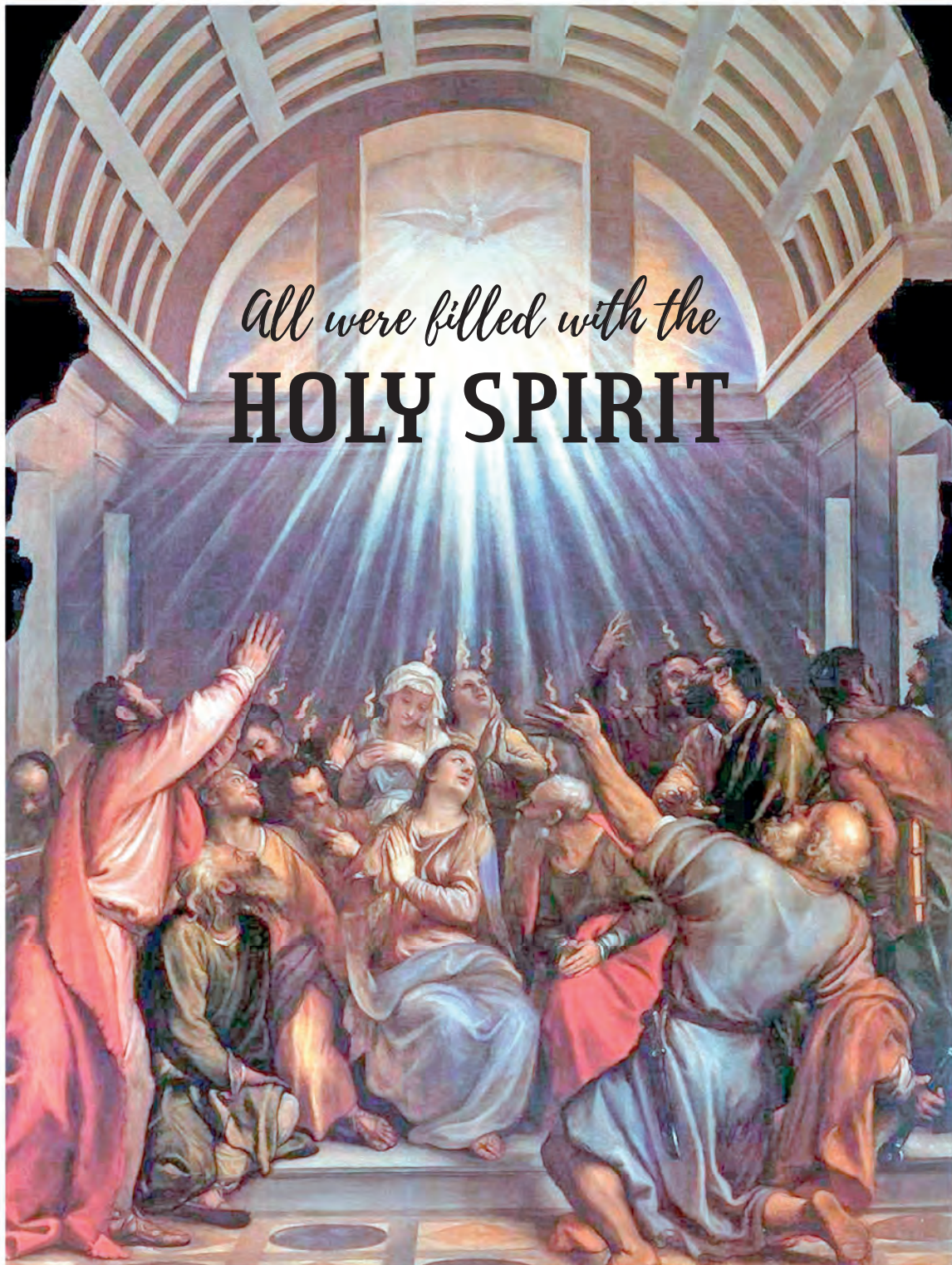


# PENTECOST



*Saint Philip the Apostle Parish • Clifton, New Jersey*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I am not sure that many people here would recognize the name Edwin Booth. But if you were living in the United States during the Civil War that name would be recognized in almost every household. Edwin Booth was recognized as one of the greatest actors that had ever lived. He was the Tom Cruise of the American stage. He did not, however, have an easy life. His father drank himself to death. His first wife died after two years of marriage. His second wife went insane. But perhaps the greatest cross that Edwin Booth had to bear was one of shame. Edwin Booth's younger brother, John Wilkes Booth, was the man who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. So, despite all the fame and success that Edwin Booth had in his life, he always had to deal with the embarrassment that a member of his family killed one of the greatest figures of American history.

