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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening	5:	:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12	2:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday	9:	:00 AM
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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,

The following letter was found in the files on the Internal Revenue Service. "Dear IRS, my conscience has been bothering me. I am including a check for \$5,000 to pay my back taxes." At the bottom of the letter was a postscript, "If my conscience continues to bother me, I will send the rest."

No one likes to pay taxes. Even though we realize the government needs to operate, we want to keep taxes low. We want to give the government the least amount of money we can. Here is where today's gospel poses such a problem for us. Although the gospel seems to be about taxes, it is about much more. Those who question Jesus try to trap him by asking him whether a good Jew should pay the tax to the emperor or not. If he says they should, he will alienate many of his followers who are opposed to supporting the oppressive Roman Empire that occupies their land. If he says they should not, he risks trouble with Rome, which is something you would not want to do. Jesus escapes the trap by asking for a coin and pointing out that fact that the Emperor's head is on the coin. He then says you can give that coin to the emperor as long as you give to God what belongs to God.

Here is where the story deepens. "Give to God what belongs to God." It sounds innocent when you first hear it. But what belongs to God? Everything. What do we have that does not belong to God? Now some people point to this passage saying that Jesus is proposing equality between the state and God, akin to the separation of church and state. But nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus admits that the state has some claim on what we have, but he says that God has a claim on all we have. What do we have that does not belong to God? Our Life? The world around us? Our family? Our children, our grandchildren, our relationships, our health, our talents, our future? It is all God's.

Now this truth is so fundamental that we often overlook it. But there are only two possibilities. If God does not exist, if God is not real, then everything we are and everything we possess have come about by chance. In that case we can do what we wish with our time and our money. But if God is real, if God does exist, (and we come together every week professing that God does), then all that we have is not our own. All we have has only been entrusted to us to be used

for God's purposes. I believe that these are the only possibilities. I have looked through all the scriptures for a loophole on this. I cannot find one. If God exists, then He has a claim on everything.

Now of course God loves us and wants us to be happy. Therefore, God expects that a good deal of what has been entrusted to us will be used for our own benefit. He expects us to use our time, our money, and our resources to support our family, to have a comfortable lifestyle, to use for recreation, to achieve security for the future. God does not begrudge us using our time, and our money for ourselves.

But it is the attitude of the thing. You see a Christian cannot really say, "It is my time and my money to use how I wish." A Christian must say, "It is God's time and God's money, entrusted to me to be used for myself and for others. The word we use to describe this truth is "stewardship." Everything we have has been entrusted to us as stewards to be used for God's purposes. Now I know that many of us here in this parish understand the truth of stewardship. It would be impossible for St. Philip the Apostle to function as a believing community without the time, the talent and the money that is given by so many. On a weekly basis I see how many people donate their time and talent so that the less fortunate are fed, so that the homebound can receive communion, so that we may have a greater awareness of peace and justice. None of this could happen without a deep sense of stewardship.

I am so deeply moved by how many parishioners have given to our parish capital campaign. It is a wonderful show of love to St. Philip the Apostle parish and how committed our people are to keep our church building beautiful. Our church building is not only the sight of countless weddings, 1st Communions, and funerals, but it is also where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. As our own homes need upkeep and refreshment, so does our place of worship. Together, we can do something beautiful for God and all have a place at His table.

This is why today's gospel is so challenging. Unlike the IRS, our master cannot be deceived. As Christian stewards we must be ready at any time for God to ask us, "How are you spending my time? What are you doing with my money? How are you living the life that I have entrusted to you?"

Fr. Monteleone

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Tuesday, October 31st, 7 PM Vigil Mass Wednesday, November 1st, 7 AM and 9 AM

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE DEPARTED
(All Souls' Day)
Thursday, November 2nd, 9 AM

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.

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

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FAMILY HOLY HALF HOUR

Saint Philip would like to welcome all families with young children to a **family holy HALF hour** on

Friday, October 27, 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.



VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD

On Sunday, October 15th, Bishop Sweeney awarded Mike Cervine the *Vivere Christus Award* at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

This Vivere Christus is awarded to those who selflessly give their time, talent, and treasure for the good of their parish. Mike has been an active parishioner of St. Philip for 40 years, and most recently serving as Grand Knight for the Knights



of Columbus.



On the left is Mike Cervine's son who is a priest, Fr. Keith Cervine of the Metuchen Diocese. Congratulations, Mike!

MINISTRIES FORMATION

Thanks to Fr. Jared who talked to our parish organizations and leaders about the Eucharist and Service last Monday.



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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 entitled "This Is My Body."

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory school is looking to fill two Full-Time Teaching positions: Middle School Social Studies and Middle School ELA.

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will meet beginning October 29, 2023. Let us know if you'll join us: lvalenti@stphilip.org

GRIEFSHARE AT SAINT PHILIP'S

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.

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.

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

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ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Save the Date!
Mark your calendar!
All Are Welcome!

Come join us for our Rosary Meeting as we remind ourselves of the angel's words to Mary: "Nothing will be impossible for God (Lk 1:37)."

We will celebrate Mass and pray the Rosary on Monday, October 23 at 6:30 in Marian Hall Fall Trick or Treats too!

SCOUTS

CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Cub Scout Pack 21 of St. Philip's is selling packaged pasta as their fundraiser this weekend before and after all masses. Cash, Check, Venmo, and Zelle will be accepted forms of payment. Please support Pack 21.

PRIMETIMERS

The next meeting of the St. Philip's Prime Timers will be held on Friday, November 3rd at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall.

We will be having a Pizza Party and collecting our \$15 Membership annual dues.

Anyone 50 years and older are welcome to come and join us for fun and socializing.

If you have any questions, please call Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.

COLUMBIETTES

Come Join Us for a Family Hot Dog Dinner All You Can Eat! Hosted by St. Philip Columbiettes Saturday, November 4th, 6 PM to 9 PM \$25 Family (4) \$10 Single (1)

We will be selling tickets after Masses next weekend. You can pre-order your ticket online and pay at the door. Use the link below to order:

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Sr. Cecilia & Sr. Lorraine, Collecting Little Sisters Further info may be had on our website: www. littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

FOCUS AT MSU

FOCUS – Fellowship of Catholic University Students.

The weekend of November 5th, the FOCUS missionaries serving at Montclair State University will be speaking after Mass to invite to join their campaign to bring 50 students to encounter Christ, at their national conference, SEEK. For more information reach out to Alyssa Siefring at alyssa.siefring@focus.org.

Is the Lord calling you to sponsor a student's registration to encounter Jesus? Scan the QR code below.



GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Congratulations, Anthony Joseph!

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Luigi Gioia

Edward Kovacs

Victor & Dorothy Robinson

Mario Santulli

12:00 Victor Shami

Annette Avolio

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

9:00 Rolando Roque - 10th Anniversary Pasquale V. Ferraro

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

9:00 Thomas Viggiano

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

9:00 Donald Muller Mildred Scrosia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

9:00 Jacqueline Otero - In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

9:00 Deceased Members of the Saam family Peter G. Lutcza

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

9:00 Mary Snyder

5:30 Nancy Markey

Salvatore Capriglione Kimberly Glinkin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

8:00 Connie Pomposelli

John Martin

10:00 Elsie Doychak - 18th Anniversary

Donna DeMartino

Deceased members of the

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Margaret White

12:00 All the People of the Parish

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