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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples: Peter and Andrew, and then James and John. The stories are brief and unadorned. Jesus says, "Follow me," and they leave their boats, their nets, their families, and follow him. Because of our familiarity with these stories, we might overlook a very important characteristic within them—the people who Jesus calls are not the best candidates to be his apostles. They were fishermen. Despite Jesus' clever turn of the phrase that he will make them fishers of men, there is a big difference between catching fish and catching men. They require **two different skill sets**. To catch fish, you need to know how to manage boats and nets. To catch people, you have to know how to use words and persuasion. There is no doubt that Jesus would have been on much surer footing had he chosen people accustomed to public speaking. He could have chosen apostles who had some notoriety, whose name and star power could have attracted others into Jesus' company. It certainly would have been a plus if those chosen had some education, if they had studied the Hebrew Scriptures, not to mention being able to read or write. But Jesus did not choose people with these qualifications. He chose a handful of fishermen.

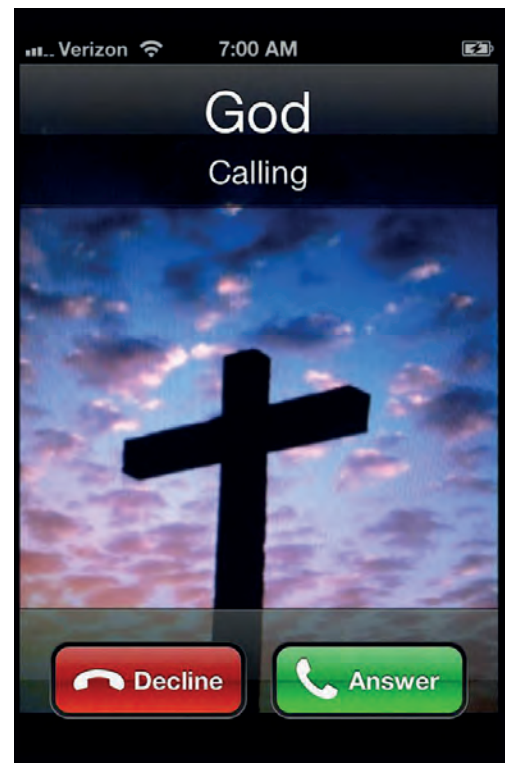
Now, this choice of Jesus' disciples contributes to a major theme which runs throughout the whole Bible. God seldom chooses the people that we expect. God seems to prefer the younger and inexperienced to the elder and accomplished, the unlikely to the logical. God chooses Jacob over his elder brother Esau. God chooses Joseph and David over their elder brothers. When God needs a prophet, he chooses Amos who is a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees or Jeremiah who is a boy. This theme carries over into the New Testament. God chooses Mary though she is a lowly handmaiden and Paul though he is a persecutor of the Church. It is difficult to predict who God is going to call. This is the Bible's way of telling us that God is in charge. **It is not we who choose God, but God who chooses us.** So this much is clear: God will choose who He will choose.

But how do we move this theme out of the Bible and into our lives? What do these unlikely call narratives have to say when God calls us? Here we need to be careful because we could draw some conclusions that are false. For example, we might say since God chooses those who are unlikely, qualifications do not matter. God could choose anybody to do anything. This is not true. **God calls us considering our talents and our abilities.** If you want to perform for the Metropolitan Opera, you must be able to sing. If you want to play halfback for a pro football team, you must be able to run. I would imagine that there are many of you who would not want to change places with me and deliver homilies. And I can assure you that you do not want me to be your surgeon if you needed heart bypass surgery.

The unlikely call narratives do not negate the need for abilities, but they do negate our excuses that other people are more qualified. There may be many people who have better parenting skills than you do, who are more insightful, more patient, more creative. But if God calls you to be a parent, you must say yes and do your best. You might be able to recognize many people at school or at work who are more popular and have more influence over others than you do. But, if God calls you to stand up for someone who's being demeaned or picked on or to speak out against something that is unjust or wrong, you cannot excuse yourself. You cannot say, "God, go choose somebody else." You might not be the most people-friendly person, not the best listener. Your skills might be more about analyzing, quantifying, deciding. But, if there is someone in your family or someone among your friends who is in need, who is hurting, and Jesus says to you, "Go to that person and be present," you must stand up from your nets, from your book, from your computer and do His will.

God will call who He will call. And when God calls us, it does us no good to point to others who have better qualifications. Of course, the God who calls us will be with us and will make up for our inadequacies. That is why, with Jesus' help, even unlikely disciples such as us can be successful. **But, first, we must stand up and follow him.**

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A lot is going on this week in school.



The second-grade students have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation after many weeks of preparation.

The third grade is having fun learning about weather, while first grade is learning about different landmarks and the layers of the earth!



We are also preparing diligently for Catholic Schools week as well.

Re-Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year for all current St. Philip families begins on January 23rd.

Applications for New families will begin January 30, 2022.

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



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME-TIMERS

A meeting of the Prime-Timers will be held on **Friday, February 3rd at 1 PM in Marian Hall.**

Personal Trainer, Karen Rigamonti is our special guest and will get us moving in our seats. All are welcome!

ROSARY SOCIETY

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

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, as well as Sponsor Banner donations.

MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to all the students accepted to the Class of 2027 at Morris Catholic!

At Morris Catholic, we are committed to helping students grow into persons of character, active members of their community, and committed lifelong learners. In the spirit of Catholic Schools' Week, we will continue to welcome students and families who have recently begun to consider a Catholic education with our rolling admissions process. We are also accepting transfer applications for grades 10 and 11 for the 2023-2024 year. Do not hesitate to reach out to our admissions department if you would still like to experience a campus tour or shadow day.

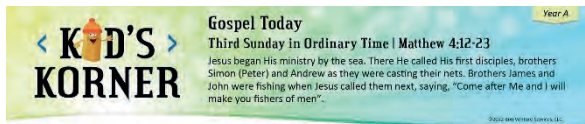
Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org or (973) 627-6674 ext. 322 for more information.

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Elianna
Marie*

KID'S KORNER



Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17

PORPOISE WITH A PURPOSE

This school of fish (porpoise) wants to help you be a good disciple and teach others about God's Good News. Write some ways of being a good Catholic on the fish below, as they swim along in the sea, for all to see!

Use these words or write your own...

Help
Pray
Share
Love
Kind
Give



PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 16, 2022	\$16,308.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 15, 2023	
Weekly Collection	\$14,522.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 8,016.00
Total	\$22,538.00

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2021	\$ 76,325.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2022 (YTD)	\$ 81,228.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
January 22 - Project Faith
January 29 - Support Catholic Schools

Thank you for your support to our Parish!

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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PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023
5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
8:00 AM Fr. Kevin
10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone
12:00 PM Fr. Nico

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Marlene Chidiac
 Giuseppe Esposito
 John Orlovsky
 Richard Peterson
12:00 Luigi Gioia
 Alice Nancarrow

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

9:00 Dot Cervine

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

9:00 Benjamin Ricucci
 Sr. Rene Donohue - 11th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

9:00 Anne Schrimpe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

9:00 Cleo Salay - 2nd Anniversary
 Daniel Mutter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

9:00 For the health and wellbeing of Bob Magrogan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

9:00 Claire Chidiac - In memory of her 90th
 Birthday
5:30 Joseph Dewland
 Jack McSweeney
 Ann Jasionowicz - 19th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

8:00 Joan Garrigan
10:00 Marlene Chidiac
 Anthony Lipari
 Giuseppe Esposito
 Birthday of Vincent Serafini
12:00 All the People of the Parish

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