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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,

The evangelist Mark can be quite succinct. Whereas other evangelists will take a few paragraphs or even a whole chapter to tell a story, Mark can do it in a few words. Mark shows this ability in today's gospel where Jesus cures Peter's mother-in-law with three words. When he hears that she is sick he approaches her, grasps her by the hand, and lifts her up. Three words: approaching, grasping, lifting. And when he does this, she is cured of her fever. Although brief, Mark's approach is nevertheless profound. In fact, one could say that he has outlined the entire Christian life in these three words.

What does it mean to be a disciple? It means that there are moments in our lives when Christ approaches us, grasps us, and lifts us up. What do we mean by lifting up? Look at Peter's mother-in-law. With her fever, she should have stayed in bed. But Jesus lifts her up so that she can provide for the people in her house. She does this immediately. As soon as she is lifted up, she begins to serve others. So being lifted up is a call to service. This then is the pattern of the Christian life. Christ approaches us, touches us, and calls us to serve.

When did Christ approach you? Was it when you were a child and saw your parents praying? Was it when you were in college and struggled with the meaning of life? Was it when you were in difficulty and had nowhere else to turn? How did Christ touch you? Was it through the smile of the person you grew to love? Was it in the experience of finding consolation in the loss of someone who was close to you? Was it in your awareness of the poverty and violence that cripple our world? Whenever Christ approached you, however Christ touched you, he then called you to serve. We know this is true because this is what we do. We serve our families. We serve our friends. We serve those in need. But here is the important thing to remember about Mark's gospel passage. The three words that Mark gives us must be kept together. Because if we try to serve without remembering Jesus' approach and Jesus' touch, that service can seem an imposition and can become a burden.

We're always trying to serve our families, but that can at times be difficult. When your children do not listen or disappoint you, when your spouse does not understand you, it is easy to say, "What am I doing this for?" It is then that you need to connect your present service to the approach and the touch of

Jesus. If you remember the joy and love that you felt as you first committed yourself to your spouse on your wedding day, if you remember the wonder that you felt as you first held a son or daughter in your arms, then you can understand how your service to them today is connected to a much larger love. We serve our friends, and we serve our country. Yet when our friends slight us or hurt us, when our country seems to forget its obligation to care for the poor and the disenfranchised, we can say, "What's the use of even trying?" It is then that we need to remember how Christ touched us in the gift of our friend, the years that we have spent together, the experiences we have shared. It is then that we need to remember the blessing of being born in this country and having the freedom that it offers. Remembering Jesus's touch will give us new energy and the will to serve.

A disciple is one whom Jesus has approached, touched and lifted up. But these three actions must be kept together. Because the one who approaches us and touches us is the source of our power, and it is only through him that we will find the strength to serve.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return"*

7 AM Mass - Fr. Nico

9 AM Mass - Fr. Jared

4 PM Prayer Service - Fr. Monteleone

7 PM Prayer Service - Fr. Nico

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Monteleone will be leading the Bible Study on the Book of Isaiah during Mondays of Lent in the Youth Room of the Jubilee Wing.

Mark the Dates:
February 26th, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

As usual, there is a lot of learning going on at St. Philip's Preparatory School. Kindergarten A's class just began doing subtraction equations! The whole First grade class went up in their Reading Assessments. Way to go! Kaleidoscope Reading and Language Arts classes of Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade just completed Solar System and Pompeii research papers and projects. They did fantastic work! Our students in Third to Seventh grade have been working on innovative Pixel Art projects in Technology class, while the Eighth graders have been in competition to create a Virtual Tour of St. Philip's to promote our wonderful school.

We want to wish our students in grades 1-8 the best of luck as they prepare to take the Winter NWEA Testing in Reading and Mathematics. It will take place this upcoming week of February 5th through the 9th. We know they will do their best!

Thank you to Bishop Sweeney for helping us Celebrate our Catholic School during a Mass on January 30th.



Thank you to our students and families for helping to Kick off Catholic Schools week last Sunday at a Family Mass.



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us for a Morning of Reflection...

Mary Our Mother

Saturday, February 17, 2024

9am Mass &

Continental Breakfast

Marion Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Nico Quintos

All are welcome!

\$5.00 Reservations call

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner was a huge success with about 300 attendees, everyone had a great time and while the final numbers are yet to be calculated for our Catholic Education Fund. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please send your check to Msgr. Doody Scholarship Fund and mail it to St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus, 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, N.J. 07013. We sincerely thank everyone who attended and/or contributed and look forward to seeing all of you at the next beefsteak in 2025 on the Saturday before Catholic Schools week.

KoC Fish Fry Dinner

While the Beefsteak Dinner was exclusively for scholarships, our annual Fish Fry is a general fund raiser helping us to run the totally free annual Kids Christmas Party, fund a team at the Tank Pull supporting veterans and combat handicapped, various local sports teams, the free-throw contest, the Keep Christ in Christmas contest and so much more. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25th for some excellent fish & fries and some fun socialization.

Ticket prices will be in next bulletin.

Fish Fry Sunday February 25th 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Eat in or take out!

Order on-line kofc11671.org/event/fishfry

Contact Mike Cervine (973) 220-3095

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

TUITION RAFFLE

1st Place- \$6,800 Tuition 2024/25 for SPSS 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.



