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# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
•	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

My Dear Parishioners,

I was once at a talk where a Missionary of Charity told a lovely story about her order's founder, Mother Teresa. The sister was sitting in a car with Mother in a parking lot when they saw a young girl leaving an ice cream store. She was enjoying a large scoop of ice cream, perched precariously on a cone, while wearing a beautiful, seemingly new, dress. Her father walked with her, clearly aware of the danger the cone posed to the outfit. He offered to help, but the young girl was set on doing it on her own. Predictably, the ice cream ended up all over the new dress, causing immediate tears and a chocolate mess. With no hesitation, the dad took a napkin and started cleaning his daughter. Mother Theresa, watching the event unfold, took a deep breath and simply said, "And that is how Jesus is with Mother."

I've always cherished that story, which I sincerely hope is true! Mother Teresa was not putting herself down; she simply recognized the A Journey of Faith continued human tendency to insist that we can do things without the Lord, our consistent failure, and the Lord's unhesitating willingness to welcome us home. This is the story of our lives! Even though we know that doing it on our own will end poorly, we are confident that we have it figured out. Why is this? There are countless reasons, but one is that we want to appear to others like we have it all figured out, that we are in control. While Mother Theresa understands herself as a child in need of support, we are nervous that if others see us spill, if they see us as unpopular, if they see us not as successful, then maybe we ARE those things. We have connected our dignity with how others see us, so we posture and exalt ourselves. We put others down because if they are less, we are greater.

In the Gospel, we hear that the people are watching Jesus, "observing him carefully" to see how He will behave. They assume He'll act like us... taking the seat of honor, making sure others look at Him, ensuring that He is the center of attention to make Him feel better about Himself. However, Jesus knows deeply that He is the Son of God. He does not need the attention or admiration of anyone to justify His existence, and His desperate desire is that we will believe the same thing. Our deepest truth is that we are Sons and Daughters of the Father! We can feel freedom sitting at the lowest seat at the table because our seating location doesn't determine our worth. The more I recognize that I have a Father always willing to welcome me home, the less I need others' attention to make me believe I am good. This is

why Sirach can say "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." The more I recognize that my dignity is in the truth that I am created in the image and likeness of God, the greater I truly am. The more I depend on my on successes and popularity, the more I end up a mess!

The strange truth of Christianity is that the more I find my dignity in my heavenly Father, the more free, powerful, and strong I become, and the more I think I am responsible for my own dignity, the sadder I become. May we see ourselves as little children dependent on our father, hopefully saving us from the mess that always results from our own arrogance and belief that I need to do it on my own. Peace.

Fr. Monteleone

### **FAITH FORMATION**

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### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

**ADULTS** at Saint Philip will meet beginning September 2025. Let us know if you'll join us: Call the Parish office or email <a href="mailto:livalenti@stphilip.org">livalenti@stphilip.org</a>

### **Family Faith Formation Volunteers**

Is the Holy Spirit stirring your heart to serve? We are currently seeking Catechists and Classroom Helpers for the 2025–2026 catechetical year. If you feel called to share the faith and help form the hearts of the next generation, we invite you to consider this joyful ministry. Whether you're discerning for the first time or returning to serve, we are here to support you every step of the way. Please contact us at reled@stphilip.org.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

In observance of Labor Day on
Monday, September 1st,
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.
The Church will be closed immediately
following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.



### 2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2026 Mass Intention book will open at 9 AM on Thursday, September 11<sup>th.</sup>



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.

### ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St Philip Preparatory School is very pleased to announce that Mrs. Barbara Zito will be returning as Principal this coming school year.

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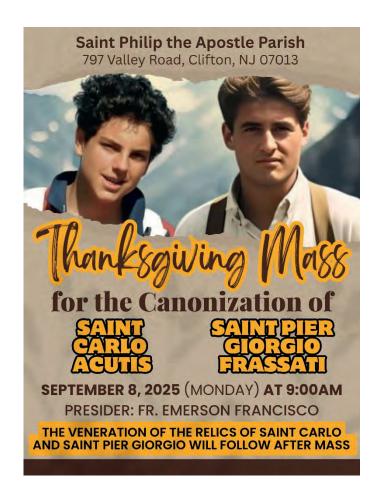
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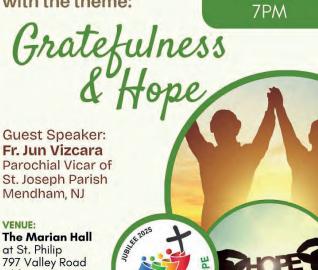
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### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CHOIR**

Come sing with us! The Choir of St. Philip will resume its ministry with our first rehearsal on Monday, September 8th. Rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings 7:00-9:00pm and the choir sings for the 10am mass on Sundays throughout the season. We welcome returning members, as well as new members who are interested in joining this ministry! Please speak with our Director of Music and Organist, Frank Hydash, after mass with questions or for more information.

### LIFE MINISTRY



Join pro-life advocates from the state of New Jersey to peacefully rally and march for the dignity of the human person in Trenton on Sept. 25, 2025.

Mass is at 9:30 a.m., followed by the rally at 11 a.m. and the march at noon. Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney is the homilist. Transportation is available in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Roundtrip is \$35.

Visit https://insidethewalls.org/njmarchforlife to register!

The rally and March for Life will begin at 11 a.m. at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the cathedral.

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**"Coats for Kids" Drive

We will again be collecting contributions for our annual Coats-for-Kids Drive beginning Sunday



Aug. 10 thru Saturday Oct. 25. Last year, through the generosity of everyone we were able to give out over 200 warm winter coats to our less fortunate neighbors right here in Clifton. We'd love to surpass that this year as the need is still great. Coats cost us approximately \$275 per box of 12 but all contributions, great or small, help out tremendously. Please make checks out to K of C Council 11671, note in the memo area Coats 4 Kids and mail them to the address below or drop the envelope into the collection basket.

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### **SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **PRIMETIMERS**

Are You 50 or Older? Are you Looking for Something Different?

Prime Timers is looking for new active seniors to join our club. We meet on the first Friday each month in Marian Hall at 1:30pm (coffee-and usually starts about 1pm) for about a hour or so. We always have coffee-and, entertainment, local and longer-distance trips, parties for special occasions and much more and 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 5.

Hope to see many mature faces; some returnees and some new folks.

### Oktoberfest

There's still a little time and a few seats available for the Prime Timers bus trip to The Shore Club Oktoberfest event on Tuesday October 7th. The cost is \$125 per person. If interested call Mike Cervine at (973) 472-7505.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY**

All are welcome to join us on September 15 to commemorate our Lady of Sorrows. Mass begins at 6:30 in Marion Hall, followed by the Rosary, our ice cream social and camaraderie!

# COLUMBIETTES BLANKET MINISTRY

The first meeting of the blanket ministry will be September 17, 2025 at 10am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! Thank you to Lynne for a very generous donation. If you would like to learn to crochet, come and join us. For questions or donations, please call Cathie At 973-471-1265.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

THE ST. PHILIP'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

Breakfast is at 9 AM, so if you would like to attend, there would be enough time to go to the 12-noon Mass after the breakfast FOR TICKETS

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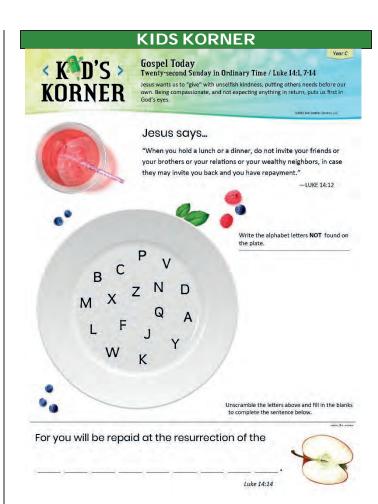
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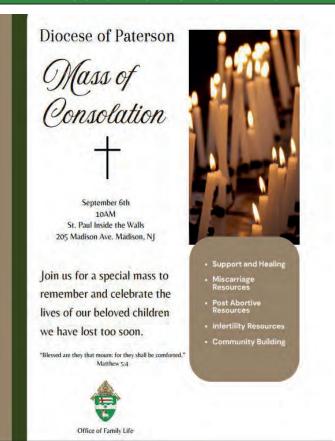
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### **DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES**



### GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 2000, 1975 or

1965? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> 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 16, 2025 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 17, 2025**. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!* 

### **CORONA SELF HELP CENTER**

The Corona Self-Help Center, Inc. (DA Grupo: Unidad) is a non-profit organization that provides free access to recovery services in a safe, healthy, and family-like environment. We support individuals with drug and



alcohol addiction problems at no cost. We focus on their physical, mental, and spiritual health to contribute to their social reintegration. "Based on the Twelve Steps program." We will visit St. Philip The Apostle Clifton NJ on September 13 and 14th to raise awareness about the issues of drug addiction and alcoholism and to educate the community about the help our center provides. At the same time, we will be fundraising through the sale of Catholic-themed T-shirts. Let's join together to help save lives.

### **PARISH GIVING**

Sunday Collection: AUGUST 25, 2024 \$ 15,777.00

Sunday Collection: AUGUST 24, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 9,220.00
Online Giving Donation \$ 5,887.00
TOTAL \$ 15,107.00
Second Collection- Project Faith \$ 2,829.00

Upcoming Second Collections: September 14- Project Faith

### **WE PRAY FOR...**

### Recently Deceased...

Josephine Alfonzo

### A Time to be Healed...

Marge Sikora, Robert and Marie Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco, Angelo Torres, Nina Sova, Nicholas Magrogan, Antonio Bussanich, Rosemarie Carlee, James Jablonowski, Terry Kolenc, Wilson Torres, Jill Festa, Arlene Pompeo

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

# 8:00 All the People of the Parish 10:00 Melvin Banas Deceased members of the Begazo Family Terry Pivirotto Phyllis Ricigliano 12:00 Sandy Fecko

## Walter Tarnowski- 1st Anniversary

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 9:00 AM Baltazar Manuel

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# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

9:00 AM Mabel J. Borja Ailen Abrena

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

9:00 AM Tammy DiSanto

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

9:00 AM Rose Devins

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

9:00 AM Dorothy and Victor Robinson Dorothy Venturini- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

9:00 AM	Terry Pivitorro
5:30 PM	Andrew Doychak-20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	Michael Thomas Zavala
	- Special Intentions

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

8:00	Theresa and Joseph Raia
	Ailen Abrena
10:00	Frank Lechleither- 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
	Albert Pineda- 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	Helen Dressel
	Marie Palazzone
12:00	All the People of the Parish

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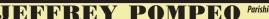
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