that we must wait. The seasons wait to change. Night waits for day. We wait to be born, to grow up. We even wait to die. Love waits for a lover and God waits for a change of heart.

In the parable we hear this weekend, Jesus is trying to point out how important it is to wait. He is saying that we should wait in holy expectation that the Lord of Life comes not only at our hour of death but also at each and every moment of our day. Life is an adventure, a fascinating journey. Our God is a God of many surprises. We are to expect the unexpected. That unexpected may be a happy experience or it may be one filled with tears and sorrow. Our God is there in all those moments, whether bad or good. We need to be ready to greet Him as He reveals Himself from moment to moment. You and I are called to be people of faith, knowing the Lord is in our midst, waiting to respond to His call. As we wait for His coming we need to be sensible to the changes God is asking us to make and not foolish trying to keep things as they are. Our God is calling us to be more than people who stand around and wait, waiting for someone else to get things done. It is truly time to be GOOD NEWS. So often we think God expects great and wonderful things and we don't feel that we are able to accomplish such great tasks. But it is the little things in life that really matter for God's kingdom. It is waiting in patience, a word of praise, a smile of friendship, a merciful forgiveness, a compassionate touch or pat on the back, an attitude of trust and confidence no matter how difficult life becomes. You and I are to be signs of God's presence to all who are in any need whatsoever. That demands the very best in us, a trustful vigilance, and a patient waiting.

All of our readings this weekend suggest several words: wisdom, waiting, listening, vigilance and a greater awareness. They are also words that have meaning in terms of our prayer life. Prayer really is the gentle, daily practicing of the awareness and presence of our God. We are to be quiet and attentive to God's loving care and concern for all that God has created. We are to be people of hope who realize that the dark storms of life give way to a new light on a new day. In our busy and hurried world, you and I are to be waiters, people who wait for the Lord, people who wait on each other.

Fr. Matt

ACTIVITY

1. God is there in all the moments, whether good or challenging. Think about the time it was difficult to trust in God's providence. Thank God for all blessings you have received.
2. Little things matter for building God's kingdom: Think how you can be during this week, a word of praise for someone or a compassionate touch or pat on the back.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT THANKSGIVING

Our parish has a long history of giving service through ministry especially in the area of feeding those in need at Thanksgiving. We will not be collecting food but rather taking free-will donations that will be converted into food gift certificate cards.

HOW THE THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION WORKS

A free will donation envelope will be available in the back of the church. The **Thanksgiving Food Donation envelope** can be picked up this weekend and returned in the collection basket next weekend, **November 18/19**. You may write your parish giving envelope number on the Thanksgiving Food Donation Envelope in order to have your gift added to your yearly contribution statement.

Your contribution will be converted into food certificate gift cards. An added benefit is that for every \$100 donated, five dollars is given to us in return by the food store for our charitable works and therefore a gift of \$100 becomes an actual gift of \$105.

RCIA

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA** we explore and discover the keys to the kingdom. For more information about **RCIA** please call Donna Scancarella at (973) 779-6200.

ST. PHILIP HAND BELL CHOIR

Hand bell Ringers are needed for the Christmas Season - new and returning members welcome!

Rehearsals are **Monday evenings 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM in church. The first meeting is this Monday, Nov. 13.**

Please join us for more information or speak to Frank Hydash, Director of Music, after mass. No previous music training necessary. Time to be good news through music ministry!

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, November 19th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room for parents to hear about how we can help you as people both in your lives and in your roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach, will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff. Future session dates:

December 10, January 21, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 6
When was the last time you had a moment to take care of yourself? All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY

An eight week Bible Study group will meet every **Monday** at 11 AM in the Molloy Center. St. Paul's letter to the Romans will be discussed. All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP

The upcoming Youth Group meeting is **Wednesday, November 15th** - an open gym! All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to come join us for fun, prayer and a chance to build community. For more information about the Youth Group, contact Brian Caldwell at 973-798-8595.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students at St. Philip Preparatory School enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating Halloween. A parade in the parking lot in front of friends and family was followed by festive celebrations in the classroom.

