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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024



### 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,

*"Teacher, where are you staying?"  
"Come and see."*

The two disciples in today's gospel ask a simple, straight-forward question: "Teacher, where are you staying?" An answer to this question could be given in a moment, in a couple of words, but Jesus does not provide them. Instead, he says, "Come and see." The disciples come to Jesus with a question; he responds with an invitation. Instead of responding in words, he offers an opportunity for the disciples to travel with him, to walk with him, and perhaps to find what they are searching for.

I do not know how frustrating it might have been for the disciples not to have their question answered, but it is very instructive for us. Because what Jesus is revealing in this short encounter with the two disciples, is the basic pattern by which God deals with humanity, the way that God interacts with us in our lives.

We come to God with questions. God gives us invitations. The questions are many and can be drawn from several different circumstances. Why does the innocent suffer? Why is our world so violent? Why is someone that I love sick? Why can't I find a job? Why do our political and religious leaders fail us? How can I protect my family? Why am I so depressed and lonely? Where can I look for hope? Questions, real questions, that we place before God. But God doesn't answer them. God simply says, "Come and see; come follow me."

How much easier it would be if God would simply explain things to us, if God would tell us what is going to happen, if God would tell us what we want to know. But God does not tell us. God says, "Come and see." God responds in this way because on the deepest level, God knows that what we really need, what our life really requires, is not information, but trust. God knows that we could never comprehend, we could never absorb the mysteries through which God is building the kingdom. God understands that we could never take in all the twists and turns by which God is saving us. So instead of trying to reveal this information to our limited minds, God asks us to trust. God says, "Come and see." Live moment to moment, walk day to day, until gradually you begin to recognize the plan that is unfolding before your eyes. God invites us to trust, to believe that God is in charge, that there is a plan and that that plan will eventually lead us to life.

The power of this truth is expressed beautifully in a passage from John Henry Cardinal Newman, which I'd like to share with you.

Newman says, "I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. God has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do God's work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep God's commandments. Therefore, I will trust God, whatever, wherever I am. I can never be thrown away. If I am sick, my sickness may be a service, in perplexity, my perplexity may be of service. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve God's kingdom. God does nothing in vain. God has a plan. God may take away my friends, throw me among strangers, make me feel desolate, make my spirit sink, hide my future from me. Still God has a plan, and I will trust the One who guides me."

We come to God with questions, God responds with invitations. We come looking for information, God invites us to trust. This is the challenge for every believer: to accept God as trustworthy. For we are asked not to be frustrated when instead of giving us an answer, God invites us to "Come and see," when God invites us to walk for a while until the truth emerges. For those of us who know our God, that invitation is not impossible. For as soon as we take up the journey, as soon as we begin to follow, it becomes clear that we will not travel alone. Step by step, day by day, God will walk with us until in time we come to a place where every question is answered and where all goodness comes to light.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone



## PLEASE NOTE

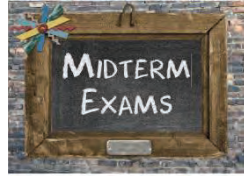
**In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,  
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM  
on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.  
The Parish Office will be closed.**

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The eighth graders are excited that their official graduation year has arrived and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their high school acceptance letters. Good Luck to the Class of 2024 during this exciting time!

Intermediate & Middle School students are preparing for their Midterm Exams. The second graders are preparing for their upcoming Sacrament of



Reconciliation. The fourth graders are writing picture books of Bible stories with a modern day twist! The fifth graders are researching a person from the Bible and creating Bottle Buddies.

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*. Save the date for our Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week. Mass will be on Sunday, January 28th at the 10 AM Mass.

Like St. Philip said to Nathanael,  
"Come and see."

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Fr. English Center Collection

Our next Food Collection date for our parish is January 20 and 21. This ministry supports the working poor at the Father English Center in Paterson. Please consider donating the following items when you come to Mass that weekend:  
Non perishable items include canned soups, pasta, sauce, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly, Mac and cheese, cereals, dried lentils and beans. All food items need to be in bag or carton. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the pantry, please contact Mary Ann at (973) 809-7120. Thank you for your continuous and generous support!



## LIFE MINISTRY

January 15, 2024

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right.”

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! For more information, call Cathie Martha (973) 471-1265.

### PRIME TIMERS

Fun for Seniors!

Come and be our guest at our next meeting on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall.

Coffee and Cake will be served before the meeting. We are going to have entertainment,

*“Sing Along with Dorothy.”*

Everyone 50 years and older is welcome!

If you have any questions,

please contact Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.

If you are unable to make this meeting, we meet the First Friday of every month.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Saturday, January 27th at 7:00 PM is the Msgr. Peter Doody Scholarship Beefsteak**



This all you can eat beefsteak is only \$45 per person. Former pastor and initial sponsor of the St. Philip's Knights of Columbus Council, Msgr. Peter Doody, will be in attendance.

