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# St. Philip the Apostle Parish

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 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,

There's nothing wrong with sparrows. They are cute, little brown birds with a lot of pep. And I have to admit that I enjoy watching them flutter around my parents' feeder back on Long Island. But when you compare sparrows to other birds, they do not stack up well. They are not colorful like cardinals or fast like hawks. In fact, in the bird kingdom they come across as commonplace, low level creatures. So, this is why I am taken aback when Jesus says in today's gospel, "You are worth more than many sparrows." Isn't that rather back-handed encouragement? If Jesus was trying to tell us that we were worth something, why not say "You are worth more than many eagles."

But this is the kind of thinking Jesus is trying to undercut in today's gospel. **He is trying to assert that we find our value not by comparing ourselves to others but by claiming our status in God's eyes.** God has made all things, and God loves all things. God has made some things bigger, faster, and more beautiful than others—and God loves those things. But God does not simply love the things that are bigger, faster, and more beautiful. God loves all things. God loves sparrows. There is something about their "sparrowness" that gives God constant delight. This is why Jesus uses the example of a sparrow in today's gospel. He says, "Not a sparrow falls from the sky without your Heavenly Father noticing it." And God notices sparrows because God notices everything that exists and loves each thing in creation for what it is.

**How different our lives could be, if we could share in God's way of seeing things instead of comparing our value and worth to the value and worth of others.** We all want to excel. We want our children to excel. But if we are constantly measuring our worth and their worth against that of others, it is possible that we will miss the goodness that God has placed in us and in them. You can see this when you overhear fathers talking about their sons in the grade school football program. They do not use these words, but one father will say, "You know, my son's like a cheetah. No one runs faster than him." Or another father will say, "My son is like a bear. He never misses a tackle." But often there is a father who says, "My son. . . my son is like a sparrow."

It is difficult being a sparrow on a football team. Yet God sees the value that is there. So should we. We cannot all be Supreme Court justices, or Hollywood celebrities, or multibillion-dollar entrepreneurs. **But God has given to each one of us a goodness that allows us to love and serve others.** What today's gospel

calls us to do is—instead of comparing our goodness to the goodness of someone else—to claim the goodness that we are and to use it. This is what God does. God is noticing our goodness every day and loving it. And God loves it not because it is better or less than someone else's goodness. But because it is our goodness. The goodness that God created and in which God never fails to take delight.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone



## PLEASE NOTE

Throughout the Summer, beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Office Schedule is as follows:

**Mondays thru Thursdays 8 AM to 4:30 PM**  
**Fridays 8 AM to 12 Noon**

Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.



In observance of Independence Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed.





## FAITH FORMATION

Missing Baptism, First Communion,  
or Confirmation?  
Want to be a fully initiated Catholic?

*We know life gets busy and takes us away  
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Allow us to help and walk with you on the  
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF  
ADULTS at Saint Philip  
will meet beginning September 2023.

Let us know if you'll join us:  
[lvalenti@stphilip.org](mailto:lvalenti@stphilip.org)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### LIFE MINISTRY

### Request a Mass for Life



**GOAL: 5000 Masses by 12/31/25**  
4500+ Masses arranged to date!

*Participating in the Mass "is truly living again  
the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord. It  
is a visible manifestation: the Lord makes  
himself present on the altar to be offered to the  
Father for the salvation of the world"*  
(Pope Frances Homily 2-10-2014).

Ask your Church Secretary to schedule one or  
more Masses to be said "For the Protection of  
Babies in the Womb and their Families." (Sunday  
Mass is preferred, but any day will do). Make an  
offering to the Church, typically \$10 per Mass.

Then, email [info@lifeneducation.org](mailto:info@lifeneducation.org) with  
the Church name, and date(s)/time(s) of the  
Masses and we'll add it to the tally. **That's it!!**

Please note that donation for Mass at St. Philip is \$20.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The teachers and the staff wish everyone a happy and  
safe summer.

See you in September!

# SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



## KID'S KORNER

**KID'S KORNER** Cycle A  
Gospel Today  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 10:26-33  
God created everything on earth, and He knows us right down to the hair on our heads. He wants us to listen to the word of Jesus, and believe. Whoever accepts Jesus on earth, will be accepted by His Father in heaven. The works of the Apostles continues.

