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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 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,

One of the greatest gifts my mom and dad ever gave to me was the gift of a Roman Catholic education. My formal education began at St. Patrick School, Smithtown, NY. The school was staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY. They were excellent educators and certainly left an impression on my young mind. Sister Patricia Ann Kenny was my 1st grade teacher who taught us to love Jesus and His Blessed Mother. On the lighter side, she also taught us all about leprechauns! Her love of all things Irish left an impression on this Italian American! Sister Charlotte Maria taught me in 2nd grade and instilled in my class how important Jesus' presence in Blessed Sacrament is. She also explained why the statue of St. Joseph in our parish church was holding a jug in his hand. She said we should all put our troubles and problems in his jug, and he would bring them to his foster son, Jesus. I think I put more problems in there than anyone else in my class! Sister Mary Edith taught Social Studies in the 7th and 8th grade. She kept order in her class and made the world come alive for us. How wonderful that all three religious sisters were at my first Mass years later. Mrs. DeGraw taught 7th and 8th grade English. To this day I know how to diagram a sentence! Monthly classes taught by our parish priests and 1st Friday Masses enriched my faith life and experience of worship.

This great foundation was laid over an eight-year period. The sisters and the lay teachers I had all made an impact on my early years. The weaving of the faith into all subjects was a blessing and made us think of God and how we fit into the world. My education not only prepared me for St. Anthony's High School, South Huntington, NY but also for life. Without my faith, my life would be adrift in a secular world. Being taught that God has a plan for all of us gave me hope when I did not know what career I would choose in college. My elementary education and high school education was a sacrifice my parents made for my siblings and me. My parents believed it was money not spent but invested in the education of the whole person. I could not agree more.

Since my ordination in 2013, I made it a point to visit the parish school and teach the 8th grade in every assignment. This experience has made me a better priest and I pray to encourage a vocation or two. A priestly presence is vital for a Catholic school. To teach is to touch the future and encourage participation in the faith life of the Church. I have been greatly blessed to teach the past nine years (soon to be 10) and be a part of the future. It is my hope and dream that Catholic education continues to thrive in the Diocese of Paterson, and I am proud to be a small part of it.

We are so very fortunate to have a school attached to our parish. Over the past 60 years, thousands of children have received a sterling education at St. Philip's Prep. Our school is rooted in our Roman Catholic faith



and has Jesus Christ as the perfect teacher. The Caldwell Dominican Sisters founded the school and later the school was served by the Franciscan Sisters; now with a full lay staff with Danielle Gonzales as principal, our school is leading and preparing our students for the world. Not only do our students learn about their faith but put it into action by service projects and community service. So many of our graduates continue to Catholic high schools and STEM academies. Without the firm foundation they receive at SPP, they would not be where they are today. If you are interested in sending your child to SPP, please contact the school directly and make an appointment for a tour.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



Photos of our pastor with his little sister, Michele, on his first days of 1st and 2nd grades at St. Patrick's School in Smithtown, NY.

FROM THE DIOCESE



**Join us to Celebrate
Black History Month**

**Please join us for this special
Ecumenical Prayer Service with
Bishop Kevin Sweeney and the Black Pastors
of the City of Paterson
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**Sunday - February 5, 2023
4:00 PM**

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ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL



St Philip Prep is excited for the start of Catholic Schools Week. It starts today, Sunday, January 29, with our school Mass.

On Monday, January 30, the students will celebrate their favorite Saint or Bible character. This extends our study into vocations and the role they have in the Church and our lives.

Tuesday, January 31, we will see the fun side of our students, staff, and faculty by wearing our creative and crazy hats. Come on, we all want to show that side of us!

Wednesday, February 1, come see our SCHOOL PRIDE as we showcase our school spirit in our spirit wear.

Thursday, February 2, as a school, we will exemplify our Catholic teaching by celebrating various Missions and show our support of them.

Friday, February 3, St. Philip's will conclude its celebration by attending First Friday Mass. All are welcome to attend!

We, at St. Philip, want to thank everyone for supporting us this week.

Re-Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year for all current St. Philip families began on January 23rd and is ongoing.

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.



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@morris catholic.org or (973) 627-6674 ext. 322 for more information.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 2 and 16, 2022 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center**. We are making baby blankets for upcoming respect life events. For fabric or yarn donations and information, call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265.

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.

KNIGHTS SPONSOR FREE THROW CONTEST

January 21 was an eventful day for St. Philip's Prep Students and other Clifton school students as about 50 boys and girls ages 9 to 14 participated in the annual basketball Free throw competition. Parents and students crowded St. Philip's Gym to watch our budding future basketball stars take 15 shots from the free throw line. Hot dogs and drinks were free for all who attended. Winners in each category will soon be invited to compete in the district playoffs in a few weeks. The Knights thank all who participated!



GOD BLESS OUR CHILDREN

Our second graders made their first reconciliation and received God's healing mercy and forgiveness on Saturday, January 21st.



PARISH GIVING

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| SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 23, 2022 | \$15,473.00 |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 22, 2023 | |
| Weekly Collection | \$ 9,140.00 |
| Online Giving Donation | \$ 6,483.00 |
| Total | \$15,623.00 |
| 2 nd Collection - Project Faith | \$ 2,449.00 |

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| CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2021 | \$ 76,325.00 |
| CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2022 (YTD) | \$ 81,329.00 |

Upcoming Second Collections:
January 29 - Support Catholic Schools
February 12 - Project Faith

Thank you for your support to our Parish!

WE PRAY FOR...

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

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesi, James Jablonowski, Michael Nael Elmer Rodriguez, Michael Barbetta, John Hughes, Bernadette Menzaco, Adelaido Cuasay, Barbara Tolvay, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Lorraine DeBellis, Sebastian Centinaro, Patricia Canavan Petrowski, The Sikora sisters



PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Kevin

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

8:00 Joan Garrigan

10:00 Marlene Chidiac

Anthony Lipari

Giuseppe Esposito

Vincent Serafini - Birthday memorial

12:00 For All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

9:00 Dennis Yosco

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023

9:00 Michele Monteleone

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

9:00 Tammy DiSanto

Irene Sadvary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

9:00 Deceased members of the McNamara Family

Donald Muller

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

9:00 Arthur Cholakis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

9:00 Bob Magrogan

5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

8:00 Louise Stolarz

Eileen Pigut

10:00 Brian J. Lipari

Giuseppe Esposito

Dennis Clemenson

Romaine Romney

12:00 Marlene Chidiac

Virgilio Santoro

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