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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025



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

My Dear Parishioners

“This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him....” Saint Paul, in saying this, is not subscribing to the belief that some Christians hold: namely, that Jesus suffered and died so that you don’t have to. In fact, Jesus suffered and died so that your suffering and death would not be meaningless: so that your suffering and death would not be a brick wall, but a doorway.

Living with Jesus is our goal. Dying with Jesus is our means. Dying with Jesus is the way by which we enter into Jesus’ life. But the choice is ours.

The first way that we might die with Jesus is baptism. Now, you might say to yourself, “I was baptized as an infant, so I don’t remember anything about my baptism, and besides, that was a long time ago. A lot of sins have passed under the bridge since then.” Nonetheless, it’s important to look back at what happened at your baptism.

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul asks: ***“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life”*** [Rom 6:3-4].

One of the important truths that St. Paul is setting down is that the effects of Baptism don’t completely vanish once you commit your first mortal sin. On the contrary, dying and being buried with Jesus in baptism changes a person’s life forever. The Sacrament of Baptism marks your soul with an indelible mark or seal that cannot be erased even by the worst of sins.

But what exactly is this mark or seal that Baptism imprints upon your soul? You’ve probably seen individuals who have towels in their bathrooms with their initials on them. It’s something like that with your soul, except it’s not your name, but God’s divine Name, that’s imprinted on your soul. This mark or seal is God’s way of saying, “This person belongs to me. This person is my child, and is destined for Heaven.”

Clearly, we need never to presume upon this great gift, but there is a flip side to this coin. The

other side reminds us that with every gift comes responsibility.

The chief responsibility that comes with every gift is gratitude. This truth is illustrated in today’s Gospel Reading. ***“Where are the other nine?”***, Jesus asks. ***“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”*** This ***“foreigner”*** was a Samaritan, a group of Jewish people not only looked down upon by most other Jews, but people who refused to worship as God had asked in the Old Testament. But despite all this, Jesus praises this Samaritan because he does know the first responsibility of being given a gift: that is, to give thanks in return.

The second way to die with Jesus is through our moral life. When we decide whom to vote for in November, and when we decide whether or not to participate in gossip that someone else in the room initiated, and when we decide whether to spend money for luxuries, or for necessities, or for others, we are making moral choices.

Some moral choices are easy to make, but others demand a difficult dying-to-oneself. It’s not difficult for a mother to love her infant and take care of him, although it might be more difficult at 2:00 a.m. Nonetheless, the bond of love between mother and infant moves her to care for the child even when that requires self-sacrifice. But other forms of dying-to-oneself are far more difficult, such as choosing to love someone who is not lovable, as an infant so naturally is. This is akin to Christ’s love for you on the Cross. His crucified love, in turn, has the power to lead you into the heavenly love who is the Most Holy Trinity, and even to let you dwell within this love during your earthly days.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Columbus Day on
Monday, October 13th,
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.
The Church will be closed immediately
following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

At the Intermediate School, students have been busy learning across all subjects! In Religion, students are exploring the different parts of the Mass. In Math, students are building their understanding of place value up to the billions while also practicing speed and accuracy with multiplication facts. Our 4th-grade scientists have been using scientific tools and applying the steps of the scientific method to solve problems. Fifth graders are studying the properties of matter and will soon conduct a density lab using salt water, adjusting the salinity to test whether an egg can float, sink, or remain suspended. In Writing, students are learning about the traits of strong writing, with a focus on adding details. To put their skills into practice, they are crafting spooky stories about haunted house adventures!

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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.

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 lvalenti@stphilip.org

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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(WEDNESDAYS)
SEPT. 3 | SEPT. 10 | SEPT. 17
OCT. 8 | OCT. 15
6:00PM IN THE MARIAN HALL

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PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY

November 4, 2025, New Jersey voters will elect the governor and all 80 seats in the New Jersey General Assembly.



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.

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

COLUMBIETTES

BLANKET MINISTRY

Columbiette Blanket Ministry
The next meeting 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)



BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 26th from 12 to 5 PM in the St. Philip Auditorium. Monies raised help fund activities for the boy scouts. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti is prepared by the troop with homemade sauce and served with meatballs, salad, bread, coffee, tea, dessert, and refreshments. Takeout orders are also available. Price is \$18, seniors pay just \$15, kids 5-11 are \$10, and kids 4 and under are free with a paying adult. Purchase tickets at the door. For details about the dinner or joining Boy Scout Troop 21, email: troop21clifton@gmail.com.



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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!

WEDDING BANNS

The following couple will be exchanging wedding vows:



Peter Granata and Rachel Plaskon

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Desiree and Joseph

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Nicholas Risi and Callie Shay

FR. NICO'S INSTALLATION

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by the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney

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

A wine, savory and sweets reception will follow
in the Parish Life Center.

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!

KIDS KORNER



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 17:11-19

Jesus healed ten lepers, people with a skin disease, but only one came back to say thank you.

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Ten lepers called out "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" — Luke 17:14

They all had **faith**, they all were **healed**, they all were **happy** to be able to return home. But only one went back to say "Thank you." Jesus asked the man, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" — Luke 17:17

Jesus was pleased with the Samaritan and said, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you." — Luke 17:19

THANK YOU!

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for...

God gives us everything, but sometimes we get so happy and excited we forget to say thank you to God for His goodness. Color and fill in the space above with words or a picture of what you want to thank God for. Hang it in a visible place.

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: OCT. 6, 2024	\$18,925.00
Sunday Collection: OCTOBER 5, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 11,490.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,118.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,608.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
October 19- Mission Sunday

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Ida Fazio, Rosario Impoco



A Time to be Healed...

Marge Sikora, Robert 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, Tom Wilkinson

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	William G. Duffill Deceased members of the Makowski family Jeremiah Frain Doreen Germain Deceased members of the Rosary Society
12:00	Fr. Richard Zuk Joseph and Jessie DiDonna

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

9:00 AM	Robert and Catherine Frank
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Pasquale Pugliese Alfred and Teresita Ramos
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

9:00 AM	Adelaido Cuasay Marilyn Madden
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

9:00 AM	Milagros and Ricardo Taboado
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

9:00 AM	Robert Shalhoub John F. Strangeway
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

9:00 AM	Joanna and Fred Cheon Allyn Calvis- Special Intentions- Thanksgiving
5:30 PM	Salvina Spinella William "Bill" Wittig Terry Piviroto

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Luigi Gioia Josephine Kimberley Stanislawa Sudol- 10 th Anniversary Thomas Trommelen
12:00	Joe Cohen Sylvia Shami

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