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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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,

Jesus seemed to have given Peter the power to make all things right with the world. But then Jesus tells Peter that he, the Messiah, would have to suffer at the hands of world leaders. What kind of power was this that Peter had been given? Not much, apparently. We can be sure, though, that Jesus saw things differently.

Suffering was brought into this world by sin. The only real way to deal with it, and so pass from this world to Heaven, is to stand solid like a rock against it. This may mean disciplining one's children more strictly than other parents. This may mean patiently and lovingly relating to one's spouse. This may mean allowing oneself to be rejected by a group of peers whenever their attitudes or actions are wrong.

St. Paul tells us that our faith demands that we act. He says to the Romans in Sunday's Second Reading: offer your bodies as a living sacrifice; do not conform yourselves to this age. This may mean something as simple as praying before meals that we eat in public. Or this may mean something as risky as arguing—charitably—with someone who does not respect the dignity of others.

Once we have acted, the world must respond to our expression of faith. Sometimes the response of the world is nothing more than apathy, sometimes curiosity, sometimes anger. Regardless, we must act. For the truth of our faith continues to burn within a conscience that is not yet dead, as in the soul of Jeremiah. That sense of burning truth occurs through the power of the Holy Spirit. And as the life of the Holy Spirit grows within us, we ourselves begin to see things a little differently.

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.**



9/11 MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

25th anniversary of 9/11

Mass of Remembrance

Please join us as we gather in prayer to remember and honor the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

We remember. We pray. We will never forget.

Friday, September 11th at 7 PM

St. Philip the Apostle Church



Also on Friday, September 11th following the 9 AM morning Mass, we will have a Holy Hour for Peace.

2027 MASS BOOK



**The 2027 Mass Intention book will open at
9 AM on Thursday, September 10th.**

To accommodate everyone, please be mindful that we limit Mass Intentions to five (5) per family.
(2 Weekend /3 Daily)

You can always offer more Masses during the year.
Recommended donation for Mass Intention/Card and Weekly Vigil Candle dedication and sponsorship are \$20.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We hope our students are enjoying their summer, exploring the world and making memories with their families and friends. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

Summer work and supply lists are available on the school website. www.StPhilipprep.com
Can't wait to see everyone on September 8th for the first day of school.

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St. Philip Preparatory School is growing—and we couldn't be more grateful!

Thanks to increasing enrollment, we are excited to share that every grade level has been split into two classes—a wonderful milestone for our school community.

We have already welcomed several outstanding new teachers to our school family and are looking forward to an exciting school year ahead.

We are still seeking a Full Time Intermediate Social Studies and Religion Teacher and a Little Kaleidoscope Teacher for our gifted and talented program, which is a part time position, 8AM -12 PM Monday- Friday.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, please visit <https://rcdop.org/job-opportunities> to complete an application or contact the school office for more information.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We look forward to a wonderful year at St. Philip Preparatory School!

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

Summer Office hours for the month of August are Monday - Friday, 7 am - 2 pm.

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

FAITH FORMATION

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



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



You are invited to join us for the
National Day of Remembrance
for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 12, 2026

All are welcome to join us.

We will attend the 9 AM Mass and after Mass we will have a prayer vigil in the Church.

For more information please call

Sharon Festa 973-464-6608

or John Hughes 973-897-8860

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME TIMERS

The first meeting of St. Philip's Prime Timers will be held on Friday, September 11th, Patriots Day, at 1:30pm in Marian Hall, coffee/and at 1pm since the first Friday of September is Labor Day weekend.

Anyone age 50 and up is eligible to be a Prime Timers Member, dues are only \$15 per year per member.

Invite your family and friends to join our happy seniors.

BOY SCOUTS

St. Philip's Troop 21 will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary at the 5:30 mass on Saturday, September 12th. A small reception with cake and coffee will be held after the mass. If you would like to join them to commemorate this milestone, please call Theresa Hogan at (201)787-0640 or email theresahogan292@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

St. Philips the Apostle
Knights of Columbus Council 11671
Presents our
17th Annual Bob Martin Memorial
Golf Outing



Preakness Valley Golf Course
October 12, 2026

**10 AM Registration & Breakfast. 12:00 PM
Shotgun Start**

Tickets \$200.00 per person includes,
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For more information or to buy tickets, please
contact:

John Szerencsits 973-650-6938

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Register on line at

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE ADULT CHOIR

Join us for rehearsals Mondays at 7:00pm

Season begins September 14th

Sing at the 10:00am Mass on Sundays

September - June

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Questions? See us after mass!

Frank Hydash, Music Director

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February 13-15, 2026
September 25-27, 2026

For more details, contact Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office by
phone at 201-912-3272 or email at
Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus
2026 "Coats for Kids" Drive

We will again be collecting contributions for our
annual Coats-for-kids Drive
beginning Sunday Aug 16 through Sunday Oct. 25.

Last year, through the
generosity of everyone we were able to give out over
200 warm winter coats to
our less fortunate neighbors right here in Clifton.

