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**Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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 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.



My Dear Parishioners,

“Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.”

The purpose of the Mass is to help us hear Jesus, see Jesus, receive Jesus, and serve Jesus. This description isn't exhaustive, but we can use it to reflect on today's Gospel Reading.

Following the Introductory Rites, the first chief part of Holy Mass is the Liturgy of the Word. As the Word of God speaks through His Scriptures, He teaches us about God, about us as sinners, and about how we might be reconciled and united with God.

On a given Sunday, through the course of the Scripture readings, we make an ascent. This ascent reaches its climax when the Gospel Reading is proclaimed. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel because in it we hear about the words and works of the Word of God in the Flesh. We profess exactly who this divine Person is when we stand after the homily and proclaim in the Creed that “[f]or us men and for our salvation [this Word of God] came down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.”

But then, in the second chief part of Holy Mass, something miraculous takes place. If the first part is the Liturgy of the Word, the second is the Liturgy of the Word Made Flesh. That is, God does the proclamation of the Gospel one better: the One whose words and works were proclaimed to our ears becomes incarnate before our eyes. The Word of God whom we hear in Scripture becomes the Word made Flesh in the Eucharist.

As the Word becomes Flesh at the altar and dwells among us, we certainly adore Him as He's raised up at the Consecration. But that's not enough for God. In addition to allowing us to adore Him from afar, He invites us to His Supper. We are not worthy of receiving His Body and Blood, soul and divinity, but He wills it more than we deserve it. He makes it possible to approach Him in a state of grace.

This two-fold Mystery—of God's Word, and God's Word made Flesh—is what St. Luke proclaims to us

in today's Gospel Reading. The two disciples, who symbolize you and me, are on the way to Emmaus. They are caught unawares by this man with whom they converse. At first, they don't recognize him. But as they hear him, their hearts burn with passion for God through Sacred Scripture. After a long journey, they recognize Jesus in what St. Luke the Evangelist calls “the breaking of bread”: a phrase Luke uses throughout his other book of the Bible—Acts of the Apostles—to refer to the Holy Eucharist.

But what do these two disciples do after Jesus proclaims the Word to them, and shares with them the Word made Flesh? After hearing, seeing, and receiving Jesus, they serve Him by sharing with others their encounter with the Word in the Flesh.

That such service is called for from those who receive the Holy Eucharist is ritualized by the conclusion of Holy Mass. In fact, the word “Mass” comes from the Latin for the phrase spoken at the end of Holy Mass: “Ite, missa est”. This phrase, while officially translated as “Go forth, the Mass is ended”, literally means “Go, the dismissal is made.”

Then-Pope Benedict XVI in a 2007 document on the Sacrament of the Eucharist taught: “In antiquity, missa simply meant ‘dismissal’. However, in Christian usage it gradually took on a deeper meaning. The word ‘dismissal’ has come to imply a ‘mission’. These few words [that is, “Ite, missa est”] succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church.” This teaching from our Pope Emeritus helps us see today's Gospel passage, and the gift of Holy Mass itself, in light of the end—the goal—of the entire Easter Season: the solemn feast of Pentecost and the mission of Jesus' Church.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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

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 under New Student Application.

All detailed information regarding the school can be found on our website 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 brand name 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 on Tuesday, April 28th at 7 PM in Marian Hall.

However, any current or new volunteers can start signing up by contacting Maureen Koehler at 973-773-5161.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FR. ENGLISH CENTER FOOD COLLECTION

Once again we are in need of food supplies for the pantry. As the warmer weather approaches, more folks make the trip to the pantry to receive supplemental food supplies for their families. In addition to food, we also need volunteers to help out at the pantry. We will soon be returning to our original location at 435 Main St. Paterson, and there is a secure parking lot there and a newly renovated building. *Help is needed!* If you'd like to volunteer please contact MaryAnn P at 973-809-7120. As for non-perishable food items, cereals, lentils, canned tuna and chicken, beans, pasta, sauce, canned fruit, mac and cheese and peanut butter/jelly are always in demand. Even one item is valued and appreciated. Our next collection will be the weekend of **May 2nd and 3rd**.

In the words of Mother Teresa:

If you can't feed one hundred people, then just feed one.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church on the weekend of April 18-19 collecting for their annual John Filippone Intellectual Disabilities Drive. All contributions are distributed to local organizations that support disabled individuals of all ages. You may also contribute by mailing a check to: Knights of Columbus Council 11671, St. Philip the Apostle Church, 797 Valley Rd, Clifton, NJ 07013. Please indicate on the envelope and check that your contribution is for the "Disability Drive". Thank you for your support.

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.



COLUMBIETTES

SAVE THE DATE COLUMBIETTES FUNDRAISER

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Valid only on:

Monday, April 20th to Thursday, April 23, 2026
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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
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FR. EMERSON
at efrancisco@stphilip.org

The flyer features a vibrant background image of a coastal town with a large bridge over a river, surrounded by historic buildings and a church spire. The text is overlaid on this image in various colors and fonts.

"WHY, FATHER" by Fr. Emerson

Q: *Father, why did the disciples only recognize Jesus in the "breaking of the bread"? 🍞 And why did He suddenly vanish afterward? 😞 Does this tell us something about the Eucharist and how Christ is present?*

A: The story of the road to Emmaus is one of the clearest windows into how the early Church understood the **Eucharist** ✝️ 🍞.