### SUMMER IS HERE!

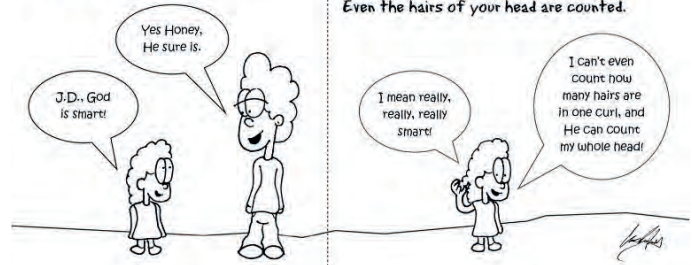
Look around at God's world. What is your favorite summer activity?  
Draw a picture of you and Jesus together. What are you doing?  
Eating ice cream? Skating in the park?  
Swimming at the lake, beach or pool?  
Is your hair pulled up, or under a hat?  
Don't forget to put sunscreen on!



SWEET as HONEY

Matthew 10:30

Even the hairs of your head are counted.



## 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](mailto:Vocations@PatersonDiocese.org), or visit [patersonvocations.org](http://patersonvocations.org).

**DIOCESE OF PATERSON**  
**Marian Pilgrimage**  
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 National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
**October 14, 2023**

**The Spiritual Journey includes:**

- Confessions in Crypt Church
- Rosary (multi-lingual)
- Divine Mercy
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Devotional Time
- Liturgy – Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney

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- Transportation and Gratuity \$65/person
- All day activities at Shrine
- Rest Stop going ~ Meal Stop return
- Depart Washington 4:15pm

**Overnight Option –**  
 Depart Friday, October, 13<sup>th</sup>

- Friday visit the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land
- Accommodations at a Westin Hotel
- Banquet
- Saturday: Breakfast
- Transportation and Gratuity

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 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

**Diocesan Pilgrimage – the presence of so many in one place in an act of worship to Almighty God and devotion to our Blessed Mother, is a great source of blessings for the Church of Paterson. Make a true pilgrimage of faith to honor our Blessed Mother, as patroness of the Church in the US. Be inspired in the largest Roman Catholic Church in the Americas.**

**For more information contact**  
**Fr. Michael Rodak- 973 827-8030**

Diocesan Pilgrimage Office – Fr. Michael A. Rodak – Director – 973 827-8030  
 4 Beaver Run Road – Hardyston NJ 07419

*Stay tuned...  
 St. Philip will have our own bus on October 14  
 led by Father Nico.*

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



*Lois Persephone*

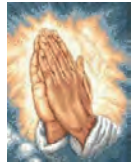
**PARISH GIVING**

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 19, 2022	\$ 16,519.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 18, 2023	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 8,403.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,804.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,207.00</b>
SECOND COLLECTION- SEMINARIAN	\$ 2,568.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**June 25 - Project Faith**  
**July 2 - Beacon**  
**July 9 - Project Faith**

**WE PRAY FOR...**

*For the Recently Deceased...*  
 Michael Nael



*A Time to be Healed...*  
 Arlene Bayuex, Jobo Valentin,  
 Maria Tommaro, Claire Chilazi, Asnel Rivero,  
 Alina Nicastro, Edvie Canavan, Joanne Barrett

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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  
Robert Klingler

**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**

- 9:00** For the Special Intentions of Virgilio Sales

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023**

- 9:00** June and Richard Howanice  
Joseph Scartelli

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023**

- 9:00** Rogelio Delacruz

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023**

- 9:00** Corazon Nunag

**FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023**

- 9:00** Mary V. Crosby - 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023**

- 9:00** Rizaldy Quintos
- 5:30** For all the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023**

- 8:00** Richard and Lena Rean
- 10:00** Joseph Scartelli  
Mary Spychak  
Rita Hogan  
Alois Lebitsch
- 12:00** Marge Sirvidio  
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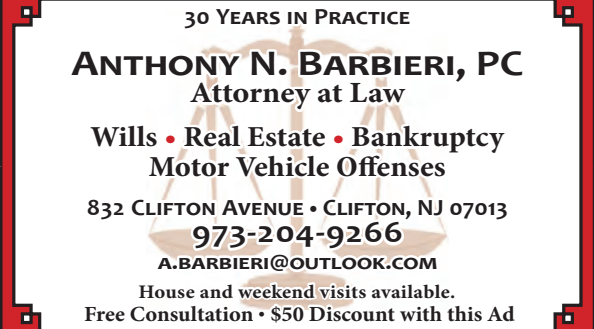
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