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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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 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,

This summer has been a particularly energizing one when it comes to professional sports. The Knicks finally won the NBA title, the Stanley Cup Finals were dramatic, the U.S. Open was staged at famous Shinnecock Hills, and, of course, the World Cup is underway, with dozens of countries competing against each other across North America (here in NJ!) in the biggest sport in the world. We've had an abundance of sports riches this summer!

While I don't usually enjoy watching sports, I've been especially moved this summer by the toil, sweat, and celebration of these winning individuals and teams. The same thing always comes across when they give speeches holding the trophy or during their victory parade. Time and again, they talk about the long hours, difficult grind, hours of practice, and losses they took along the way. The trophy was clearly hard won, and it was all worth it. While hard work doesn't guarantee success, a championship is impossible without it.

It may seem like the New York Knicks and the farming imagery of today's readings couldn't be farther apart (and in many ways that's true), but there is something similar in the success they find. An athlete that doesn't pour their heart out for their sport can never expect to win, and a farmer that doesn't pour their heart into the land is unlikely to bring about an abundant harvest. Farmers spend early mornings and late nights planting, plowing, watering, and double and triple checking things. They don't just assume that the land will bring forth fruit if they cross their fingers and hope. The diligent work of a farmer doesn't guarantee success, just like hours in the practice gym doesn't guarantee a trophy. But both know they'll never make it without it.

Why, then, in the spiritual life, do we demand immediate success and assume short cuts will get the job done? Why are we frustrated when the first time we try a prayer practice we don't feel anything, or during the first week of trying to kick a bad moral habit we doubt that it's worth it? Jesus presents several images of the quick and easy route: little soil, rocky ground, thorns. As He explains to the disciples, when there are not deep roots and when the land has not been properly cleared and prepared, why would a farmer expect success? Why

would an athlete think they'd win the title with a steady diet of fast food?

If I'm not willing to put in the work, how can I expect growth? Of course, it is Jesus doing the real work, but grace builds on nature, and I have a role and responsibility to set the table for the Lord to do His thing! Taking the spiritual life seriously does not guarantee that I'll kick that bad habit or that I'll feel closer to Christ... it is Jesus alone who takes care of that. But if I'm unwilling to participate, what do I expect?

As the Lord says through Isaiah in our First Reading, His Word has power and is meant to bring forth fruit. Where am I not doing my part? Where have I given up when the first try doesn't work? Where have I expected quick results, or been unable to give Jesus the same energy I'd give farming or sports or my job?

Athletes, farmers, and everyone else know the necessity of sacrifice, diligence, and patience. Why shouldn't Christians? May we plant deep roots, prepare excellent soil, and diligently cut out the thorns to ensure the Lord has all the room possible to bring forth an abundant harvest!

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

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 and 1st Grade

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



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.



WEDDING BANNS

The following couple will be exchanging wedding vows:

Kevin Vicente and Karen Cuasay



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

On the weekend of July 25th and 26th, we will be collecting food after each Mass for the food pantry. As you may know, many food pantries are closing in Clifton, and unfortunately, the need is still high for those who need to supplement their food supply. Please know every item you bring is greatly appreciated. Suggested items include all non perishables such as: canned tuna and chicken, soups, pastas, sauces, beans, lentils, Mac and Cheese, peanut butter and jelly, cereals, condiments, and canned veggies. Try to find sale items and stock up! Remember, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

Accompany Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney (Diocese of Paterson, NJ) along with Fr. David Wells (St. Martin of Tours, MD), his brother, Kevin Wells (author of "Priest and Beggar"), and Fr. Ian Wintering (Seaton Catholic Prep., Chandler, AZ) on a 4 day pilgrimage to Mexico City.

This life-changing pilgrimage will take place from Friday, September 18- Monday, September 21, 2026. Experience the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe- the most visited Marian shrine in the world. See the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego (an image created by God) and attend a pilgrim Holy Mass with the Bishop at the Basilica. Go to Tepeyac Hill where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego and see so much more. Next, travel to the Sisters of Mary at the World Villages for Children (WVC) Girlstown in Chalco, Mexico, to witness how the Sisters are transforming the lives of impoverished children in the most desperate circumstances through education, faith formation and vocational training.

Act Fast! Limited Space Is Available.

Register online by August 18, 2026 at:

<https://worldvillages.org/events/sweeney-wells>

For tour inquiries email:

pilgrimages@worldvilages.org or Call: 1-800-662-6316



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

OCTOBER 17, 2026

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INCLUDES:

- Tours of the chapels
- Confessions in Crypt Church
- Catechetical Sessions in English and Spanish
- Divine Mercy (multi-lingual)
- 2:30 p.m. Liturgy w/Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney and priests of the Diocese



ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE

- Transportation and Gratuity
- All day activities at the Shrine
- Rest stop going - Meal stop on return
- Depart Washington at 4:15 p.m.

\$70/person Deadline: Oct. 1, 2026

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE OFFICE

Father Michael Rodak, director
973-827-8030
pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org

OVERNIGHT OPTION - DEPART FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Friday visit the Museum of the Bible with lunch
- Accommodations at Westin Hotel
- Friday banquet w/Bishop Sweeney
- Saturday Breakfast at hotel
- Transportation and Gratuity

\$325/dbl. occ. \$395/sgl. occ.
Call Pilgrimage Office to register.
Deadline: Sept. 11, 2026

Register
Now



PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: July 6, 2025	\$ 14,938.00
Sunday Collection: July 5, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 10,069.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 8,521.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,590.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
July 19- Comm/Blk-Ind/Leper/Cath Univ

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Leslie Ann Totorella, Peter Sienicki

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

8:00	Marie M. and Henry Marrocco Evelyn Kovacs
10:00	Angel Doria Maria Guarinello Deceased members of the DiBiasi and Kimberley Families Lydia Campbell
12:00	Luis A. and Clemencia Cruz Luis E. Cruz and Gozalo Cruz

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

9:00 AM	Evelyn Kovacs
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TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

9:00 AM	Kevin Duff
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

9:00 AM	Fr. Emerson Francisco - Special Intentions James Hutchison
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THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

9:00 AM	Francis, Miriam and Kevin O'Brien Catherine Hughes- 10 th Anniversary
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FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

9:00 AM	Peter Paul Sienicki
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SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

9:00 AM	Ronald St. Laurent
5:30 PM	Paul Ganowski Jill Festa Jan and Vince Serafini

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Emanuel Rodriguez Margaret Potoczak Josephine Pagano Raymond Parysz
12:00	John Holy and Anna Karak Ursula Steves

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12TH

In Memory of Evelyn Kovacs
- From Diana Poskonja and
family



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Gospel Today | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:1-23

Jesus uses parables or comparison stories to preach to the people the Kingdom of Heaven.



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Read the sentence then use the bold letters to fill in the blanks below.



When the Word of God is **planted** in our hearts, we are nourished and strengthened **by** His **love**, similar to **seeds** planted in rich soil.



answer: parable

A _____ is a story that is told using comparisons.

Look around at all the beautiful summer flowers. We see them in gardens, hanging planters, in pots on front steps, growing wild along highways and fields. All these flowers need good rich soil to grow in. Our faith in God can grow in our hearts, as beautiful as the flowers around us! We just need to ask Jesus to come and take root, and allow His love to blossom within us and spread that love to others.

Color these flowers and add your own...



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