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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 9, 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,

Jesus finds himself amid a violent controversy in today's gospel. His family, the scribes, and the people of Galilee are trying to decide who he is and what he is about. Some of the possibilities they consider are not positive. His relatives think that He is out of his mind. Some of the scribes suggest that He is an agent of Beelzebul, which is a name for the devil. Still others conclude that He has an unclean spirit.

These controversies about Jesus can seem irrelevant to us, because we have already decided who Jesus is. We believe Him to be the Christ, the Son of the living God. But place yourself as a first-century Galilean: You see this traveling preacher pass through your village, gathering crowds and performing powerful signs. Would it not be sensible, even prudent, for you to ask, "Whose power is on display here? Is this man's mission genuine or some kind of trick? And how would you make that determination? How would you know whether Jesus' ministry was for good or for ill, whether it flowed from God or from the devil?"

The Greek language can help us here because the Greek word that is often used to refer to the devil is *diabolos*. From this comes the English word "diabolical," which means "from the devil." The root sense of *diabolos* is "the one who divides, the one who scatters." This word tells us that what is characteristic about the devil is that he divides. He pits one person against the other. He pulls things apart. He tears things down. Now, do these actions characterize the mission of Jesus? Not at all. Jesus is not a divider but one who calls people together. He welcomes the leper and the sinner. He challenges those who hear him to collaborate in building the kingdom of God. Jesus' work is not about division but about unity, not about pulling things apart but about welcoming people in.

As his disciples today, we should recognize that this mission of pulling together is still Jesus' will for us. That is why when members of our family turn against one another or friends begin to tear one another down, we know in our hearts this is not of God. This is why when we see the polarization in our country, with people with

different ideologies hurling insults and demeaning one another, we know in our gut this is not Christ's will.

Jesus is not about division and scattering. Jesus is about unity and calling people together. The great symbol of our Catholic tradition is the Eucharist, the banquet of the Lord. Here we gather. Here we sing together. We hear the word of God as one community. We extend peace to one another. Here together we receive the body and blood of the Lord. The Eucharist is our symbol of unity. And, by the way, the Greek word for symbol is *symbolon*, which is the opposite of *diabolos*. *Diabolos* means to divide. *Symbolon* is a pulling together.

So, as we stand here at this symbol of our unity, let us commit ourselves to be people who pull things together, who work across divisions for unity, who build things up rather than tear things down. Such an attitude would show us to be disciples of Jesus. That would be good news for everyone, because the opposite attitude is diabolical.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

THANK YOU, FATHER NICO!

Fr. Nico will be celebrating his final masses with us on June 29 and 30. He will preach at all the Masses that weekend and celebrate the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses. All are invited to the auditorium after the noon mass for a catered luncheon. Please RSVP using the link on our website at www.stphilip.org or by calling Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 if you are planning to attend.



WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you for the generous support of those who gave to the Father English Food Pantry on Corpus Christi weekend. Your donation really helps fill the shelves and provides necessary supplements to many in need. Your donations are very much appreciated!

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students in grades 5 - 7 are preparing for their final exams.

On Friday, May 31, our 8th-grade students celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass where they received accolades and scholarships.



Congratulations to this year's Class of 2024 Valedictorian *Alexis Emuang* & our Class of 2024 Salutatorian *John Brost!*

They look forward to their dinner dance, 8th grade class trip and of course graduation.

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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 8th Grade.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY



Show your love for babies in the womb! Get a "Baby Feet" Car Magnet!

Symbols are very important in successful social movements. Don't forget to show your love for babies in

the womb and their families by putting the "baby feet" magnet you got last weekend on your car. Last weekend we gave away 150 car magnets which were all that we had! IF YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE WHO DID NOT GET A MAGNET CALL DEBBIE at (201) 446-8341 or 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

On Wednesday, June 12th the Columbiettes are having a Food Collection in the parking lot after the 9 AM Mass for St. Michaels in Passaic.

CARNIVAL

St. Philip 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.

Lawn Signs

Lawn Signs are available in the lobby of the church.

Soda/Water Donations

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

White Elephant

Donate your "treasures" and bring them to the gym doors beginning Monday, June 17th 1-9 PM and Tuesday, June 18th and Wednesday, June 19th from 9 AM – 9 PM. As per Health Department regulation – NO clothing, shoes, bedding, or stuffed animals exist. If you need your donations items picked up or carried, please contact Joe Chidiac at (973) 248-7222. Thank you so much for your participation!

Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, June 19. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50. For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



ROSARY SOCIETY

For our year end get-together, the Rosary Society will be hosting a special movie presentation on Monday, June 10th at 6:30 PM sharp in Marian Hall. Please bring light refreshments to share.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our St. Philip's Knights of Columbus Council 11671 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from September through June, *only the 3rd 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 for more information.

MORRIS CATHOLIC

Morris Catholic High School is still accepting applications for the Class of 2028 and transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Scholarship and Financial Aid are still available for qualifying students.

Learn more about Morris Catholic through our Admissions events!

Our Open House date is Wednesday, June 12th, 6-8 PM

You can sign up for these events at <https://www.morriscatholic.org/admission/>

We are offering in-person campus tours for all families interested. Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to schedule one of these visits or for more information about our application process!

You can also visit www.morriscatholic.org to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs.

Be renewed every day



SAINT ANTHONY

Beloved Saint Anthony Visits St. Bonaventure
St. Bonaventure Church has the honor to host two Holy Relics of St. Anthony of Padua on Tuesday, June 11th.

You are welcome for any of following:

11:00 to 11:30 AM Veneration

11:30 AM Mass & Novena:

12:00 to 1:30 PM Veneration

5:00 to 6:30 PM Veneration

6:30 PM Prayer Service & Blessing of Relics

The two first-class Relics will be accompanied by Father Mario Conte, a Franciscan friar from the Pontifical Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy.

The two relics on tour are fragments of St. Anthony's facial skin and his floating rib. The Relic of the floating rib has special significance for the friars of Padua because it was venerated by Lucy of Fatima in her convent in Coimbra in 1995, and by the then-Archbishop Jorge Maria Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) in the Cathedral of Buenos Aires in 2000.

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Cielo Arevalo, Donald Dowiak



A Time to be Healed...

Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko, Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin, Rev. David McDonnell, Peyton Yagins, Daniel Kozell



PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: JUNE 4, 2023	\$ 20,302.00
Sunday Collection: JUNE 2, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 11,989.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,555.00
Total	\$18,544.00
SECOND COLLECTION – S. American	\$ 1,733.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

June 9 - Project Faith

June 16- Seminarian Collection

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

- 8:00 Deceased members of the Kerner Family
Mario Santulli
- 10:00 Frances Monteleone
Robert Rowan
Sister Jeanne Agans – Special Intention
Leandro Salme – 2nd Anniversary
Marie D'Angelo
- 12:00 For All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

- 9:00 Dot Cervine
Sharon Barber

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

- 9:00 Jerry Jaucian
Ignacio Marti

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

- 9:00 Honorato "Carlos" Cabrera

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

- 9:00 Joseph Dewland

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

- 9:00 Frank Pomposelli

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

- 9:00 Andrew and Anna Basile
5:30 For All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

- 8:00 Dot Cervine
Lewis Castiglia
- 10:00 Daniel Mutter
John Baier
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Felice Masino
- 12:00 Edward Leber
Salvatore Capriglione

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