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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 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 Saturday4:30 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,

In today's gospel parable, we know more about the two sons than we know about the father. The first son tells his father that he will not go into the vineyard, but later he changes his mind and goes. The second son says that he is on his way into the vineyard but never shows up. But we are not given any reaction of the father to these choices. When the first son says he will not go, we are not told whether the father was shocked, disappointed, or angry. When the father finds out that the second son never showed up, we are not told whether he felt deceived or manipulated. The only thing we know about the father is that he asked each of his sons to go into the vineyard. And I think that this lack of information is intentional, because it makes the father of the parable like us.

In our relationships, we are not able to control what other people say or what they do. All we are able to do is like the father says, "This is what is in my heart. This is what I desire. This is what I think is important," and then let other people respond. We might find someone whom we want to be a part of our life, someone we want to treasure as a friend or a spouse. All we can do is say what is in our heart. "I like you a lot. Will you spend time with me? Will you marry me?" We might find that the response is, "That is wonderful. We can make this work." But later we discover that that person cannot follow through. We could also receive the response, "Whoa, that's too soon. I am not ready to make a commitment." But later discover that the person returns and says, "Let's talk."

We might have a deep desire that our son or daughter lives a life of service, caring for other people. All we can do is share how we think that is important. We can say, "As you build your life, I hope that you find room to serve others, that you care for those that less fortunate." We might find that our child says, "Of course, Dad. I know that that's important." But later we watch as she builds her life only for her own success and comfort. Another child might say, "Back off, Mom. I'm looking to make money. I want to be able to have whatever I need or desire." But later we find out that he spends his time on the weekends at a soup kitchen and involves himself with groups working for economic justice.

We might have someone that we love in our family or friends who we think is going through a difficult time. We want to be present. We want to help. All we can do is express that intention: "Are things ok with you? You look sad. Is there anything I can do to

help?" The person might respond, "We're close, and if anything was wrong, you would be the first to know." But they tell us nothing. Another person might say, "There are issues, but I have to keep some things to myself." Then later they contact us and open up, and we are able to share their pain.

We cannot control what another person says or does. We can only share what we believe, what we think is important, and then let them respond. Now, of course, many times the person will both say and do that which we think is the best. But today's parable reminds us that is not always the case. Frequently, a person will respond in a way that is lacking—either in their words or in their deeds. And when that happens, the message of today's parable is that it does us no good to explode in anger or to nurture discouragement and resentment. People are free. And all we can do is, like the father in the parable, express what is in our hearts, and then place others and their responses in God's hands.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



FAITH FORMATION

Missing Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation?

Want to be a fully initiated Catholic?

We know life gets busy and takes us away 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 October 2023.

Let us know if you'll join us: lvalenti@stphilip.org

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

As September comes to an end the students of SPPS continue to forge forward with the beginning of the school year. Last week students in grades 4-8 took their NWEA MAP test and this week students in grades 1-3 will take their NWEA MAP tests.

The 7th graders are eagerly awaiting the traditional trip to Fairview Retreat, where they will experience and participate in team building and bonding activities and exercises.

The Boys and Girls Basketball teams began tryouts for this year's team. We look forward to watching our students play! Go GREEN STORM!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER AT MASS!

We are always looking for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, & Altar Servers to serve at our Sunday Masses!

If you are interested in volunteering at Mass, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200.

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MINISTRIES FORMATION SESSION

We invite all those involved in our parish ministries (Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ushers, Consolation Team, and Parish Organizations) to join us for a **Ministries Formation Session** led by **Father Jared Brogan** on **Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.**

Father Jared will share valuable insights and guidance to enrich and strengthen our ministries. This formation session is an opportunity for learning, growth, and fellowship within our parish community.

We look forward to your presence and participation in this special event. Your dedication and service to our parish ministries are greatly appreciated, and we believe this formation session will greatly benefit us all.

Please mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there!

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RING OUT!

Interested in participating in a music ministry but not a singer?

Handbell rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45 PM. The **Handbell Choir** rings at Lessons and Carols, and seasonal masses on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. Any prior musical experience is appreciated, but not required. We encourage returning and new members to please join us for our organizational meeting and first rehearsal on Monday, October 2nd at 6 PM. All music ministries are open to persons high school age and up. For those preparing for Confirmation, participation in one of our music ministries is a great way to fulfill service hours! Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.



LIFE MINISTRY

1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via conference call

Friday, October 13, 2023*
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* October 13 is the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima
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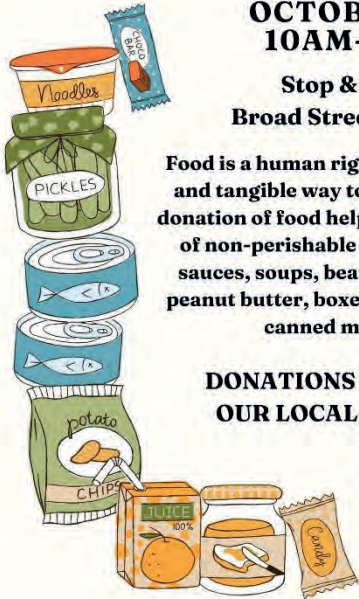
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Need help dealing with grief?

