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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 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
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or in the hospital.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's gospel seems harsh and demanding. We are said to be servants waiting the return of our master. Of course, the master is Christ who will return at the end of time to establish God's kingdom. But, until that time when Christ comes, Jesus expects us to be active, to be vigilant, to be busy. Jesus expects us to work.

The gospel seems demanding because its emphasis is on our work, our service, our responsibility to build the kingdom of God. Just as soon as Jesus lowers that obligation upon us, it is easy to flee for cover. We can all look for excuses. *"Yes, I know I'm supposed to be loving, generous, forgiving, patient, and kind, but I have only so much energy."* *"I'm not feeling all that well today."* *"I have other things that I have to do first."* So, there you have it. Christ calls us to build the kingdom of God, and we have all kinds of reasons why we are too busy, too depressed, too tired, too old, or too weak to do it. So, how do we turn this around? How do we become the servants that Christ asks us to be? How do we motivate ourselves to build God's kingdom?

It might surprise you, but what might be missing in this enterprise is beauty. August Renoir was one of the greatest painters of all time. His paintings are alive with color and beauty. Yet, for the last 20 years of Renoir's life, he dealt with crippling arthritis. His hands were twisted and gnarled. He had to tie his paintbrush onto his hand in order to hold it. The arthritis also inflicted his back so he could not stand while he was painting. He required assistance to move from one position to the next. Every brush stroke, every movement was torture. On one occasion, his friend Matisse asked him, *"August, why do you keep torturing yourself in this way? You don't need the money. Why do you keep painting?"* Renoir answered, *"The pain passes, but the beauty remains."*



Renoir was able to push through the pain of his arthritis because he saw the beauty in what he was creating. He was able to accomplish what he could not out of obligation but out of the realization that what he was doing was important. We can apply this same attitude to doing the work of the gospel, because the work of Christ is both beautiful and important.

Yes, it is difficult at times to be patient and understanding with our children, with our parents, with our spouse. The fact that Christ commands us to do so doesn't make it any easier. But, if we could see the beautiful parts of the people in our family, if we could recognize their sincerity, their innocence, their honesty, their energy, we could push through all the frustrating peculiarities and love them.

Yes, it is difficult at times to find the time and energy to help others: to give some time to the elderly neighbor who lives on our street, to work in a soup kitchen,

to volunteer to teach a child to read. But, if we could remember the beauty of the people that we help and how important it is to have them fed, literate, and not alone, we could push through all the complications of our schedules and serve them.

When we're dealing with grief or arthritis or discouragement, it is difficult to remain positive. But, if we could see the beauty of the smile that we could bring to another's face and understand the way that our attitude can lift the attitude of others, we can push through the pain and be the presence of Christ to those around us.

Jesus calls us to build God's kingdom, and that is work. But if we see the beauty of the people in our families, the people in the world, and the importance of the people that we help, we can push through all the excuses and become Christ's servants. The pain passes, but the beauty remains. Choose today to be a part of the beauty of God's love.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

FROM SISTER CHRIS

Dear friends,

After forty-two years of sharing faith, joys, and sorrows together, the Lord has called me to the next step on my journey to leave the Saint Philip's community and move to New Windsor, NY to the Sisters of the Presentation headquarters. It was a difficult decision but a correct one for me. I will continue with the project I began for our sister last year.

I loved every minute of my ministry at St. Philip's, the Religious education program, the creation of Rainbow over the Mountain, the books groups, the Cornerstone overnight retreats with more than five hundred women, the Saturday morning retreat days, visiting the sick, ministry of consolation in walking with those vulnerable people at their time of grief, RCIA, the prayer group, the At Home Retreat, the Carnival serving the food in our "Pink Cornerstone tee shirts," liturgy, Welcome Home to the Father and whatever ministering was needed. I am so blessed to have served with wonderful priests, staff especially my secretaries and all of you the people of God. You are a part of the fabric of my life and won't be forgotten in my daily prayers.

Like a bad penny, I'll be popping up so I will not say goodbye.

