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## Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy April 12, 2026



### 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 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,

You may have heard a beautiful Latin chat after the Communion hymn being sung at every Mass since Easter Sunday. It is called the **Regina Caeli**, or the Queen of Heaven. It is a short Marian antiphon telling us the joy of the Blessed Mother when she knew Jesus was raised from the dead. Her sorrow was changed into joy. Let Our Lady be a model for us now and always. May we unite our sorrows with her as well as our joys. Here is the antiphon in both Latin and English. When I hear it, my heart is filled with Easter joy. I pray it does the same for you.

This is one of four Marian antiphons, with following versicles and prayers, traditionally said or sung after night prayer, immediately before going to sleep. It is said throughout Eastertide. (That is, from Easter Day through Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter.

The *Regina caeli* is also said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

### Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.  
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Regina caeli

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.  
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.  
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our St. Philip Preparatory School and Family Faith Formation students generously donated food and personal care items to Eva's Village during this Lenten season. We are grateful for their spirit of service and compassion for those in need.

Our school community also attended the Living Stations of the Cross, prayerfully presented by our eighth-grade students. They reverently depicted the Passion and Death of our Lord in a moving and solemn way.

Please keep our students who are preparing for their First Communion in your prayers during this special time.

Congratulations to Isabella in Grade 2, the winner of the Grade 8 Basket Raffle!



Photo of our Faith Formation students sorting the food donations.

### TREP\$ MARKETPLACE

We are happy to present the spring TREP\$ marketplace on Saturday April 25 from 10 am to 12pm in the school auditorium.

We are going to have handmade products, food, and creative gifts made by our own student entrepreneurs! It is a great opportunity to come and give some love to these young business people!



## HELP WANTED

### PRINCIPAL

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for the position of Principal of St. Philip Preparatory School, Clifton, a PK-8 elementary school, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Closing date is April 4, 2026.

Application materials can be found at: [www.applitrack.com/patersondiocese/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/patersondiocese/onlineapp)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

SPPS is seeking a Middle School long term substitute science teacher, to start immediately.

Interested applicants may call the school at 973-779-4700

**Applications for New families for the 2026-2027 School year** are being accepted now. Applications can be found and submitted at [stphilipprep.com](http://stphilipprep.com) under New Student Application.

All detailed information regarding the school can be found on our website [stphilipprep.com](http://stphilipprep.com) under **2026-2027 Registration**

Any questions please contact the school at (973) 779-4700

## CARNIVAL

### St Philip's Annual Carnival is coming soon:

The Carnival this year will be June 18th, 19th, and 20th.

We are collecting name brand soda and water donations, which can be left at the auditorium doors.

We always love having new volunteers. It's great 3 days of fun with the St Philip's family! We will be having a volunteers meeting in the coming weeks. However, any current or new volunteers can start signing up by contacting Maureen Koehler at 973-773-5161.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on Monday April 20. Mass begins at 6:30 in Marian Hall with the Rosary and refreshments to follow - come once, come every month, all are welcome!



### PRIMETIMERS

The next Prime Timers meeting is Friday, May 1st at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall. Coffee and cake will be served before the meeting. We will have our annual Tricky Tray at this meeting. We ask everyone to bring at least one new unwrapped item to the meeting.

Everyone 55 years or older is welcome. Come and join us. Please come a little early at 1 o'clock so we can set up our Tricky Tray tables.

For more information call Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.

### Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 26 and also on Tuesday, June 23. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50 for each.

For tickets, please contact Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.



### BOY SCOUTS

#### Pancake Breakfast

The annual Troop 21 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast will be held in the St. Philip the Apostle Auditorium on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 pm (last seating at 11:30 am). Prices: Adults \$18.00, seniors \$15.00, and children 12 and under \$10.00. Children under 4 eat free with a paying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Please come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee and support Troop 21! For more information please

contact: [troop21clifton@gmail.com](mailto:troop21clifton@gmail.com)



### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 10am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! Thank you to Mary Diane and an anonymous



donor for their generous donations. We are grateful for our supporters! We recently donated blankets to Clifton school children who face physical challenges. For more information or donations of yarn or fabric, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

## COLUMBIETTES

### SAVE THE DATE COLUMBIETTES FUNDRAISER

Outback Steakhouse  
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\$20.00 per ticket

Valid only on:

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Each ticket includes 1 appetizer per 2 tickets, choice of entrée, salad, choice of side and dessert. This does not include gratuity. The back of the flyer/ticket lists the menu options. This flyer/ticket is good for lunch, dinner or take-out. For further information or to purchase tickets, please call Pat at 973-975-7744 or email [pattyscarp@aol.com](mailto:pattyscarp@aol.com).



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BEEFSTEAK

**Msgr. Peter J Doody Scholarship\***  
**Beefsteak Dinner**

**Saturday April 18, 2026**  
**St. Philip's Auditorium 7pm**

Adrian Branch, our Guest Speaker, is a retired American professional basketball player. Branch was drafted into the NBA in the second round by the Chicago Bulls in 1985. To learn more about Adrian scan on the QR Code below...



Order tickets online at:  
[KofC11671.org](http://KofC11671.org) or call/email:  
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\*\* If paying by check for the Beefsteak tickets payable to: St. Philip the Apostle Council 11671\*\*\* If donating to the Scholarship Fund (for tax deduction) payable to: Msgr Peter J Doody Scholarship Fund

## DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

Bishop Kevin Sweeney invites you to the  
2026 Garden Party  
at St. Paul  
Inside the Walls in Madison  
on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m.  
The evening celebrates the evangelizing work of  
St. Paul Inside the Walls and the  
Office of Evangelization over the past year.

