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# St. Philip the Apostle Parish

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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 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,

Eleven years ago, my brother and sister-in-law bought a vacant house. It was owned by the bank and needed a lot of work. After a year of renovating, it was finally done. My brother and his wife were so proud of all that had been done. As they were giving my parents the grand tour, they stopped and showed off the master bath. It was spa-like, soaking tub, large shower, great lighting, and so on. When my sister-in-law asked my mom what she thought of the bathroom, my mom simply asked, where is the toilet tissue holder? My mom did not win mother-in-law of the year for that question!!!

We have all had an experience where the wind was knocked out of our pride, where a comment by someone or an experience reminds us that we are not as smart, not as popular, not as successful as we thought we were. It happens to Peter in today's Gospel. You might remember that last week Jesus assigned Peter the role of the rock, the foundation of the Church. This week, buoyed up by that honor, Peter decides that he is going to instruct Jesus to avoid the cross. It is a profound mistake, a serious misreading of God's plan. Jesus sets Peter straight. He says that he is an obstacle to the Kingdom of God. He calls Peter "Satan."

Last week Peter was the rock foundation on which the church was built. This week Peter is an obstacle to God's plan. Last week Peter was called blessed. This week Peter is called Satan. The truth is, Peter is both—both foundation and obstacle, both blessed and seriously flawed.

Peter is both. So are we. We are all a mixture of gifts and deficiencies, talents and liabilities, blessings, and flaws. And the sooner we accept this truth about ourselves, the sooner we can get on with living. The truth is that we often delude ourselves into imagining that God is looking for perfect disciples. God is not looking for perfect people. God is looking for real people. Real people often make mistakes and frequently fall short. This is what happened to Peter, and yet the good news is that despite his shortcomings and failures, Peter remained a disciple and ultimately served the Church. Peter continued to serve, and so should we.

To put this in another way: none of our failings or shortcomings can be an excuse for us not to follow Christ. Imperfect as we are, we are still called to be disciples. We are not perfect spouses. We argue; we hurt; sometimes we do not listen. But none of these shortcomings is an excuse to stop honoring the vows we exchanged on our wedding day. We are not perfect parents. We are impatient, demanding, and sometimes selfish. But none of these flaws is an excuse by which we can avoid guiding and caring for the lives of our children which have been entrusted to us. We are not perfect friends. We can be judgmental, jealous,

and inflexible. But none of these flaws is an excuse to stop us from trying to keep the relationships that God has given us alive.

God has no illusions. God knows who we are and all our failings. Yet, God still calls us to love, to forgive, and to grow. If Peter, whom Jesus called Satan, could go on to be the foundation of the Church, then, even with all our failings, we can still be the disciples Christ calls us to be.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## PLEASE NOTE

**In observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 4,  
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.  
The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.  
The Parish Office will be closed.**

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### FAMILY HOLY HALF HOUR

Saint Philip would like to welcome all families with young children to a **family holy HALF hour** on **Friday, September 8, at 5:30 PM** in **Marian Hall** in the Molloy Center.

A Holy Hour is where we are in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, exposed in front of us, on the altar. It is a beautiful experience that families often miss out on due to fear of their children's inability to sit still for long durations. This format is geared towards kids by shortening the time to a half hour and having music and activities that will help your children and you, as parents, understand the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We encourage you to come and spend time with Jesus as a family.

If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. Nico, or call the Parish Office at (973) 779 6200.



***The Filipino-American Group  
at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish***  
invites you  
to a Prayer Gathering and talk on

***Mary and the Eucharist***  
by Father Nico Quintos

**on Friday, September 8, 2023  
From 7 to 8 PM**  
at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish  
(Marian Hall)  
\*\*\*\*Fellowship To Follow \*\*\*\*

All are Welcome!

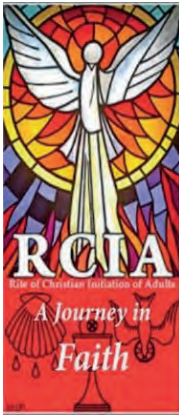
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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF  
ADULTS at Saint Philip**  
will meet beginning September 2023.

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



## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory School, a preK3 to grade 8 elementary school located in Clifton, NJ has an opening for an After School Director. Hours: 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Hourly pay will be based on experience and credentials. There are also Paraprofessional (Teacher aide) openings.

