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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 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,

Jesus pulls a fast one in today's Gospel. A lawyer comes up to him with a simple question: choose from all the commandments one that is the greatest. Jesus answers the lawyer but instead of choosing one commandment he chooses two. And if we look carefully at his response, we can find in one of the commandments a third commandment. Instead of coming up with one commandment that is the greatest, Jesus offers three. First, we are to love God with all of our strength. Second, we are to love our neighbor. But we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. So, the third commandment is that we love ourselves. If you were to ask Jesus, then, what is the great commandment, he would offer this triple commandment of love: love of God, love of self, love of neighbor. He would suggest that this is God's greatest revelation of how we should act. It is that upon which everything else hangs—both the law and all the prophets. So, since this is so important and central a revelation, we should spend a little time reflecting upon it. We can do so by asking ourselves why does Jesus choose three commandments and what are their relationships to each other?

We can start with the command, which is most obvious, the commandment to love our neighbor. Now the neighbor here is not the person who lives next door. Neighbor is anyone we meet, anyone at all. Our neighbor is everyone in the world. The commandment is we are to love our neighbor. The necessity of this commandment is clear, and its impact cannot be underestimated. Imagine what a different world we could live in, if we could follow this one commandment, if people could relate to one another out of love instead of out of jealousy, greed, and resentment. To follow this commandment would truly change our world. Yet it is a difficult commandment to follow. Why is it so often that we are unable to love our neighbor? We move now to the second commandment: love of self.

We are so often unable to love our neighbor because we do not have a genuine love of self. Only those who genuinely love themselves can love others. Those who consider themselves unworthy and unlovable have no love to give. Those whose dominant attitude is one of failure or anger can only strike out to others in jealousy, hatred, or perhaps even violence. In order to genuinely follow the first commandment, we must follow the second. We must love ourselves so that we are able to extend love to others. But then how do we establish an adequate love

of self? Here the believer knows where to turn – to the third commandment: we are to love God with all our strength.

It is when we understand God's love for us and can respond to God in love that we discover our worth and our value. God's love is unconditional and transformative. When we embrace God's love for us despite all of our mistakes and failings then we understand our true worth and value. Then we can love ourselves, and through that love others.

The great commandment according to Jesus is the triple commandment of love, to embrace God's love for us, so that we can come to an adequate love of self, so that we can extend that love to others. This commandment of Jesus is not only striking poetry. It is a very practical truth that we can apply to our own lives. When we face other people who are difficult to love, people who irritate us, people who have hurt us, people whose attitude and stance is contrary to what we understand or can appreciate, we sometimes try to love them by finding good in them. But often it is our blindness to their goodness that is the problem in the first place. Therefore, a more successful way to love those that are difficult to love is by finding goodness in ourselves, by remembering that we are chosen sons and daughters of God. By remembering how we have been blessed, how often we have been forgiven for our failings, how frequently we have been lost and God has found us and saved us, how His love for us is unconditional, we can gain a sense of how we are worthy and lovable in God's eyes. It is by claiming God's love for us that we can find the freedom to spread love to others, even when they are difficult to love.

There is not enough love in our world. All of us can come up with excuses why other people do not deserve our love. It is then that we must remember that we do not deserve God's love and yet He loves us, nevertheless. When we can claim that unconditional love that God has for us, we will be free to love others. Then, and only then, will we know the mystery of living Jesus' greatest commandment.

Peace,
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
FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

(All Souls' Day)
Thursday, November 2nd, 9 AM

Loved ones are remembered during all Masses celebrated during the month of November and their names will be placed by the statue of Mary in the church.

We invite you to write the names of your beloved, faithful departed relatives, and friends on the paper by the statue of Mary in the church and place your memorial intentions in the bowl provided. This will be available throughout the month of November.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

BIBLE STUDY

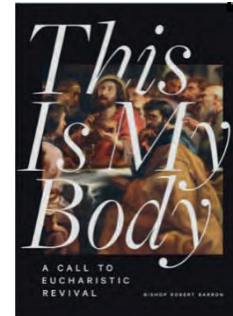
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is the starting point of the **Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program.**

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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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

The students are getting excited for Halloween. This week the second grade began their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Fourth and fifth grades are working on the rosary and will be making their own rosary. Sixth grade is working on Saint reports.



WORK WITH US!

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

For inquiries, please email Principal Gonzalez at principalgonzalez@stphilipprep.com

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.

GRIEF SHARE 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.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 12th from 12 to 5 PM in the St. Philip Auditorium. Monies raised help fund activities for the boy scouts. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti is prepared by the troop with homemade sauce and served with salad, bread, coffee, tea, dessert, and refreshments. Takeout orders are also available. Price is \$15, seniors pay just \$12, kids 5-11 are \$8, and kids under 4 and under are free with a paying adult. Purchase tickets at the door. For details about the dinner or joining Boy Scout Troop 21, email: troop21clifton@gmail.com.



