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## The Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 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,

To be a Roman Catholic is to always be “on call.” On this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we celebrate the mystery that God: Father, Son, and Spirit, has called us into an intimate relationship of love; has made us God’s own daughters and sons. But that relationship is a two-way street: not only do we expect things from God but He expects things from us. God makes us. God saves us. God sends us. God has a plan, a plan for the world, and we are part of that plan. That is why as sons and daughters of God we must always be ready to hear the word “Go”. “Go” is the word that God uses when there is something for us to do. The disciples hear the word in today’s gospel. “Go and make disciples of all the nations.” But this command does not only apply to the first disciples. It applies to all disciples. It applies to us. We must be ready to go.

“Wait a minute,” you say, “Go where? Do what? Are you sure that God is sending me?” I am sure. To what God is sending you I cannot say, but the fact that God is sending you is not in doubt. Sending is what God does to His sons and daughters. God makes us. God saves us. God sends us. If you want to know to what God is sending you, all you need to do is listen. We usually do not listen; and because we do not listen, we do not hear; and because we do not hear we imagine that we are not being sent. We wake up each day and we plan our own schedule: first I’ll do this, then I’ll do that, and if there’s time, I’ll fit this in. But how often do any of us take a breath and in all honesty ask the question, “Lord, is there anything you want me to do today?”

I dare you to ask that question. Whether you’re in the fourth grade or you’ve just retired, whether you’re married or you’re single, whether you’re healthy or you’re sick—I dare you to ask, “Lord, is there anything you want me to do today?” I promise you that if you ask, God will answer. It may be in that moment, or an hour later, or a day later; but if you ask, you will hear God say, “Go. Go to that person at work and tell her. “Go to your friend and ask him. Go to the phone and dial this number. Go to your spouse . . . Go to your daughter . . . Go to your neighbor . . . and do this.”

If you dare to listen, you will hear where God is sending you. What you hear might surprise you. Sometimes when you hear what God wants you to do, it does not seem to fit. It does not make sense. You might even suppose that God is confused and is calling the wrong person. If this is the case, feel free to object. The scriptures are full of people who object to God’s call. Moses says, “I can’t go. I don’t even know how to speak.” Jeremiah says, “I can’t go. I’m too young.” Isaiah says, “I can’t go. I’m not holy enough.” Even Mary says, “How can this be? I’m not married.” It’s okay to object. You have the freedom to argue about where God is sending you. It’s all part of the family drama. As sons and daughters of God, we have the right to question, when it seems that He is sending us on some fool’s errand. Just remember that the fact we can object does not mean that God will change the call. God does not act that way. What God tends to do is listen to our objections and say, “Yes, but go anyway, and I will be with you.”

God has a plan, a plan for the world. We are a part of that plan. As sons and daughters of God we must always be ready to be sent. Christians are always “on call.” I dare you to listen. I dare you to sincerely ask the question, “Lord, is there anything you want me to do today?” If you ask, God will answer, and you will soon find yourself going forth to do your Father’s will.

Peace,  
*Fr. Monteleone*

## PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Memorial Day  
on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.  
The Church will be closed following Mass.  
The Parish Office will be closed.



## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

On Monday, our Grade Two students lead us in reciting a school-wide rosary.

The students who celebrated their First Communion attended the 9 AM Mass on Tuesday, followed by breakfast.

7th Grade Students attended The Road to Revolution at Kean University on Field Trip. There they explored geographic, economic, and political factors that led to the American Revolution. Our 8th

Grade students completed their Final Exams this week! Students in Grades 5-7 will begin their Final Exams the week of May 27.

The Genius Convention will be open for Grades 3-5 to come and visit.

We are looking forward to Field Day events.

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To learn more about St. Philip Preparatory School please visit our school website at

<https://stphilipprep.com/>

Registration is open for Grades PreK 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.



## CARNIVAL

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St. Philips Carnival will be 3 days this year,

**Thursday, June 20, 6-10 PM**

**Friday, June 21, 6-11 PM**

**Saturday, June 22, 6:30-11 PM**



### Sponsors

Family, Business, and Ride Carnival Sponsorship forms are available in Molloy Center through Linda Valenti.

Every Sponsorship level will receive a sign in our auditorium for all three days of the carnival as a thank you.

### Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

## Volunteers

We are looking for new volunteers to join all of our veterans volunteers.

It's 3 days of fun, laughs, and excitement.

If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Maureen at (973) 773-5161

We will have an All volunteer meeting on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Auditorium at 7 PM.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### FATHER ENGLISH CENTER

Many parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the Father English Food Pantry the past two years. However, the shelves are nearly bare and many working poor depend on the supplemental food they receive every two weeks. Please consider donating the following items: canned chicken, tuna, cereals, Mac and Chesse, soups, lentils, beans, pasta, sauce (preferably in plastic containers), peanut butter and jelly. All items must be in bags or cartons. Even if you can donate a one small item, it is appreciated. Our next food collection will be the weekend of June 1 and 2. Thank you!



### LIFE MINISTRY

**Show your love for babies in the womb! Get a "Baby Feet" Car Magnet!** Symbols are very important in successful social movements. Show your love for babies in the womb and their families by putting a "baby feet" magnet on your car. There will be volunteers at the doors of the church **NEXT WEEKEND** giving out baby feet magnets. Please get one and put one on your car. (There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.)

To get a car magnet by mail, email:

**BabyFeetMagnet@gmail.com** with your name and mailing address or call: (973) 497-4500. Let's get this symbol all over the roads of New Jersey!



