



### RESTORATION UPDATE

Since the fire of January 11<sup>th</sup>, we have been challenged to relocate our 450 school students during the restoration process of our school building. We raise a hymn of grateful praise because all students are now returned to in-classroom instruction.

“Teacher of Youth,” was the title given to St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Religious Order, at the time of his canonization in 1934. Mary Help of Christians Academy High School carried on Don Bosco’s mission of hospitality and education of youth as they welcomed our sixth, seventh and eighth grades this past Monday, January 29. Our school children were greeted with festive banners and balloons by the gracious students at MHC.

Two days later, on the feast of St. John Bosco our pre-K 3 through fifth grade students returned to in-classroom instruction at our neighbor the John Paul II Center. There are no coincidences in God’s world only Providence and the intercession of Saints at work; thank you, St. John Bosco.

A most sincere thank you is in order, as well as grateful prayer for: Bishop Serratelli, Sr. Marisa DeRose, FMA, Principal of Mary Help of Christians Academy and the Salesian Order, our exemplary Principal, Barbara Zito and her dedicated faculty, the Diocese of Paterson personnel, Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mary Baier, Dennis Rodano the Business and Facility Project Manager, Richard Ziccardi Risk Manager. For their patience and support we salute our parents and children. In addition, the city of Clifton has been most helpful throughout the process.

Our mission *Opus Christi, Christ’s Work* is to, “go out to all the world and tell the Good News!” Being good news, Fr. Matt worked tirelessly using his passion for videography to communicate the ongoing story. There is great blessing in the work of so many faithful stewards using their gifts of time, talent and treasure during our process of restoration. Although never seen on film, Fr. Matt was intricately involved at every step behind the camera, offering encouragement and very astute help along the way. We are truly blessed through his ministry.

#### **The Molloy Center**

The Molloy Center, including Cerullo and Marion Halls, is being restored. The demolition of the Kaleidoscope wing may happen as early as next week. Plans for reconstruction will be developed in the near future.

#### **Religious Formation**

Religious Formation classes will resume for in- classroom instruction as soon as possible. Location dates and details are being formulated.

### Parish Organizations and Groups

A grateful thank you to Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #7165 on Valley Road for offering meeting space for some of our groups.

#### **Faith in Action**

Recognizing the hardship involved with relocation and disruption of routines, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our faith in action. God is providing us with resiliency, wisdom and holy resourcefulness. In our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year, we celebrate the good cheer, found in the people of our parish, born of faith and prayer. Our parish, once again, now rises from the aftermath of fire stronger, more loving and more able to do our mission which is Christ’s work.

Restoration updates, past and ongoing, can be viewed on our parish website: <http://stphilip.org/school-fire-update/>

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**LORD, FOR ALL THAT HAS BEEN, THANKS,  
FOR ALL THAT SHALL BE, YES.**

*If I could wish for something  
I would wish for neither wealth nor power  
but the passion for possibility.  
I would wish only for an eye which, eternally young,  
eternally burns with the longing to see possibility.*  
Kierkegaard

#### *Scripture*

*For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

*(Matthew 17:20-21)*

#### *Reflection*

I can remember being told to reach for the stars. Maybe not in so many words, but as part of the stories I was told as a child, and the dreaming they inspired. And as part of my passage into the adult world, in the confident young sense that I could make a difference, perhaps even change the world.

And then I can remember being told not to be so idealistic, not to be a dreamer. ‘That’s very idealistic.’ ‘That’s all very well in theory.’ ‘It’s a lovely idea but ...’ I learned that to be idealistic was to be unreal. And so I learned to be practical. To think in terms of what is manageable, what is possible.

Then I recall hearing the phrase, ‘aim for the stars and you’ll hit the sky; aim for the sky and you’ll hit the ceiling.’ For a while it seemed to reconcile in me being an idealist and being a realist. Until I realized that it turns away from the possibility of reaching the stars.

Now I find myself asking myself, ‘What is my Lord calling for from me – to be an idealist or to be a realist?’ Something tells me that the answer is both. But another voice speaks to me about the resurrection of our bodies, about the coming of the kingdom of God, about the fullness of the body of Christ, about a new heaven and a new earth. And I wonder. Perhaps being idealistic is to see the world in a very positive way. Perhaps being realistic can mean the opposite.

*Reflect on your Experience.*

### *Intercessions*

Response:

*For all that has been, thanks; for all that shall be, yes.*

Lord of time, God of eternity, bring healing to our past, mistakes made, harm done, opportunities squandered, reconciliation not sought for.

