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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 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,

Today's Gospel is strangely disturbing, but it also carries a thread of consolation. This passage from Mark's gospel is the only passage in the gospels where Jesus is said to be unable to act. The text is very clear about this. It says that Jesus was unable to perform any deed of power, so distressed was he by lack of faith. We believe that Jesus has the power of God, so how is it possible that he is rendered helpless?

Although we could spend hours discussing why Jesus was unable to act, it is more useful to ask what does this strange impotence of Jesus have to do with us? For we believe that all the passages of the scriptures not only tell us about Jesus, but also apply to our lives. So, what does Jesus' inability to act mean to us? The answer to that question can be found when we realize where it is that this scene takes place. It was in Jesus' own hometown. He had no problem doing deeds of power in Capernaum or at the Sea of Galilee, but when He came to Nazareth, he was helpless. He could wow the crowds in Jerusalem, but when He came to his own town, he was too local to be taken seriously. This rejection of Jesus in Nazareth points to a truth in our lives: sometimes it is the people who are closest to us who do not understand us and will not support us.

This painful truth is a part of the human condition. It is proverbial. In fact, Jesus cites a proverb in the gospel. He says, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their own hometown, among their own kin, and in their own house." How painful it is to have our gifts and talents accepted by many, but not accepted by those who are closest to us. How hurtful it is to wait for the approval of a mother, father, or grandparent; to wait for the acceptance of a brother or sister, and yet, never have that acceptance or that approval come. How debilitating it is when we find that those we are related to by blood or by marriage do not accept us. Instead, they are jealous of us, dismissive of us, or even manipulate us. We usually can overcome rejection by a stranger or by those with whom we only have a business relationship. But when it comes to rejection by family that rejection cuts deep.

This is the disturbing truth of today's gospel. But in this scene, there is also a thread of consolation. If Jesus himself was unable to avoid rejection by those who were closest to Him, then why should we be surprised if such rejection happens in our life? If Jesus who was Son of God nevertheless found Himself helpless when His family refused to accept Him, then certainly He will know our pain if we are denied acceptance.

It hurts deeply when those closest to us refuse to love us. Jesus endured that hurt. He also showed us how to respond to it. The last line of the gospel says, "Jesus made his rounds of the neighboring villages and continued to teach." When He was rejected in Nazareth, Jesus did not let that rejection undermine His identity or value. He did not reject his call. He did not wrap Himself in self-pity. He moved on. He moved on to the neighboring villages and there continued to teach to those who would listen and to those who would respond. In the same way if we were to experience rejection by those who are closest to us, we too are called to move on. We cannot make anyone love us, but we can refuse to allow rejection to dictate our future. We still have gifts to give. We still have people to love. We must believe that our gifts and love are real. So, if the people who are closest to you all support you, be thankful. That is a tremendous gift. But if you find there is someone close who will not extend love to you, follow the example of Jesus. Move on. Give your gifts to those who will receive them. Share your love with those who will respond to it. Believe that there still is life and love to be found, even if it is not in your own hometown.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE



Throughout the Summer, beginning
July 5th
the Parish Office Schedule is as
follows:

**Mondays thru Thursdays
8 AM to 4:30 PM**

Fridays 8 AM to 12 Noon

**Regular office hours will resume after
Labor Day.**

FROM FATHER NICO

Friends,

I am truly grateful to God for each of you. Your kindness, support, and faith have made me not only a better priest but also a better person. Thank you for the last four years!

I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer filled with joy and blessings. This is not goodbye; I am confident that our paths will cross again in the future.

As I begin a new chapter in my priestly ministry, I ask for your prayers. Your prayerful support means the world to me.

Should you wish to stay in touch, my new address is:

Resurrection Parish
651 Millbrook Avenue
Randolph, New Jersey 07869

Thank you once again for everything. You will always hold a special place in my heart. God bless you!

In Christ,

Father Nico



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

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Registration is open for Grades PreK 3 through 8th Grade.

The School Office will be closed the weeks of July 1st and 8th. We will reopen on Monday, July 14th.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, August 13th. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50. For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



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.





Religious Education

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open! If you have a child in grades 1 through 10, we invite your family to join our program. For details, please visit our Parish website at www.stphilip.org
If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org



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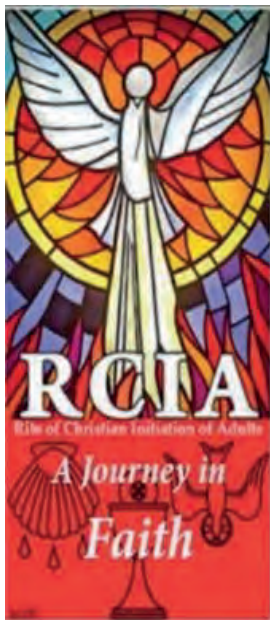
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Call the Parish office or email lvalenti@stphilip.org



“If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor’s office and the Diocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at (973) 879-1489.

You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response officers: Monsignor T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, (973) 777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Theresa Lee, FMA, Chancellor/ Delegate for Religious, (973) 777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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5. **Parents** always Welcome.
6. Children educated in right relationships & what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

- 8:00 Garry DeVos
Sonia Bozios
10:00 Rudy and Helaine Pohle
Francesco Pugliano
Marguerite Hausz
Myron Holubec
12:00 Walter Tarnowski - 103rd Birthday
Stefania LoPiccolo

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

- 9:00 Jerry T. Scrozia

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024

- 9:00 James J. Carolan

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

- 9:00 Thomas DiSanto

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

- 9:00 Tony Volonnino

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024

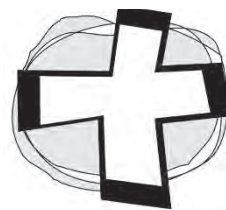
- 9:00 Romulo Borja
Maria Guarinello

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

- 9:00 Jack McKenna
Joe Wojtowicz
5:30 Frances Spazian
Isabella Paparella
Robert Seppentino

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Marton Robinson
Ann DePasquale
Jack McKenna
Joseph Wojtowicz
12:00 John Holy
Michael Costabile



My grace
is enough for you



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Gospel Today

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 6:1-6a

In His hometown of Nazareth, Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith His friends and neighbors had in Him. They couldn't see Jesus as a prophet, only as the carpenter's boy who grew up among them.

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Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

- Mark 6:4

- 1 **Jesus returned home to _____ .**
A] Galilee B] Nazareth C] Mount of Olives
- 2 **On the Sabbath, Jesus began to teach _____ .**
A] on the mountain B] at home C] in the synagogue
- 3 **Jesus spoke with such wisdom, people were _____ .**
A] skeptical/unsure B] astonished C] angered
- 4 **The people realized Jesus was _____ .**
A] the carpenter's son B] the Son of God C] a stranger
- 5 **When the crowds took offense at Him, Jesus felt _____ .**
A] He better try harder B] He should let someone else preach
C] amazed at their lack of faith and moved on to another place



Answers: 1] B 2] C 3] B 4] A 5] C

Jesus was a remarkable man who should have received a special welcome back to His hometown, but many people turned against Him. Can you think of why? How would you treat Jesus if you met Him?

Think of a classmate who has achieved an honor.

Were you proud of them or jealous?

How did you treat them?

Draw a face in the circles to reflect your feelings.



How I feel about Jesus.



How I feel about others.

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