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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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Sunday..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

As human beings, we are interesting creatures. Normally, we go about life in a fairly routine way. We do the things that should and must be done, especially the really important things. But some things we let slide – We are especially prone to putting off or avoiding unpleasant things. These are things that take a great amount of emotional or psychological energy. They can be things that are distasteful – Things that affect our relationship with others – Things – when done – will change the way we live now, and in the future as well. Change can be hard – very hard. Sometimes, it might even seem to be impossible. Nevertheless, the best way I know to accomplish whatever needs to be done is through prayer. We need to turn whatever is facing us over to God – and we must seek guidance and direction from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures for today present us with an incentive to change in a definitive way. They urge us to be prepared and ready for the End Times. People have predicted these times again and again over the centuries – and they have always been wrong – for, our planet still exists, and humanity has not become extinct. However, there will be an end time for each of us individually. There will be a day and a moment when our life here will end. It will be the instant of our death. And at that moment, we will encounter God and face a personal judgment. It will be too late to make changes – Too late to do what we have left undone – It will be too late to reverse the pattern of sin that we always knew had to be rejected and eliminated. The prophet Daniel doesn't mince words about the destiny that awaits each of us after our time here. Those who were faithful to God and to God's Commandments will live forever in His presence. But those who did not – those who died estranged from God – will live in everlasting horror and disgrace! What is so painful to realize as we mature, is that the mistakes we made and sins we committed earlier are so difficult to correct and change today. Perhaps, it is in our relationships – Perhaps, it is in our personal behavior alone or with others – Perhaps, it is in the way we deal with our personal health and well-being – Perhaps, it is in the way that we negatively impact our environment. I suspect that every one of us has something we wish never happened and continues to keep us from God in some way. What is important is that we discover and admit to what we have done.

We can't continue to whitewash it. We can't pretend that it doesn't displease God – or that it doesn't square with the Gospel. It is possible that some of us don't worry about the failings in our lives and the changes we must make – because we trust in the mercy of God and the redeeming love of Jesus. But is this the way to live the life of love that our relationship with

God must be? Can we say we are disciples of Jesus if we don't try – and try again – to be all that we should be? Nevertheless, no matter where we find ourselves, we must never get overly discouraged and give up. We must never fail to trust in the grace of God and the mercy of God. One day, the great Saint Bernard decided that he would be perfect from that moment on. Of course, he failed to be perfect. We are told that every day, for the rest of his life, he had to say: "Bernard, today, you will begin to be perfect!" Brothers and Sisters, God created us for eternal love and joy and bliss. But our life here is always a struggle. It is a proving ground. Jesus came to lead us through the hardships and pitfalls that life necessarily entails. He is always present to us. God is always present to us with His grace. So, let us pray for vigilance – Let us pray for fidelity – And with God's help, may we not put off until tomorrow what must be done today!

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PARISH NEWS

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Here at St. Philip the Apostle, we have low gluten hosts for those who are affected by celiac disease. Please ask the priest celebrating Mass to put one in a pyx on the altar for you if you are affected by celiac disease. I have done some research on this low gluten host made by nuns in Missouri. We have this host for those who need it. The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, have developed a Communion host that is extremely low in gluten. They have worked for ten years on this project. The host is made from gelatinized wheat starch. The hosts have been tested for the presence of gluten. According to the Sisters, they were tested to a level of 0.01% gluten. At that level, the lowest that could be tested, no gluten was detected. This means that there is less than 0.01% gluten in one of these hosts; however, it is not known how much less.



The Secretariat for the Liturgy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that these meet the requirements of the Code of Canon Law and may be validly used at Mass with permission of the person's pastor. They are manufactured by hand in a separate facility from the ordinary wheat hosts and are shipped separately from the wheat hosts so that there is no danger of cross contamination.

I spoke to Sister Jeanne Patricia Crowe, Pharm D, R Ph. of Immaculata College in Pennsylvania. Sister Crowe (who is in a different order from the nuns who developed the host and has no relationship with

them) does not have celiac disease herself, but she has a particular interest in it and often speaks at celiac conferences. She weighed these hosts on an extremely accurate pharmaceutical scale, and then calculated how much gluten would be in one IF it actually were 0.01% gluten. The result was approximately 32 micrograms; a quarter of a host would have about 7 micrograms of gluten. For those (like me) who are little shaky on the metric system, 7 micrograms are 7/one millionths of a gram. To put this into perspective, a very small bread crumb contains about 10 milligrams, or 10/one thousandths of a gram--substantially more.

