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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 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,

What do you think is the meaning of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than five thousand people with only a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish? Was Jesus simply showing his power to work a miracle: demonstrating his power over material things? Of course, that was part of it. But this miracle of feeding the five thousand has far more to tell us about Christ than just this.

Being compassionate, Jesus was certainly concerned with the physical well-being of the people who had come to hear Him preach. Just how deep Christ's compassion was is made obvious when we consider again something the first verse of this passage tells us. Jesus is told about the hunger of the crowds right after hearing of John the Baptist's death, and withdrawing by boat to a deserted place by Himself. If we were to imagine this, we would see just how human Christ was, responding in grief and perhaps anger at the murder of His cousin. He withdrew from others to be by Himself. Yet even at this point in His life, the needs of others pressed upon Him. His response was that of God Himself: He turned to help those in need.

We could look at this compassion of Jesus and see in it an example for ourselves. As Christians, we are called to walk in the footsteps of Christ and imitate Him. We are especially to imitate the sort of self-sacrifice that He shows in this passage, the sort of self-sacrifice that came to full expression in His death on the Cross.

But this passage is not chiefly about our need to imitate Christ. We all have our limits. Very likely, if we learned of the murder of a close relative, we'd be of little help to others. None of us can expect to match the depth of Christ's self-sacrifice. But again, that's not the chief point of this passage. Within this event, the example that ought to be our chief focus is not the response of Jesus, but the request of the crowds. The crowds seek out Jesus because they know that they are in need. But exactly what kind of need do they have?

Being compassionate, Jesus was certainly concerned with the physical well-being of the people who had come to hear Him preach. But He knew the people in the crowds better than they knew themselves. Christ had a much deeper concern for

their spiritual well-being. He had reminded them that their ancestors, whom God had fed in the desert by sending bread in the form of manna, had died. His divine Father, Jesus told them, had sent Him to be their spiritual bread which would allow them to live forever. If they would eat this bread by accepting Him and following His commandments, they could enter into God's eternal kingdom of love.

In today's First Reading, Isaiah says in the name of the Lord, "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." This is the same message which Jesus conveyed to those people gathered near the Sea of Galilee. He brought His meaning home to them in a concrete way by giving them physical bread to satisfy their bodily hunger. But at the same time, He revealed that He was the spiritual bread which God had sent to bring them eternal life. His miracle used what was physical in order to point towards what is spiritual.

The crowds naturally had a spiritual hunger. Perhaps some of them were not even aware of this hunger inside their souls. Unfortunately, many of us today also are not aware of the hunger in our souls. Instead, we are distracted by many things such as our work, our leisure, and our possessions. We are worried about many things without giving heed to the one needful thing. Jesus, then, calls us first to recognize the greatest hunger in our lives, and then to seek the One who alone can fill it.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

Throughout the Summer, the Parish Office
Schedule is as follows:
Mondays thru Thursdays
8 AM to 4:30 PM
Fridays 8 AM to 12 Noon
Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We hope our students are enjoying their summer, exploring the world and making memories with their families and friends.

Summer work is available on the school website...

Can't wait to see everyone September 8th for the first day of school.



WE ARE HIRING!

Saint Philip Preparatory School is currently accepting resumes from qualified teachers for various grade level positions. Pre- K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Middle School ELA teacher.

Thank you for your support.

For teaching positions, please apply at <https://www.applitrack.com/patersondiocese/onlineapp/>

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.

Send resume to debbie.neglia@stphilipprep.com

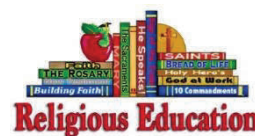
Registration is ongoing through the website www.stphilipprep.com.

Summer hours for the month of July are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7 am - 2 pm.

If you need assistance with your registration, call Mrs. Neglia at 973-779-4700 ext 2.

FAITH FORMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open! If you have a child



in grades 1 through 10, we invite your family to join our program. For details, please visit our Parish website at www.stphilip.org
If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org

Family Faith Formation Grades 1-8

Our parish is committed to forming disciples and supporting families in living out the Catholic faith together. Through our Family Faith Formation program, students in Grades 1–8 grow in faith alongside their parents.

At least one parent is required to remain on-site during Family Formation sessions and participate in classes with their children, creating a shared faith experience that strengthens the entire family. We encourage children to begin Faith Formation in Grade 1.

Preparation for First Holy Communion is a two-year process: Grade 1 builds the foundation of faith, and Grade 2 focuses on the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please remember that each child must complete the registration in the Religious Education Program or Confirmation Program in order to be admitted into their first class session.

Please register by August 15th.

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
September 2026.

Let us know if you'll join us:
Call the Parish office or email
lvalenti@stphilip.org



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- ✓ Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- ✓ Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America
- ✓ St. John Paul II National Shrine

October 12-13, 2026 (Mon to Tues)

Package inclusions:

- Transportation:** Round-trip travel via an air-conditioned motor coach.
- Lodging:** Standard hotel accommodation
- Meals:** including 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner
- Guided Tours:** Professionally led tours at the Museum of the Bible, Franciscan Monastery & Saint John Paul II Shrine
- Religious Services:** Mass at the historic Crypt Church
- Entry & Fees:** General admission ticket to the Museum of the Bible, Gift offering to Monastery & SJP II Shrine, Driver & Tour Guide gratuities

Booking Policy

All payments are strictly non-refundable upon booking. Seats are limited & allocated on a first-paid, first-served basis.

Registration Deadline

September 10, 2026

Contact Us St Philip Parish Office (973) 779-6200 • Virginia Sign (973) 750-8484 • Raquel Noel Marrero (973) 563-6924

WITH THANKS

Fr. English Food Pantry

Once again there was a huge turnout for the food collection this past week. We are always in awe at the generosity of our church family. BTW our newly renovated facility will officially open early in August, and volunteers are sorely needed. Please call Mary Ann at 973-809-7120 if you can spare a few hours a week. With blessings for all...and deep gratitude for your continued support!

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: July 27, 2025	\$ 14,264.00
Sunday Collection: July 26, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 10,515.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,262.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,777.00
SECOND COLL.	\$ 1,869.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
August 9- PROJECT FAITH

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Carol DeLisi, Alan Graf

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, Colin Jones, Daniel DiRocco, Kate Doyle, Isabel Pereiras, James Jablonowski, Michelle Garcia

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

8:00	Peter Paul Sienicki
10:00	Richard Lindemann, Jr Sal Mauriello Kevin Duff Carmine Sierchhio- 20 th Anniversary
12:00	Jean Tarnowski- 11th Anniversary Rose Fanelli

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Dollbaum family Howard Glinkin
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

9:00 AM	Margaret and Antoni Potoczak
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

9:00 AM	Maria Egli
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

9:00 AM	Anthony R. Lipari
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

9:00 AM	Peter Paul Sienicki, Jr.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

9:00 AM	Noel Verzosa, Sr.
5:30 PM	Richard Lindelann Ernest James Scheidemann Charles and Phyllis Noohan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Guiseppe Carduccio John Pogorelec Norma Rosales Evelyn Kovacs
12:00	Elvira Maldonado Tony Barone

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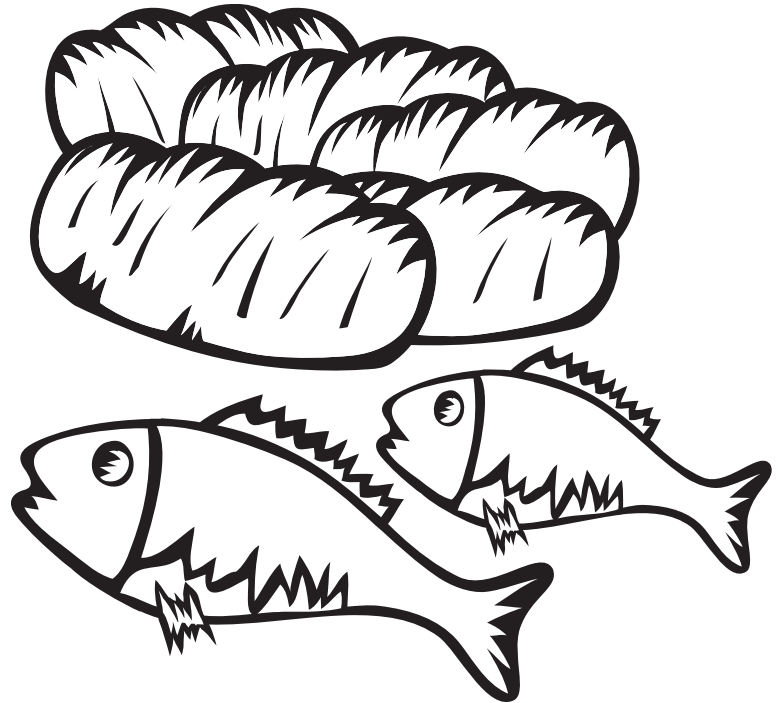
Gospel Today | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 14:13-21

Jesus said of the five loaves and two fish, "Bring them here to me". Looking up to heaven, He gave THANKS, and broke the loaves.

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Feeding over five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish was a great miracle Jesus performed. He did it out of love for the many people.

We too can help others by sharing, and giving to the poor. We never need to look far to find someone in need.



Jesus showed us how important it is to give thanks. We thank God every day for all we have. Color and cut this Grace before meals picture, and hang it near your table.

**BLESS US, O LORD, AND
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WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE
FROM THY BOUNTY THROUGH
CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**

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