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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 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,

A man was very rapidly losing his hair, and this caused him a good deal of concern. So, he was attracted to an advertisement in the newspaper. "Miracle formula! Guarantee: a full head of hair within 24 hours!" Now of course he was skeptical, but he was also hopeful. So, he called the manufacturer. "How is it possible," he said, "that you can guarantee a full head of hair in 24 hours?" "It's a miracle formula," the manufacturer responded. "It's made of persimmon and olive." "I'm suspicious of miracles," the man said. "But you assure me that this formula will grow hair?" "Oh, no," said the manufacturer, "it doesn't grow hair. It shrinks your head to fit the hair you have."

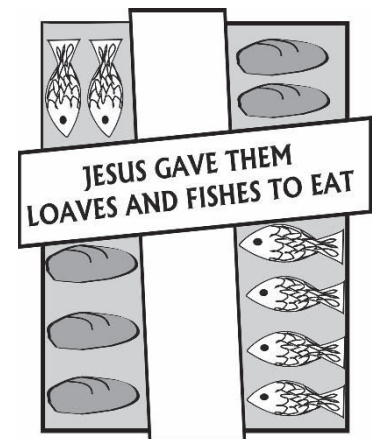
We can be justified in being suspicious of miracles, especially when they are miracles that contradict the laws of nature. Now I believe that dramatic miracles can happen. But they're few and far between. That is why it is important to remember that there are different kinds of miracles, and why Jesus' words in today's gospel are so helpful. Jesus looks up and sees a vast and hungry crowd, and he gives his disciples a command: "Make them sit down." Now at first this command of Jesus can seem marginal, a throwaway line. But things change when we ask, "Why would Jesus say it?" I suggest that Jesus wanted the crowd to sit down so that they would not miss what he was about to do. Think about it. In a huge crowd, there are all kinds of things happening. People are talking and arguing and complaining and thinking and wondering. As they mill around in their own preoccupations, it would be easy for them to miss the miracle that Jesus was about to perform. So, Jesus' command to sit down was a command to pay attention, to recognize the action of God before their eyes.

This command of Jesus can be very useful to us in dealing with miracles, because we often overlook the miracles in our lives. Now of course, if the sun was to stop still or rain began to fall up, we would all notice that. But most miracles are not so dramatic. Some miracles are constantly present. They are the ones that are easy to overlook. We can overlook the way in which our lungs draw oxygen from the invisible air, which allows us to remain

conscious and alive. We can forget the way our kidney filters our blood, preserving the elements that are good and eliminating the ones that are poisonous. We can forget how our pancreas works with its own sugar thermometer, keeping the level of sugar in our blood constant. If it failed to do this, we would go into a coma and die. We forget the miracle of how a baby learns to talk, how suddenly we can come to an idea, how music can make us cry. We forget the wonder of how a blade of grass grows, or how a few cells within the womb divide and multiply until they form a human person with fingers and a personality and eyes that can see color. We can overlook the fact of the earth spins on its axis and thereby prevents the oceans from falling into the sun. Science continues to explore and explain many of these phenomena in our world. Yet science is not the enemy of miracles. Even when we can explain our world, it does not make it ordinary. It still retains its wonder.

Jesus calls us to sit down, to pay attention, to recognize the wonders that surround us. If we do that, think of how it could change us. Would it not make us more humble, more hopeful, more patient, more alive? We live in a world of miracles. Let's make sure that we take the time to see them, because every time we take one in, we recognize the presence of God.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass Schedule is as follows:
Wednesday, August 14th, 7 PM Vigil
Thursday, August 15th, 7 AM and 9 AM**

PLEASE NOTE

Throughout the Summer
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.**



CARNIVAL NEWS

2024 CARNIVAL RESULTS
Results compared to the 2023



	2023		
	INCOME	EXPENSES	PROFIT
Carnival Results	\$78,015	\$52,380	\$25,635
Super 50/50 Results	\$12,125	\$6,900	\$5,225
Grand Total	\$90,140	\$59,280	\$30,860
	2024		
	INCOME	EXPENSES	PROFIT
Carnival Results	\$80,199	\$55,974	\$24,225
Super 50/50 Results	\$12,875	\$6,478	\$6,397
Grand Total	\$93,074	\$62,452	\$30,622