PRIMETIMERS

St. Philip's Prime Timers have invited the New Jersey Lottery Commission to do a presentation at our monthly meeting Friday, November 3rd at 1:30PM in Marian Hall.

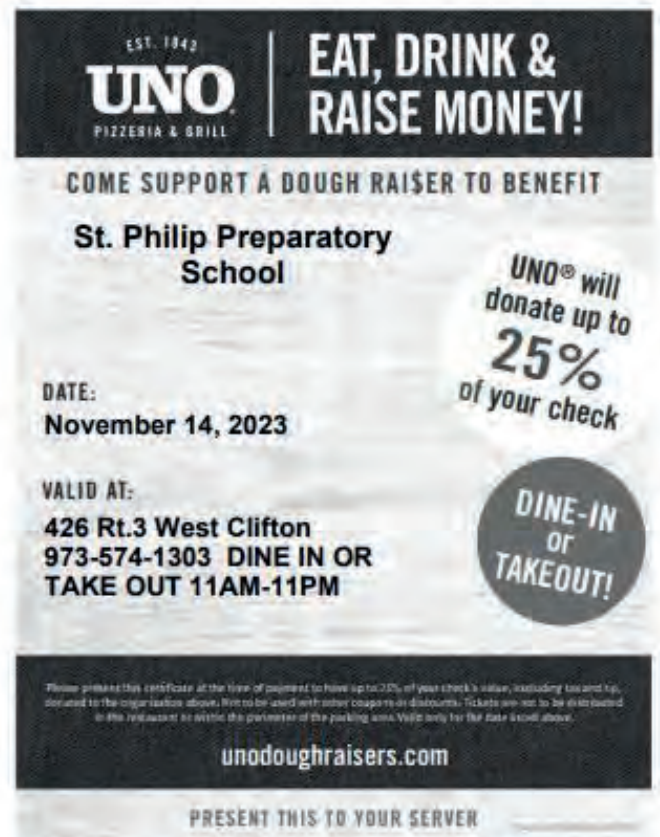


This program with lots of giveaways is scheduled to be discontinued in the future. New Prime Time Members are always welcome. Membership in the Prime Timer's is only \$15 per year. Come on out and join the fun. We will also be having a pizza party. Anyone 50 years and older are welcome to come and join us for fun and socializing. If you have any questions, please call Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Family Fun night

On Tuesday, November 14th, the HSA is having a "Doughraiser" at Pizzeria Uno in Clifton. Present the flyer below and up to 25% of your check will be donated back to St. Philip Prep School! That's a lotta dough!



COLUMBIETTES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings will be held Thursday, November 2 and 16, 2023 at 9:45AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome!

A big thank you to Georgeanna for your generous monetary donation!

If you have any questions or would like to make a yarn or fabric donation, please call Cathie Murtha. (973) 471-1265.

HOT DOG NIGHT

Come Join Us for a Family Hot Dog Dinner
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Hosted by St. Philip Columbiettes
Saturday, November 4th, 6 PM to 9 PM
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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.



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Gianna Lyn

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WED



Congratulations, Sara and Giuseppe!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

What can we do to restore the quality and beauty of the pews, kneelers, and furnishings of our church? Our "Having a Place at the Banquet of the Lord" capital campaign has begun. Please see the parish website for information about the restoration project and to make an online pledge.

Thank You for Your Support

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit distributes them. — 1 Corinthians 12:4

To all those who have pledged, contributed to, and continue to offer prayers for our "Having a Place at the Banquet of the Lord" capital campaign, a heartfelt thank you. Your kindness and generosity toward this project have gotten us off to a great start. This work could not be done without you!

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 22, 2022	\$16,646.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 15, 2023	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,555.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 8,027.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,582.00
SECOND COLLECTION - WORLD MISSION	\$ 2,195.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:
November 5 - Project Faith**

WE PRAY FOR...

For the recently Deceased

Francis Buonomo

A Time to be Healed...

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

- 8:00** Connie Pomposelli
John Martin
- 10:00** Elsie Doychak - 18th Anniversary
Donna DeMartino
Deceased members of the
Makowski family
- Margaret White
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

- 9:00** Marie Saykanic

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

- 9:00** Joseph Jasiowicz - 7th Anniversary
- 7:00PM Vigil Mass**
Angeles "Lito" Cabigao

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

- 7:00 AM** All the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Connie Pomposelli

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

ALL SOULS DAY

- 9:00** Vincenzo Pizzi - 1st Anniversary
Manuel and Mila Amador

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

- 9:00** Deceased members of the
Pansini and D'Alto families
For our nation, the United States of America

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

- 9:00** Fanny DiSanto - 2nd Anniversary
Alvin Maderazo
- 5:30** All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

- 8:00** Jerry T. Scrosia
Juan Leyva
- 10:00** Antonio, Vittoria, and Catarina Masucci
Felicia and Pietro Mannarino
Vernie Young
Connie Pomposelli
- 12:00** For the babies in the womb
and their families
Rita Latona

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