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Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM	Every Saturday	
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HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish office.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

A famous musician was debuting a new work which he had just written for the piano. As he struck the last chord, the audience rose to their feet applauding in appreciation. A reporter from a local paper came to interview the musician. "That was an amazing new piece," he said. "But can you explain to me what this music is about? What it means to you?" The musician looked at the reporter for a long time in silence, and then he sat down and played the piece all over again.

This was probably his way of saying that music cannot be explained. It must be heard. Indeed, some of the deepest mysteries of our life cannot be analyzed. They need to be experienced. This is certainly true of our relationship with God. We cannot explain God or understand who God is. But we can have experiences in our life where, for a moment, we catch a glimpse of God's goodness and God's glory. This is Mark's aim in today's gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus. He fills the scene with mysterious elements such as the dazzling white clothes, the cloud that overshadows the disciples, and the voice that comes from the heavens. All of these are in the story because Mark knows that we cannot explain Jesus' glory, we can only embrace it.

Yet even though St. Mark would insist that the glory of Christ cannot be analyzed or packaged, he does leave clues in this story of how Jesus' glory can be repeated. He uses the two characters of Elijah and Moses to point to ways in which we can experience the glory of Christ in our own lives. In the First Book of Kings, Elijah experiences God's presence on the holy mountain of Horeb. Although Elijah expects to experience God in thunder and in lightening, God comes to him in a quiet whispering sound. So, the experience of Elijah tells us that we can find the glory of God in the small but true blessings of our lives, the blessings that we experience every day. As we watch our children or grandchildren play, as we catch a smile from our spouse whom we have loved for years, as a particular melody warms our heart or the beauty of a full moon deepens our soul, as laughter comes easily with a friend who knows us better than we know ourselves—all of these small and common blessings are signs of God's love and glimpses of His glory.

The character of Moses points in a different direction. Moses experienced God's presence on Mount Sinai when he received the gift of the law. The law was God's gift to Israel. It gave direction to serving God through the service of others. So, the experience of Moses tells us that we can find the glory of God as we reach out to serve our neighbor. As we try to help out the member of our family who is the most discouraged or misunderstood, as we give of ourselves in service of the poor or teach a child to read, as we speak out for the marginalized in our society: immigrants, the imprisoned, or those who are victim of violence-in each of these actions we are not simply helping others in need, we are catching a glimpse of the love of God that expresses itself in our love for one another. God's love tells us that every person is a beloved son or daughter.

The glory of God cannot be explained. It must be experienced. But the characters of Elijah and Moses point to where those experiences can be found. So, in this holy time of Lent, let us rededicate ourselves to follow Elijah by noticing the blessings that surround us and to follow Moses by reaching out to those who are in need. In these two ways we can come to see the love that God has for us and catch a glimpse of the glory that shines in the face of the Transfigured Christ.

Peace, Fr. Monteleone

LENT 2024

7 AM MASS DURING LENT

Beginning February 15th, 7 AM Mass will be celebrated, Monday through Friday.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 7 PM beginning Friday, February 16th through Good Friday, March 29th.

Please note that on Friday, March 22nd, there will be no Stations of the Cross. The Xavier Company will present "Whom Shall I Send?" in the Church at 7 PM. More Information will follow.

LENTEN MISSION

Monsignor Robert S Meyer, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit will be joining us this 4th Sunday of Lent to speak on the Spiritual Works of Mercy!

March 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2024



Monsignor Meyer is an experienced Pastor with a demonstrated history of working in diverse and complicated communities of faith. He is skilled in building up Nonprofit Organizations, successful Financial and Cash Flow Management, Budgeting, Event Planning, Editing, Career Counseling, and Public Speaking. He received his JD from Seton Hall University School of Law, propelling him to become a strong social services professional and social justice advocate, who focuses on community involvement and responsibility. "Father Bob," as he is affectionately known, serves in numerous capacities in higher education, legal, religious and community affairs.

Saturday, March 9

4:30 to 5:00 PM – Confessions (Msgr. Meyer) 5:30 PM – Mass (Msgr. Meyer)

Sunday, March 10

8 AM – Mass (Celebrant: Fr. Monteleone | Homilist: Msgr. Meyer)
10 AM – Broadcast Mass (Msgr. Meyer)
12 PM – Mass (Celebrant: Fr. Nico | Homilist: Msgr. Meyer)

Monday, March 11 9 AM – Mass (Msgr. Meyer) 7 PM – Lenten Talk and Parish Penance Service (Msgr. Meyer)

Tuesday, March 12 9 AM – Mass (Msgr. Meyer) 7 PM – Lenten Talk (Msgr. Meyer)

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 23 4:30 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass Sunday, March 24 8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

> Holy Monday March 25 9 AM Mass

> Holy Tuesday March 26 9 AM Mass

Holy Wednesday March 27 9 AM Mass

TRIDUUM 2024

Holy Thursday March 28

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Broadcast)8:30 PM to 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Auditorium

Good Friday March 29

3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Broadcast) 7 PM Stations of the Cross

> Holy Saturday March 30

1 PM Easter Food Blessing Please note that there is NO 5:30 PM Mass. Regular confessions at 4:30 PM will NOT be heard. Saturday confessions at 4:30 PM will resume on April 6. 8 PM Easter Vigil

> *Easter Sunday* March 31 8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Monteleone will be leading the Bible Study on the Book of Isaiah during Mondays at 10 AM during Lent in the Youth Room of the Jubilee Wing.

