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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 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,

I believe it was Winston Churchill who said, "Democracy is a terrible form of government." But then he added, "There is no other form that is better." Sometimes our best choice is far from perfect. We end up choosing something that really does not please us, but we do so precisely because no better options are available.

This seems to be the situation with Peter in today's gospel. Many people are finding that Jesus' teaching is difficult, hard to accept. So, they are leaving. They are no longer traveling in His company. Jesus asks Peter, "Do you also want to leave?" and Peter says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Now notice, Peter is not affirming Jesus' teaching. He is not saying that he is happy with it. He understands why so many people are leaving, but he is going to stay. But he is not staying because he is excited about staying. He is going to stay because where else can he go. Even though Jesus' teaching is difficult and troublesome, Peter knows that there is no better option available to him.

Now the good news about today's gospel is that Jesus lets Peter stay. Even though Peter is unhappy, even though he finds the teaching difficult, Jesus is willing to accept Peter as a disciple on those terms. Peter can remain a disciple even though the only reason he is staying is because he does not have a better place to go.

Now, Jesus' acceptance of Peter's faith clarifies for us what discipleship and what faith are about. Sometimes we think that we believe in God because it is going to make us happy. Indeed, sometimes it does make us happy. But that is not why we believe. We believe in God because it is true, and the truth of that belief does not guarantee that life will be easy. Sometimes we think that we believe in God because it is going to answer all of our questions. Sometimes it does give us a good deal of insight. But that is not why we believe. We believe in God because He is real. But that faith does not give us all the answers and does not guarantee that we will be pleased with the answers we receive.

We can be disciples of Jesus even though we are discouraged, even though we have doubts, even though we are afraid. When troubles in our family continue to disrupt our lives, when our health deteriorates, when people whom we love make

decisions that wound us, it does not mean that our faith is misplaced or that God is not God. It is a reminder to us that God's ways are often unclear and frequently burdensome. The troubles and difficulties of our life tell us that faith is as much about persevering as it is about celebrating and much more about trusting than understanding.

Now, of course, all of us would prefer a life that is simple, clear and easy. But those are not gifts which discipleship guarantees. Sometimes we merely need to hold on because there is no better place to go. And Jesus, like he did with Peter, is more than willing to accept us and our faith on those terms.

When we understand what faith and discipleship are truly about, we can pray, "Lord Jesus, even though it is difficult, even though I am confused, even though it hurts, I still believe in you. But thank you for giving me the freedom to say I'm not happy about it—and if I had better option, I would take it."

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Labor Day on
Monday, September 2nd,
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.
The Church will be closed immediately
following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.

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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.**

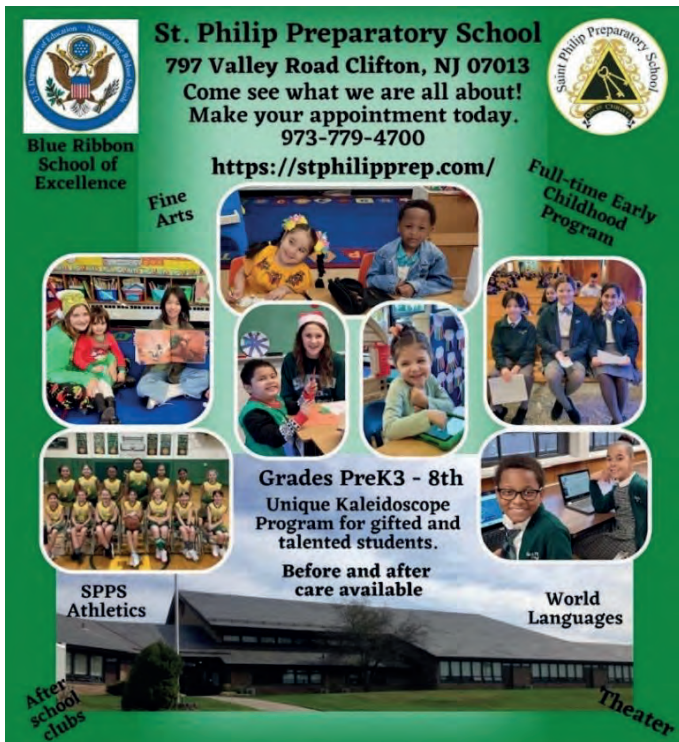


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2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2025 Mass Intention book will open at 9 AM on Thursday, September 5th.