## COLUMBIETTES

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# Food Drive

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 1  
10AM-2PM**

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Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food helps. We accept donations of non-perishable food. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, boxed juices, long-life milk, canned meat and tuna.

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## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PRIMETIMERS

Our next Primetimers meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Seeing Eye Puppies join us. Please bring any old towels you may have at home to the meeting.



since the Seeing Eye Puppies need your old towels. We will also be having a pizza party. Everyone 55 Years of age or older is welcome. For more information call Jean R at (973) 253-1619

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our St. Philip's Knights of Columbus Council 11671



meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month from September through June, only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month during July and August, at 7:30 PM in Marian Hall. Any Knight from any council may attend these meetings as they are open to all. Non-Knight guests may also attend however, guests require an invitation; simply tell any council Knight and he will inform the Grand Knight that you will be attending or call Mike Cervine (973) 472-7505 and he will put your name on the guest list.

## WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, June 10 at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one is most welcome.

## 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 this weekend.

Only \$25 for the week.

We invite Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Visit [StPhilip.org/SummerFun](http://StPhilip.org/SummerFun) for more information.

Students want 30 Community Service Hours?

Sign up to be Junior Leaders.

Don't miss out on the fun!

## ST. PHILIP YOUTH CHOIR

*On Pentecost Sunday, our wonderful youth choir sang beautifully at the Noon Mass.*

*Thank you, enjoy your Summer and see you again in the Fall!*



## BANNS OF ORDINATION

The Most Reverend Kevin Sweeney, D.D.  
intends to ordain  
**Rev. Mr. Sebastian Munoz Chavarria**  
to the Sacred Order of Presbyter  
on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 10 AM  
in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

The faithful of the Diocese of Paterson are asked to pray for Deacon Sebastian as he prepares for ordination and priestly ministry. At the same time, the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments, if they know of any, that will prevent him from receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Please contact the pastor before ordination in accord with the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

## YOU ARE INVITED!



With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God,  
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## PRIESTLY ORDINATION of

REV. MR. SEBASTIÁN MUÑOZ CHAVARRÍA

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Invocation of the Holy Spirit to be  
Conferred by His excellency

The Most Rev. Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.  
Bishop of Paterson

**SATURDAY | JUNE 1ST | 10:00 AM**

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FIRST SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

11:00  
AM

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Please join Father Sebastian on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
at Noon for his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at  
**St. Philip the Apostle Parish.**  
Refreshments to follow in the auditorium.

## KIDS KORNER

### < KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

The Most Holy Trinity | Matthew 28:16-20

At the Great Commission Jesus commanded His apostles to gather believers and baptize, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The church follows Jesus' command today. New members are baptized in the

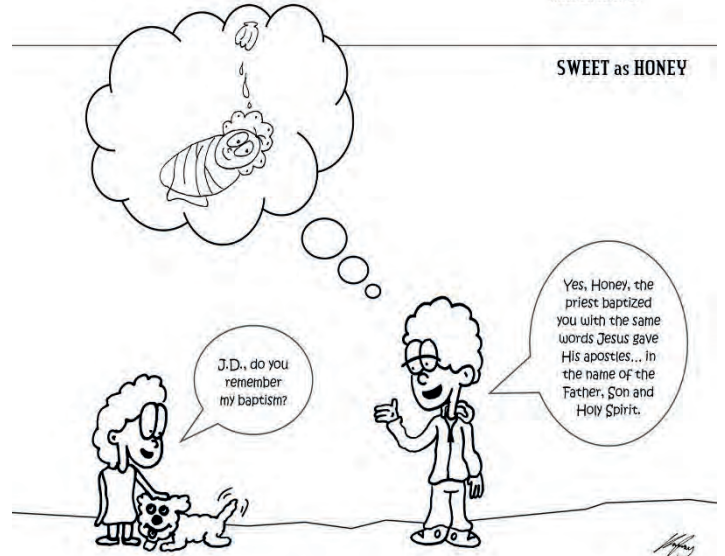
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When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Matthew 28:17-18



SWEET as HONEY



## PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: MAY 21, 2023	\$ 15,282.00
Sunday Collection: MAY 19, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,311.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,422.00
Total	\$ 17,733.00
SECOND COLLECTION - Peter's Pence	\$ 2,030.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

May 26 - Project Faith

June 2 - For South and Latin American/OVS

## WE PRAY FOR...

*For the Recently Deceased...*

Maria Aginaldo, Jeanette Bock

*A Time to be Healed...*

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters,  
Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko,  
Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin,  
Rev. David McDonnell



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

- 8:00 Marianna and Wladyslaw Janc  
Cristanto and Natividad Gentolia
- 10:00 Jose Borrajo, Sr.  
Eugene DeBellis  
For the good health of Lorraine DeBellis  
Rita Murray and Beronica Maresca
- 12:00 Marianna and Wladyslaw Janc  
Ann Marie Puliti  
Victor Shami

### MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

- 9:00 Henry Spohn  
Emily Sokerka - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

- 9:00 Joseph Scafidi

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

- 9:00 Jack McKenna

### THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

- 9:00 For thanksgiving intentions of  
Virginia Sipin

### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

- 9:00 Corazon Nunag

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

- 9:00 Alberto Gentolia  
5:30 Frances Spazian  
Jay McCormack  
Richard Berdnik

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
- 10:00 Alice Petruny  
Peter Glita  
Diana Smith  
Bill Peters, III
- 12:00 Beverly Duffy  
Jessie DiDonna

### CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26<sup>th</sup>

in Memory of Emily Sokerka  
- With love from the DiDonna  
Family



### OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26<sup>th</sup>

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