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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In our Scripture readings today, we hear two things: first, how much our heavenly Father cares for us; and second, the way in which He shows us that care.

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear God promise the Israelites that if they listened to His word and kept their covenant with Him, He would look upon them as His “special possession, dearer to [Him] than all other people . . .” His people would “be to [Him] a kingdom of priests.”

This is as true of the Church today, as it was of the Israelites four thousand years ago. The Church—of which you are a member—is “a kingdom of priests.” This is the way in which God wants to show the world His care: through your life, as one member of the Church. God wants to show the world His care through the lives of His priestly people. That’s why it’s important to remember that in the Church, there are two types of priests: there are those who are ordained priests, and then there is the type of priesthood that every baptized Christian belongs to. Ordained priests offer sacrifice at the altar. Those who are priests through their baptism, having been strengthened by the Eucharistic sacrifice, offer their sacrifices in the world.

Saint Paul in the Second Reading reminds us of the source of both types of Christian priesthood. Christ Jesus, our High Priest, made the ultimate sacrifice for us on the Cross. St. Paul reminds us how much the Lord cares for us: that while it’s only with difficulty that someone dies for a just person, God proves His love for us in that “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Christ is our High Priest. He is not like the priests of the Old Testament who offered goats and bulls as sacrifices. Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice, as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” In imitation of our Lord, every baptized Christian offers spiritual sacrifices, which are sacrifices of the self.

To find inspiration for her works of sacrifice, the Church looks first to the example that Jesus Christ gave us on the Cross. This is Jesus’ definitive sacrifice. Yet in fact, the entire life of our Lord reveals to us—in example after example—the care He has for us. In the Gospel Reading, we hear that Jesus was not willing to let any need go untended. Jesus couldn’t stand to see the unclean spirits, the sicknesses and diseases of every kind. So He gave the twelve apostles a share in His own power.

In our turn, each one of us is sent forth from Mass in order to care for the needs of others. We have been commanded to undertake the corporal works of mercy: to go and feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, and to bury the dead.

Parents have the opportunity to carry out all of these in the home. Likewise, all of us have many opportunities to exercise the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our neighborhoods. Whether it’s something we organize ourselves, or whether we “plug into” apostolates like Eva’s Village or the Rosary Society, all of them are sacrifices of our time and talent by which we can grow in faith.

When we care for others with the grace that comes from God, we recognize that we are small. We exist and live in this world only to serve others, by seeing the Image of God in them. The gift that we have received, we are to give as a gift. That gift is our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

THANK YOU, FR. EMERSON

Fr. Emerson will celebrate his final Mass with us on Sunday, June 28th. He will celebrate the 10:00 AM Mass. All are invited to the auditorium after Mass for a catered brunch.

Please RSVP for the brunch by June 22 using the link on our website at www.stphilip.org or by calling Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 if you are planning to attend.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory School would like to wish all our 2026 graduates Congratulations!

Last week was filled with year-end fun for our 8th-grade graduates, from their dinner dance to their trip to Rocking Horse Dude Ranch and then finally graduation. May God bless the class of 2026.

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.

ST. PHILIP YOUTH SPORTS

St. Philip Prep Basketball Signups are now open for boys and girls entering 3rd to 8th grade for the 2026-2027 School Year.

This form **MUST** be filled out if your child intends to try out this fall for the 2026-2027 Basketball Season. (St. Philip School website hit dropdown box /Programs/ Athletics/ Basketball Sign-ups)

Please note: We play in a competitive league so prior basketball experience is recommended.



FROM FR. EMERSON

**Two years ago, I arrived as a stranger.
Now, I leave with a family in my heart.**

Bishop Kevin Sweeney has assigned me as Parochial Vicar of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Parish in Cedar Knolls, effective July 1st. As I prepare to begin this new chapter of priestly ministry, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you.