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

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our students are celebrating Lent through Praying, as we celebrate the Stations of the Cross weekly. Also Almsgiving with Rice Bowls, where donations are going to Catholic Relief Services and snacks to donate to Eva's Village. While Eva's Village provides food for those in need - they rarely have snacks to give to families.



President's Day has brought on learning not only about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but also other influential presidents in our history.

The children continue to celebrate and learn about influential people who contributed to Black History Month in the month of February.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES LIFE MINISTRY



Please pray and fast on March 1st (First Friday) for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb in NJ and for an end to abortion. Fasting can be from food, media, etc. as you are able. The goal is to get 500 people praying monthly for the unborn in NJ. Prayer changes things!! Add your name to the tally each month at: EqualRightsforBabiesintheWomb.com/prayerandfasting/

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

BOY SCOUTS

The annual Troop 21 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast will be held in the St Philip the Apostle School Auditorium on March 3rd from 8 AM to 12 PM (last seating at 11:30 AM). Adults \$15.00, seniors \$12.00 and children 12 & under \$8.00



Children under 4 eat free with paying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Please come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee, and support Troop 21! For more information please

contact: troop21clifton@gmail.com

PRIMETIMERS

Fun for Seniors! Come and be our guest at our next meeting on Friday, March 1st at 1:30 PM in



Marion Hall. Coffee and cake will be served before the meeting. We will be playing Bingo. The cards are \$2 and the more that play, the more we pay!

Everyone 50 years and older is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Jean R. at

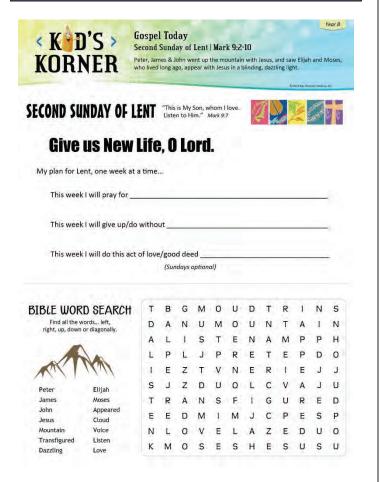
(973) 253-1619.

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

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



KIDS KORNER



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Complete Care at St. Vincent's (formerly St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehab Center) located at 315 E. Lindsley Rd, Cedar Grove, NJ, is looking for volunteers who can bring residents (mostly in wheelchairs) to Mass and/or can serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Complete Care would welcome volunteers any day, but Sundays are the biggest need. Proof of Vaccination for both Covid and influenza is needed to volunteer. If interested, please contact, Tiffany Romano, Administrator at (973) 754-4856. Thank you!

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: FEBRUARY 19, 2023	\$16,266.00
Sunday Collection: FEBRUARY 18, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,271.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,788.00
Total	\$ 16,059.00
Second Collection-Eastern Europe	\$ 2,436.00

Upcoming Second Collections: February 25 - Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased... Bennie Joseph Zangara

A Time to be Healed...

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

- 8:00 Angeles "Lito" Cabigao Sheriff Richard Berdnik
- 10:00 Emily Klopotek Caroline DeAngelo Ralph Tommaro - 1st Anniversary Giuseppe Esposito
- 12:00 Peter and Lena Bartolo Connie Pomposelli

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

- 7:00 Michael T. Renda 2nd Anniversary 9:00 Frank and Michael Sabella
- Harry Carline John Anderson, Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

- 7:00 Sheriff Richard Berdnik
- 9:00 Steven Parillo 1st Anniversary Eric Angeles, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

- 7:00 Deceased Members of the DuBois Family
- 9:00 Rey Cabanillo Anna Charubin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

7:00 Rizaldy Quintos 9:00 Eric Angeles, Sr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

7:00 Elizabeth Farina9:00 Eduardo Espinosa Ruiz

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 9:00 Eric Angeles, Sr.

5:30 Dr. William Lesko - 5th Anniversary Frank Legersky Lea Wozniak

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish 10:00 Kimball Romney Stephanie Pitonial Ana and Manuel Santana - 25th and 10th Anniversary Frank Errico
- 12:00 Yusif Novak Nikki Valle



St. Philip the Apostle's 12th Annual



ST. PATRICK'S DAY Dinner Dance

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16th 6:30 - 10:30 PM

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