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THIS WEEK...

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Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

St. Teresa of Jesus (Teresa of Ávila) was a Carmelite nun, mystic, and Doctor of the Church. Through her life and writings, she taught that prayer is a loving friendship with God and encouraged others to seek Christ with trust and perseverance.



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Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Bishop and Martyr

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop and courageous martyr of the early Church. On his journey to martyrdom, he encouraged Christians to remain united in faith and steadfast in their love for Christ.



SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MASS | Daily - 9:00 AM

Saturday (Vigil) - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM

10:00 AM (Broadcast)

12:00 PM

HOLY HOUR | Every Friday - 9:30 to 10:30 AM

CONFESSION | Every Saturday - 4:30

For Communion Visit and/or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel Reading we hear of a wedding feast hosted by a king. As we'd expect, the feast reflects his personality. We're given hints of how lavish it was. Yet this earthly king symbolizes God the Father. Just as the king's earthly feast is a feast fit for a king, so the divine feast that it symbolizes is a feast befitting God: an infinite feast. In other words, the feast in the parable symbolizes Heaven itself. Jesus preaches this parable to help those listening imagine what Heaven is like.

In describing "the kingdom of Heaven", the parable first explains Heaven's seating capacity, if you will. God wants everybody there, even though not everyone may end up there.

Yet we also need to focus on an even more important feature of the wedding feast before reflecting on the parable's action. The wedding feast is the king's in the sense that he's the one who gave it. However, the wedding feast is given in honor of the king's son. This son symbolizes Jesus, of course.

So, what does this tell us about the Kingdom of Heaven? We might turn to the Book of Revelation, where St. John the Evangelist describes Heaven as the wedding feast of the Lamb of God.

The multitudes in Heaven sing eternal praise to the Lamb who was slain. We ourselves refer to this right before Holy Communion. The priest elevates the Sacred Host and declares: "Behold, the Lamb of God Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Our response acknowledges that God's forgiveness of our sins is our ticket to entering this wedding supper: sacramentally at Holy Mass, and—hopefully—in Heaven forever.

If you and I make it to Heaven, we will spend the rest of eternity praising the Lamb of God. This is the Lamb who was slain so that our sins could be washed in His blood. In other words, God offering us forgiveness is His invitation to share in the wedding feast of Heaven.

With this as background, what are we to make of the violence in the parable? The violence flies in two directions. The second is on the part of the king, who acts in retribution. Jesus issues a warning to us here that His Father is not just some sort of teddy bear, but rather a Just Judge. On a practical level, though, the first form of violence is more important for us to reflect on.

The parable's invited guests symbolize all of mankind. Man has heard God's desire that "all peoples" and "all nations" enter into the wedding feast of Heaven. Nonetheless, they may enter only through confession of their sins. Here we need to understand the parable's invited guests as including ourselves.

Yet we also need to ask who the servants are, and how we can understand the violence done to them. Those who deliver to you and me God's invitation to repentance may be other persons: for example, a

spouse, a parent, a priest, an employer, a neighbor, a grandparent, or a friend. Unfortunately, we want spouses who compliment us, priests who tickle our ears from the pulpit, and friends who will tell us about the faults of others, rather than our own.

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You and I are the bride at this wedding feast. We are not only invited guests, but we are invited to espouse ourselves to the King's Son! Although we're familiar with the idea that the Church is the Bride of Christ, we may not be used to reflecting on ourselves as being espoused to Jesus Christ. But consider that truth in the light of today's parable. Jesus died for His bride. His invitation to us is to accept His death—the price of our forgiveness—as the means of union with Him. It's through this union that He invites us into the eternal wedding feast of Heaven.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

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ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our new books and classroom materials are still arriving, and we are incredibly grateful to St. Philip Parish and the Knights of Columbus for helping provide the funds needed to put these resources into the hands of our teachers and students. Your generosity helps us provide our classrooms with the materials our students need to learn, grow, and SOAR.

There is lots to discover in our classrooms this week! PreK3 students are strengthening their fine motor skills through apple painting, while PreK4 is learning about the letter "S." Kindergarten is sorting letters and sounds, and first grade is learning the long "a" sound and working with positional words in math. Second and third grade are looking forward to a trip to the farm, while third graders are also learning about butterfly migration and collecting monarch eggs. In the upper grades, students are studying the elements of fiction and working with acute angles, creating diagrams of sea breezes, writing personal narratives, and solving distance, rate, and time word problems. In Art, fall has arrived as students create paintings of trees and apples, while PE classes are developing throwing and catching skills.

Our Eagles' Café is also underway, and students have been raving about the food. Our favorite review so far may be, "I would give up recess before I gave up these tacos!" If you know how much students love recess, you know that is the ultimate compliment! And our new St. Philip Eagle still needs one very important thing: a name! Students will submit their ideas, finalists will be selected, and then our Eagles will vote. Stay tuned!



COME WORK WITH US!

We are still seeking a Little Kaleidoscope Teacher for our gifted and talented program which is a part-time position. Teaching 3rd and 4th grade math and reading to our 1st and 2nd graders. 8 AM -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.

