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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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 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,

My Perhaps the most useful question we could ask about today's Gospel is: What is an unclean spirit doing in a synagogue? It was commonly accepted in the world of Jesus that evil moved around the world in the form of unclean spirits or demons. Sickness, family trouble, even natural disasters such as storms and earthquakes were the result of these evil spirits at work. So why is this unclean spirit in a synagogue? A synagogue was a holy place, a place where Jews gathered to study the law and to praise God. Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches with authority. We have a holy place, a holy assembly, and a holy teaching. Amid all this goodness, a demon cries out, "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" What is this spirit doing there? We certainly presume that he did not come to listen to Jesus' teaching.

I would like to suggest to you that the Gospel situates the unclean spirit in the synagogue to teach us something about evil. Sometimes we think that evil can be limited to only certain places, that unclean spirits can be restricted to the graveyard, the deep woods, or where thieves gather. Sometimes we imagine that if we are very good people, if we love and act with justice, if we have faith in God, then we can keep evil away from where we are. This Gospel warns us that such thinking is naïve. If an unclean spirit can shout out in a holy synagogue and in the presence of Jesus the Messiah, then evil can appear anywhere. Evil in the form of sickness, anxiety, even in natural disasters seems to have the ability to move freely throughout the world. It attacks people indiscriminately: the rich and the poor, the moral and the immoral, those who believe in God and those who do not. Evil seems to have access to every place and person.

Now, two important truths flow from this insight. The first is this: When evil touches our lives, we should not automatically conclude that we have done something wrong. When a family member is killed in a tragic accident, when someone we love is diagnosed with cancer, when we have to deal with a death, addiction, or divorce, we should not necessarily conclude, "If only I had been a better person, I could have kept this evil away." Evil has more access than we imagine. I assure you if you go

down to the St. Joseph Hospital and look in the cancer ward, not everyone will be a criminal. If you survey the people who were so tragically killed last year in natural disasters, you will find that many of them were wonderful people who prayed regularly. Evil moves around our world and has access to every person and place.

This leads to the second important truth: If evil has such access to our lives, then our strategy cannot be how can I prevent evil from coming, but rather how do I deal with evil when it arrives? If we cannot keep evil away, then we must ask, "How can I confront it?" Here is where faith is helpful. We believe in faith that we have access to the power of God, a power that is stronger than the power of evil. So, when evil touches our life, we can draw upon our faith in God and ask for God's assistance. Faith allows us to have courage in the face of sickness, to have hope after divorce, to find strength even in failure and peace in the face of death. The same Jesus who drove the demon out of the synagogue is our Lord. We can turn to him and ask for his strength as we face the demons in our lives.

If an unclean spirit can appear in a holy synagogue, evil can touch us in any place. Therefore, when evil enters our lives, it does not make sense to ask: "What did I do to invite the demon in?" Instead, we should turn to the Lord and ask him to drive the demon out.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated so generously last weekend for the Food Collection!

The Father English Center was so grateful that we delivered two car loads of food!

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The faculty, staff and students at St Philip Prep have embarked on the second half of the academic year with their characteristic enthusiasm, positive attitudes and diligence. The second grade students celebrated their First Reconciliation after many weeks of preparation. They are now preparing for the celebration of their First Communion in May. In intermediate science, students are learning about the nervous system—we made brain hats to learn the different parts of the brain. The fifth-grade Religion classes are researching people from the Bible and creating Bible buddies and a fictitious social media account. In fourth-grade, the students are researching Bible stories and rewriting them with a modern twist that connects the lesson learned in the story with life today. As a project to share with classmates during Catholic Schools Week, seventh grade math students created stained glass windows using systems of inequalities.

This week we look forward to different events each day as we celebrate our Catholic School!



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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME TIMERS

Fun for Seniors!

Come and be our guest at our next meeting on Friday, February 2nd 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.



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, February 12 at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing a loss is most welcome.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, February 1 and 15 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! We never receive money for the blankets we donate. The members are not only generous with their time and talent but with supplying their own materials when it is necessary. For questions, information, or donations, call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265.

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1st Place- \$6,800 Tuition 2024/25 for SPPS or any Catholic Educational Institution*

2nd Place - \$300 Flynn O’Hara Uniform Co. Gift Card

3rd Place - \$150 St. Philip Prep Spirit Wear Gift Card

Drawing on Friday, March 8, 2024, 10 PM

Tickets are \$50

No substitution of the offered prize may be made, and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.

*Tuition payment will be made directly to the Catholic Educational Institution.

Winner need not be present.

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Philip Prep HSA will be hosting
“Adventure Awaits” Safari Tricky Tray
on **Friday, March 8th**

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

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. This work could not be done without you!

To date we have raised \$212,505 in contributions collected and we are up to \$363,703 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.



RCIA

Fr. Chris Ciccarino, the Biblical expert of Immaculate Conception Seminary, spoke about Divine Revelation in Scripture and Tradition to our RCIA candidates and catechumens.

Thank you, Fr. Chris!



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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- Where can we hear the Good News?
- How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?



VACATION BIBLE FUN

Reserve the date for our Vacation Bible Fun

Mark your calendar for the week of July 29th.
This year's theme is "Scuba- Diving into Friendship
with God"



Children who have completed kindergarten and
through the 5th Grade are invited to Register.
Information will be forthcoming.

We also invite children in Grades 6 and 7 to
volunteer as Crew Leaders.

This will be a very special week. Look for the
Scuba Logo in the months ahead to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE

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

on
**Saturday, March 16th
from 6:30 - 10:30 PM**

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DIOCESAN NEWS

We all start our marriage journey with such hope, joy,
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frustration, and loneliness. We need constant renewal
and refreshment in order to get the marriage we want
from the marriage we have! This renewal begins first
with you individually, then with you as a couple, and
finally with you in community with other couples. You
can restore your wedding-day joy, and as we are
discovering, grow it into something even greater than
you can imagine. Let us enrich,
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learning together how to live joyfully
ever after! Join us February 10th
from 10am-3:30pm.



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Upcoming Second Collections:
January 28 – Support Catholic Schools
February 11 – Project Faith

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For the recently Deceased...

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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 28, 2024

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Ann Jasionowicz - 20th Anniversary
Harry Carline
Elizabeth "Cooky" Tomczyk
Gladys Fusiek
David Kidd
12:00 Marlene Chidiac
Rosella Quintavella

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

- 9:00** Anthony F. Lipari
Eric Angeles, Sr

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

- 9:00** Eric Angeles, Sr

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

- 9:00** Michele Monteleone

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

- 9:00** Tammy DiSanto
Irene Sadvary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

- 9:00** Donald Muller
Deceased members of the McNamara family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

- 9:00** Joyce and Ray Tkacz
Eric Angeles, Sr
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

- 8:00** Turquato Trasente
Marie Sroka
10:00 Brian James Lipari
Marie Withers
Giuseppe Esposito
Tom Cvelic
12:00 Edward Chmura
Robert "Bob" Martin

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