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# St. Philip the Apostle Parish

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 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,

Normally we are quite respectful when we speak to God. Controlled and subservient we place our needs before the Lord. "Dear Jesus, help my son be accepted into the college he prefers." "Gracious God you know I've lost my job, help me to find a new one." Now there's nothing wrong with speaking respectfully to God. But one of the things that today's Gospel shows us is that this kind of respectful prayer is not the only kind of prayer; nor is it necessarily the best.

Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee, and a huge storm comes up. The boat is tossed from one wave to another, and the waves are breaking over the side. It has become apparent to the apostles that this boat is going down with everyone in it. Jesus, however, is asleep in the stern on a cushion. What do the apostles do? Do they quietly walk to the back and tap Jesus on the shoulder and say, "Lord I know you're sleeping, but we have a problem?" Do they gently shake him and say, "Master sorry to disturb you but the waves are getting a little rough?" No. They cry out with accusation. "Master, do you not care we're going to die?" Now Jesus gets up and stills the storm of course. But I do not intend today to reflect on Jesus' actions but rather the apostles' prayer, because this prayer can be a model for us.

Sometimes the best prayers are those which are blunt and seemingly irreverent. The best prayers are those that express what we really feel, and sometimes what we feel is not polite. We have many examples of this kind of prayer in the Old Testament. The Book of Psalms is the prayer book of the Jewish people. Time and again the psalms attack God for a seeming lack of care. The psalmist yells out, "Why Oh Lord do you stand so far away from me?" "How long, Lord, will you ignore my prayer?" Or the famous psalm that Jesus prays on the cross, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?" (One of my personal favorites is "Lord remember your servant David and all his anxious care, Psalm 131) When the Jewish people prayed, they asked for what they needed. They were not afraid to demand from God an answer when it seemed what they needed was being forgotten.

You and I need to be able to pray in this manner. We can pray with this kind of strength and

emotion because we must pray as the people we really are. If we are angry, it is valid to express anger when we address the Lord. If we are fearful, that fear should not be held back from what we say. If we are disappointed with what God is doing in our life, it is beneficial to express that disappointment when we address Him. We need to be the people that we are. It might seem to be preferable to put our best foot forward when we speak to God, but it is more important to be real than to be polite. The only person God can love, the only person God can answer, is the real person that we are. Therefore, it is much better to pray as a real sinner than a fake saint.

Although we might think that emotion and accusation are out of order when we address the creator of the universe, such emotion and honesty is not a sign of disrespect. It is a sign of intimacy. We are polite to strangers. We are brutally honest with the people closest to us, with the people with whom we live. Just remember for a moment the kind of language we use with one another in our own homes: "You did what? Where the # %\$ were you? Don't you ever try that again!" We can speak with that kind of honesty because we are close. We don't waste our emotions on people we consider unimportant. But we are painfully honest with the people on whom our survival depends. We speak to them as family. God wants us to speak in prayer as family. God wants us to speak what we truly feel because it is a sign of being connected. We should pray not with politeness and aloofness but with honesty and intimacy.

So, when we are angry, when we are upset, when we are disappointed, it is important to tell God how we feel. When life dumps on us one more time, it is valid to ask God what the heck is going on? We need to be as brutally honest as necessary to be the people we really are before the Lord. We do not need to worry about God's feelings. God is big enough to handle it. God wants us to speak as sons and daughters. God wants us to be close enough to speak the truth, to bluntly cry out in our need.

So, we need to tell God what is in our heart, both when it is pretty and when it is not. Because it is only after we tell God how we truly feel that we will be able to hear the answer that God gives.

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 12 Noon mass for a catered luncheon.

Please RSVP by June 25<sup>th</sup> using the link on our website at [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org) or by calling Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 if you are planning to attend.



## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SPPS has had a productive and educational school year. Our students and staff have successfully completed the essential requirements to take a much needed break. Our hallways and classrooms will be empty for the next two months, but the shadows and memories are there. We look forward to returning in the fall to reclaim the classrooms and continue on with another year of learning creating more memories and attaining more goals.

Happy Summer!