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Columbus Day on
Monday, October 12th,
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.
The Church will be closed immediately
following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTES

COLLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 10 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! We will be partnering with the Knights' coat distribution and making hats and scarves to warm our dear Clifton school children. For more information or yarn and new fabric donations, please call Cathie Murtha: 973-471-1265

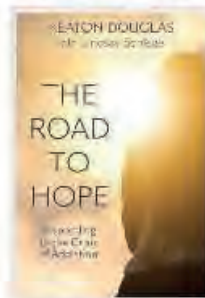
BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be holding their Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, October 11th in the auditorium from 8 am to Noon (last seating at 11:30 AM). Prices: Adults \$18.00, seniors \$15.00, and children 12 and under \$10.00. Children under 4 eat free with a paying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee. Please support Troop 21! For more information please contact: troop21clifton@gmail.com

ROSARY SOCIETY

All Are Welcome! St Philip Rosary Society welcomes all to our **October 19th** meeting. We begin at 6:30 PM with Mass and the Rosary. Come once! Come twice! Spend some time with Mary, Queen of the Rosary!

ROSARY SOCIETY Annual Communion Brunch



Speaker: Keaton Douglas

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Brunch following in Marian Hall

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY

“Thousand Strong Rosary for Life”

On Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Fatima “1000 Strong Rosary for Life” on Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 PM.

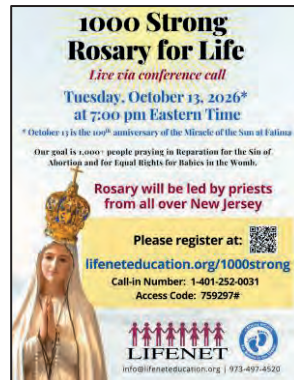
Please join the “1000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call” on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00

PM which is being organized by LIFENET. Join priests from all over NJ to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Note: October 13th is the 109th anniversary of the ‘Miracle of the Sun’ at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! For more info: 973-497-4520.

To join via conference call, register at:

lifeneteducation.org/1000strong

Conference Call Number: 1-401-252-0031; Code: 759297#



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at 7:00 pm Eastern Time
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Places to visit

- ✓ The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
- ✓ Christmas Market at Peddler's Village

December 02, 2026

TRIP SCHEDULE:

7:30 AM Bus leaves from St Philip The Apostle Parish (St. Philip Drive) at lower parking lot
9:30 AM Arrival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
10:00 AM Tour of the Shrine with 15 minute Video Presentation
11:30 AM Concelebrated Mass at the Shrine Chapel (lower Church)
12:30 PM Bus leaves to Peddler's Village
1:00 PM Arrival at Peddler's Village - Lunch on your own
 — Christmas Market —
6:30 PM Return to St. Philip the Apostle (Arrival 8:30 PM)

All payments are strictly non-refundable upon booking.

Reserve your bus seat ticket. Seat assigned upon payment, on first come first serve basis.

Bus departs at 7:30am sharp. St. Philip lower parking lot (please arrive 15mins early)

Contact the Parish Office or Virginia Sipin 973-760-8484

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Moises
Humberto*



*Egan
Ambrose*



Leo Michael



Nicholas Leo



Adrien Jules

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: October 5, 2025	\$ 18,411.00
Sunday Collection: October 4, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 13,177.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,217.00
TOTAL	\$ 20,394.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
October 18-Mission Sunday

DIOCESAN EVENTS

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

*Couples, were you married in 2001,
1976 or 1966?*

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: **Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 3:00pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting our Parish Office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 16, 2026.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

2026 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "Be a Good Samaritan."

Through your generosity, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal funds critical, life changing services that allow us to live out the message of Christ to "Be A Good Samaritan." From vital youth and early learning programs to food pantries, senior services and substance abuse recovery, your support sustains the crucial lifelines that offer hope and dignity to thousands. There are many ways to answer this call to be a Good Samaritan. You can make a one-time gift, a five month pledge or a recurring monthly gift to ensure ongoing, year-to-year support that you can adjust at any time. However you choose to contribute to this year's Appeal, your decision to "Be a Good Samaritan" is a profound blessing to those we serve. Please consider a donation to the 2026 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit www.2026appeal.org to make a gift today.



WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...
Michael Soriano



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, Kate Doyle, Isabel Pereiras, James Jablonowski, Michelle Garcia, Pierre Celestin

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Francesco Pugliano Rita Klunder Deceased members of the Makowski Family Clifford Muddell
12:00	Ronald Keossy Connie Andolino

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026

9:00 AM	Robert and Catherine Frank Armand Nicdao- Special Intentions
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

9:00 AM	Kathleen McIntyre
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026

9:00 AM	Karen Jaucian- Special Intentions
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

9:00 AM	Adelaido Cuasay Armand Nicdao- Special Intentions
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

9:00 AM	Joan McCarthy
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

9:00 AM	Robert J. Shalhoub Claire Chidiac- 10 th Anniversary
5:30 PM	Doreen Germaine Salvatore Cannata Gina DiPiazza

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

8:00	Claire Chidiac- 10 th Anniversary Grace Alfieri
10:00	Edward Kovacs Luigi Gioia Josephine Kimberley John Strangeway Deceased members of the Rosary Society
12:00	All the People of the Parish

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