A prayerful support group can help you move through the grief process.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.

Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

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GriefShare at Saint Philip's will begin on **Monday, October 30th, 2023 at 7 PM** in the Youth Room of Jubilee Wing Building of the Molloy Center.

Let us know if you are interested and we will save a seat and a workbook for you. Please connect with Fr. Nico or Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779 6200.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

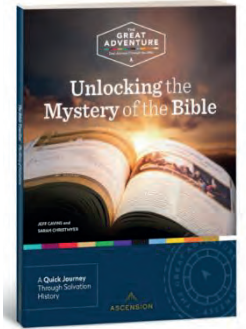
Limited free copies are available in the Church. Read this academic and enlightening book on the Eucharist this September, and we invite you on November 6, 2023, in Marian Hall at 7 PM as Fr. Jared Brogan discusses some of the important points Bishop Barron made in the book.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

BIBLE STUDY

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is the starting point of the **Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program**.

In eight compelling videos, Jeff Cavins presents the salvation history from Creation and the Fall through Christ's coming and the Church's establishment. In this Bible study, you will learn the story with an easy-to-use, color-coded Bible Timeline Chart and small-group discussion questions, reinforcing the video presentations and helping you apply the message to your life.



This eight-week program will be offered twice weekly, on **Monday mornings at 10 AM** and **Tuesday evenings at 7 PM**, in the Youth Room of the Molloy Center.

Join us on Tuesday, October 10th, for the first session and organizational meeting at 10 AM or 7 PM in the Youth Room of the Molloy Center.

If interested, please call the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 to reserve a seat and workbook.

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LIFE MINISTRY

New Jersey Right to Life

2023 Respect Life Raffle

Tickets are \$10 Each.

1st Prize: 2024 Volvo XC 40 All- Wheel Drive SUV

2nd Prize: Shoprite Gift Card valued at \$1,000

3rd Prize: Shoprite Gift Card valued at \$750

4th Prize: Shoprite Gift Card valued at \$500

As in the past years, Debbie Harley will be in the vestibule of the church after all masses on the weekend of

September 30th and October 1st.

Thank you for your support!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Over 50? Help decide our Future.

St. Philip's Prime Timers, a senior social club in existence for over 25 years is having a meeting at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall of the Malloy Center, to determine what type of club, if any, we want to become for the future. This will be the only item on our agenda. You needn't be a member of Prime Timers, or even a member of St. Philip's parish to attend and express your opinion. We are especially looking for new interested seniors willing to step up and be counted on and design what this club needs to be in the future. No need to call or register with anybody, just show up for the meeting on October 6 and help define the future.



Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, October 10th. 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

We will again be collecting contributions for our annual **Coats-for-kids Drive** until Saturday October 21, 2023. Last year, through the generosity of everyone we were able to give our 220 warm winter coats to our less fortunate neighbors right here in Clifton. We'd love to surpass it this year as the need is still great. Coats cost us approximately \$275 per box of 12 but all contributions, great or small, help tremendously. Please make checks out to K of C Council 11671, note in the memo area **Coats-for-kids** and mail them to the address below or drop the envelope into the collection basket.

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Need to know about Medicare?

Mike Cervine a Passaic County volunteer SHIP Counselor is again running his introduction to Medicare in the Clifton Senior Center on October 3, 10 & 17 at 2:00 - 3:30 PM repeated 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The course is FREE but you must register by calling the senior center at (973) 470-2234.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings of the blanket ministry are Thursday, October 5 and 19, 2023 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome!
Thank you Suzanne and Caitlyn for your generous donations of fabric and yarn.

For information or donations, please call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265.

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DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998?

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th 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!



GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Emma Jean



Donnie Kenneth



Jack Elias

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 18, 2022	\$20,470.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 10,714.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,205.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,919.00
SECOND COLLECTION- PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,967.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
October 1 - Beacon Catholic
October 8 - Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently Deceased....

Deacon Tom Beirne, Kristen Bruschi, Christopher Appolito

A Time to be Healed...

Claire Chilazi, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Edvie Canavan,
 Joanne Barrett, Peggy Nisivocchia, Harry Carline,
 Manuel Bacani



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

- 8:00** For All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Dorothy Broughton
Elaine and Jerry Cipolla
Juiliana Heck
Frances Spazian
- 12:00** For the protection of human life from
conception to natural death
John Natoli, Sr. - 10th Anniversary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

- 9:00** Maria and Giesepe Esposito

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

- 9:00** Francis, Miriam, and Kevin O'Brien
Elsie Doychak

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

- 9:00** Ralph and Loretta Pennella

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

- 9:00** Joseph Dewland
Irene Sadvary - 24th Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

- 9:00** Peter Cavalero
Anna DiSalvo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

- 9:00** Benigno Jumao-as
- 5:30** Mary and John Gallaher
Frank Ciccone
Kelsey O'Donnell

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

- 8:00** Mariano Laya, Jr
Robert "Bob" Martin
- 10:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family
Dr. Robert Feliciano
Francesco Pugliano
Living and Deceased Rosarians
- 12:00** For All the People of the Parish

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