Then, one day later in his life, while Edwin Booth was waiting for a train in **Jersey City**, there was a disturbance on the platform. Booth saw that a tall, young man was being shoved by the crowd onto the train tracks just as a train was approaching. Booth dropped his suitcase and ran immediately and pulled the man out of the way of the approaching train, certainly saving his life. The young man recognized who Booth was at once and said simply, "Well that was a narrow escape, Mr. Booth." As the two men began to talk with one another, Booth found to his amazement that the young man whose life he had just saved was Robert Todd Lincoln, the eldest son of Abraham Lincoln.

Now how would we explain such a remarkable connection of events, that the brother of the man who assassinated Abraham Lincoln was the man who saved the life of Lincoln's eldest son? Is that a coincidence? Those who do not have faith in God have no other explanation. Despite the odds being a million to one, people without faith would have to explain an event such as Edwin Booth saving the life of Robert Lincoln as a remarkable convergence of random events. Those, however, who believe in God, who believe in Christ Jesus, have a different explanation. For we believe that there is a force, a power, that is active in our world. That force is the Holy Spirit.

You see, believing in Christ is more than accepting a list of propositions that are outlined in the Creed. It is more than believing that a certain number of events once happened to Jesus thousands of years ago. **Saying that we believe in Christ means that we believe that the power of God's Spirit is active and moving in our world and in our lives.** We believe that the Holy Spirit moves us towards reconciliation, towards life, towards salvation. Jesus in today's Gospel breathes on the disciples, and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." **That is His way of saying that He will remain with us, that God's power will remain active in our lives and in our world.** The action of God's Spirit often appears as a coincidence. Yet for believers

there is no such thing as coincidence. For us what appears as coincidence is the action of God in our lives.

Think about it. Was it coincidence that Saturday night when you finally gave in to the demands of your friends and went out to a party even though you rather would have stayed at home and met that night the person you were going to marry? Was it coincidence that you were in an automobile accident, and you walked away and then realized you would have to take steps to deal with your drinking problem? Was it coincidence that you met someone you had hurt in the produce aisle at Stop N Shop and found the courage of saying, "I'm sorry," and took a step towards healing and reconciliation? **Any one of us can recall events in our life that look like coincidence. How we interpret them is up to us.** All I can say is that on the deepest level, Christians don't believe in coincidence because we know that the spirit of God is active, shaping, and directing our lives.

**But if we accept that truth of God's active presence in our life through the Spirit, it changes us.** It makes us see life differently. It makes us into different people. For people who recognize the action of God's Spirit in their life are more humble, more optimistic, more generous.

A person who knows that God is active in the world tends to be a humble person because he or she recognizes that they are not the center of the universe, that there is another power in the world working for good, building the kingdom. Although our decisions are important, we recognize that our decisions are not absolute, that God is working around us and through us. Therefore, we watch humbly for signs of His presence.

**The person who sees the action of the Spirit in their life is an optimistic person.** If God is active, there is always reason for hope. There is always reason to believe that things will turn out better than we had planned. There is always a reason to believe that as we get up each morning, something good will happen today. If God is active, we can be optimistic.

**A person who believes in the action of God's Spirit tends to be a generous person.** Because once we see that God is active, we want to cooperate, we want to take part. Therefore, we tend to give of our time, of our resources, of our talents more freely without holding back, without counting the cost because we believe that whatever is freely given will be used by God for His good purposes.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## PLEASE NOTE

*We welcome back this summer,  
newly ordained Deacon Sebastian Munoz!*

In observance of Memorial Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Church will be closed immediately following Mass. The Parish Office will be closed.



## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We congratulate our 8th grade Class of 2023 for making their commitments to the high schools they will be attending this Fall.

*Clifton High School*  
*DePaul Catholic High School*  
*Don Bosco Prep*  
*Immaculate Heart Academy*  
*Mary Help of Christians Academy*  
*Marymount School of New York*  
*Passaic County Technical Institute*  
*Ramapo High School*  
*Saint Peter's Prep*  
*Seton Hall Prep*

We wish them lots of success as they soon embark on their next academic adventure! But until then, we are excited to celebrate their achievements and time at St. Philip Prep with our upcoming Baccalaureate Graduation!

