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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Today's second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians might be the most radical and challenging passage of the New Testament. It presents to us a fundamentally different way of us seeing ourselves. The normal way that we see ourselves is as individuals, individuals with rights and responsibilities. As individuals, if we choose to connect ourselves to other people, we can do so. If we choose to remain aloof, we can do that as well. But what Paul gives us in the second reading is a very different understanding. He certainly sees us as individuals, but he insists that as individuals, we are part of a larger reality. We form with others an organism. Together with others, we are the body of Christ.

As Paul says it, "You are the body of Christ. Each of you is a member of it." Paul is saying that at the very level of our being we are connected to others as part of Christ's body. That connection is necessary, because without that connection, we are incomplete. As Christ's body we need others to be parts with us in the same reality. Paul plays this out later in the letter where he says that as part of Christ's body, the head cannot say to the feet, "I do not need you." The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you." We need one another because we share the same life. It is only in our relationship to others that we discover who we truly are.

Now, if we were to accept this challenging understanding of ourselves and others, it would change the way we see everything, both socially and personally. As a country we seek to address issues of poverty and education. When we approach that effort as a part of Christ's body, we are no longer trying to feed or educate "those" people, "those" children. We are trying to feed and to educate people who are a part of us, who live with us as the same body. As we try to provide adequate health care for our nation, understanding the truth of the body of Christ makes it clear that we are providing healthcare for ourselves, because we share the same life in the body of Christ. The same truth applies to us, personally, in our relationships with the people with whom we

work, the people in our family, the people in our neighborhood. We cannot say to any of them "I have no need of you. You are of no value to me." Each person is a part with us in the same living organism.

So, look at the person at work who makes you angry, or the person in your family who irritates you, or the person who exhausts you. The teaching of Paul encourages us to see that person as somehow necessary to us, necessary for us to be the person we are, and to become the person Christ wants us to be.

Now, we cannot approach this teaching naively. There are people who are dishonest and hurtful and even dangerous. We must, at times, wisely decide to establish boundaries and to keep certain people away. But even as we keep them away, in faith we still believe they are a part of us, connected to us.

The teaching that we hear today in the second reading is not a simple or easy truth, but Christ did not come into this world simply to confirm all the truths which were established before he arrived. Christ came into this world to present us with a new and challenging vision of ourselves and of others. It is not new to say that we need others. But it is new to say that we need *every* other, because every other is a part with us in the same body. And this body is not the body practical, or the body political, or the body commercial. It is the Body of Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

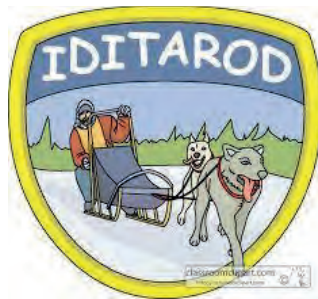


ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Second Graders are starting to prepare for their first communion. They received their new Eucharist books.

Little Kaleidoscope First Grade Math students are working on mastering their multiplication tables.

Little Kaleidoscope Second Grade Reading students started a long-range project. The students will be reading the book *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. As the students read the story they will be learning about Alaska and the Iditarod Race. The students will discover how people and dogs prepare for the Iditarod Race. When the 50th Iditarod Race takes place in March, students will be following along in the classroom.



Students in grades fourth through eighth will be taking their Mid Term exams. We pray for their strength and wisdom to do their best.

Re-Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year for all current St. Philip families began on January 17th through January 28th and ongoing.

Applications for New families will begin January 31, 2022.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers Group will next meet on February 14th at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Join us for prayers, socialization and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome

PRIME TIMERS

The next meeting of the Prime Timers will be held Friday, February 4th at 1 PM in Marian Hall.

Our Guest speaker will be Heather Shasa, dietician with the Little Falls ShopRite.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Free Throw Contest

Attention St. Philip's students. The K of C annual Basketball Free Throw contest will be held in the Gym on January 29th. This is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration forms are available in the parish office or at the door beginning at 10:30 AM. Contest begins at 11 AM.



PARISH NEWS

Prayerful Remembrance

On Monday, January 24th, 2022, the 9 AM daily Mass, will be said for **Sr. Rene Donohue** on the 10th year anniversary of her death.

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Patrick and Gina

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Weekly Collection \$ 9,219.00
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Christmas Collection 2021 YTD \$ 76,015.00

Upcoming Second Collections: January 23rd Project Faith

Our second collection is for Project Faith. This is to provide resources for diocesan ministry, religious education, parish family life and social services.

February 6th Support Catholic School Week

This collection helps

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...

Eleanor Kasenchar, Cynthia Mikula, Ralph Princiotti, Joyce Comperatore, and Joanne Hunt

A Time to be Healed...

Luca Ataide, Jennifer Rascher, Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa Mary Grace Heyrich, Debbie Werthmann, John Riccardi



PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Kevin

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

8:00 Dot Cervine - 1st Anniversary

10:00 Karen Lanza
Mary Chiarella
Stephen Salerno

12:00 Luke William Greco
Joseph Payne

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

9:00 Sr. Rene Donohue

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

9:00 Ro Roth
Mary Sayers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

9:00 Daniel Mutter
Anne Schrimpe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

9:00 Eddie Torres

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

9:00 Ida Pompeo
Ann Jasionowitz- 18th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

9:00 Cleo Salay - 1st Anniversary
5:30 Anthony F. Lipari

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Luke Greco
Timothy Clancy
John and Eileen Sagui
William Sim

12:00 James Scancarella
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