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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 5, 2025



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

My Dear Parishioners

After so many times teaching the 8th graders at our school, the students get used to my phrases and tendencies. Sometimes it feels like they can read my mind and anticipate my next move. One of the most common instances of this is a turn of phrase I learned during my years in seminary. A professor once asked me, "What is the reward for good work in the Church?" When I hesitated, he quickly answered his own questions: "More work!" His point wasn't that of a demanding God or an unfair system... he was simply naming a reality within the life of a Christian. I've taken the notion to heart and now, any time I ask the simple question, "What is the reward for Good work?" the students will quickly respond "More work!"

At first glance, the phrase can seem oppressive and intimidating. I work hard and my only reward is that I must keep working hard? What kind of exhausting system is this? At times, this notion can imply a sort of works-based salvation, where we need to just keep earning our way to eternal life. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Lord is not a taskmaster, demanding that I achieve certain things before salvation is open to me, prodding me to work after work.

However, the reality is that the gift the Lord has planted in my heart is greater than I could ever fathom. He has saved me from the oppression of the evil one, opened the gates of eternity, and instilled sanctifying grace in my heart through my Baptism. Nothing I could ever do could make up for that! The gift of Faith that I have access to is strong enough to uproot trees and plant them in the sea as we hear in the Gospel! A blessing this great can never just end with me keeping it to myself! The Lord granted it to me, and it must be shared!

This is the worldview of the Lord in this strange parable in our Gospel. Jesus tells the story of a man who seems to do everything he is supposed to do: He plows and tends the sheep; just has he is obliged to do. The problem comes when he thinks he deserves some grand reward for his work. No, the Lord says, he has only done what is "obliged to do." If Jesus has truly died on a Cross for me and rose from the dead, how absurd it would be for me to act as if he "owed" me something further! No, I am the one who owes something, and how absurd my life will be until I act gratefully in return. How often we act as if I "deserve" things from the Lord... why haven't you done this, why aren't you listening to me, like a spoiled child, forgetting He has done everything for me already!

I often forget that the Lord has given me a spirit, not of cowardice, but of "power and love and

self-control" as we hear in the Second Reading. I have the capacity to do great things for the Lord because He has first done greater things for me! The reward for good is work is more work not because the Lord is a task master, but because His gift is so great that the more, I respond to it, the more He invites me into it! Of course, He is going to ask me to do harder things to spread His Good News after I have responded to His Goodness, because I WANT to do those hard things in response to everything, He has done for me. The truth is I am one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread, and I desperately want those other beggars to find food, not so that I get the attention, but because my life wouldn't make sense if I didn't!

The reward for good work is, indeed, more work, not because our God is a taskmaster but because He has been good to me and I have an inherent desire to respond to that goodness. Any time I am tempted to think that I deserve or have earned certain things, may I remember the magnitude of His goodness and may I be inspired to respond to it!

Peace, Fr. Monteleone

FAITH FORMATION

Know someone who missed their confirmation, and would like to receive the sacrament?

Missing Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation?

Want to be a fully initiated Catholic?

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!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS at Saint Philip will meet beginning October 2025. Let us know if you'll join us:

Call the Parish office or email <u>lvalenti@stphilip.org</u>



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students are working on different projects about the Mysteries of the Rosary, because October is the month of the Rosary.

Fun was had by all at our Ice Cream social last Friday evening.

Friday was our school's First Friday mass at 9am.

WE ARE HIRING!

Saint Philip Preparatory School is currently accepting resumes from qualified teachers for various grade level positions.

In addition, we are in need of people to help with our After Care school program, (Monday – Friday 3PM-6PM.)

Anyone interested in either position kindly send your resume or call the school office, 973-779-4700.

Thank you for your support.

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

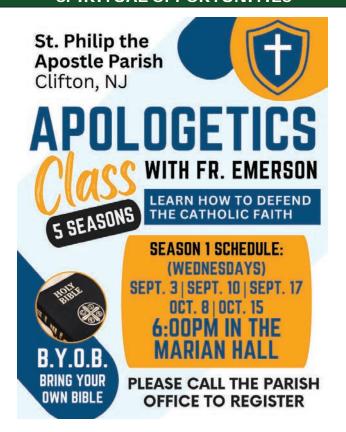
Saint Philip Preparatory Catholic High School Information Night

WHO: All 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students and Parents WHEN: 6:30-8:00 PM Thursday, October, 16, 2025 WHERE: St. Philip Preparatory School Auditorium 797 Valley Road Clifton 973-779-4700

WHY: To have an opportunity to speak with various High School Admissions Directors and ask questions regarding tuition, scholarships, academics, AP courses, sports, etc., in order to make a more informed decision choosing a Catholic High School.