A great **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who came out to support our young student entrepreneurs at our TREP\$ Marketplace. The marketplace opened with an official blessing and ribbon-cutting by Fr. Monteleone. It was a beautiful sight to see our auditorium filled with eager business owners and supportive shoppers! Success meant different things to different kids. For some, it was the independence of earning their own money and for others it was the skills they learned along the way. Many of the students sold out of their products while others took future orders for customized items. The support of the community showed the children that their hard work has value and gave them a great feeling of accomplishment. Stay tuned for future TREP\$ marketplaces!

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### FR. ENGLISH CENTER FOOD COLLECTION

The Father English Food Pantry is in desperate need of food donations. The pantry feeds the working poor and about 20,000 families are served monthly with more than 1,000 food bags distributed daily. Most clients work but cannot afford to feed their families. Please help them by bringing only **NON-PERISHABLE** food items with you **June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** when you come to Mass.

Please consider the following donations: **canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce (plastic bottles) lentils, peanut butter and dry cereals.** All donations can be brought in a box or bag. Please leave your donations in the back of the church as you enter. All items will be picked up by 10 AM on the Monday after collection.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the widow and widowers will be on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Molloy Center.

### PRIME TIMERS

The annual luncheon of the Prime Timers will be on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Bella Napoli restaurant on Broad St, Bloomfield. The cost is \$50 per person. For reservations, please contact Stasia at (973) 473-2068 or Grace at (973) 684-1955.

### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves from St. Philips Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$40. For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



### COLUMBIETTES

**\*Special Prizes\***

**St. Philip Columbiettes**  
**Mary Ellen Valentin**  
**International Buffet Dinner**

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**MENU: Pierogies, Harvest Salad,**  
**Vegetable Pancit Noodles,**  
**Broccoli Cavatelli, Pork Carnitas,**  
**Yellow Rice, Lemon Chicken,**  
**Assorted Breads & Butter**  
**Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Cold Beverage**

**Advance Ticket Purchase Only! \*Special Prizes\***

**Adults \$25 & Children \$10 (age 6-10)**

**Tickets: Call Barbara Ann 201-906-1372**  
**Email: barblissi@comcast.net or**  
**columbiettes11671@gmail.com**

**St. Philip the Apostle Church | 797 Valley Rd | Clifton NJ**

## CARNIVAL

St. Philips Carnival will be  
4 days this year,

**Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6 - 10 PM**

**Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 6 - 11 PM**

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 11 PM**

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2 - 8 PM**

We are looking for new volunteers to join  
all our veteran volunteers.

It's 4 days of fun, laughs, and excitement.

If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Maureen at  
(973) 773-5161.

### Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water  
Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.



## AROUND TOWN...

### Societa' Franese di Mutuo Soccorso

Presents their annual Festa Frainese

In honor of Santa Maria Mater Domino

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Face Monastery in Clifton.

12:30 PM Mass (outside) Italian and English following  
procession with the band.

4:30 PM Procession with statue of our own Mater Domini  
will conclude the religious festivity.

Music – Fun – Friendship – Family

Please bring your own chair

Food will be available for Purchase.

Please note that on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a  
candlelight procession and benediction at 7:30 PM  
at the holy Face Monastery.

For any questions, please contact Nick at (973) 778-9328.

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Declan Jackson*

## WE PRAY FOR...

### For the Recently Deceased...

Rev. George R. Winne, Rev. James W. Dolan

### A Time to be Healed...

Sebastian Centinaro, Pauline Jelken,  
The Sikora sisters, Arlene Bayuex,  
Jobo Valentin, Maria Tommaro



## PARISH GIVING

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| SUNDAY COLLECTION: MAY 22, 2022  | \$ 14,750.00        |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION: MAY 21, 2023  |                     |
| WEEKLY COLLECTION                | \$ 8,713.00         |
| ONLINE GIVING DONATION           | \$ 6,569.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$ 15,282.00</b> |
| SECOND COLLECTION- PETER'S PENCE | \$ 2,200.00         |

### Upcoming Second Collections:

**May 28 - Project Faith**

**June 4 - South and Latin American Missions and  
Overseas Relief**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

- 8:00** For all the People of the Parish  
**10:00** Julius and Evelyn Stoehr  
Harry Hadinata  
Manuel and Mila Amador  
Camille Pirrello  
**12:00** John Gatti  
Anita Dellar

### MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

- 9:00** Henry Spohn  
Eduardo Tinio

### TUESDAY, May 30, 2023

- 9:00** Erico Cabatingan

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

- 9:00** Martha "Marge" Sirvidio

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

- 9:00** Anthony Volonnino  
Francis Slasinski

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

- 9:00** Ignacia Domingo  
Peter Cavalero

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

- 9:00** Modesta Flores  
Isla Rose Zisa- 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
**5:30** Anne Yates  
Ed Kovacs  
Anna DiSalvo