May the risen Christ bring peace to our memory. **R.**

Lord of time, God of eternity, teach us vigilance in the present, that we may seek out, be alive and responsive to what your Spirit is saying to us, to the hope hidden in everything. **R.**

Lord of time, God of eternity, enlighten the future for us; strengthen our resolve, revitalize our vision, ensure our perseverance, enhance our hope. **R.**

God of past, present and future, we remember in joy all that you have done for us in Jesus of Nazareth.

We look forward in anticipation

to the completion of your work of salvation.

We give ourselves in willing commitment to the work of your Spirit in our place on earth. **R.**

### *Closing Prayer*

*May the God of Power be with us, driving us forward and upward with life, invigorating us with potential and purpose; and may we empower others to act and to flourish, to expand their horizons. May the Blessing of Power be upon us.*

*Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Donal Harrington & Julie Kavanaugh



### **JUBILEE YEAR 2018**

**The Year of our Lord 2018** is our parish Jubilee commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi* –which is Latin for Christ's Work. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry.

Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, *"Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works."* John 14:22

### **WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK INFORMATION**

Share your e-mail with us so as not to miss any of the good news. Visit [stphilip.org/jubilee](http://stphilip.org/jubilee) to be included in our email list. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/stphilipclifton](http://www.facebook.com/stphilipclifton).

Fr. Matt is looking for some old photos and film in any format about St. Philip Church and/or school to compile our history. Items can be left with Barbara Salzer at the Parish Office.

### *Our Jubilee Prayer*

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as . . .

We Remember

gratefully our past companions on the Journey whose sacrifice inspires us.

We Celebrate

the good news of love in action that empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.

We Believe

in God's providence as faithful stewards who continue Christ's work using the Keys to the Kingdom.

Amen

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner Dance**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2018**  
**VALLEY REGENCY –**  
**Valley Road, Clifton**

### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **BELOVED**

Please join us for a Women's Morning Lenten Retreat

*Beloved. Be Loved*

**Saturday, February 24th**

beginning with Continental Breakfast at **9:00 AM.**

Location due to the after fire restoration process:

***Annunciation Parish***

**45 Urban Club Road** in Wayne

Registration fee is \$10 per person.

To register call Donna Scancarella: 201-321-4376.

### **PARISH BUSINESS**

Our Parish Office is operating out of the office at the front entrance to the Rectory (located at the end of the walkway near the Bell Tower). Mass cards, other business, etc. is being conducted from this location.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

IN PROCESS

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

IN PROCESS

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Cub Scout Pack 21 and Boy Scout Troop 21 are now meeting at the VFW Hall Post #7165, 491 Valley Road, Clifton on Monday nights at 6:30PM.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to the recent fire at St. Philip, the Knights of Columbus ARMY Tank Pull Committee will meet at the VFW Hall on Valley Road in Clifton on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes are meeting at the VFW on Valley Road in Clifton on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**.

### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will meet on **Thursday, February 15, 2018** at 9:45 AM at the Hamilton House, 971 Valley Road, Clifton. Thank you to Arlene Bayeux for arranging this for us! If you have any questions, call Cathie Murtha 973--1265. May we continue to heal and grow after our tragedy at our beloved St. Philip the Apostle Community!

### PRIME TIMERS

Future meetings will be announced.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

## PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duynes, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzino, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Joseph Pagani, John Hughes, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Pat Bolwell, Dot Cervine

### PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

ENVELOPES	\$11,416.00
CASH	\$ 1,351.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 4,361.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,128.50</b>
SECOND COLLECTION: PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,787.00

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 10/11, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Julio	8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin
10:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 N	Fr. Matt

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

- 8:00** Baby Lily Hope Shackil
- 10:00** Williamina McPherson – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Ronald Giordano  
James DeBiase  
Patsy Sinisi
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

- 7:00** Henry Zak
- 9:00** Charlotte Simonelli

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

- 7:00** John Snelson
- 9:00** Anita Saam Young

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

- 7:00** James Grabarits
- 9:00** Rose Yenason

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

- 7:00** Kathryn Lake
- 9:00** Rose Sinisi

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

- 7:00** Helena Waller
- 9:00** Marion Biondi-Martin

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

- 9:00** Mary Ellen Valentin
- 5:30** Carmine Scocco  
John & Louis Belfi

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

- 8:00** Pedro Ravelo
- 10:00** James Lacava  
John Nickovitz  
Audrey Mulligan  
Filipina R. Bacani – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 12:00** Lee and Peter Bartolo  
Margaret Tagliaferro

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In Memory of  
Williamina McPherson  
From The Poskon Family

## FEBRUARY 14, 2018

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses with Eucharist and distribution of ashes:  
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
4:00 PM Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

**LAST YEAR'S PALMS MAY BE PLACED  
IN THE PURPLE PALM BOX  
IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE**