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The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 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,

Peter is one of the most important saints of the Christian tradition. He is the first of the apostles, the rock on which Jesus builds the church. The New Testament tells us many things about Peter. In fact, in the gospels no other character is mentioned more than Peter with the exception of only Jesus himself. So, what do the scriptures tell us about Peter? They tell us that he often speaks up with confidence, and that he is just as often wrong. Peter is the one who tries to convince Jesus to avoid the cross. Peter refuses to have his feet washed at the Last Supper. Peter thinks he can walk on water and sinks. Peter denies Jesus three times during Jesus' trial. **And in today's gospel, Peter is the one who comes up with this bizarre idea of setting up tents on the Mount of Transfiguration.** When you examine the incidents that refer to Peter, they are one blunder after another. Generally, whenever Peter opens his mouth, he discovers that his foot is in it.

Now it might seem odd that this often-misguided disciple should become one of the greatest saints of the church. But flawed saints are the best saints, because they are like us and teach us how to live. What does Peter teach us? **Peter shows us that following Jesus often involves the ability to re-evaluate our convictions. Peter regularly speaks up with boldness and confidence. But when he discovers that he is wrong, he is willing to change.** In time he comes to accept that Jesus must bear the cross. He allows Jesus to wash his feet at the Last Supper. He repents of his denial of Jesus during the Passion. He lets go of the strange idea of pitching tents on the mountain. What Peter shows us is that part of discipleship is to re-examine our ideas, learn from our mistakes, and have the capacity to think again. This willingness to change is essential for both spiritual and personal growth.

Your spouse says something that irritates you, a son or daughter speaks out of turn, and you are quick to push back and say, "This is what's going to happen. This is what is acceptable." Your words are quick and hot, but are they the best? Can you with Peter think again, swallow your mistake, and start over. In this polarized political climate certain words trigger an immediate response: healthcare, immigration, tax reform. When one of these words is spoken, we speak our piece; we dig in our heels. But when we begin to realize that none of us is going to move forward with everyone dug into a ditch, can we be like Peter. Can we admit we spoke too quickly? Can we dial the energy back a bit and try again? Every time we face a transition in life, a transition resulting from divorce, retirement, or the loss of a loved one, we can be quick to adopt a conclusion. We claim our ground and say, "This is possible, and this is not. This is what I will consider, and this is what I will not do." But once we see we are standing alone and going nowhere, can we admit with Peter, "I jumped too quickly. My thinking was misguided. I think I should re-consider my options."

Reevaluating our thinking is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of maturity and growth. This is why God gives

us time to change. So, the next time you speak too quickly and find that your foot is in your mouth, don't bite down. Remove your foot, and like Peter—think again.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

Monday, August 14th, 7 PM Vigil
Tuesday, August 15th, 7 AM and 9 AM

FAITH FORMATION



Religious Education

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open!
If you have a child in grades 1 through 10, we invite your family to join our program.

For details, please visit our Parish website at www.stphilip.org

If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org

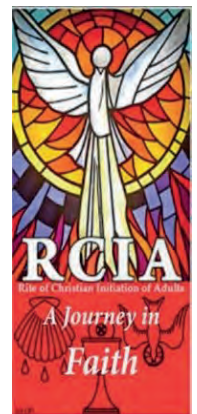


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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS at Saint Philip
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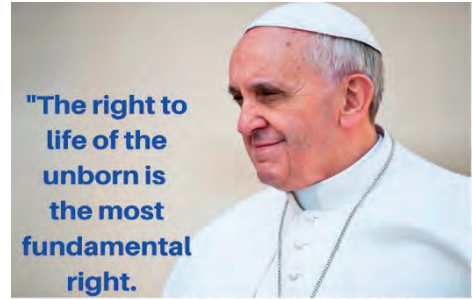
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Thank you to Paula Mutter and the Vacation Bible School team for an amazing journey for our children to Shine Jesus' Light this year at our Stellar Vacation Bible School. The children enjoyed themselves and we can't wait until next year!



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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Atlantic City Bus Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, August 24th. Bus leaves from St. Philips Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$40.

For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Golf Outing Sept. 21st Knolls Country Club

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IN THE AREA

The Theater League of Clifton and the Clifton Arts Center will host

"A Toast to Broadway,"

a musical revue and joint fundraiser

featuring vocalists:

Dorothy Dobkowski, Mingo Long, Kim Mesiti, Jason Tamashausky and musical director, Jalmari Vanamo at the Clifton Arts Center, 900 Clifton Ave. on: Aug. 25 and 26 at 7:30 PM and Aug. 27 at 2:00 PM.

Tickets can be purchased online in advance for \$40 at: www.cliftonartscenter.org or for \$45 at the door.

Prosecco and light refreshments included.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

St. Philip, with Father Nico, will join Bishop Kevin Sweeney for a One-Day Marian Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on October 14, 2023.



The One-Day Pilgrimage includes:
All-day activities at Shrine
Transportation and Gratuity
Rest Stop going and Meal Stop on return
Bus will depart St. Philip's lower lot at 6 AM
Depart Washington at 4:15 PM
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Please register for the pilgrimage
by calling the Parish Office at
(973) 779 6200
or by emailing Linda at lvalenti@stphilip.org

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- Attend outdoor Mass with Bishop Sweeney as celebrant

Open to young men ages 13 and older and their fathers. Minors must be accompanied by a male guardian. Campers provide their own tent and sleeping bags. Fee: \$100 per person, includes all meals and fees. Deadline to register: July 31, 2023. Registration required.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,821.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,701.00
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Upcoming Second Collections:
August 13 – Project Faith

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For the Recently Deceased...

Adelaido Cuasay

A Time to be Healed...

Arlene Bayuex, Jobo Valentin, Maria Tommaro,
Claire Chilazi, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Edvie Canavan,
Joanne Barrett

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

- 8:00 Kazimiera Kuras - 4th Anniversary
10:00 Anthony R. Lipari
Gloria Attoinese
Mary Spsychaj
Mariana Laya
12:00 For all the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

- 9:00 Anita A. Nunez

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

- 9:00 For the health and wellbeing of Vince Blazovic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

- 9:00 Lottie Fleck

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

- 9:00 Maria Young

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

- 9:00 For the health and wellbeing of Gail Augusta

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

- 9:00 Mariano Laya, Jr.
5:30 For All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

- 8:00 Mary Alice Horn
Manuel Calle
10:00 Richard Porfido
John R. Reid
Patricia Radak
Mariano Laya
12:00 Deceased members of the Canavan family
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