To accommodate everyone, please be mindful that we limit Mass Intentions to five (5) per family.

(2 Weekend /3 Daily)

You can always offer more Masses during the year.

Recommended donation for Mass Intention/Card and Weekly Vigil Candle dedication and sponsorship are \$20



FAITH FORMATION

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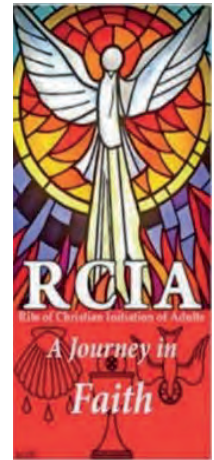
We know life gets busy and takes us away from what we intend.

Allow us to help and walk with you on the journey of life in faith!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS at

Saint Philip will meet beginning September 2024.

Let us know if you'll join us:
Call the Parish office or email ivalenti@stphilip.org



Family Faith Formation Volunteers

Catechists make our Family Faith Formation Program possible. Faith Formation volunteers have a love for children and God.

They are committed to living and sharing their Catholic faith with others.

Would you like to share your gifts with the children of our parish in faith formation?

We are in need of both Catechists and substitutes. If you are feeling called to give your time and share our faith with the children of our parish, but want to know more about

what is involved please contact us.

Please know that you do not walk this journey alone. We provide catechists with training materials, and a community of support.

Please speak with the Coordinator of Family Faith Formation, Mrs. Denise Pannullo at 973 779-1439 or email reled@stphilip.org.



Volunteer

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



The Filipino-American Group at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish invites you to a Prayer Gathering and talk on “Behold The Cross” by Father Emerson Roi Francisco on Friday, September 6, 2024 From 7 to 8 PM at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish (Marian Hall) 797 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ
****Fellowship To Follow ****

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY

Save the Date! March for Life in Trenton- Thursday Sept 26, 2024

Join thousands of pro-life people of good will to pray and March for LIFE!

This historic event is the 1st NJ State March for Life sponsored by the National March for Life and NJ Right to Life. Mass for Life at 9:30 am; Speakers at 11 am; March at 12 pm. The Mass for Life is hosted by the Archdiocese of Newark; the Dioceses of Trenton, Camden, and Paterson; the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic; and the NJ Catholic Conference.

You can find the bus sign-up at:

<https://insidethewalls.org/njmarchforlife>

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Are You 50 or Older?

St. Philip’s Prime Timers Senior Social Club is looking for new active seniors to join our club. We meet on the first Friday of each month in Marian Hall at 1:30pm (coffee-and usually starts about 1pm) for about an hour or so. We have coffee-and, entertainment, local and longer distance trips parties for special occasions and much more. Dues are just \$15 per year. While we have many traditional activities, we are always looking for new ideas for activities, trips, etc. If you have any questions call Mike Cervine (973)472-7505 or just show up at our first meeting Friday September 6. Hope to see many mature faces; some returnees and some new folks.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers Group will meet on Monday, September 9th at 2 PM in the Molloy Center.

Join us for prayers, socialization, and meeting new friends.

All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights News

St. Philip the Apostle Council 11671 is preparing for an exciting and active Columbian year. Watch the bulletin for announcements of these events in the coming weeks. The coats for Kids Drive, the Annual Communion Breakfast (open to all), the Fall Blood Drive and a few new ideas for our parishioners. Are you over 18 and want to become a Knight, the link below will bring you to the on-line application process simply answer the questions the “Preferred Local Council” is 11671 and don’t forget the PROMO Code Blessed McGivney.

Questions call Mike Cervine (973)472-7505



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COLUMBIETTES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The Columbiette Blanket Ministry will commence season 13 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! You do not need to be a Columbiette to join.

We joyfully accept any yarn, fabric, and monetary donations. Thank you, Rita, for your generous donation.

