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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 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 Friday9:30 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 problems that many of us have in following the teachings of Jesus is that we see those teachings as a series of obligations, as a list of commands against which we are asked to measure our discipleship. Some of us might even see them as a set of hurdles over which we are asked to jump in order to demonstrate our love for God. Now, as disciples we are clearly obliged to follow the teachings of Jesus. But to understand them as some kind of test or burden that we are asked to bear is to approach them in exactly wrong direction.

Consider the teaching of Jesus that comes at the end of today's Gospel. Jesus says, "The gift you have received, give as a gift." Our inclination is to approach this teaching as an obligation. "Yes," we say, "I should be more giving. I should be more generous. If I were more generous, I would more clearly show that I am a follower of Christ." Now this is true. But, approaching the teaching as a simple command, overlooks another benefit of the teaching. Jesus' teaching that we be generous is not commanded for God's sake or even simply for our neighbor's sake. Jesus gives us this teaching for our sake, for our benefit. When Jesus asks us to be generous, He is not giving us an obligation to be met, but a secret to be lived. The secret is this: when we are generous, we are happy. This teaching of generosity leads us to a deeper life.

Carl Menninger was one of the founders of modern psychotherapy, and he spent his life work diagnosing various mental illnesses. Menninger recounts a therapy session with a very wealthy client who was beset with depression and fear. During that session, the doctor asked the client, "What do you plan to do with all your money?" "I don't know," said the client, "probably just worry about it, worry about keeping it, worry about making more of it." So, Menninger asked, "Tell me this, is this worrying about your money giving you pleasure?" "No," the man sighed, "not at all. It is only making me more fearful and depressed—yet the thought of giving up any of my money terrifies me." It was out of this encounter that Menninger devised one of the central principles of his philosophy: generous people are seldom mentally ill—generous people tend to be healthy people.

Jesus' teaching on generosity is not simply a command given for our neighbor's sake. It is for our sake because it introduces us to a way of living that increases our freedom and increases our joy. When there is something good in our lives, our natural inclination is to hold onto that good thing, to keep it safe. Jesus is telling us that if we wish to be happy, we should be generous, we should give what we have away.

This teaching of Jesus emphasizes that many of the most valuable things in our life are not things that we have earned or paid for. Have we earned our health? Have we paid for our family and friends? Have we created our sense of humor, our ability to understand, our sense of compassion? No, all these things are free gifts, things that

we have received without any kind of payment. Jesus says that if we want to be happy, we need to find a way of giving those gifts back. "You have received without payment, give without payment."

So, what the gospel challenges us to do is to identify what are the gifts that I have been given and then to find a way of giving that gift to someone else. Perhaps you have developed professional skills in medicine, law, or business. What are you doing to see that that skill not only benefits you and your family, but others who need it? Perhaps you are a person that is able to listen, to connect with other people. What can you do to use that gift not only to build your own relationships, but to deepen the lives of others? Perhaps you are someone who can work with your hands to build something useful. Are you passing that skill on? Perhaps you are a creative person, a person who can imagine ideas and possibilities that others cannot see. How do you use that creativity to bring beauty and hope into the world?

The gifts of God are given in abundance. There is not one person here today who has not received a gift. All of us have received something from God without any cost or payment. The Gospel today invites us to identify what is the gift we have received and then to listen to the teaching of Jesus. "The gift you have received, give as a gift." That teaching is not an obligation. Jesus is not placing some burden upon us. Jesus is showing us the way to happiness, the way to life.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dear fathers, on this special day, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all that you do. Your unwavering faith, love, selflessness, and dedication to your families is truly inspiring.

We are so blessed to have you in our lives, and we thank you for all the sacrifices you have made to help us become who we are today.

