

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

... Father ... Son ... Holy Spirit ...



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

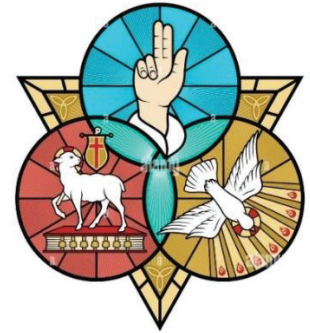
It was perhaps the most painful appointment I've ever experienced in my priesthood. An eight-year-old child from a family of the parish had died after a long struggle with a rare cancer. Of course, the parish community reached out to the family, offering them prayers, food, and other kinds of support. But after three weeks the mother of the child called me for an appointment. When she sat down in my office she said, "I have questions for you." "I'll do my best," I said. Then she began. "Father," she said, "we believe, do we not, that God loves us deeply?" "We do," I said. "And we also believe that God is all powerful and can do whatever God wants?" "We do," I said. "So, tell me, Father, why would an all-powerful God who loves me not save my son from dying. If I had God's power, I would do it in a heartbeat." "I'm sure you would," I said. "Tell me, why did God not save my son?" There was a pause. If ever I had wished to have an answer to a question, it would have been in that moment. But all I could say was, "I don't know." I could have made answers up. I could have said that everything happens for a reason or maybe this is a blessing in disguise or God could give you other children. But those answers would simply be insults to this woman. From the depths of her soul, she posed a profound question, and all I could say to her was, "I don't know." "It's not enough," she said. "How can I pray to a God I do not understand? How can I worship a God who makes no sense to me? I'm sorry to say, Father, but you won't see me in church anymore." I did not for many months. Then one Sunday I saw her sitting in the back corner of the church. I knew that she was there because of the love of the community, not because she had found a better understanding of God. I believe to this day that she carries the questions in her heart for which there are no answers.

I share this incident with you on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity because if there is one thing the Trinity makes clear, it is this: **we will never fully understand God.** We believe that God is three divine persons, Father, Son, and Spirit. We also believe that God is one. How can God be one and three at the same time? Our only answer is, "I don't know." The Trinity reminds us that saying, "I don't know," is a part of faith. We believe in God not because we understand God, but because we have come to trust God.

So, the pattern of the Christian life is this: **humility and praise.** We need to praise God for all the blessings, for all the good things that come from God's hand. But at the same time, we must humbly admit that we can never fully understand God. We do not understand why God allows diseases to continue in our world or innocent children to die. We don't understand how people we care for continue to make terrible decisions or fall into

addiction. We don't understand why despite our best efforts we cannot break habits of sin that still control us. But even as we admit we do not understand, we are called to praise God for the gifts in our life that are real: for the people who love us, for the ability to be creative and productive, for the promise of eternal life.

We will never fully understand God. That is a truth that we will have to **humbly** accept. But we must also praise God for the blessings we know flow from his love. And through God's grace, the blessings we know will be able to outweigh the many things we do not understand.



Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday .....4:30 PM

**Please note that the last weekly Holy Hour  
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## PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Kevin

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The eighth-grade class celebrated their graduation Dinner Dance at the San Carlo in Lyndhurst this past Monday. This special evening was enjoyed by the students, their parents, and faculty, Mrs. Zito, Father Monteleone, Father Nico, and Msgr. Kevin.

We congratulate the Class of 2022 on their graduation and extend our congratulations and gratitude to their families for the many years of support that they have extended on behalf of their children's Catholic Education. May they all achieve great success in their future endeavors and remember they are part of the St. Philip Prep family forever.



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### SUPPORT OF LIFE MINISTRY

A new Ministry in Support of Life is being formed here at St. Philip's. Would you like to become involved in spreading the word that all life is sacred from conception to natural death? We know this as Catholics, but it has been drowned out in today's environment. Our new ministry will hopefully provide ways we can build and strengthen a culture of life. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Debbie Harley at 201-446-8341 (cell) or 973-472-3750 (home) or Marian O'Donnell at 571-330-7012 (cell) or 973-837-6014 (home) – if you feel a tug at your heart. Thank you!

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### WIDOW & WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers will be meeting on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Join us for prayers, socialization, and meeting new friends.

### ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Monday, **June 13th in Marian Hall**. This is our final meeting of the year! It will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### Tank Pull

The annual "Tank-Pull" a combined Knights/Catholic Charities event for the benefit of Veterans and especially wounded veterans, kicks off on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> on Clifton Avenue in front of Oak Ridge Park.

See over 40 teams compete to pull an 80,000 lb. Tank in the least amount of time.



### HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our Queen Bee is retiring. For the past 22 years, our school has been in the amazing guidance and leadership of our Principal, Mrs. Barbara Zito.



On Sunday, **June 26th**, we will offer the Noon Mass as thanksgiving for her service and leadership. We invite all past and current St. Philip Prep students and families to join us at the Noon Mass in church, followed by a light reception in the auditorium. Let us honor and thank Mrs. Zito for her excellent work through the years and bid farewell to the woman who has led St. Philip Preparatory School to be what it is today!

If you would like to share a special memory or picture of or with Mrs. Zito, please email [sppshsa@gmail.com](mailto:sppshsa@gmail.com).

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Charlotte Leigh*

## CARNIVAL

### ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Thursday June 16 6-10 PM  
Friday June 17 6-11 PM  
Saturday June 18 6:30-11 PM

### VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS

RIDES GAMES FOOD DRINK

Ride Tickets, Wristbands, and Sponsorship Opportunities are available at [stphilip.org/carnival](http://stphilip.org/carnival)

#### Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

#### Baked Goods Donations

Donated baked good can be brought to the Auditorium Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> evenings

#### White Elephant Donations

Donate your "treasures" and bring them to the gym doors beginning Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> after 3 PM and throughout the week. As per Health Department regulations, NO clothing, shoes, bedding, or stuffed animals exist. Thank you so much for your participation!

#### Committee Head Meeting

There will be a meeting for Committee Heads on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Auditorium

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 6, 2021	\$ 20,582.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 5, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$13,228.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,025.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,253.00</b>
SECOND COLLECTION- SOUTH AND LATIN AMERICAN AND OVERSEAS RELIEF	\$1,787.00

### Upcoming Second Collections:

#### June 12 - Project Faith

This collection is to provide resources for diocesan ministry, religious education, parish family life, and social services

#### June 19 - Seminarian Collection

## WE PRAY FOR...

*May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...*  
Francesco LoConte

### A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Debbie Werthmann, Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius, James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michele Bellisano, Michael Barbetta, John Hughes



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

- 8:00** Giuseppe "Joe" Esposito  
Raymond Fitzpatrick  
**10:00** Frances Monteleone  
Sr. Jenne Agans - Special Intention  
Mary Ruth Kessler  
Anthony and Agnes Taschler  
**12:00** All the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022

- 9:00** Sue Wingate

### TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

- 9:00** Rizaldy Quintos

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022

- 9:00** Rogelio DelaCruz

### THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

- 9:00** Dot Cervine - 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Christine Mahfouz

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

- 9:00** Andrew Sokerka

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

- 9:00** Corazon Nunag  
**5:30** All the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

- 8:00** Joseph Fodi and Edward Welsh  
Stanley Lacz  
**10:00** Daniel Mutter  
Generosa Spatola  
Salvatore Capriglione  
James Scancarella  
**12:00** Don Muller  
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