From the very beginning, you welcomed me with open arms, generous hearts, and countless acts of kindness. Together we have celebrated the Eucharist, shared moments of joy and sorrow, marked important milestones, and grown in faith. These memories will remain with me for years to come.

I warmly invite you to join me for my final Sunday Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Parish on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM. It would be a great gift to pray together one last time and thank God for all that He has done among us.

Please continue to pray for me as I begin this new assignment. Be assured that wherever I go, you will always have a place in my heart and in my prayers.

With love and gratitude,
Fr. Emerson



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City 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.



CARNIVAL

St Philip's Annual Carnival is coming soon:

Our Annual Carnival will be held June 18,19,20. 3 fun filled days of rides, food, music, and laughs.



Soda/Water Donations:

We are now accepting soda and bottled water donations. All donations can be left at the auditorium doors. (Pepsi, Coke, Diet Pepsi, Diet Coke, Seltzer, Ginger Ale, Sprite, 7Up etc)

Carnival Bake Sale:

We will be accepting homemade baked goods for our carnival bake sale. All donations can be dropped off starting June 17 and straight through June 20th on daily basis.

Carnival super 50/50 raffles

Our Super 50/50 books were mailed to all parishioners. We would appreciate if you can sell them to family friends etc over the next few weeks until June 20th. More tickets are available in the parish office if need be. Drawing will be June 20th at 10pm!

White Elephant Sale:

We will be doing our annual white elephant sale in the school gym. We will NOT be picking up items from people's homes this year. Everything needs to be dropped off during the specified times.

Drop-offs are on Monday and Tuesday, June 15th and 16th only from 12:30 – 4 PM. no exceptions

As per Health Department regulations, NO clothing, shoes, bedding, or stuffed animals

Also No Books, CDs, Cassettes or VHS tapes.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."

Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary of St. Faustina, 1273

WITH THANKS

The St. Philip Parish Columbiettes and the St. Philip Preparatory School National Junior Honor Society extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our Drive-By Baby Shower benefiting the St. Mary's Hospital Family Center in Passaic. Your kindness and generosity helped make this event a wonderful success!



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.

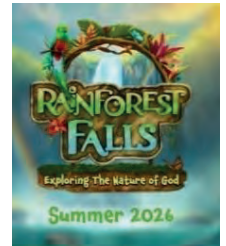
-Rainforest Falls begins on July 27th and continues through July 31, 2026.

Time 8:45 am to Noon daily.

Save the dates!

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 48 CHILDREN...only \$25 per child.

Sign up in the Parish Office



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Hour
to pray for
PRIESTS

JUNE 28
5:00-6:00 PM
JULY 26
5:00-6:00 PM
AUGUST 30
5:00-6:00 PM


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FR. JEIDER BARRAZA
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Theme: "Salvation has come to this house"

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES



Save the date
for the
Diocese of Paterson's
Gold & Silver
Anniversary Mass
Sunday, November 1, 2026
Details and registration
coming early fall.



Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
381 Grand Street
Paterson, New Jersey



"WHY, FATHER" by Fr. Emerson

Q: Father, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives the Twelve Apostles authority to cast out demons, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, and even raise the dead 🌿 ⚡. But Judas Iscariot is one of the Twelve! 😬 Did Judas really receive these powers too? And if Jesus knew Judas would betray Him, why would He entrust him with such authority? 😬 +

A: This may be one of the most surprising details in the entire Gospel.

Matthew tells us that Jesus gave the Twelve authority over unclean spirits and power to heal every disease and illness ✨. Then Matthew lists the apostles by name—and the list includes **Judas Iscariot**.

The Gospel makes no exception for Judas. Jesus did not say, "Eleven of you will receive this authority." He gave it to all twelve, including the one who would later betray Him.

This means Judas truly participated in Christ's mission. He preached. He traveled with the apostles. He witnessed miracles. He likely performed miracles himself through the authority given by Jesus 🙌.

Many people assume that if someone has spiritual gifts, performs miracles, or holds an important ministry, then that person must be holy. Judas proves otherwise.