Please make use of this low-gluten host if you wish to receive Holy Communion. I doubt the reception of the Precious Blood will resume anytime soon.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Sessions continue every Monday in the Jubilee Room of the Molloy Center at 11 AM.

This week we study John Chapter 6, which deals with the promise meaning of the Eucharist. Since we begin The Year of the Eucharist in 2022, this is most timely and appropriate.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The SPPS community celebrated the liturgy together twice during the month of November. The whole school attended Mass together to celebrate the joyous Feast of All Saints. The students learned that we can all aspire to be a saint and we can strive to be saint like in our everyday lives. We celebrated all those in our family who are now saints. The fourth grade also studied the lives of people who are an example of goodness to us and who have been declared saints by the Church.

We also attended First Friday Mass that same week. This is especially significant for the fourth graders as they have been studying the parts of the Mass together so they will achieve a better understanding of what it means to celebrate the Eucharist with our community. They began learning the Introductory Rite of the Mass and then studied the Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist. The fourth-grade teachers hope that through greater understanding, the students will feel closer to God and have a better understanding of their faith as they attend Mass each week.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Monday, **November 15th in Marian Hall**. The meeting will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please consider joining our Religious Education Ministry as a Catechist or substitute. The only thing you need is to combine your love of children and your love of our faith! Please pray on assisting us with this most rewarding ministry.

If you would like to learn more, please email reled@stphilip.org.



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers group will meet on Monday, November 15th at 2 PM in Cerullo Hall in the Molloy Center. Join us for prayers, socialization and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our recruiting weekend resulted in 3 new Knights in our council, Ed Paczkowski, Patrick Dippel and Glenn Rossi and one transfer from another Council Dr. Rudy Rosario Singson. We welcome these new brothers to our council helping to achieve Fr. Michael McGivney's Mission. Any practicing Catholic male over the age of 18 can become a member simply by contacting GK Mike Cervine at michael.cervine@gmail.com.

We thank again, everyone in our parish family for their generosity in our Coats for Kids Drive. The coats have been ordered and "hopefully" will arrive in time for the distribution at the Boys & Girls Club on November 21. The Medicare seminar concluded successfully on November 9. A repeat seminar will be held in the Spring, but no dates have yet been scheduled.

Upcoming Knights events are:

Dec. 11th -- Needy kid's Christmas Party

Dec. 19th -- Blood Drive in Auditorium after all the Sunday Masses

Jan. 29, 2022 -- Free Throw contest in Gym

Feb. 12, 2022 -- Scholarship Dinner

COLUMBIETTES

Columbiettes Blanket Ministry

The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! For information or yarn and fabric donations, call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265

PRIME TIMERS

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party, which will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 1 PM in Marian Hall. The cost is \$35 per person and will be catered by Francesco's Restaurant. Payment for the Christmas Party will be made to Stasia Komorowski, who can be reached at (973) 473-2068

BOY SCOUTS

Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **November 21** from **12-5 PM** at the

St. Philip Preparatory Auditorium.

Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Kids (4-11)

\$5. Under 4 years is free with an adult.

Dinner includes all you can eat spaghetti with homemade sauce, fresh salad, garlic bread, coffee, tea and dessert. Refreshments will also be served. Takeout orders are also available. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information contact troop21cliftonnj@gmail.com



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GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Danielle Lee

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

8:00 Nicholas Gerald Storm
Ming C. Lee

10:00 Bonifacio Flores
Albert Sabeh
Judith Faelnar Oporto
Rick Quintana

12:00 Patricia Hassert
Shirley Moyer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

9:00 Joseph Dewland
Rosa Hizon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

9:00 Ralph Pennella

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

9:00 Marilyn Lewandowski

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

9:00 Anthony M. Petaccio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

9:00 Joseph Vanheumen

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

9:00 Deceased members of the Columbiettes

5:30 Eugene Markey
Joseph Dewland

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph Dewland
Edward Jacob Yobs
Joseph Bay
Dot Cervine

12:00 Mary Scafidi
Susanne Shakin

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 20, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Jared

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 8, 2020 \$ 22,051.00

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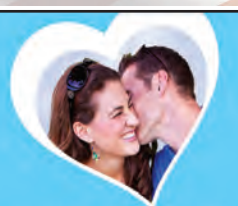
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