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Registration for our Religious Education and
Confirmation Programs is now open! If you have
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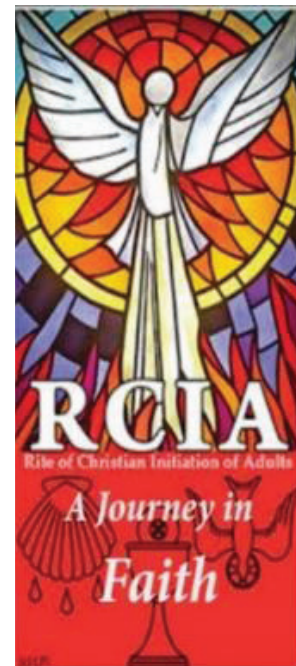
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will meet beginning
September 2024.

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Call the Parish office or email lvalenti@stphilip.org



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.



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 August 3rd and 4th. Thank you!



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY



The Mysteries of the Rosary is a four-part film series hosted by Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei and current developer of That Man is You! men's program. The series began out of Mark Hartfiel's desire to deepen his spiritual life as a father and husband, which included taking steps to protect his family from evil. Saint Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times," and Hartfiel took that to heart, ultimately becoming convicted to pray the ancient prayers of the Rosary daily. It was through his daily Rosary that the idea came to him to create and film a series that takes viewers right to the Holy Land, right where these Mysteries actually happened.

For more recommendation, please visit <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Makenna Sue

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 23, 2023	\$ 15,524.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 21, 2024	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,099.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,927.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,026.00
SECOND COLLECTION- COMM/ CATH	\$ 1,833.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

July 28- Project Faith
August 11- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

A Time to be Healed...

Sikora Sisters, Philip Kutzenko, Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin, Rev. David McDonnell, Peyton Yagins, Daniel Kozell, Deacon Roger Lacouture, Father Paul T. Josten, Tony Pannullo



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
- 10:00 Victor and Dorothy Robinson
Michael Costabile
Myron Holubec
Frank Pomposelli
- 12:00 Genevieve "Jean" Tarnowski
Pietro Binaggia

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

- 9:00 Rev. Thomas Cappelloni

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

- 9:00 Jack McKenna

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

- 9:00 John Anderson
Adelaido Cuasay-1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

- 9:00 Marilyn Can

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

- 9:00 Frances Saporata

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

- 9:00 Joseph Cortese
- 5:30 Sharon Barber
Norbert Latz
Jack McNamara

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
- 10:00 Myron Holubec
Carmine Ruberto
Baby Judge
Adolph Zerpa
- 12:00 For the protection of babies in the womb
and their families
Roswitha A. Buchta

GOD IS NEAR



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Gospel Today

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:1-15

A large crowd of 5,000 followed Jesus and His apostles to the mountainside and all were hungry. Jesus performed a miracle when He multiplied the loaves and fish to feed everyone and still have 12 baskets of leftovers.

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- 1) How many people did Jesus feed with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish?
 - (a) 50
 - (b) 500
 - (c) 5,000
- 2) This act is called a...
 - (a) parable
 - (b) miracle
 - (c) chronicle
- 3) How much food was leftover?
 - (a) nothing
 - (b) 12 baskets
 - (c) 1 bushel
- 4) This miracle took place...
 - (a) on a mountainside
 - (b) near the shore
 - (c) in the desert
- 5) People witnessing the miracle called Jesus a...
 - (a) king
 - (b) miracle man
 - (c) prophet
- 6) Why were all the people gathered on the mountainside?
 - (a) to have a picnic
 - (b) to hear Jesus preach
 - (c) to witness a miracle
- 7) Where did Jesus go after the miracle?
 - (a) home
 - (b) back in the boat
 - (c) to another mountainside

All answers found
in today's reading.



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