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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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,

The pigeon is an awkward bird. We all know the unusual way in which a pigeon walks: taking a few steps, stopping, moving his head forward and backward and then taking a few more steps. As unattractive as this mode of locomotion is, it happens for a reason. A pigeon, you see, is unable to focus his eye when in motion. Therefore, every few steps he needs to stop and refocus in order to see. Without this starting and stopping, pigeons would be unable to know where they are going.



This pattern of stopping and refocusing might serve as a helpful reminder to us. Often, we are so thoroughly in motion that we do not stop to see some of the important possibilities in our lives.

Jesus points to one of these possibilities in today's Gospel. He says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." This is a tremendous promise because Jesus promises to be with us when we gather in his name. But what does it mean to gather in Jesus' name? It means to encounter another person consciously aware that Jesus will be present in the meeting. This is why we need to stop and refocus. If we simply busy ourselves through all the hours of our day without any stopping and reflecting, we will indeed gather with other people, but we might well miss the presence of Christ in our midst.

It is one thing to help your son or daughter with homework. But it is another thing to consciously bring Christ into that meeting, to realize that Christ is with you as you help. When we know that Christ is with us, it is easier to be patient and attentive to the needs of our child.

It is one thing to listen to a friend or a coworker as they go through a difficult patch, hearing the pain as they break up with their boyfriend or lose their job or grieve the death of a parent. But it is another thing to listen consciously aware that Christ is with us. When we carry Christ into that meeting, we are more likely to be compassionate and helpful to the person in need.

It is one thing to decide to go out with our friends to relax, to get a bite to eat and see a movie. But it is another thing to go out aware that Christ is with us. Bringing Christ with us allows us to laugh more deeply and to be more thankful for the opportunities and the relationships that have been given to us.

Every time that we encounter another person, Christ can be present with us. The way that we live at home, at work, or

at school can be deeper when we enter those situations in the name of Christ. Unless a pigeon stops every few steps and refocuses, it is unable to see. The same is true for us. In this upcoming week we will connect with all kinds of people. Let us remember that as we encounter them, we can bring Christ into that meeting. And if we do so, we will not be disappointed. Bringing Christ with us allows us to live with more awareness and more life. It permits us to see how Christ is present in every person we meet.

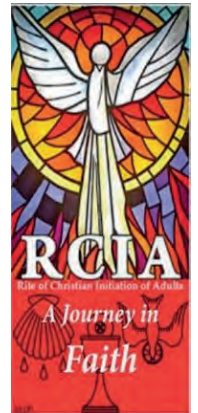
Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

FAITH FORMATION

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

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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:
Ivalenti@stphilip.org



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us in song!

The **Choir of St. Philip** will resume its ministry with their first rehearsal on Monday, September 11th. Rehearsals are held regularly in Church on Monday evenings 7 to 9 PM and the choir sings for the 10 AM Mass on Sundays throughout the season. We welcome returning members, as well as new members. If you are interested, please speak with our Director of Music and Organist, Frank Hydash, after Mass with questions or for more information.



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY SOCIETY

Everyone is welcome! Rosary Society is back September 11 beginning at 6:30 in Marian Hall, Mass and Rosary. Please join us as we celebrate our love for our Blessed Mother and enjoy ice cream too.

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,

followed by a Prayer Vigil in the Molloy Center

A time to memorialize the aborted

and a time to ask for healing

Guest speaker, Solanyi Rodriguez

Assistant to the Diocesan Right-Life to Office

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers Group will meet on Monday, September 11th at 2 PM in the Molloy Center.

Join us for prayers, socialization, and meeting new friends. All are welcome!

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The first meeting of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center.

All crafters are welcome! We make handmade items to donate to hospitalized children, nursing homes, hospice patients, and more. You do not have to be a Columbiette to join. If you would like more information, please call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265.

We also accept yarn and fabric donations. If you have a donation, you may call the same number.

Thank you, Mary Ellen, for your recent yarn donation!

Blood Drive

St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 will host our semi-annual blood Drive on Sunday,

September 17th from 8 AM to 1 PM in the

Gym. Blood is in very short supply currently, so all

donations are needed. Reservations are highly

recommended however not required.

Make a reservation by calling 1-877-258-4825.

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

\$65 per person

Please register for the pilgrimage

by calling the Parish Office at

(973) 779 6200

or by emailing Linda at lvalenti@stphilip.org

The deadline to sign up is September 15th.

There are still a few seats left on our 2nd bus.



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
205 Madison Avenue
Madison, New Jersey

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

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.

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

**GOLD and SILVER
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!

WEDDING BANNS

The following couples will be exchanging wedding vows:

Joel Beach and Marie Frolich
Samuel Williams and Alicia Aste



PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 4, 2022	\$17,913.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 3, 2023	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,025.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,437.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,462.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:
September 24 - Project Faith**

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently Deceased....

John Martin, Patrick A. Matano Jr., Catalina Carvajal,
Bonnie Ruth Sadowski

A Time to be Healed...

Claire Chilazi, Ansel Rivero, Alina Nicastro,
Edvie Canavan, Joanne Barrett, Maya Hilario,
Peggy Nisivoccia, Harry Carline



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

- 9:00** Gieseppe Spatola

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

- 9:00** Msgr. John Morris
Benjamin Ricucci

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

- 9:00** Mientje Bhagwandin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

- 9:00** Cesar Roman
Carlos Ricardo Reyes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

- 9:00** Sergio D'Alto

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

- 9:00** Columbiettes' Day of Remembrance
5:30 Daniel Mutter
Ella and Domenic DeBenedetto
Dermot O'Connell

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

- 8:00** Louise Stolarz
10:00 Generosa Spatola
Mary Spychaj
John Sokol
Marton Robinson
12:00 For All the People of the Parish
Walter Herlinski



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