Love and prayers,

Sr. Chris Liegey
46 Presentation Way
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FAITH FORMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is still open! We hope you will register your child and continue with us on this faith journey.



For details, please visit our parish website, www.StPhilip.org. If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We will be collecting contributions for our annual **Coats-for-kids Drive** beginning Sunday, August 7. Last year, through the generosity of everyone we were able to give 220 warm winter coats to our less fortunate neighbors right here in Clifton. We'd love to surpass that this year as the need is still great. Coats cost us approximately \$250 per box of 12. But all contributions, great or small, help out tremendously. The drive will continue until late September or early October. Please make checks out to **K of C Council 11671**, note in the memo area **Coats 4 Kids** and mail them to the address below or drop the envelope into the collection basket.

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THANK YOU, SEBASTIAN!

*Thank you, Seminarian Sebastian,
for being with us this summer!
The priests and parishioners of St. Philip
all enjoyed your presence,
and we wish you all the best as you continue
your priestly formation.*

*Know that you are always welcome at St. Philip's.
We will miss you!*

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

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 <https://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 23rd

7:00 pm
Solemn Evening Prayer
and Presentation for Priests,
Religious, and Deacons

SATURDAY, September 24th

10:00 am
Midmorning Prayer
and Presentation in English
(9:30 am - Refreshments
in the Rodimer Center)

2:00 pm
Mid-afternoon Prayer
and Presentation in Spanish
(1:30 pm - Refreshments
in the Rodimer Center)

SUNDAY, September 25th

3:00 pm
Closing
Bilingual
Mass



All events will take place at
the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
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Parking Available in the County Lot
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Registration is required.
Visit rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist
for more information and to register
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GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Gianna Louise

FROM SEMINARIAN SEBASTIAN

It is my last week with you, St. Philip's community! The weeks passed quickly because I enjoyed being with you and serving the community. Parishes are true schools of Christian spirituality, which, when well-embraced, truly shape hearts into becoming more loving people. Thank you for your love for the Lord and the Church!

I greatly appreciate the guidance of Father Monteleone, Father Nico, and Father Kevin, who mentored me in the past six weeks of pastoral assignment. They have offered me an enriching perspective of parish life and priestly ministry.

I would also like to sincerely thank all of you, faithful parishioners, for the incredible support and encouragement. I hope I have also contributed something to your life of faith.

I will return to Immaculate Conception Seminary (Seton Hall University) to continue my theological and priestly formation. Please pray for me as I continue the preparation for the diaconate and the priesthood.

In my years of formation, I have discovered that certain characteristics synthesize the ministry of an exemplary priest: service, joy, and fidelity. I hope that I have demonstrated these traits in my time with you.

May the Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph help us to persevere in our search for Jesus, like in the mystery of the loss and finding of the Child in the Temple.

God bless you!

Seminarian Sebastian Muñoz

PLEASE NOTE

There will be two (2) Masses offered on Monday, August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

7 AM Fr. Nico

9 AM Visiting Priest

Weekly Holy Hour will resume on
Friday, September 9th

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 1, 2021	\$ 19,741.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 31, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,588.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,175.00
TOTAL	\$15,763.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

August 14 - Project Faith

August 21- Mission Appeal

The Mission Appeal this year will benefit **Our Lady of Refuge Parish** in Dulag, Leyte, Philippines.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

5:30 PM Visiting Priest

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Visiting Priest

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

WE PRAY FOR...

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

Louise Stolarz, Joanna Kelly, Msgr. John B. Wehrlen

A Time to be Healed...

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Leandro Salme
Mitchell Krukar
Marci Franciose
Jeff Taylor

12:00 James Nugent
Carolina DellaFave

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022

9:00 Ronald St. Laurent

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022

9:00 Bernice Paul

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

9:00 Thomas Reck – 1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

9:00 Corazon Nunag

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022

9:00 George and Margaret Dikdan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022

9:00 Bill Loftus

5:30 Marci Franciose
Joseph Scartelli
Robert Finizio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

8:00 Debbie Werthmann
Joseph Scartelli

10:00 Sandy Fecko
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12:00 All the People of the Parish

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