Happy Father's Day from all of us here at St. Philip!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Seventh-Grade class received their class rings at a school prayer service this past Monday. The ceremony was attended by the class of 2024, their parents, teachers, Principal Gonzalez, Father Monteleone as well as the current sixth. On Tuesday the PreK students celebrated their graduation in a joyful ceremony. Later that same day the Kindergarten class celebrated their graduation to first grade. In attendance at both PreK and Kindergarten graduations were proud teachers, parents, and siblings. The other students were also busy. The fourth grade created their own memory book to look back over their year. The fifth grade constructed water xylophones and cup phones as they explored soundwaves. All students were treated to a presentation with actual dinosaur bones and fossils. On Friday students attended the last day of the school year, marking the official start to their summer vacation.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on the 35th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Diaconate, Deacon Bob!
God Bless you!



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME-TIMERS ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

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



COLUMBIETTES

We would like to wish all the priests and fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers a Happy Blessed Father's Day and may St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, keep you in his care.

A big THANK YOU!!! To all who helped make our Annual Mary Ellen Valentin International Luncheon a success.

CARNIVAL

St. Philips Carnival will be 4 days this year,
Thursday, June 22nd 6 - 10 PM
Friday, June 23rd 6 -11 PM
Saturday, June 24th 6:30 - 11 PM
Sunday, June 25th 2 - 8 PM



Ride Bracelets and tickets are for sale online.

Visit:
<https://stphilip.org/carnival/>

Soda/Water Donations

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

Lawn Signs

Lawn signs are available at the rear of the church.

White Elephant

Donations for the white elephant sale may be dropped off in the gym beginning Monday, June 19th through Wednesday, June 21st from 9 AM – 7 PM.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

Quo Vadis

Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 9am – 8pm

Young men of high school age are invited to join us for a day of fun and discernment at Camp Shiloh (753 Burnt Meadow Road, Hewitt). The day will include zip lining, archery, high ropes activities, basketball, outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin Sweeney, and more! For more information, visit <https://patersonvocations.org>.

First Saturday Vocations Day of Discernment

Saturday, July 1, from 10am – 2:30pm


Come and join us for our First Saturday Day of Discernment at St. Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Avenue, Madison). The day begins at 10:00am and includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, socializing, lunch, and more. Contact the Vocations Office if you would like to participate in the First Saturday Day of Discernment for young men discerning the priesthood: Fr. Edward Rama, Vocation Director @ 973-777-8818 Ext. 715, Vocations@PatersonDiocese.org, or visit patersonvocations.org.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON
Marian Pilgrimage
 The Basilica of the
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October 14, 2023

The Spiritual Journey includes:

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- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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- Accommodations at a Westin Hotel
- Banquet
- Saturday: Breakfast
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For more information contact
Fr. Michael Rodak- 973 827-8030

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Brielle Luna

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| SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 12, 2022 | \$ 16,325.00 |
| SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 11, 2023 | |
| WEEKLY COLLECTION | \$ 8,688.00 |
| ONLINE GIVING DONATION | \$ 7,235.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 15,923.00 |
| SECOND COLLECTION- PROJECT FAITH | \$ 2,175.00 |

Upcoming Second Collections:
June 18 - Seminarian Collection
June 25 - Project Faith

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For the Recently Deceased...
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A Time to be Healed...
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 Claire Chilazi, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Edvie Canavan

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

- 8:00** For all the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Daniel Mutter
 Garry DeVos
 Generoso Spatola
 Jose and Teresa Villegas
- 12:00** Anne and Peter Lutcza
 For the 35th Ordination Anniversary of
 Deacon Bob Ayers

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

- 9:00** Harry Vendemia

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

- 9:00** Joseph LoTorto

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

- 9:00** Margaret Ryan Furlong

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023

- 9:00** Trina Wenderlaar

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

- 9:00** Kimberly Glinkin
 Thomas Trommelen

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

- 9:00** Danilo V. Caparaz
 Mila C. Delafuente
- 5:30** Natividad Gentolia
 Robert Moore
 Vicky Matthews

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

- 8:00** Joseph Paz
 Susan Gende
- 10:00** Joseph Scartello
 Ed Kovacs
 Doris Altonjy
 Robert Klingler
- 12:00** For all the People of the Parish
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