We crochet, knit, and quilt blankets for hospitalized children, hospice and nursing home patients, the home bound and more. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)



DIOCESAN NEWS

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1999 or 1974? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is October 16, 2024.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

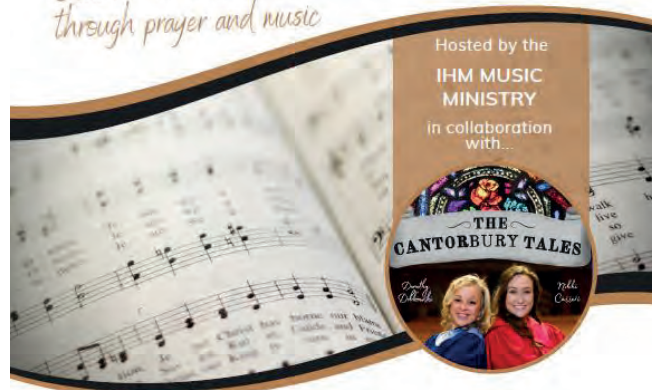
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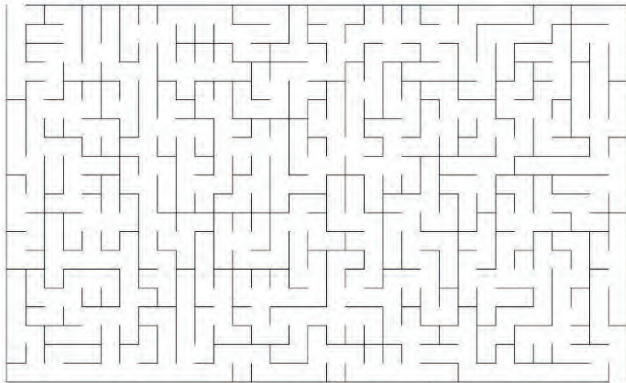
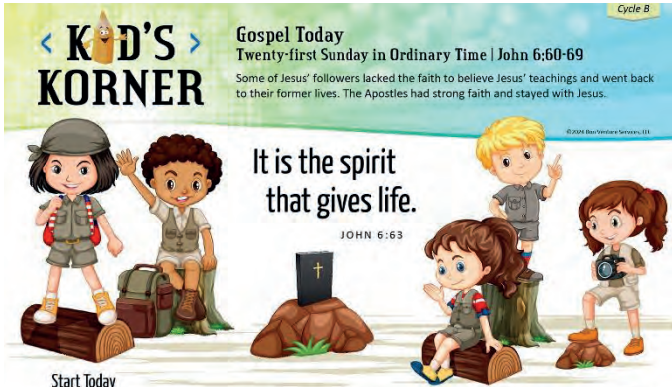
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FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH THE BIBLE AND SAY,
"YES, JESUS, I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE HOLY ONE OF GOD."

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 13, 2023	\$17,917.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 11, 2024	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 7,554.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,550.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,104.00
2 ND COLLECTION-MISSION CO-OP	\$ 3,594.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
August 25- Project Faith
September 8- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently deceased...

Joseph C. Hourihan



A Time to be Healed...

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Connie Pomposelli
Frank Pomposelli
Caridad Angeles
Special Intention- Kevin and Catherine
Bilodeau
12:00 Peregrina and Bonifacio Dulva
Useche Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

- 9:00 O'Brien and Rogers Family
Norma Moises

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

- 9:00 Jim Loftus
Vincenzo Mazzala- 5th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

- 9:00 Deceased members of the McNamara
family
Abimael Marrero - 4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

- 9:00 Marlene Chidiac- 2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

- 9:00 Louise Stolarz

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

- 9:00 Paolo Ozaraga
5:30 Andrew Doychak- 19th Anniversary
Frank Pomposelli
Donald Dowiak

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

- 8:00 Mass for Life
Kjell B. Eriksen
10:00 Lucia and Antonio Santulli
Melvin Banas
Myron Holubec
Joseph Arlio
12:00 All the People of the Parish

CANDLE WEEK OF AUGUST 25

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