Bob Holly, a Clifton High School and St. Philip's alumnus and former pro-quarterback for the Washington, Philadelphia, and Atlanta football teams will be a featured speaker along with St. Philip's Prep School Principal, Danielle Gonzalez.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at: [Kofc11671.org](http://Kofc11671.org) or by contacting:

Dennis Fitzpatrick (973) 271-9577,

Ray Lill (973) 472-1756 or

Rich Donkersloot (973) 650-3327,

or by using the QR code below.

These special guests will make for a memorable evening so please order your tickets promptly.



**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Calendar Raffles**

Calendar Raffles are available for sale.

Tickets are \$10 each for 90 chances to win \$10,000 in prizes. Drawings begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. Each date is a different amount to win.

Contact the School or Parish office for more information.

**St. Philip Preparatory School**  
Home & School Association - 707 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey 07011

**2024 CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES**  
Net proceeds will be used for the benefit of the St. Philip student population.

February 2024

\$1000	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$25
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**April 2024**

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**\$10,000 in Prizes**  
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Drawings will start on February 1st, 2024 weekly drawings at St. Philip's School at 5:00PM each Monday during Semester 1.

**WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED**  
Get weekly results by visiting [stphilipprep.com/calendar-sweepstakes](http://stphilipprep.com/calendar-sweepstakes) (Please do not call school or rectory)

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Winners cannot be notified if unable to be reached.

**Cigar and Whiskey Night**

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**HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**



St. Philip Prep HSA will be hosting  
**“Adventure Awaits” Safari Tricky Tray**  
on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
in the School Auditorium.  
Doors open at 5:30 PM  
Tickets will be **\$ 25 each**  
No one under 18 permitted.  
Stay tuned for more details!

Donations of new, unused items are now being accepted.

## 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.

The next GriefShare session at Saint Philip's is on **Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM** in the Youth Room of

Jubilee Wing Building of the Molloy Center. For questions, please call the Parish Office at (973) 779 6200.



## KIDS KORNER

### < KID'S KORNER >

Year B

**Gospel Today**  
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:35-42  
 John saw the Holy Spirit when he baptized Jesus and told the others "this is the Lamb of God". Interested people began to follow Jesus.

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



- Look
- Lamb
- God
- Jesus
- Holy
- Spirit
- Baptized
- John
- Disciples
- Heard
- Followed
- Andrew
- Peter
- Messiah
- Teacher
- People
- Spent
- Day
- Come
- See

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Draw a picture of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove as John saw it appear above Jesus after His baptism.

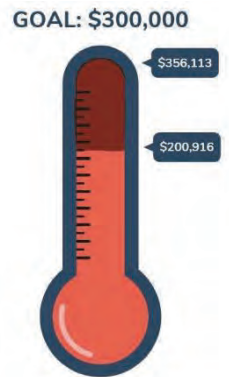
## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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!



To date we have raised \$200,916 in contributions collected and we are up to \$356,113 with all our pledges.

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Daniel*



## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WED

*Frank and Isabel*



## SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual  
**St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and St. Lorenzo**  
**Dinner Party**

on  
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 10:30 PM**

Entertainment by:  
The Alan Quinn Orchestra  
Food, Drinks, Dinner, and Dancing  
We hope to see you there!



## PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: JANUARY 8, 2023	\$18,389.00
Sunday Collection: JANUARY 7, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 6,343.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,127.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,470.00</b>

*THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS  
CHRISTMAS!*

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2022 \$84,882.00  
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2023 (YTD)\$70,377.00

Upcoming Second Collections:  
January 14 - Project Faith  
January 21 - Beacon

## WE PRAY FOR...

*For the recently Deceased...*  
Georgetta Hardy, Barbara Mongelli

*A Time to be Healed...*  
Joanne Barrett, Manuel Bacani,  
Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore,  
Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein,  
Philip Kutzenco



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

- 8:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family  
Giuseppe Esposito  
**10:00** Martha Sirvidio  
Mark Meola  
Barbara A. Bell  
Rose Jenkins  
John Tomesco  
**12:00** Connie Pomposelli  
Marlene Chidiac

### MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

- 9:00** Rev. Jerome R. Daly  
Ralph Princiotti - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

- 9:00** Barbara Bell  
Amelia Rosales

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

- 9:00** Rev. Timothy J. Murphy  
Emelinda Hilario

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

- 9:00** Sandy Moussab

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

- 9:00** Susan Sadvary - 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

- 9:00** Susanne Capozzi  
**5:30** Domenic DeBenedetto  
Theodore Vanak  
For those serving in the Armed Forces

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish  
**10:00** Robert Mancinello  
Rose Jenkins  
John DeMilia  
Luigi Gioia  
Joseph Payne  
**12:00** For our Nation  
Charles Elbert

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The book for Mass Intentions is now available for the 7 AM weekday Masses during Lent. Please call the Parish Office to offer Masses for your loved ones living or deceased.

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