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.

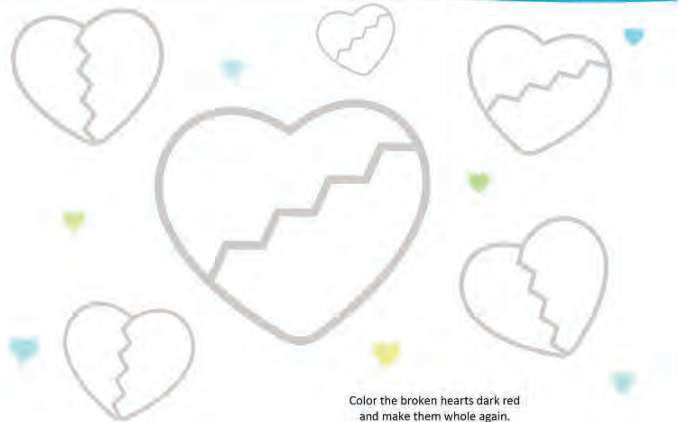
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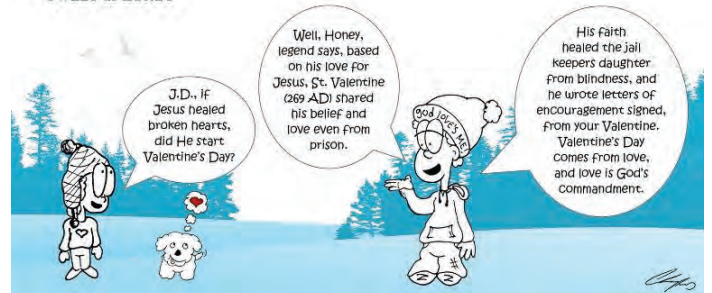
Gospel Today
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:29-39
Jesus healed many people as He and His disciples moved from town to town.

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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.



The next GriefShare session at Saint Philip's is on **Monday, February 12, 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.

SCAM ALERT

Here is friendly reminder of the scam emails that go around our Parish and Diocese. Please remember that all emails about any type of financial transaction must be confirmed verbally with the parties involved.

A few Guidelines:

- Never respond to a suspect email. If you are not sure, Do Not Respond to the Email. Call the person and speak to them personally to verify.
- Watch out for fake accounts, impersonators, and direct messages in social media applications.
- Watch out for fake text messages claiming to need favors or gift cards (some people report that cell phone numbers printed in Bulletins are susceptible to fake texts)
- All emails about any type of financial transaction must be confirmed verbally with the parties involved.
- Always look carefully at the email address, but even that might look close to the real one.
- Any request for change in direct deposit, "a favor," gift cards, money, personal information, etc. is generally a scam.
- Please report any Parish related suspected scams to technology@patersondiocese.org.
- Report any unusual activity to your local police.
- The Chancery will never send you an email that is not from @patersondiocese.org.
- The Parish will never send you an email that is not from @stphilip.org

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
\$50 Per Person

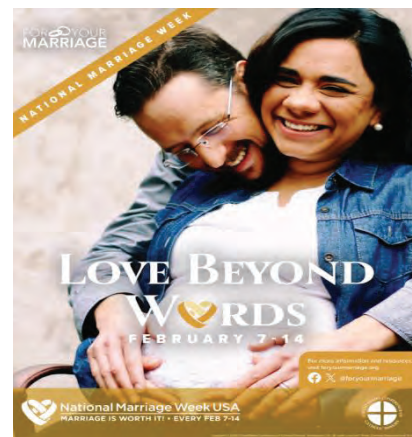


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DIOCESAN NEWS



We all start our marriage journey with such hope, joy, friendship, and confidence in our future life together. But the everyday weight of life can bring doubt, fear, 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, strengthen, and encourage each other, learning together how to live joyfully ever after! Join us February 10th from 10am-3:30pm.



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campaign, a heartfelt thank you. This
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\$365,712 with all our pledges.

GOAL: \$300,000



PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: JANUARY 29, 2023	\$17,135.00
Sunday Collection: JANUARY 28, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,804.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 8,327.00
Total	\$ 19,131.00
SECOND COLLECTION- Project Faith	\$ 1,845.00

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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2022	\$84,882.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2023 (YTD)	\$74,262.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
February 11 – Project Faith

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.

WE PRAY FOR...

For the recently Deceased...

Dr. Patricia A. Bartle

A Time to be Healed...

Joanne Barrett, Manuel Bacani,
Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters,
Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

- 9:00 Evan and Loretta Smalley

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

- 9:00 Eric Angeles, Sr

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

- 9:00 Julia Esther Neyra

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

- 9:00 Edward Kovacs - 1st Anniversary
Eric Angeles, Sr

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

- 9:00 Rev. Albert L. Roca

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

- 9:00 Estanislao Llames - 25th Anniversary
5:30 Frances Spazian
Thomas Viggiano
Dot Cervine

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
Emanuel Calon Rodriguez - 3rd Anniversary
10:00 Ruth Ann Anderson
Joann Murray
Stephen Salerno
Filipina Rojas Bacani
12:00 Giuseppe Scelfo
Angelina Aconfore



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