During the event,  
Msgr. Raymond Kupke,  
an esteemed priest of the  
Diocese of Paterson, will receive the  
2026 Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli  
Award in Evangelization. Msgr. Kupke has served as  
Archivist of the Diocese of Paterson since 1976,  
co-hosts the popular podcast Coffee  
with Kupke, and has taught widely in Church history.

For more information and to purchase tickets or  
sponsorships, please  
visit: [insidethewalls.org/gardenparty](http://insidethewalls.org/gardenparty)

## PILGRIMAGE 2026

A vibrant poster for the Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain. The top half features a scenic view of a coastal town with a bridge over a river, with the text "PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL & SPAIN" in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below this, the dates "SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 5, 2026" are displayed. The bottom half of the poster is divided into two columns: "VISIT IN PORTUGAL:" and "VISIT IN SPAIN:". The Portugal column lists Braga, Porto, Fatima, Batalha, Alcobaca, Nazare, Coimbra, Lisbon, and Faro. The Spain column lists Santiago de Compostela, Seville, Marbella, Malaga, Alhambra, Granada, Cordoba, and Ronda. A central banner says "PLUS: A DAY TRIP TO GIBRALTAR!". At the bottom, it says "For more details, please contact: FR. EMERSON at [efrancisco@stphilip.org](mailto:efrancisco@stphilip.org)".

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Thursday, April 16, 2026  
4:30-6:00pm  
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797 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013

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**KIDS KORNER**

**< KID'S KORNER >** Gospel Today | Second Sunday of Easter | John 20: 19-31 Year A  
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." *John 20:21-23*

Thomas, not being present the first night, did not believe his friends saw Jesus until the following week when Jesus came a second time. This time Thomas was there and said, "My Lord and my God!", and he believed.

The apostle who was not in the locked room with the others when Jesus first appeared the first night after His resurrection was named...

Write the alphabet letters not found on the house.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence above.

**BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

...or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Find the **bold** words in the sentence below...

By **God's request** to **Saint Faustina**, **Divine Mercy Sunday** is always observed the week following Easter, when Jesus gave us the **Sacrament of Penance** in John's Gospel.

Research and learn about...

Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905 - 1938)  
St. Faustina wrote in her diary Jesus' simple ABC message... Ask for His mercy; Be merciful, Completely trust in Jesus

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**"WHY, FATHER" by Fr. Emerson**

**Q:** Father, when Jesus appears to the disciples, He enters through locked doors —was He just a spirit? 🙄 Where was Thomas—and did he receive the Holy Spirit if he was absent? And when Thomas says, "My Lord and my God!" ✚, why doesn't Jesus correct him? Also, if many things Jesus did were not written 📖, does that challenge "Bible alone"?

**A:** This Gospel is packed with powerful truths.

First, Jesus entering through **locked doors** 🚪 does not mean He is a ghost. In fact, He proves the opposite. He shows His wounds 🩸 and even invites Thomas to touch Him. The risen Christ is not less than physical—He is **glorified**. His body is real, but no longer limited by space and matter. This is the Resurrection body 👑 ✨.

Second, **Thomas' absence**. Where was he? We don't know—but his absence becomes part of God's plan. A week later, Jesus appears again just for him. Did Thomas receive the Holy Spirit? Yes—because the gift of the Spirit is given not just individually, but to the **Apostolic body** as a whole 🏠. Thomas is not excluded; he is drawn in.

Third, Jesus breathes on the apostles and says: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." 🙏 This is foundational Catholic teaching. Jesus is giving **real authority**, not symbolic power. Only God forgives sins—yet He shares this authority with His apostles. This is the origin of the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Orders ✚.

Now, Thomas' declaration: "My Lord and my God!" 👑🔥 This is one of the clearest confessions of Jesus' divinity in Scripture. And notice—Jesus does not correct him. If Thomas were mistaken, Jesus would have corrected him immediately. Instead, He affirms his faith. This is not an expression of surprise—it is a **direct proclamation that Jesus is God**.

Finally, John the Evangelist writes: "There are also many other things that Jesus did..." 📖 ✨ This is crucial. The Gospel itself admits it is not exhaustive. This directly challenges the idea of **Sola Scriptura (Bible alone)**. Not everything Jesus did or taught is written—but it was **handed on** through the Church.

So what do we see? A risen body, not a ghost. Authority given, not symbolic. Apostolic faith, not private interpretation. And a clear declaration: **Jesus is Lord and God**. And for us, like Thomas, the invitation remains: Do we believe? 🙏 ✨

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates for our Vacation Bible Fun  
Mark your calendar  
July 27- 31  
8:45 AM – 12 Noon  
This year's theme is  
**"Rainforest Falls"**  
Stay tuned for more information regarding  
registration dates.



## PARISH GIVING

**Sunday Collection: April 6, 2025 \$ 19,395.00**  
**Sunday Collection: APRIL 5, 2025**

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Upcoming Second Collections:  
April 26- Project Faith.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 Francis, Miriam and Kevin O'Brien  
Gerald Shimansky  
10:00 Joseph Simicevic- 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Teresa Villegas  
Charles Marvin  
Rosina Gioia  
12:00 All the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

9:00 AM Giudietta and Nicola Ruggiero  
Juanito T. Echavez

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

9:00 AM Carmen Carides

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

9:00 AM Mary Josephine Healey Feenan

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

9:00 AM Joseph Dewland

### FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

9:00 AM Aquile R. Valencia  
Emilia H. Rodriguez

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

9:00 AM Erlinda Tumanda  
5:30 PM All the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

8:00 Deceased members of the Moises  
Family  
Myles Jaffrey Martinez  
10:00 Louis D'Angelo  
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