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

- 8:00** Mary Spychaj  
Benjamin Silverio  
**10:00** Marie D'Angelo  
Deceased members of the Kerner Family  
Maria Guarniello  
Jessie DiDonna  
**12:00** For all the People of the Parish



# ALLWOOD FUNERAL HOME

973-773-6666

660-670 ALLWOOD ROAD - CLIFTON, NJ

973-546-4700

Michael E. Porter, Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 3011, Scott D. Porter, N.J. Lic. No. 4070 & Andrew J. Messineo, N.J. Lic. No. 5285, Directors

GOD BLESS  
AMERICA

## CHARLES F. HAHN, INC.

All Forms of Insurance

Auto / Home / Life / Business

Gordon M. Hahn, President • Charles R. Hahn, Vice President

150 Clove Road

Little Falls, NJ 07424

(973) 773-3710

• New Roofs • Slate Repairs  
• Roof Removal • Skylight Repairs

All Types of  
Roofing & Repairs

## KOVACH ROOFING SPECIALISTS

\$300.00 OFF ANY ROOF OVER \$3000.00 (973) 835-5330 FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED \$30.00 OFF ANY REPAIR

## Diane DeCarolis, APN

Psychiatric Mental

Health Practitioner

25 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Medication • Psychotherapy

917-751-8700

MOST INSURANCE PLANS ACCEPTED UPPER MONTCLAIR

Support Our  
ADVERTISERS

They Support  
Our Parish



In the United States, one in nine people face hunger.

feedingamerica.org



## NEED A LAWYER? INJURED ON THE JOB?

### MARC J. BRENNER ESQ.



Personal Injury

Workers' Compensation

Social Security Disability



CALL FOR A FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION

(973) 326-8902

222 RIDGEDALE AVE • CEDAR KNOLLS  
315 BROAD STREET • BLOOMFIELD

## NOW OPEN!

MAPLE VALLEY  
DINER & RESTAURANT

Quality Food, Great Service, Best Prices

973-473-6444

1116 US HIGHWAY 46 • CLIFTON, NJ 07013

Share a slice of your summer.  
Give blood or platelets!

POISON  
**Help**  
1-800-222-1222

Free and confidential.  
24 HOURS A DAY

Help your community,  
the environment,  
& yourself

Patronize your local businesses

If the lights are flashing,  
**no passing.**

It's Not a Suggestion,  
It's the Law.

## NEED A LAWYER? INJURED?

★ Call For A Free Legal Consultation ★

MARC J. BRENNER ESQ.  
973-326-8902

- Personal Injury
- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability

CALL/TEXT 973-476-1414

www.lawmarcbrenner.com • mblaw@optonline.net

222 RIDGEDALE AVE • CEDAR KNOLLS / 315 BROAD ST • BLOOMFIELD

Donate Your Car Or  
Other Vehicle To  
Catholic Charities Paterson  
CALL 1-855-670-GIVE (4483)

30 YEARS IN PRACTICE

ANTHONY N. BARBIERI, PC  
Attorney at Law

Wills • Real Estate • Bankruptcy  
Motor Vehicle Offenses

832 CLIFTON AVENUE • CLIFTON, NJ 07013  
973-204-9266  
A.BARBIERI@OUTLOOK.COM

House and weekend visits available.  
Free Consultation • \$50 Discount with this Ad



# Shook

FUNERAL HOME, INC.

639 Van Houten Avenue | Clifton, New Jersey | 07013  
Roy B. Garretson, Manager | NJ Lic. No. 3550

(973) 471-9620 | ShookFuneralHome@gmail.com | www.ShookFH.com



www.bizub.com

# BIZUB-QUINLAN FUNERAL HOME



1313 Van Houten Avenue  
Clifton, NJ 07013

**973-546-2000**

Timothy J. Bizub, Mgr.  
N.J. Lic. No. 4022

*Affiliated with the Bizub-Parker Funeral Home*

47 Main Street Little Falls, NJ 07424

**973-256-4700**

Thomas J. (Toby) Bizub Jr., Mgr. N.J. Lic. No. 3917

515 Lexington Avenue  
Clifton, NJ 07011

**973-777-4332**

Thomas J. Bizub, Mgr.  
N.J. Lic. No. 2732

**HIRING PT/FT**  
Champion Plastics in Clifton is looking for a B2B/Telemarketer. Monday-Friday @ 25-30 Hrs/Wk. Reliable with strong communication skills.  
**WILL TRAIN THE RIGHT PERSON**  
Contact Denise @ 973-777-9400 Ext. 244  
Or E-mail resume To:  
dzangara@championplastics.com

