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## Third Sunday of the Easter

April 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,

Back in 2005 there was a movie called *Wedding Crashers*, starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn. It follows these two characters who crash wedding reception to meet women. While it is not a movie I suggest watching, it gave many people the idea to crash wedding receptions just to enjoy the cocktail hour! My brother Andrew and I tried it and it worked! But that is a story for another time!

In today's gospel, Jesus crashes the apostles' party, although it is not much of a party until He arrives. The apostles were frightened and confused. They knew that they abandoned Jesus during His passion. Now they are hearing reports that the tomb is empty, and two of their number claims seeing Jesus on the road to Emmaus. What do these things mean? The apostles can't figure it out. Then Jesus crashes in. He is not expected or invited, but He certainly belongs. The apostles desperately need to hear His greeting of peace. They hunger for the hope that he can provide. When Jesus comes, things change.

Can you remember a time when Jesus crashed your life, a time when you were lost or in need and Jesus made a difference? Maybe it was when you were grieving the death of someone that you loved deeply. For months every day was only emptiness with no energy to move forward. And then one morning, as you held your cup of coffee, you sensed something new, a feeling of hope. You took a deep breath and realized that you were ready to begin the routine of living again. In that moment, Jesus crashed your grief and addressed you with a greeting of peace.

Maybe it happened on the day when you had too much to do, and the children were not cooperating. All afternoon they were teasing one another in an escalating series of confrontations. Finally, not able to take any more, you cry out, "Cut it out!" Your six-year-old, with a smile that could melt any heart, turns to you, and says, "But remember, Mom, we're worth it." You had not invited Jesus in, but there He stood, reminding you of the love that binds your family together, and strengthening you to love some more.

Maybe it was when you were brooding over a hurt that came from your brother months ago. Several times you tried to let the hurt go, but every time you remembered what he said, your anger flared up once more. Then one day you were talking to a dear friend who had just gone through a divorce. She shared with you how thankful she was for your brother, because he was spending time with her boys who desperately needed a reliable role model. As she spoke you could feel something soften in your heart. You weren't expecting Jesus, but He came, reminding you of the goodness that you know is in your brother and preparing the way to forgiveness.

Now, of course, we can't control when Jesus comes. And there are plenty of times when we wait and wait for His arrival. But the simple knowledge that Jesus could crash our lives at any moment should give us hope. We are not forgotten. He will come and change things. And from this perspective it is clear that Jesus is really not crashing—because when He steps into our lives with joy and peace, he does not need to pretend he belongs there.

Peace,

*Fr. Monteleone*

## PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

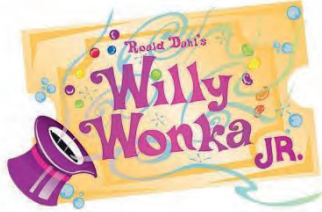
### *A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life*

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

*Come with me and you'll be in a world of  
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Tickets are now available for purchase through Eventbrite for SPPS Middle School production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr.!



Each performance has a different link.

Total cost per ticket is \$15.00. Please note, Eventbrite may charge an additional credit card fee.

**Friday, May 3 at 7 PM First Performance.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spps-willy-wonka-7pm-friday-may-3-2024-tickets-867482452367?aff=oddtcreator>



**Saturday, May 4 at 7 PM Second Performance.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spps-willy-wonka-7pm-saturday-may-4-2024-tickets-867512151197?aff=oddtcreator>



If seats do not sell out, then they will be available for purchase at the door. However, please note, tickets at the door will cost \$20 each (cash only) and those who have purchased tickets through Eventbrite will be seated first.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### ROSARY SOCIETY

#### SAVE THE DATE!

The Rosary Society will be hosting a Spring Social Tea on Sunday, April 21 in Marian Hall. Doors open at 1 PM. Tickets are \$35.

To register or for more information, call Elaine Vigilante at (973) 472-9019.



### WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, May 13 at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing a loss of a loved one is most welcome.

### COLUMBIETTES & MINISTRY IN SUPPORT OF LIFE "Baby Shower" Clothing Drive

In honor of our Blessed Mother, we are having our Annual Parish Drive By Baby Shower on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM in the Main Parking Lot. We are collecting new or gently used items in sizes Newborn to size 6 Children, for St. Mary's Hospital Family Center.

Many Thanks and Blessings for your Generosity.



### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! You do not need to be a Columbiette to join us.

We will be donating 28 baby blanket and hat sets to St. Mary's Hospital Community Outreach.

A huge thank you to Georgeanna for a generous donation. Yarn, fabric, or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. For information or donations, call Cathie at (973) 471-1265.

### PRIMETIMERS

The next Primetimers meeting is Friday, May 3 at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall. Coffee and cake will be served before the meeting. We will have our annual Tricky Tray at this meeting. We ask everyone to bring at least one new unwrapped item to the meeting. Tickets will be 8 for \$5 and you could win a nice prize.

Everyone 55 years or older is welcome. Come and Join us. Please come a little early at 1 o'clock so we can set up our Tricky Tray tables. For more information call Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.

### Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 21. Bus leaves from St. Philips Drive at 9:30 AM.

Price is \$50.

For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



## VACATION BIBLE FUN

Mark your calendars:  
July 29 - August 2  
8:30 AM to Noon



Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt

Registration begins May 25<sup>th</sup>.

We invite Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Students want 30 Community Service Hours?

Sign up to be Junior Leaders.

Don't miss out on the fun!

## KIDS KORNER

**< KID'S KORNER >** Year B  
**Gospel Today**  
 Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 35-48  
*Jesus appears to the disciples and says, "peace be with you". When they doubt it is really Jesus, He reminds them of what was written in scripture.*

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

- Jesus Hands
- Appears Feet
- Disciples Touch
- Peace Amazement
- With Fulfillment
- You Reminds
- Doubt Written
- Troubled Scriptures



### "PEACE BE WITH YOU."

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### SWEET as HONEY



## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Joseph Ronald  
Luca Frank  
Madison Mae  
Mila Alessia  
Reyna Victoria*



*Manuel Alexander*

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WED



*John and Lizette*

## 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. 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 \$239,002 in contributions collected and we are up to \$377,962 with all our pledges.



## PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: APRIL 9, 2023	\$ 7,429.00
Sunday Collection: APRIL 7, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,089.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,357.00
Total	\$ 16,446.00

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

EASTER COLLECTION 2023	\$45,066.00
EASTER COLLECTION 2024 (YTD)	\$47,236.00

Upcoming Second Collections:  
May 12 - Project Faith

## WE PRAY FOR...

### *For the Recently Deceased...*

Eric Angeles, Sr

### *A Time to be Healed...*

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko, Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin, Khameryn Oliver



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

- 8:00 Eric Angeles, Sr.  
Maribel Londono  
10:00 For the Protection of Human Life  
Stephanie Pitoniak  
Carmela Cardaci  
Louis and Frances DeStefano  
12:00 Francisca Bacani  
Fe Esperanza Rojas

### MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

- 9:00 Deceased members of the Esser and Provost Families  
John Cannon - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

- 9:00 Mimmi Bizzozzaro

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

- 9:00 Marciana Jimenez  
Aquile Valencia

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

- 9:00 Judith Rodrigues and Alfredo Valle  
Joseph Dewland

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

- 9:00 Eric Angeles, Sr.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

- 9:00 Michael Altomare  
Charles Salzer  
5:30 Lea Wozniak  
Frances Eichholz  
Isabella Paparella

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish  
10:00 Louis D'Angelo  
John Anderson, Jr.  
Michael Joseph Landers  
Myles Jaffrey Martinez  
12:00 Joseph Dressel  
Pasquale Isola



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