Qualified candidates please send your resume to:  
[Principalgonzalez@stphilipprep.com](mailto:Principalgonzalez@stphilipprep.com)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us in song!  
The **Choir of St. Philip** will resume its  
ministry with our first rehearsal on  
Monday,  
September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Rehearsals are held regularly in church  
on Monday evenings  
7 to 9 PM and the choir sings for the 10AM mass on  
Sundays throughout the season.

We welcome returning members, as well as new members  
who are interested in joining this ministry!

If you are interested, please speak with our Director of  
Music and Organist, Frank Hydash, after Mass with  
questions or for more information.



### 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Communion Breakfast

St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671  
invites everyone to our annual Communion  
Breakfast on Sunday, September 10th after the 8AM Mass  
in Marian Hall of the Molloy Center. This is a  
full breakfast (eggs, Fr. Toast, sausage, bacon, pot., etc.)  
for only \$10 (\$6 for children under 10).  
Two excellent speakers will talk about retraining shelter  
animals as service dogs for veterans and about a  
group that arranges veterans' trips to Lourdes for those  
with service-connected challenges. Tickets are  
kofc11671.org and at the door-provided there  
are any available as the capacity is limited to 100.  
This is a very special event so please purchase your  
tickets as soon as possible.

### National Day of Remembrance for the Aborted

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
at 9:00 AM Mass will be celebrated  
at St. Philip the Apostle Church,  
797 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013  
followed by a Prayer Vigil in the Molloy Center

A time to memorialize the aborted  
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Guest speaker, Solanyi Rodriguez  
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## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PRIMETIMERS

The St. Philip Primers will not meet in September due to  
the first Friday being the start of Labor Day weekend.  
Hope to see you in October!

## 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:

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by calling the Parish Office at  
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**or by emailing Linda at [lvalenti@stphilip.org](mailto:lvalenti@stphilip.org)**



# ALTAR SERVERS DAY

*Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty  
but a great honor, a true holy service.*

*— Pope Saint John Paul II*

- Celebrate Holy Mass with Bishop Sweeney.
- Enjoy fun games, good food and desserts.
- Learn more about altar serving and vocations.
- Take part in a Eucharistic Procession.



All Altar Servers in the Diocese of Paterson are invited!

**September 16, 2023**  
11 AM - 4 PM

St. Paul Inside the Walls  
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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
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Scan the QR code to register or visit  
<https://patersonvocations.org>

Please call (973) 777-8818 x. 711  
for more information.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Altar Servers Day is sponsored by the Paterson Federation  
Knights of Columbus and the Paterson Diocese Office of Vocations.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

- 8:00** Deacon Brian Drury  
Bob Martin
- 10:00** Tammy DiSanto  
John Strangeway  
John Anderson, Jr.  
Joan W. Murphy  
Albert Pineda - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 12:00** James Frain  
Frances Spazian

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

- 9:00** Andrew Doychak - 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Phylis Jaworski - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

- 9:00** Sam Rizzo  
Bernardo Gaudia

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

- 9:00** Lillian Heaney

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

- 9:00** Jim O'Donovan

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

- 9:00** Rocco Carlucci  
Kathryn Miragliotta

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

- 9:00** K of C Day of Remembrance
- 5:30** Ed Kovacs  
Josephine Mazzara - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Richard O'Brien, Sr.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

- 8:00** For All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Donald Muller  
Italo and Filomena Gonnella  
Doris Rivera  
Margaret Finucane-Boos
- 12:00** Robert Parillo  
Jose Ramon Acevedo

### CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3rd

In Memory of Fred and Dorothea Anthony  
-With love from the Anthony Family



### OFFERTORY GIFTS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3rd

In loving memory of John Anderson, Jr.  
-With love from Mom and Dad



## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Joseph Leonardo*

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 28, 2022	\$15,474.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 27, 2023	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 10,368.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,398.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,766.00</b>
Second Collection – Project Faith	\$ 2,355.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**September 10 - Project Faith**

## WE PRAY FOR...

*The Recently Deceased...*  
Rita Latona, Richard Marranzino, Connie Pomposelli

*A Time to be Healed...*  
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