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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 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

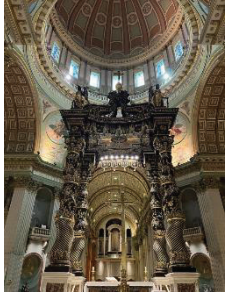
Every Friday .....9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or  
Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact the Parish office.



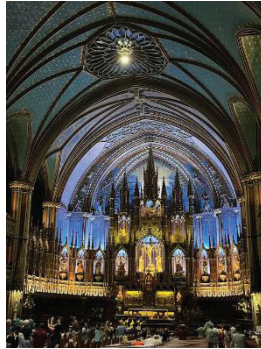
## FROM FATHER NICO'S DESK

I was in Montréal for a few days and learned how much its history is deeply rooted in Catholicism. It was once a center of Catholicism in North America with its numerous seminaries and churches, including the Notre Dame Basilica, the Cathédrale Marie-Reine-du-Monde, and Saint Joseph's Oratory. As soon as I set foot on the streets of Montréal, I quickly noticed that most of its streets are named after saints.



I visited some stunning Catholic architecture and churches that grace the city. The majestic churches are symbols of faith, history, and the dedication of generations who built them as places of worship. Yet, as I gazed upon those grand structures, I couldn't help but feel a sense of sadness and concern for the emptiness surrounding them.

Those magnificent churches, with their intricate designs, towering spires, and sacred art, were once bustling centers of spiritual life and communal gathering. They echoed with hymns of praise, reverberated with prayers of supplication, and witnessed the sacramental moments that shaped the lives of countless people. The walls once resounded with the voices of devoted congregations coming together in worship and unity.



However, the tides of secularization have washed over Montréal, leaving these once-vibrant places of worship nearly deserted. I passed by a beautiful church that is no longer a place of worship but is now an apartment complex. The declining attendance and the dwindling faith community point to a broader shift in society's values and priorities. In a world increasingly driven by material pursuits, technology, and individualism, the spiritual aspect of life is often neglected altogether.

Perhaps, in the rush of modern life, people have lost touch with the profound spiritual yearning within each of us. The distractions of the world may have drowned out the still, small voice that calls us to seek deeper meaning and purpose beyond our immediate concerns.

In this challenging context, the Catholic Church needs to respond with compassion, understanding, and renewed evangelization efforts. Rather than lamenting the decline, there is an opportunity to reach out to those who have drifted away and offer them the love and hope found in the teachings of Christ. Remaining steadfast in the Gospel values, we, as church, are called to provide relevant guidance and support for the spiritual journey of all.

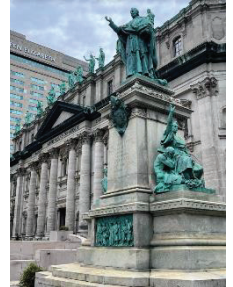
We are also called to examine our own faith and commitment to God. The emptiness of these once-thriving churches serves as a reminder to nurture our own spiritual lives and engage actively in our faith communities. Our responsibility is to keep the flame of faith alive and become beacons of light in an increasingly secular world.

The emptiness of our sacred spaces reminds us of the challenges faced in passing on the faith to future generations. In the bulletin next weekend, I will offer some suggestions on how we can reach out and share the joy of the Catholic faith, inviting everyone to know, love, and serve Jesus.

I can't believe that we are halfway through August. I hope and pray that your summer has been relaxing. Wherever you are, remember to attend Sunday Mass and thank God for all His blessings! Enjoy!

Take care and au revoir!

*Father Nico*



## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

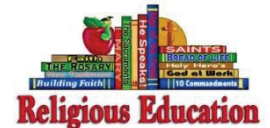
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass Schedule is as follows:

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

## FAITH FORMATION

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](http://www.stphilip.org)

If you have any questions, please email us  
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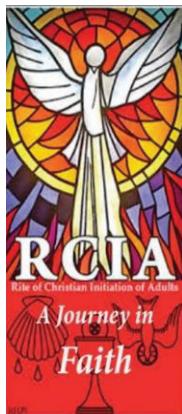
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from what we intend.*

*Allow us to help and walk with you on the  
journey of a life in faith!*

**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**

**St. Philip is recruiting  
ALTAR SERVERS!**

All students in grades 4 to 8,  
who have made their  
First Holy Communion are invited to  
become part of this ministry.

**If interested, please  
call the Parish Office  
at (973) 779 6200**

**or email Linda at [lvalenti@stphilip.org](mailto:lvalenti@stphilip.org) by August 15<sup>th</sup>.**



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**FATHER ENGLISH FOOD PANTRY**

The **Father English Food Pantry** is in 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. Let us help them by bringing  
only **NON-PERISHABLE** food items with you the  
weekend of **September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**,  
when you come to Mass.

Please consider the following donations:

Canned food, lentils, peanut butter, and dry cereals.

Thank you and please leave your donations in a box or bag  
in the back of the church as you enter. All items will be  
picked up by 10 AM on the Monday after collection.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our parish wants to thank all who continue so generously  
to donate food for the Father English Food Pantry, but now  
we need Volunteers to help package and distribute the food  
to the hundreds who come daily to the Center.

If interested, come to the Center to determine if this would  
be a good fit for you. If you can spare an hour or a  
morning, please come to visit and see what the Food Pantry  
is all about.

The address is: 435 Main St., Paterson, NJ.  
Carlos is the director.

**SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**PRIMETIMERS**

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in  
Atlantic City on Thursday, August 24<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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Golf Outing Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Knolls Country Club  
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The Theater League of Clifton and the Clifton Arts Center  
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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](http://www.cliftonartscenter.org) or for \$45 at the door.

Prosecco and light refreshments included.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor  
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## 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  
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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  
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or by emailing Linda at [lvalenti@stphilip.org](mailto:lvalenti@stphilip.org)

## GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998?  
The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+,  
50<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to  
be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in  
Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant  
on this joyful occasion to be held:  
**Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 3:00 PM**

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish  
office. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, October  
11, 2023.** You will receive additional information from the  
Office of Family Life once your registration has been  
processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 7, 2022	\$ 16,836.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 6, 2023	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$10,045.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,572.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,617.00</b>

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**August 13 - Project Faith**  
**August 20 - Missionary Cooperation**

## WE PRAY FOR...

*For the Recently Deceased...*  
Robert Martin

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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  
Bill Loftus  
For the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Giovanni  
and Filomena Castaldo

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

- 9:00** Sandy Fecko  
**7:00 PM** Jack McSweeney  
Margaret Spychaj

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

#### *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 7:00 AM** For all the People of the Parish  
**9:00** Marie Riegrova  
Margaret and George Dikdan

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

- 9:00** Adelaido Cuasay

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023

- 9:00** Ralph S. Tommaro

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

- 9:00** Vera Schimenti

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

- 9:00** Estanislao & Rosario Llames  
**5:30** Maria Anna Scelfo  
Marge Sirvidio  
For the protection of human life  
from conception to natural death

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

- 8:00** For All the People of the Parish  
**10:00** Deceased Members of the Azario Family  
John Anderson, Jr.  
Mariano Laya, Jr.  
Michelina Santorelli  
**12:00** For the protection of human life  
from conception to natural death  
Ambrosia Cruz - 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

### CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

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