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# **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## January 21, 2024



#### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday Evening	
Sunday	.8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday	

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM
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#### 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.



Dear Parishioners,

Once upon a time a boy said to God: "Oh God, when I grow up, I want to live in a huge house with a big front porch and two Great Danes that can play in the backyard. I want to marry a tall woman who is very beautiful and kind, who has long black hair and blue eyes, and who plays the guitar and sings in a high clear voice. I want to have three sons with whom I can play football. One of them will grow up to be a famous scientist, the other a senator, and the third will play quarterback for the Browns in the Super Bowl. I want to be an adventurer and cross over oceans and climb mountains. I want to drive a Ferrari, and I never want to pick up after myself."

God said, "That's a beautiful dream, and I want you to be happy." But a few years later the boy injured his knee playing football, and his life as an adventurer was over. So, he went to college and earned a degree in marketing and founded a medical supply company. In college he met a pretty girl who was loving and kind but was not glamorous. She was no musician, but she was a marvelous cook. He married her, and because of the business they lived in a downtown apartment. Their balcony had to suffice for a big front porch. There was no room for two Great Danes-only one fluffy cat. They had three daughters (not sons), and the loveliest of the three had to use a wheelchair. The man's business provided comfortably for his family, but he never owned a Ferrari. And because he had three daughters, he spent most of his life picking things up. When he retired, he supported his wife in her long battle with cancer, and when she died, he moved in with one of his daughters.

Then one night he talked to God again. "Oh God," he said, "Do you remember when I was a small boy and I told you what I wanted in my life?"

"I do," said God. "That was a beautiful dream."

"Well, then," said the man, "Why didn't you give me what I wanted?"

"I could have," said God, "but I thought that I would surprise you with things you never dreamed of. And, if I do say so myself, the package I put together for you was one of my best. Do you disagree?"

"Not really," said the man, "but my life is not what I expected."

"No, it is not," said God. "But my job is not to give you what you expect but to give you what is good."

In today's gospel Jesus calls four of his disciples: Simon and Andrew, James, and John. We can be sure that all four of these men had dreams and

expectations for their lives. Those expectations probably centered on their families and their fishing business. But the gospel doesn't say anything about their expectations because it centers on what is most important: the fact that Jesus called them, and they trusted him enough to follow him, to let him lead them into the future. Of course, when they followed Him, many things changed. They were not catching fish anymore, but people. They were traveling with Jesus around Galilee and Judea, listening to his teaching, witnessing his death and resurrection, and becoming his messengers throughout the world for a new creation. Their lives were not what they expected. But the gospel doesn't say anything about those expectations or about how their lives developed. All it tells us is that Jesus called them and they followed him.

The gospel does this to emphasize what is essential in our lives. It wants us to realize that God is real and is calling us. It wants us to know that our lives will unfold not as we dream them but as God dreams them. The gospel, then, calls us to trust, to open our hearts and allow Christ to make his dream for us a reality. All of us can think of things in our lives we had thought would be different, things in our family, things in our business, things in our relationships. There were successes we never achieved and dangers that we did not avoid. But today's gospel tells us that all those expectations are secondary. What is primary is that Christ has called us, and we are to follow him. And we should follow him because he is trustworthy. We can place our lives in his hands if we remember that his commitment to us is not to give us what we expect but to give us what is good.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



### ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce the Middle School Theater production of Willy Wonka Jr. Calling all our middle school thespians! Auditions begin the week of January 22nd and we expect to announce the cast by Friday, February 2nd. Mark your calendars for "Showtime" dates: May 3-4, 2024.



In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day School school was closed Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, however, Midterm Exams began Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, and continued through the week.

The excitement for Catholic Schools week is building as we prepare to celebrate our Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week Mass at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, January 28th. Throughout the week we will have various themes and activities to celebrate our Catholic School!

#### SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### **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 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.



#### 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. If you'd like to donate we also have an Amazon wish list, Use the QR Code below.



#### **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.

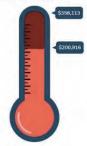
Thank You for Your Support

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 **GOAL:** \$300,000

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.



### **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 29, 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**

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Gospel Today Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:14:20 Jesus told the people to repent and believe the Good News and began to gather His first disciples.

"The time has come," he said. "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" MARK 1:15



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

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Many of you may know that our pastor, Fr. Monteleone, comes from a long lineage of Knights of Columbus. His Grandfather was a Knight, his father is a Knight, and He is a Knight. Fr. Monteleone on a rainy, windswept January 9<sup>th</sup> evening braved the elements and went to St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Parsippany and was dubber a fourth degree Knight with Fr. Seamus and 3 Deacons. So now our pastor can be called "Sir Knight Fr. Monteleone." Sir Knight Father Monteleone has always been a wonderful supporter our council and will now be an added asset to the Msgr. Stein Assembly.

> Congratulations to Sir Knight Father Monteleone!



#### 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!



#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

# DISCERNMENT RETREAT

TO HELP YOUNG MEN DISCOVER THEIR **CALLING IN LIFE** 

#### LOYOLA IESUIT CENTER

3-day, 2-overnight retreat for young men ages 16 and up. No fee; meals included; private rooms.

#### **BISHOP KEVIN** SWEENEY

Retreat led by Bishop Sweeney and will include:

- · Holy Mass Adoration
- Retreat talks
- Confession

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**Contact: Father Ed Rama** (973) 777-8818 x.715 vocations@patersondiocese.org patersonvocations.org Sponsored by Paterson Diocese Office of Vocations



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#### **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
Total	\$ 13,470.0

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 21 – Beacon January 28 – Support Catholic Schools

#### WE PRAY FOR...

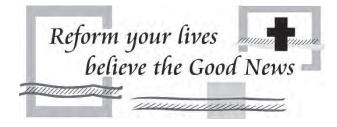
*For the recently Deceased...* Stephanie Pitoniak, Jack Magullian

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



#### PLEASE NOTE

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.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

9:00 John Anderson

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

**9:00** Dot Cervine - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

9:00 Rich Lukesh Sister Rene Donohue - 12th Anniversary

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

9:00 Francesco Papaianni Nelia Reyes

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

9:00 Daniel Mutter Anne Schrimpe

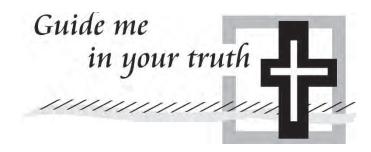
#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

9:00 Norma Baer Maderazo 5:30 Theresa P. Gilligan Louise Stolarz Elizabeth Ann Fournier

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

**8:00** All the People of the Parish

- 10:00 Ann Jasionowicz Harry Carline Elizabeth "Cooky" Tomczyk Gladys Fusiek David Kidd
- 12:00 Marlene Chidiac Rosella Quintavella





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