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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 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

In Sunday's Second Reading, Saint Paul describes how God's Word speaks to us through the words of the Bible. But the **"Word of God"** is found not only in the Bible. We listen to the Word of God in the Bible to receive an even greater gift: the Word of God made Flesh. Opening ourselves to this greater gift is one of the chief dynamics of the Christian life.

The very structure of the Mass invites us into this spiritual dynamic. It's not a coincidence that Holy Mass follows the pattern that it does. The two main parts of the Mass—in the Ordinary Form called the "Liturgy of the Word" and the "Liturgy of the Eucharist"—are not interchangeable. That is to say, the Mass would not make sense if the Liturgy of the Eucharist were celebrated first, and then the Liturgy of the Word. After all, the Word is proclaimed and preached as preparation for the Word made Flesh.

We see this if we superimpose the outline of the Mass upon the outline of salvation history. Consider what we might call the "first half" of salvation history: the time of the Old Testament. During this long period of time, **"God spoke"** his Word **"in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets"** [Hebrews 1:1]. But in the "second half" of salvation history—the time of Christ and His Church—**"God spoke to us"**, and speaks to us today, **"through [His] Son"** [Hebrews 1:2], the Word made flesh, who proclaimed to His followers: **"Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you."**

Catholics are at times accused of being ignorant of the Scriptures. Unfortunately, there are times when this criticism is justified. To that extent, we must dispel our ignorance, for St. Jerome's words are just as true today as when he lived: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

But if our devotion to Scripture does not lead us to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist, we miss the entire point of God becoming human: the point of the divine Word becoming flesh and blood. After all, what did God the Son say on this earth that God the Father could not have said from the heavens? Couldn't God the Father have spoken the Beatitudes from Heaven, rather than Jesus speaking to them during the Sermon on the Mount? Couldn't God the Father have taught His People from Heaven how to pray to Him, rather than Jesus teaching us the "Our Father"? What words had to be spoken by one who is both fully

divine and fully human? **"Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you."**

Jesus calls us to the Supper of the Lamb—the sacrifice of the divine Word made Flesh—for two reasons. The second and more ultimate is to give us while on earth a foretaste of what we would experience in the Banquet of Heaven if we were to persevere in the Faith until death.

The first and more immediate reason is to strengthen us through the Eucharist for the difficult work of our vocations within this world. If our devotion to the Eucharist—whether in Adoration, or weekday Mass, or even only our Sunday obligation—does not deepen our Christian service, we're missing an important point of the Word becoming flesh.

In Sunday's Second Reading, St. Paul writes about the nature of the Word of God as found in the Bible. He makes three specific points. First: **"All Scripture is inspired by God"**. Second, Scripture **"is useful for"** four purposes: **"for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness"**.

But then St. Paul explains that those four purposes serve a larger, overarching purpose. All Scripture is inspired and useful **"so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work."**

As faith is meant by God to express itself in a Christian's good works, so Scripture also orients the Christian to good works. As the Word becomes Flesh in the Eucharist, the Eucharist strengthens the members of the Body of Christ for service in this world. That service aims to call even more persons into the life of the Church, and through the Church's life with Christ, into Heaven.

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 lvalenti@stphilip.org

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our intermediate students have been busy learning across all subjects!

In Math, fourth graders are sharpening their money skills by comparing amounts, making change, and finding different coin combinations for the same value. Fifth graders are mastering decimals, focusing on comparing and rounding them to the thousandths place.

In Science, fourth grade is exploring the difference between making observations and inferences. Social Studies lessons have focused on Christopher Columbus and his impact on exploration and history.

The entire school is getting ready for elections. Our student council elections were held on Tuesday, October 14th.

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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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY

New Jersey Right To Life
2025 Respect Life Raffle
Tickets are \$10.00 each

1st Prize: 2025 Volvo XC 40 All-Wheel Drive SUV

2nd Prize: Shoprite Gift Card valued at \$1,000.

3rd Prize: Shoprite Gift Card valued at \$750.

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As in past years, Debbie Harley will be in the vestibule of the church after all masses on the weekend of October 18th and 19th 2025. Your generosity is greatly appreciated since this is the only NJ Right To Life fundraiser for the year. The babies in the womb are depending on you! Thank you for your support.

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

The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Wednesday, November 5 & 19, 2025
At 10:00am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! We are preparing hats and scarves for the Coats 4 Kids donation. Thank you to Sharon and Robert for your generous donations! For more information or donations of fabric and yarn, 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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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.

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: OCT. 13, 2024	\$18,465.00
Sunday Collection: OCTOBER 12, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,132.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,589.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,721.00
Second Collection- Project Faith	\$ 2,347.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
October 26- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Rita Klunder

A Time to be Healed...

Marge Sikora, Robert Rup,
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MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

9:00 AM	Edward Kovacs
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

9:00 AM	Deb Sirvidio
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

9:00 AM	Jerome Morici Elena Calvis- Special Intentions
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

9:00 AM	Rolando Roque
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

9:00 AM	Nora Feener- Special Intention Fred Salmanco- Special Intention
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

9:00 AM	Don Muller Mildred Scrosia
5:30 PM	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

8:00	Gregory Booth Fales Victorino Payawal
10:00	John Downie Michael Rizzuto Josephine Alfonzo Florence Kopko
12:00	Donna DeMartino Thomas Wolff

God
is your guardian

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells the Apostles to pray constantly, and never lose faith. Our loving God, who hears the prayers of His people day and night, will answer speedily.

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