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We are still accepting anyone who wants to join the Apologetics Class!



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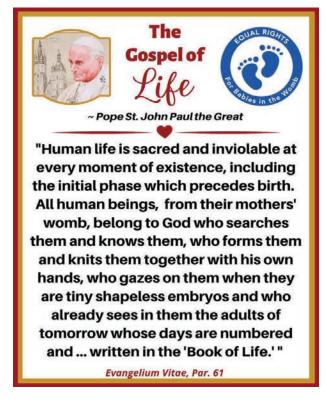
Interested in participating in a music ministry but not a singer? **Handbell** rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45pm. The **Handbell Choir** rings at Lessons and Carols, and seasonal masses on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. Any prior musical experience is appreciated, but not required. We encourage returning and new members to please join us for our organizational meeting and first rehearsal on **Monday, October 6th at 6pm.**

All music ministries are open to persons high school age and up. For those preparing for **Confirmation**, participation in one of our music ministries is a great way to fulfill **service hours**! Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.

FR. ENGLISH CENTER

The federal government has cut funding for the Community Food Bank of NJ by 26 million dollars. The weekend of October 25 and 26th, please be extra generous for our parish food collection, as the empty shelves are needing supplies such as: mac and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, peanut butter, jelly, soups, lentils, beans, canned turn and chicken, canned fruits, and condiments. All must be non perishable and please remember our Veterans who are homeless. They need snacks and personal care items as well.

LIFE MINISTRY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "Coats for Kids" Drive

We will again be collecting contributions for our annual Coats-for-Kids Drive thru Saturday Oct. 25. We'd love to surpass last years generosity of over 200 coats 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.

St. Philips Knights of Columbus "Coats-4-Kids" 797 Valley Rd., Clifton, N.J. 07013



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Philip Rosary Society Annual Communion Brunch



Mary: A Woman of Hope: a Woman of our Times

Speaker: Sr. Theresa Lee, FMA

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Brunch following in Marian Hall
Tickets: \$25

COLUMBIETTES

BLANKET MINISTRY

Columbiette Blanket Ministry
The next meetings will be Wednesday,
October 15, 2025 at 10am in the
Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! We accept
all yarn and fabric donations! Kudos to Mary Ann and
Rachel for the generous yarn donations! For more
information, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

ROSARY SOCIETY

Everyone is welcome to our next Rosary Mass & Meeting on October 10 at 6;30 in Marian Hall. We celebrate st Thomas of Villanova who Is recognized by the Augustinian Order and the Church for his compassion for the poor and his leadership skills. Come join us for prayer, fellowship and delicious desserts!

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— LUKE 17:6

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ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT THE 5: 00 PM MASS

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RSVP by signing-up in the atrium or by calling the Parish Office at 973-884-1986, beginning the weekend of October 4th and 5th.

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+, 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 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!

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: SEPT. 29, 2024 \$21,852.00

Sunday Collection: SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Weekly Collection \$ 8,553.00
Online Giving Donation \$ 5,683.00
TOTAL \$ 14,236.00

Upcoming Second Collections: October 12- Project Faith

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A Time to be Healed...

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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8:00	Giuseppe Carduccio
	Deb Sirvidio
10:00	Francesco Pugliano
	Veronica and Frank Dudash
	Edward Maksym
12:00	Sr. Mary Canavan, S. C. Irene Sadvary- 26 th Anniversary
	Jean Tarnpowski

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

9:00 AM	William	Gangem

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

9:00 AM Benjamin Jumao-as

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

9:00 AM	Florence Kopko
	Najer Rhodes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

9:00 AM Christopher J. Carey Jeremiah Frain

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

9:00 AM	Jerry and Millie Scrosia
	Barbara Simicevic- 1 st Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

9:00 AM	Margaret Devincentis
5:30 PM	Arnulso Oswaldo Garay
	Terry Pivirotto
	Veronica Durante

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

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William G. Duffill
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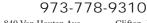
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