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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday 9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Those of you, who were listening attentively to the Gospel may have noticed that there was a line in the Gospel that is used in another place in our liturgy. John the Baptist speaks it: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." These are the very words which are said at every Mass by the celebrant as he invites the assembly to communion. So, we have the same words found in the Gospel of John and in our liturgy.

If I were to ask you to guess in which of these two places did this saying first occur, you would probably guess the Gospel of John. It is easy to imagine that John wrote it into his Gospel and later it was taken from the Scriptures and made a part of our liturgy. But there are serious reasons to suppose that the exact opposite is true. You see, the Gospel of John was written at the end of the first century and by that time, Christians had been celebrating liturgy for many decades. Therefore, it is more likely that John chose to include this saying within his Gospel because his community had been using it in its liturgy for many years. Before there was the Bible, before there was the New Testament, there was a community, a church, which gathered for prayer. Before Christians could find the presence of Christ in the written word of the Scriptures, they found the presence of Christ as they gathered to worship. This primacy of worship is a good topic for us to consider as we begin this New Year and as we return to Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Year.

Why is it so important for us to gather in worship? Or to put this on a more personal level, **why is it that we come regularly here to share this Eucharist?** Do you come out of obligation because you will feel guilty if you do not come? Do you come out of habit because you have been conditioned to do so? Those reasons will get you here, but they are not the best reasons. **The fundamental reason we gather as we do each weekend is because Christ is here.** Christ has promised to be here. He has told us that where two or three are gathered in his name, there he is in the midst of them. He has commanded us to share this meal in memory of Him. So, when the community gathers, Christ is present. And the community gathers in order that they might encounter the Risen Christ.

Now when I say this, I am not saying that this is the only place that Christ is present. Christ is present in many places. Often when you talk to Catholics who do not come to church, they point this out to you. They will say, I do not go to church, but I find Christ in my prayer. I find Christ when I read the Bible at home. I find Christ as I walk out into nature. I find Christ as I serve other people. I find Christ every weekend on the 18th tee. I will not argue with any of those statements. Christ is found in all of those places. However, the primary place where Christ has promised to be present is here—**when we gather to worship.** From the beginning of Christianity, from the evening of the Resurrection, the community

gathered, and when the community gathered, Christians encountered the Risen Christ.

So, what does this mean for all of us? It means that we should come here every weekend expecting to meet Christ. We should not come out of obligation or habit but out of faith and anticipation, **believing that Christ is here, and we will encounter Him.** It might be in a word, a line that you hear from the Scriptures being proclaimed. It might be from a point in the homily. It could be as you sing the acclamations during the Eucharistic Prayer or as you come forward to receive the real presence of Christ, the Body and Blood of our Savior. It might be as you meet other members of the community who you know or see faith in the face of a stranger. It might be in the music; it might be in the silence. Wherever it is, Christ is here, and we should come expecting to meet Him. The words of John the Baptist should ring in our ears and in our hearts, reminding us why we gather: **"Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."**

*Christ is Savior!
Christ is here!
Don't miss Him!*



Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

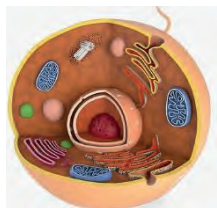
The regular **9 AM Mass** will be celebrated in the church on **Monday, January 16th** and the Parish office will be closed for **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The faculty, staff, and students at St. Philip Prep are beginning the new year with their characteristic enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and diligence. There is still time for many lessons before midterm exams, which are set for this upcoming week.

5th grade science is working on a cell project. They are comparing a place or object to a cell. They created analogies for the parts of the cells with the new places. They are drawing up maps of their places that show the parts of the cell we have learned about with the corresponding parts/places of their objects or place.



5th Grade Social Studies is studying the Road to the American Revolution.

Tours for new families looking to enroll will be held during Catholic Schools Week, beginning January 30th. Please contact the school at (973) 779-6200 to schedule your appointment.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTES BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will meet **Thursday, January 19th in the Molloy Center at 9:45 AM.** We have just donated hats and scarves to the residents of Mercy House in Newark. If you would like more information or would like to make a yarn or fabric donation, please call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us as we attend the **9 AM Mass on Saturday January 21st** (St. Agnes) and **February 18th**, weather permitting. This will not be a formal meeting, but the Rosary will be recited. All are welcome!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Attention St. Philip's students. The K of C annual Basketball **Free Throw Contest** will be held in the Gym on **January 21st**. This is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Registration forms will be made available in the school office.



HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE!



Saddle up and grab your lucky boots!

St. Philip Prep HSA will be hosting
"Wild, Wild West" Tricky Tray
on **Friday, March 10th**

in the School Auditorium.

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Tickets will be **\$ 25 each**

And includes 2 General bidding sheets.

No one under 18 permitted.

Stay tuned for more details!

Donations of new, unused items are now being accepted.

2022 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL


"One Body in Christ"

If you have received a final request from Bishop Sweeney asking for your support of the 2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, please respond as your means permit. There is still time to participate since 2022 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 20, 2023. Every gift is important so whatever you can give is a blessing.

Please respond today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2022appeal.org.

May God bless you for your support!


KIDS KORNER



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:29-34
John was told by God to look for the sign of a dove descend upon His Chosen One. John saw the dove when he baptized Jesus, then told the others Jesus was "The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Year A



"I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."
JOHN 1:34

BIBLE WORD SEARCH
Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

John	N	D	R	B	R	L	H	F	R	O	M	J	A
Baptist	J	O	H	N	R	A	V	S	E	N	T	C	Y
Testimony	S	V	L	T	E	S	T	I	M	O	N	Y	B
Behold	L	E	S	G	V	B	L	T	A	K	E	S	S
Jesus	W	N	N	J	E	S	U	S	I	G	N	C	P
Revealed	A	O	A	T	A	G	L	T	N	J	O	H	I
Lamb	H	I	R	W	L	H	S	T	W	A	T	E	R
God	E	H	A	L	E	N	G	A	Y	R	N	Z	I
Holy	R	Y	C	A	D	L	O	H	E	B	R	I	T
Spirit	I	L	V	N	T	Y	D	D	L	M	O	T	S
From	Y	E	A	H	L	N	O	Y	R	A	V	P	P
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PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 9, 2022	\$16,260.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 8, 2023	
Weekly Collection	\$12,220.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 5,979.00
Total	\$18,199.00
2nd Collection - Project Faith	\$ 2,853.00

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2021	\$ 76,325.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2022 (YTD)	\$ 80,423.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
January 15 - The Beacon
January 22 - Project Faith

Thank you for your support to our Parish!

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023
5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023
8:00 AM Fr. Nico
10:00 AM Fr. Nico
12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

WE PRAY FOR...

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

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs,
 Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault,
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 John Hughes, Bernadette Menzaco,
 Janet Jelenski, Adelaido Cuasay
 Peter Weber, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer,
 Lorraine De Bellis, Barbara Tolway,
 Sebastian Centinaro



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

8:00 Jose and Teresa Villegas
 Cynthia Franklin
10:00 Stephen Salerno
 Robert Baran
 Ralph Joseph Princiotti
 Pedro Ravelo - 5th Anniversary
12:00 Marlene Chidiac
 Charles Elbert

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

9:00 Amelia Rosales - 3rd Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

9:00 Lillian Gulmi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

9:00 Louise Stolarz

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

9:00 Susan Sadvary - 13th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

9:00 Cynthia Mikula

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

9:00 Joyce Comperatore
5:30 Domenic DeBenedetto
 Theodore Vanak
 Charles McDonald

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Marlene Chidiac
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12:00 Luigi Gioia
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