We'd love to surpass that this
year as the need is still great. Coats cost us
approximately \$285 per box of 12 but
all contributions, great or small, help out
tremendously. Please make checks out
to K of C Council 11671, note in the memo area:
Coats 4 Kids and mail them to the
address below or drop the envelope into the collection
basket.

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WEDDING BANNS

The following couples will be
exchanging wedding vows:

Arvin Bagasala & Alyanna Arquezua
And
Jose Torrealba & Grandalis Rosa



PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: August 24, 2025	\$ 15,107.00
Sunday Collection: August 23, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 13,828.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,641.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,469.00
SECOND COLL.	\$ 2,164.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
September 13-Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Joan Marmo

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 30, 2026

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Maria and Vincent Rubino Viola R Vogel Gloria Reyes- 1 st Anniversary Peter Sienicki
12:00	Walter Tarnowski- 2 nd Anniversary Louise Stolarz

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

9:00 AM	Grace Alfieri
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

9:00 AM	Baltazar Manuel
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

9:00 AM	Marie Rup Viola Greco
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

9:00 AM	Tammy DiSanto
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

9:00 AM	Peter Paul Sienicki, Jr.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

9:00 AM	Prescilla Reynes- Marrero
5:30 PM	Andrew Doychak- 26 th Anniversary Dorothy and Victor Robinson Cary Joyce

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

8:00	Rose Aliga Bernabé Begazo Aliga
10:00	Helen Dressel Norma Rosales Kevin Duff For the protection and safety of all Law Enforcement officers & all 1 st Responders
12:00	All the People of the Parish



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Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 16:21-27

The message Jesus had for His disciples is the same for us today. Being a follower of God requires love, strength and difficulty. When we follow Jesus, He is with us and hears our prayer when we need help.

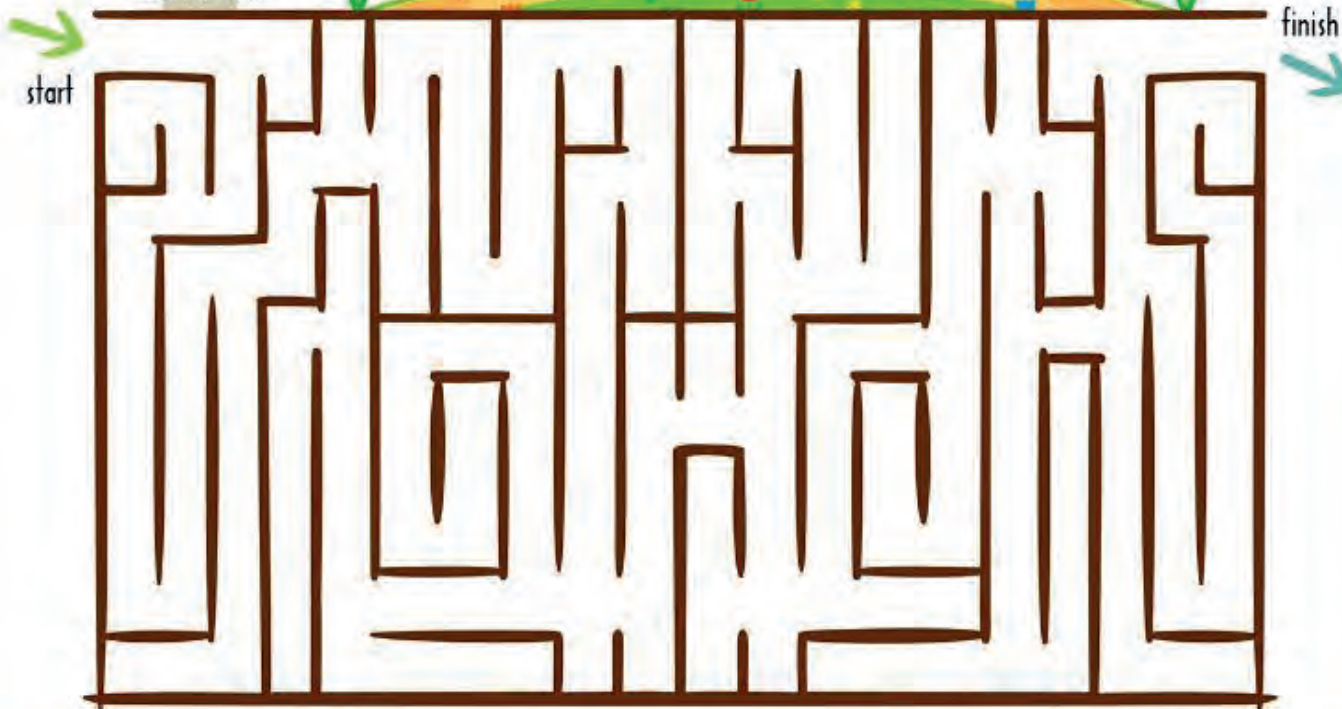
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Matthew 16:24

For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father's glory, and then He will repay everyone according to his conduct.

Matthew 16:27



Do not be afraid to follow God's way!

Peter had a hard time accepting God's way - Jesus had to remind him God and man do not think alike (Peter was thinking like a man).

What do you have trouble accepting?



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