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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 2021



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Thursdays	9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:00 to 4:30 PM

Please telephone the Parish Office if you would like a priest to visit a family member at home or in the hospital.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Is there anyone who can teach us as Jesus does? Is there any faith tradition that is as strong and true as our own? There is no God other than ours, Father, Son and Spirit, that claims to give us the truth about what it means to be human, what it means to believe and what it means to live with complete faith in God.

The first reading today is from the Book of Deuteronomy and speaks about how our ancestors had an enormous pride in their faith but also a deep awareness that it was truly God who was leading them and showing them how to believe. They believed deeply that God was speaking to them in history, in His chosen people, in those who were chosen to lead them and in everything. It was this belief that sustained them, and which still sustains the Jewish people. We, Christians who follow Jesus Christ, acknowledge the Jewish people as our ancestors in the faith. We can only understand Jesus if we understand our Jewish ancestors. This is why we always have readings from the Old Testament. Jesus Himself explains who He is to those who accompanied Him to Emmaus after the Resurrection by explaining the Scriptures to them. The only Scriptures at that point would have been the Jewish Scriptures, what we call the Old Testament.

The second reading today is from the Letter of James. We are told to be doers of the Word and not only hearers. This is echoed so much today: we need actions and not just words. All of us should recognize that if we only speak about God or about Jesus or about the Spirit—and our lives have no actions showing that our beliefs have taken effect—then no one will believe our words. This is echoed strongly today in the movement to combat sexual abuse and the cover-ups of sexual abuse by bishops and religious leaders. We humans get tired of words that do not change our lives into action. This is why today's short excerpt from the Letter of James ends this way: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." Actions must come from beliefs.

The Gospel today is from Saint Mark and tells us about the complaint of the Pharisees and some scribes that the followers of Jesus were not observing the proper Jewish laws when they did not wash their hands before eating. Jesus shows Himself to be impatient with this understanding of faith: "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." What use is it to wash our hands if we don't love other people and only use religious traditions to make life difficult for others?

Jesus is so clear in His teachings. He tells us that He did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them. Jesus has no problem with the person who washes His hands and still serves the poor and the needy. The problem is with us who make sure to wash our hands but never pay attention to the poor and the needy in our midst! If I go to Church regularly but don't care about the poor and the needy, my Churchgoing is in vain. I should both be going to Church and serving the poor and the needy.

We can never use our faith to think that we are just fine and ignore the poor and the needy. We must seek how to serve

others. God calls us in Christ Jesus to serve all others and to sacrifice ourselves and our own desires in the serving of others.



Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PARISH NEWS

AIR CONDITIONING

I am so happy to announce that the church air-conditioning is fixed and running smoothly. Both compressors were replaced, and a transformer was added. The old system was installed in 1989 and did not owe the parish any money. The cost of the new system not including the transformer was \$75,000. Also, the air conditioning system in the school auditorium which dates back to 1977 also needs to be replaced. This will be done later in the month. Both of these have impacted parish finances, but I am hopeful that the new systems will last for many years.

DAILY MASS

Beginning September 10th and 11th (The Friday and Saturday after Labor Day) the 9 AM Daily Mass will return on Fridays and Saturdays.

On Saturday, September 11th, we will remember the tragic events that occurred 20 years ago as we pray for peace.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Beginning September 11th, (The Saturday after Labor Day), confessions will be available from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM every Saturday.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

ADORATION AND EXPOSITION

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday following the 9 AM Mass beginning September 10th.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Saint Philip Preparatory School is searching for full time certified teachers.

Qualified candidates please send your resume to: <u>barbara.zito@stphilipprep.com</u>

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE GIVING

Our Online Giving has been upgraded to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you should have received an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. The good news is your existing payment and donation information was migrated over automatically!

WELCOME FR. MONTELEONE

Join us as we officially welcome Fr. Monteleone after all Masses the weekend of September 11th and 12th with light refreshments in the Auditorium.

ALTAR SERVERS, WE NEED YOU!

Returning Altar servers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to review and run through the Mass with you.

To continue serving and confirm your

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is open until September 1st!

We hope you will register your child and continue with us on this faith journey. For details, please visit our parish website! If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Coats for Kids

St. Philip's Council is again participating in the "Coats for Kids" program. Last year we donated 8 boxes of coats (96) to needy children in the area. On the day of distribution, they were all gone in less than 30 minutes. Each case of coats (12) cost us about \$250 and we'd like to target distribution for right after Thanksgiving. If you'd like to help us with this effort, please send any amount contributions to: K of C Council 11671, c/o Mike Cervine, 5 Fair Hill Rd. Clifton, N.J. 07013 in the memo area put Coats 4 Kids.

We thank you.

PRIME-TIMERS

The St. Philip Prime-Timers will begin meeting again in October. Stay tuned for more details.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CELEBRATION OF FILIPINO SAINTS

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) is inviting you to the annual celebration of honoring two Filipino Saints: San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod, on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

The highlight of the celebration will be a Mass presided by Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney at 11:00 in the morning at the Cathedral of St. John The Baptist, 381 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505.

Filipino reception and fellowship at the Bishop Rodimer Center immediately following the Mass.

Free parking is available at the multi-level County Garage across the Bishop Rodimer Center.

Please email the DCCFM at <u>dccfmevents@gmail.com</u> for more information.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 1971 or 1996?

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th 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 7th, 2021, at 3:00pm.

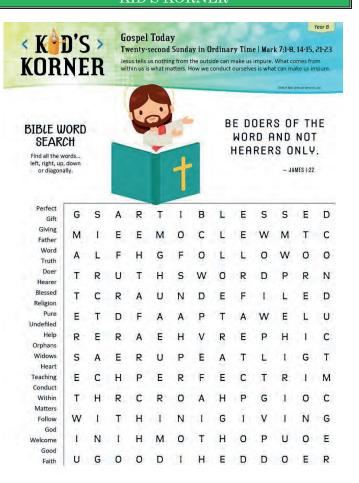
Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to submit your registration to your parish office is Thursday, October 7th, 2021. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE OUT SLAVIC FOOD FEST

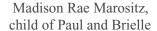
St. Michael's Cathedral Chapel, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park NJ, will be hosting a Take Out Slavic Food Fest on Saturday, September 18th from 11am to 4pm. Featuring homemade pyrohy, holubky, halušky, kolbasi with kapusta, nut, poppyseed, prune and apricot rolls and babka. Drive through or walk in. Full menu at www.stmichaelsarchangel.org. For info or pre-orders, text 201-370-2556 or email: vlasta.berry@gmail.com.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish 10:00 Serafina & Giovanni Calabro Lena Rean

Josephine Delgaizo Marianne Jordan

12:00 Ann Hughes Downie John McSweeney

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

9:00 Gail and Carl Valentino

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

9:00 Jack McSweeney

WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2021

9:00 John McSweeney

THURSDAY, September 2, 2021

9:00 Tammy DiSanto Mabel Borja

SATURDAY, September 4, 2021

5:30 Marie D. Marrocco John Cerullo

SUNDAY, September 5, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph Dewland

Lena Rean Jack MCSweeney

John Cerullo

12:00 Deacon All Ciampa- 12th Anniversary Jack McSweeney

Candle the week of August 29th

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-From the Anthony Family

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PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

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5:30 PM Fr. Nico

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8:00 AM Fr. Nico 10:00 AM Fr. Kevin

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

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