Our annual food drive is being held this month. We remember those less fortunate by collecting free-will donations. Students have begun practicing songs and dances for our annual Christmas show.

St. Philip Preparatory School Girls' Volleyball had an amazing winning season! Team Green, won the JV Championship. Team Gold won second place - (team Green and Gold played each other in the finals). JV coaches: Alan Javate and Jim Tolfree. Our Varsity Team took the 1st Place Championship, celebrating an UNDEFEATED SEASON!! Varsity Coaches: Anthony Gopaul and Joe Sardinia! Congratulations to all our girls! **Go Green Storm!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 – 6 is **November 12th**.

PLEASE NOTE: GRADE 2 IS SCHEDULED for
November 12th AND 19th

The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **November 19th**.

Denise Pannullo for Grades 1 - 8 at 973-779-1439

Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Boy Scout Troop 21 will host their annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, November 12th**: 12 Noon–4 PM. It will be held at the School Auditorium. Dinner (all you can eat) includes: fresh salad, homemade sauce, plenty of hot spaghetti, garlic bread, and dessert. Refreshments will also be served. Ticket prices are: Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Children 4-11 \$5, under 4 years - free with an adult - Tickets available at the door only.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meetings: **November 13 & 27** at 6:30 PM in the Molloy Center.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meetings: **November 14 & 28** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

ST. PHILIP COLUMBIETTES

Because of Thanksgiving, our meeting will be on **Thursday, November 16, 2017**. We will meet in the AUDITORIUM at 7:00 PM. We will be collecting handbags, hats, gloves, scarves and gently used winter coats for St. Mary's Family Center. Call Sharon at 973 742-0926.

The Columbiettes are planning a "FAMILY FUN BOWLING" afternoon **on Sunday, November 12** at Garden Palace Lanes, 42 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton from 2 PM to 4 PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes two hours of bowling, shoe rentals, one pizza and one pitcher of soda per lane. For tickets, call Evelyn at 973-779-7182.

BLANKET MINISTRY

Meeting: **Thursday, November 16, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. For fabric or yarn donations, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Society meeting: **Monday, November 13th** in Marian Hall. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by Mass. Our November Rosary will be offered for our departed loved ones and especially for all deceased Rosarians.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Bishop Serratelli will celebrate mass on **Saturday, November 18th** at 10:00 AM at St. John Cathedral in Paterson. All are encouraged to attend the mass. It is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Sponsored by the Little Sisters of the Poor on **Saturday, November 18** from 10 AM – 4PM at 140 Shephard Lane, Totowa. Free admission. Donations of turkeys and hams will also be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE

On December 9th, 2017, we will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese (December 9th, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 AM Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with our Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11:00 AM. *All are invited to attend this Communion Breakfast!*

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Kyle Stephen Rodrigues, child of Alexander & Nicole

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber, Jim Cupo, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile

THE DECEASED: Milagros Rodriguez

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit your bulletin information for the weekend of November 25/26 no later than **Wednesday, November 15^h**. Thank you.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 18/19, 2017

5:30 PM	Fr. Julio	10:00 AM	Fr. Kevin
8:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 Noon	Fr. Matt

PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2016	\$17,357.00
NOVEMBER 5, 2017	
Envelopes	\$12,380.00
Cash	\$ 1,338.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,591.00
Total	\$18,309.00

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	James Lake Mehall Honan Grazia Capriglione Peter Castriani
12:00	Marianne Jordan Antonio Grompone

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

7:00	Barbara Patierno
9:00	Josef Bledt

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

7:00	Rev. Vincent E. Keane
9:00	Shirley (Rose) Chidiac

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

7:00	Margot Segarra
9:00	Anita Grabarits

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

7:00	Msgr. David L. Mahon
9:00	Ralph Pennella

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

7:00	Anna May Wozny
9:00	Mary Fiori

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

9:00	Rosa Ruberto Deceased Members of the Columbiettes
5:30	Jane Hughes Marion Biondi Martin Louis Altonjy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

8:00	William & Juliana Ayers
10:00	Abundio Alburo Marion Flanigen Lillian Durso Ronald Pascrell
12:00	All the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Howard Glinkin