**BARTLETT GREENHOUSES & FLORIST INC.**  
Cut Flowers, Plants & Floral Designs  
Specializing In Funeral Arrangements & Weddings  
**471-6480**  
814 GROVE STREET · CLIFTON

**JEFFREY POMPEO** Parishioner  
*DiFrancesco Bateman*  
**ATTORNEY**  
**908-757-7800**  
jpompeo@newjerseylaw.net  
CLIFTON: 1033 Rt 46 EAST, Ste 208A  
WARREN: 15 MOUNTAIN BLVD · BRICK: 638 MANTOLOKING ROAD  
*I Make House Calls!*

Are You Ready for a Rewarding Career?  
Interested in a Great Opportunity to Volunteer?  
Department for Persons with Disabilities  
A Catholic Charities Agency in the Diocese of Paterson  
Visit [www.dpd.org](http://www.dpd.org) to apply or to learn more about volunteering.  
Volunteer with "People Need Friends" program: volunteer@dpd.org  
Career Interest: Send application/resume: employment@dpd.org  
DPD, 1 Catholic Charities Way, Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438  
Attn: HR Dept. • Fax 973-406-1113

**THE BARROW HOUSE**  
PARLOR · BAR · RESTAURANT  
BRUNCH  
LUNCH  
DINNER  
HAPPY HOUR M-F 3-7PM  
1296 VAN HOUTEN AVE.  
CLIFTON, NJ 07013  
THEBARROWHOUSE.COM



**"Light the Way to Catholic Education"**  
Your tax deductible donation will benefit the:  
**Monsignor Peter J. Doody Permanent Scholarship Fund**  
To benefit Catholic Education for the students of St. Philip the Apostle School  
Donations can be sent to:  
St. Philip's Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund · 797 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ 07013  
Ask your employer about matching gifts!

The Law Offices of  
**ROBERT C. HESS**  
973-778-9310  
840 Van Houten Ave. Clifton, NJ 07013  
Parishioner, Lector

Compliments Of  
**RAY GRABOWSKI**  
**LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR**  
Clifton · New Jersey

**ADVERTISE**  
YOUR BUSINESS IN THIS SPACE  
Join the thousands of professionals and businesses in our network and begin growing sales driving new client visits and building client retention and name recognition.  
**800-883-4343**  
BON VENTURE

Visiting Angels®  
Non-Medical Home Care Services  
Select Your Experienced Caregiver  
jmalik@VisitingAngels.com  
www.VisitingAngels.com  
Jesse Malik • 973-839-3761  
LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES

**ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**  
**www.Call811.com**

**READY.GOV**  
Don't be afraid...Be Ready

Christopher Janish  
Realtor, Cantor  
Office: 973-256-0303  
Cell: 201-704-9093  
cjanish@yahoo.com  
39 E. Main Street  
Little Falls, NJ 07425  
PREMIER PROPERTIES  
THE DAMIANO GROUP  
www.pdrhomes.com

"A Black Belt is a White Belt That Never Quit" Jim Meghdar • Chief Instructor • Third Degree Black Belt  
**CLIFTON MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY**  
Taekwondo • Karate • Grappling • Weapons Defense • Adult Program Available  
Confidence • Bully-Proofing • Self-Discipline • Respect • Courtesy • Leadership  
973-779-0200  
891 Bloomfield Avenue • Clifton, NJ 07012  
info@cliftonmartialarts.com • cliftonmartialarts.com  
ST. PHILIP'S SPECIAL \$50 OFF INITIAL REGISTRATION

**Ameti's Pizza**  
FRESH FAST FREE DELIVERY  
(\$2 delivery charge will be added on amounts under \$10)  
PIZZA • SANDWICHES • SALADS • ENTREES  
1162 Broad Street • Clifton, NJ 07013  
**973-272-6080**  
view/order online at [www.ametisonline.com](http://www.ametisonline.com)

James J. Marrocco  
Senior Director ~ Parishioner  
NJ Lic. No. 3320  
Michael A. Waller  
Director ~ Parishioner  
NJ Lic. No. 3017  
Brian J. Warner  
Manager  
NJ Lic. No. 4587  
**Marrocco MEMORIAL CHAPEL**  
~ Serving The Public Since 1899 ~  
Member International Order of the GOLDEN RULE  
**973-249-6111 • 470 COLFAX AVENUE • CLIFTON, NJ 07013 • MARROCCOS.COM**