One of the most sobering lessons of Christianity is that **grace can be received and still rejected**. God does not force anyone to love Him. Even after receiving extraordinary privileges, Judas remained free to choose his own path.

This Gospel also teaches an important Catholic truth about ministry. The power came from **Jesus**, not from Judas. The miracles belonged to Christ. The authority belonged to Christ. Judas was an instrument through whom Christ chose to work +.

That is why the Church teaches that the effectiveness of God's grace does not depend entirely on the personal holiness of the minister. Ultimately, it is Christ who acts.

The focus is always on His power, not ours 🙌.

But there is also a message of hope here ❤️.


Look at the list of apostles. Peter would deny Jesus. Thomas would doubt. Matthew had been a tax collector. James and John could be impulsive and ambitious. Yet Jesus called them anyway.

The Gospel is not telling us to imitate Judas. Rather, it reminds us that God often works through imperfect people. Holiness is not about never having weaknesses; it is about responding faithfully to God's grace.

Jesus did not choose perfect men. He chose ordinary men and gave them extraordinary responsibilities.

And if Christ could work through them, He can work through us too. + 🌿 🙌 ✨

KIDS KORNER



Gospel Today
 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 9:36-10:8

Year A

Jesus knew that many people were troubled, so He sent His disciples out to help. He gave the twelve the power to cure the sick and proclaim, "The Kingdom of Heaven is near." Jesus told them, "The gift you have received, give as a gift."



As you go, proclaim this message: "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near!"
MATTHEW 10:7



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus	A	M	E	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	C	P	A
Shepherd	I	E	L	E	A	D	E	R	S	H	I	P	O	L	R
People	G	S	H	M	L	E	J	E	S	U	S	H	M	E	F
Crowds	H	S	R	E	K	R	O	W	N	W	O	E	I	N	C
Leadership	Y	A	I	B	A	P	E	O	P	L	E	A	H	T	O
Compassion	K	G	O	A	L	V	V	P	R	O	C	L	A	I	M
Harvest	I	E	V	R	E	C	E	I	V	E	D	I	R	F	P
Plentiful	N	A	F	L	E	E	I	N	C	D	O	S	V	U	A
Workers	G	G	P	O	H	U	L	H	T	R	E	F	E	L	S
Instructions	D	I	N	S	T	R	U	C	T	I	O	N	S	E	S
Twelve	O	F	V	T	O	P	R	A	E	D	L	W	T	Y	I
Disciples	M	T	R	E	U	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	W	O
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PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: June 8, 2025	\$16,207.00
Sunday Collection: June 7, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 12,131.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,727.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,858.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
 June 21- Seminarian Collection

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently Deceased...

Mario Berardo, Theresa Buhler, Kevin Duff

A Time to be Healed...

Terry Kolenc, Wilson Torres, Arlene Pompeo, Tom Wilkinson, Lee Welch, Maya Hilario, Margaret Sikora, Maria Torres, David A. Ricca, Daisy Troope, Christopher Ivan George, Jack Insinga, Evelyn Kovacs, Colin Jones, Daniel DiRocco, Kate Doyle, Robert Francis Sy

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

- 8:00 Leandro Salme- 4th Anniversary
Samuel Raia
- 10:00 Carol Ann Madsen
Thomas McCreight
Jason Dollbaum
Illuminada Tobias Gran
- 12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

- 9:00 AM Sam Raia

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

- 9:00 AM Dorothy Cervine- 79th Birthday

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

- 9:00 AM Andrew Sokerka
Martin Robinson- 4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

- 9:00 AM Rosito and Pablo Donaldo

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

- 9:00 AM Rosemary Barrett

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

- 9:00 AM All the Souls in Purgatory
- 5:30 PM All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

- 8:00 Andrew and Emily Sokerka
Msgr. Julian Varettoni
- 10:00 Daniel Mutter
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- 12:00 Deceased members of the Kerner
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