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.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### LIFE MINISTRY



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~ Pope St. John Paul the Great



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*Evangelium Vitae, Par. 61*

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### 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.



## VACATION BIBLE FUN

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



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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.

## WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Thank you to everyone who reached out during my illness and especially Cathie Murtha and the blanket ministry for the beautiful aphan they made for me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Irene Chmura



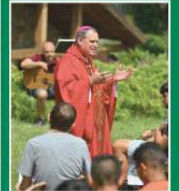
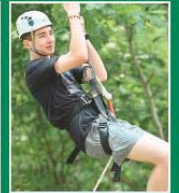
## DIOCESAN NEWS

### QUO VADIS RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

Join us for a **free 1-day retreat** to help young men of high school age consider their vocation and path in life. Sports and games. Mass with Bishop Sweeney. Three meals provided, including barbecue lunch by the Knights of Columbus.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Zip-lining
- Swimming (indoor pool)
- Rock climbing & hiking
- Archery & sports
- Outdoor Mass
- Talks by seminarians & priests



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## PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: JUNE 18, 2023	\$ 15,207.00
Sunday Collection: JUNE 16, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,927.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,092.00
Total	\$ 17,019.00
SECOND COLLECTION – Seminarian	\$ 2,134.00

Upcoming Second Collections:  
June 30 - Project Faith

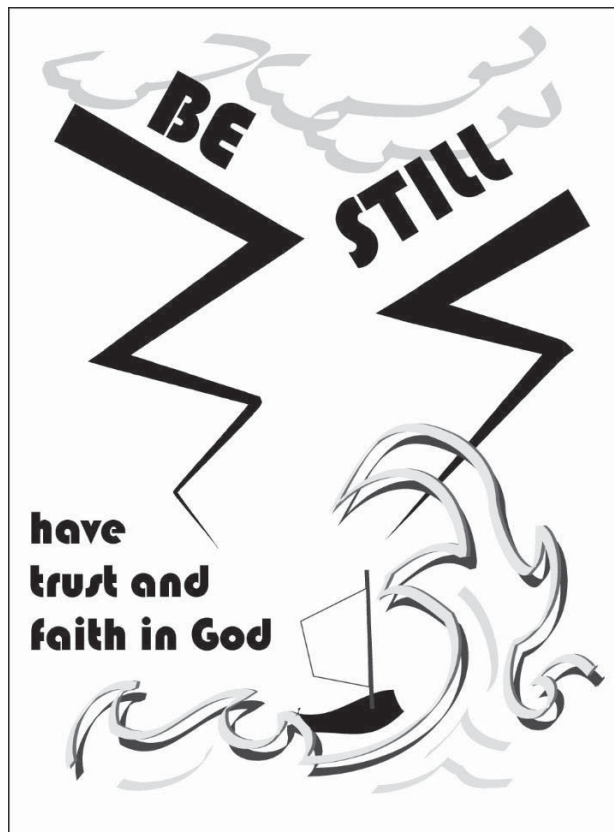
## WE PRAY FOR...

### *Recently Deceased....*

Roswitha A. Buchta

### *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



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

- 8:00 For All the People of the Parish  
10:00 Generoso Spatola  
Herman Voelkner  
Thomas Trommelen  
Sandra Zym  
12:00 Victor Shami  
Jack McKenna

### MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

- 9:00 Lourdes Porta

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

- 9:00 Fr. Richard Zuk

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

- 9:00 Sister Joanne Riggs

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

- 9:00 Tony Volonnino

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

- 9:00 Holly Grace Cannon

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

- 9:00 Mary V. Crosby- 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Emila Rodriguez  
5:30 Isabella Paparella  
Lauren Maisano  
Jay McCormack

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

- 8:00 Michael Costabile  
Manuel and Milagros Amador  
10:00 Michael Leposky  
Gene Toma  
Kim McWilliams  
John Sokol  
12:00 For All the People of the Parish

### CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2024

In memory of Myron Holubec  
- With love from Cheryl and Ross



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## Gospel Today

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 4:35-41

Jesus reminds His disciples to be guided by Faith and Trust.

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