At first, the disciples walk with Jesus but do not recognize Him 🚶. Why? Because their understanding is incomplete. Jesus then explains the Scriptures 📖—showing how everything points to His suffering and glory. This is important: **Word comes first**, then recognition.

But the turning point comes at the table. Luke tells us that Jesus **"took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them."** 🍞 ✨ These exact actions mirror the Last Supper. This is not accidental—it is Eucharistic language.

And then—their eyes are opened 👁️ 🔥. This is powerful. They do not recognize Him merely by seeing His face or hearing His voice. They recognize Him in the **breaking of the bread**. This shows that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—not just symbolically, but in a real and transformative way.

Now the striking detail: **He vanishes.** ✨ Why? Because He is not leaving—He is changing the mode of His presence.

Jesus disappears from their sight at the exact moment they recognize Him in the Eucharist. This is deeply theological. His physical, visible presence gives way to a **sacramental presence**. From now on, He will be encountered not just in appearances, but in the breaking of the bread.

This answers a major apologetic question: *Where is Jesus now?* He is not absent. He is present—in a **new way**.

The disciples immediately return to Jerusalem 🚶 🔥. Why? Because encountering Christ in the Eucharist leads to mission. Real encounter always leads to proclamation.

They say: *"Were not our hearts burning within us?"* ❤️ 🔥 First, the Word ignites the heart. Then, the Eucharist opens the eyes.

This is still the structure of the Mass today: 📖 Liturgy of the Word and 🍞 Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Emmaus story is not just history—it is a pattern. Jesus walks with us. Jesus speaks to us. Jesus feeds us. And even if we do not always recognize Him at first—He is truly there. And once we see Him... everything changes. 🚶 ✨

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year our Parish is jumping with excitement as we are having Rainforest Falls, a special Vacation Bible Fun program created especially for Catholic children. Our program will provide memorable scripture-based activities, games, snacks and interactive Bible adventures. Children will collect Bible Memory- Buddies and People of Faith cards, and create fun crafts to take home.

Rainforest Falls is an exciting way for kids to learn more about their faith. Each day concludes at Rainforest Falls Finale...a send off that celebrates that day. We hope Rainforest Falls will give our children a wonderful experience of fun and faith this summer.

Rainforest Falls begins on July 27th and continues through July 31, 2026.

Time 8:45 am to Noon daily.

Save the dates!

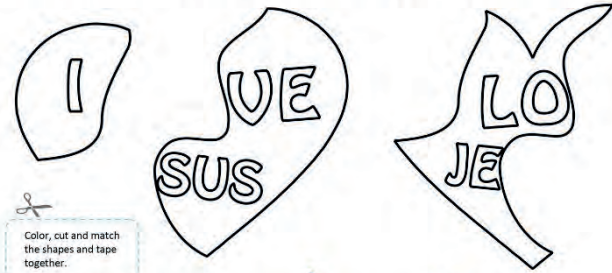
REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 48 CHILDREN...only \$25 per child. Sign up May 1-July 6, 2026.



KIDS KORNER

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Gospel Today | Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 13-35
 The risen Jesus walked to Emmaus with two disciples, but they did not recognize Him. At the evening meal, Jesus blessed bread, broke it, and disappeared. At once the disciples knew in their hearts it was Jesus.

Love From The Heart



Take a pencil and follow the road to for the breaking of the bread.

EMMAUS

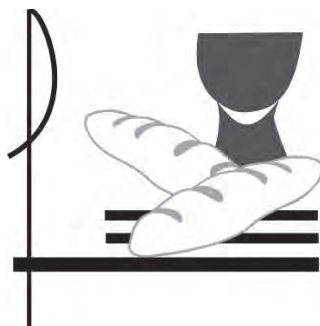
PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: April 13, 2025	\$ 21,54300
Sunday Collection: APRIL 12, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 12,496.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,458.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,954.00

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS EASTER!

EASTER COLLECTION 2025	\$ 55,039.00
EASTER COLLECTION 2026 (YTD)	\$ 49,326.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
 April 26- Project Faith.



WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Angela Bellotti



A Time to be Healed...

Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenko, Angelo Torres, Nina Sova, Nicholas Magrogan, Antonio Bussanich, James Jablonowski, Terry Kolenc, Wilson Torres, Arlene Pompeo, Tom Wilkinson, Lee Welch, Maya Hilario, Charles Nisivoccia, Sally Conselyea, Margaret Sikora, Maria Torres, David A. Ricca, Daisy Troope, Christopher Ivan George, Jack Insinga

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

8:00	Deceased members of the Moises Family Myles Jaffrey Martinez
10:00	Louis D'Angelo Ann Albright Connie Dollbaum Elvira Maldonado
12:00	Marie Pastore Fred Baram Eric Fernandez

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

9:00 AM	Michael Altomare Charles Salzer
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TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

9:00 AM	John Cannon- 4 th Anniversary
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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

9:00 AM	Patricia Barone
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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

9:00 AM	Erlinda Tumanda
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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

9:00 AM	Jose Luis Santana
5:30 PM	Jack McKenna- 2 nd Anniversary Rosemarie Carlee Louis O. Degnan

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Fred Anthony Fred Baram Lina Calello Cristina Apostadero
12:00	Joseph Cortese and Joey Cortese Jean Alix Jolly Maya Bobev- Special Intention

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