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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 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

Please telephone the Parish Office if you would like a priest to visit you or a family member at home or in the hospital.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Cats are not known for their humility. In fact, thousands of years ago cats were worshipped as gods. Apparently, they have not forgotten this! The life of a cat revolves around what the cat wants to do: to eat, to stretch, to be petted, to sleep. Cats can exult themselves and get away with it. They are perhaps the only animals to which the words of Jesus in today's Gospel do not apply. For what Jesus tells His disciples is that those who exult themselves will be humbled. It is only by humbling ourselves that we can be exulted.

Now what is humility? And why is it that Jesus thinks it is so important? Humility is the willingness to acknowledge our own limitations. Humility tells us that it is a benefit for us to own our weaknesses. We actually take a step forward when we are able to say: I am not as patient as I need to be with my family; I am not as creative as someone else might be; I find it difficult to say I am sorry; I hold prejudices against certain people; I am not a good listener. Through all these honest acknowledgements of our limitations we can move towards the truth without devaluing ourselves. Because honest humility allows us to acknowledge our weaknesses and at the same time realize that we remain people of goodness and dignity. We might not be perfect, but we have value. We might not be able to do everything, but we have something to contribute. Humility allows us to claim the truth about ourselves. But humility does not only influence the understanding of ourselves. It changes our view of others. For humility allows us to see the goodness of others and to treat them with reverence.

Why is it that as we experience a death in our family, the small actions of kindness and thoughtfulness of others so deeply move us? It is because death makes us humble. It forces us to face our mortality and our need. In that humility we can more clearly see the goodness of others as they minister to us in our grief. Why is it that the alcoholics or those involved in 12-step programs can so clearly appreciate the value of life and create such tight bonds with others in the recovery community? Because their addiction makes them humble, and they realize that every day they are clean is a gift. They will make any sacrifice would to be with a fellow alcoholic at a time of temptation. Why is it that people who struggle with cancer or any other serious disease are often so willing to extend themselves to others who struggle with the same sickness? It is because the cancer makes them humble, and they can more clearly see the reverence of their own life and the value and goodness of every other person.

People who are proud, who feel they can do it on their own, are not able to see as clearly the reverence that they should have for others. They tend to relate to others in terms of what the other can provide for them. That is why Jesus gives that strong teaching in today's Gospel saying that we should not invite anyone to our house that can repay us, but rather the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame. He says this to make it truly clear that our

association with others should not flow from our use of them but from their value as people. The great Jewish theologian Martin Buber was once asked a quite common question, "Where is God?" Buber rightly avoided the cliché "God is everywhere." What Buber said was "**God is found between people.**" **God is found in the relationships that bind us to one another.** The proud person does not really see the essential quality of human relationships. He or she might be an incredibly open caring person, willing to give to others but unaware of his or her own limitations. The proud person does not see how crucially we need one another. The person of humility does in fact recognize the need for relationships and therefore finds God "between us."

Cats believe they are self-sufficient, that they can do its own their own. Christians know that they are not. They understand that **God is to be found when we acknowledge our limitations and recognize our radical need for one another.** This fundamental insight is what makes love the highest of all Christian virtues. For love tells us that it is in our relationship to each other that we find God. Love is, indeed, the only way to God. But if that is true, then today's Gospel is important. Because if love is the only road to God, it is only the humble who will walk upon it.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



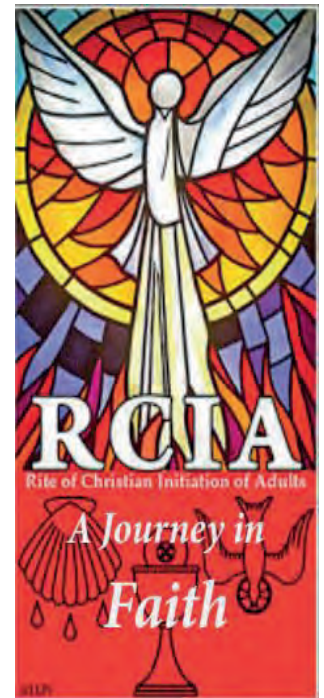
FAITH FORMATION

Those who are 18 years and older, who would like to be fully initiated (Full Sacramental initiation means the reception of the 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) or have not received any of these 3 Sacraments, can inquire about the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**. This ancient sacramental process prepares adults to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. RCIA focuses on faith development and maturing one's relationship with God.

Ready to start your journey?

Please call the parish office at **(973) 779 6200**

RCIA at St. Philip is starting **September 12th, 2022**. We will meet on Mondays from 7 to 8 PM in the Molloy Center.



DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR SERVER DAY

at Saint Paul Inside the Walls
205 Madison Ave., Madison, New Jersey
Saturday, September 17th, 2022 11 AM to 4 PM
Bishop will Celebrate Mass w/ Eucharistic Procession
For more information visit patersonvocations.org

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Bishop Sweeney is pleased to announce the premier event of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, inviting all parishioners to attend the Eucharistic Congress on September 24 and 25 at the Cathedral in Paterson. Several events in both English and Spanish will feature prayer, community, and talks from Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization at the Vatican. For a full schedule of events and to register, visit rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist



Eucharistic Congress
The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of the New Evangelization

Friday, September 23rd - Sunday, September 25th

Bishop Sweeney and the Diocese of Paterson welcome Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization to speak on the Eucharist and the New Evangelization.

FRIDAY, September 23 rd	SATURDAY, September 24 th	SUNDAY, September 25 th
7:00 pm Solemn Evening Prayer and Presentation for Priests, Religious, and Deacons	10:00 am Midmorning Prayer and Presentation in English (9:30 am - Refreshments in the Rodlimer Center)	3:00 pm Closing Bilingual Mass
	2:00 pm Mid-afternoon Prayer and Presentation in Spanish (1:30 pm - Refreshments in the Rodlimer Center)	

All events will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist 381 Grand Street, Paterson, New Jersey
Parking Available in the County Lot across from the Cathedral Offices

Registration is required. Visit rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist for more information and to register or scan the QR code.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME-TIMERS

A meeting of the Prime-timers will be held on Friday, September 2nd at 1 PM in Marian Hall. Annual Dues of \$15 will be collected at that time. Includes refreshments. Enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Attention Golfers

Our 13th Annual Council 11671 Golf Outing will again be out on the links. This year it will be at the Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne on Thursday, September 29th. Start time is 11 AM and includes golf, lunch, cocktails, snacks, fabulous prizes, and much more. For details and/or to register, go to our web page koc11671.org and just scroll down a little from the main page. Or use the QR code:



“Coats for Kids” Drive

Our coats for kids drive continues, help us give some more needy kids a warm coat this winter. Contributions of any amount can be sent to the name and address below or dropped in the collection basket any Sunday marked Coats-4-Kids. Make checks out to **K of C 11671** and mark in the memo area **Coats-4-Kids**.

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MINISTRIES AT SAINT PHILIP

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Choir of St. Philip will resume its ministry with our first rehearsal on Monday, September 12th. Rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings 7 to 9 PM and the choir sings for the 10AM Mass on Sundays throughout the season. We welcome returning members, as well as new members who are interested in joining this ministry! If you are interested, please speak with our Director of Music and Organist, Frank Hydash, after Mass with questions or for more information.

SUPPORT LIFE MINISTRY



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

LIFENET invites you to join us on the first Friday of each month to pray and fast for equal rights for babies in the womb and for an end to abortion. *The recent Supreme Court decision in the Dobbs case does NOT end abortion in NJ. Sadly, NJ politicians have intensified efforts to make NJ a "sanctuary state" for abortion.



<https://equalrightsforbabiesinthewomb.com/prayerandfasting/>

IN THE AREA...

SLAVIC FOOD FEST

On Saturday, September 17, from noon to 5 PM, at St Michael's Cathedral Chapel, 415 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park NJ. Featuring pirohy, holubky, halušky, grilled kolbas with sautéed kraut, along with pastry rolls (nut, poppy, apricot, lekvar) and babka. Take out or eat in, fresh or frozen. Abundant free off-street parking.

GOING TO RUTGERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK?

The Catholic Student Association at Rutgers invites you to the Catholic Center located at 84 Somerset Street on College Avenue Campus or for more details, visit: rutgerscatholic.org

WEDDING BANNS

*The Following Couple will be exchanging wedding vows:
II. Kristy Masbang and Ryan Bomba*



PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 22, 2021	\$ 17,939.00
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WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$11,580.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 8,269.00
TOTAL	\$19,849.00
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**Upcoming Second Collections:
August 28 - Project Faith**

PLEASE NOTE

The 2023 Mass Intention book will open
on Thursday, September 8th

Weekly Holy Hour will resume on
Friday, September 9th

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...
Samira Boustani, Edward Winkle

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami,
Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello,
Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius,
James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez,
Michael Barbetta, John Hughes,
George Wozniak, Bernadette Menzaco



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Joyce Comperatore
Sandy Fecko
Louise Giostra
12:00 Laurie Fazal
Dorothy Citarella

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022

- 9:00** Jean Warsosek
Dolores Retirado

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

- 9:00** Peter Sienicki

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2022

- 9:00** Michele Monteleone

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

- 9:00** Henry Zamensky

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

- 9:00** Mabel J. Borja
Cesar Bocanegra

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

- 9:00** Tammy DiSanto
5:30 Wally Sudol
Louise Stolarz
Marianne Jordan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

- 8:00** Leandro Salme
10:00 John Strangeway
Fred and Mary Siwec
Joseph Payne
12:00 All the People of the Parish

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