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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

There's little doubt about it: life can sometimes be hard. In my own family, my younger sister Michele, died at the age of 11 after a long illness and my maternal grandmother was widowed at the age of 40 with two young daughters. We are living in time of pandemic---not a health crisis. No matter how much we try to avoid difficulty and suffering on a day-to-day basis, whether through our attempts to live a healthy life, the material comforts we surround ourselves with, however many prayers we may say, we can't completely 'future proof' ourselves against suffering. We live in a fallen and finite world, and we know that any efforts to keep ourselves from physical suffering and death are merely delaying tactics. And of course, there's the parts of our lives that we have little control over, such as the actions of others, not to mention the forces of nature, which can cause so much damage.

We can also be our own worst enemies. We know full well that we should act to pursue things that are genuine goods; that we should make good decisions about how we think, speak, and act, and follow through with them. So often however, we chase after more limited things which cannot satisfy us. This too can bring us suffering, as it introduces fragmentation and chaos into our relationship with God and others.

I apologize if this seems a very bleak picture I have painted of our lives. However, to find a way forward, it does no harm to spell out things as they really are. There will, hopefully, also be many aspects of our lives that bring us joy amid our trials. The reason for talking about suffering is that it is that aspect of life we find hardest to deal with. When all is well, and we feel particularly blessed, life is much easier, and thank God for that.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples a clear picture of what his future will hold. He knows what will happen to him, and he wants them to be prepared. Following him, walking alongside him, will not be easy. However, his account of what will happen to him is far too much for Peter to stomach. Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one, who has come to save his people. Peter clearly thinks that such terrible events, such suffering, should not be part of the Messiah's lot. However, Jesus's rebuke to Peter makes it very clear that his thinking is very much mistaken.

Christ, the anointed one, came to share in our human condition; to be like us in all things but sin. And this sharing in our human condition includes freely accepting suffering and death for our sake. By taking on these things, he is showing us the depth of his love for us, and

he is completing what was necessary to save us. Through Christ's passion and death, we learn how God holds back nothing in bringing about our salvation.

Knowing that Christ suffered in this way for us, out of love for us, should be a great help to us in our own sufferings. It is true that many times we would rather not think about the things we struggle with in our lives, or that we wish that our struggles would just disappear. But by bringing about our salvation through his passion and death, Christ makes himself close to us in the reality of our lives, and most especially in our suffering. This means that at our most isolated and vulnerable, when we are at our lowest point; whether we are there through our own doings, or whether we are sick, in pain or even dying; we know that Christ will be there in and through those sufferings.

Of course, knowing that he is there with us is an important part of how our suffering finds relief. But what we also know is that he also has the power to transform our sufferings and give us a share in his resurrection. In sharing our sufferings with him in our prayers, we find the grace we need to carry on. In the sufferings caused by our sin, he can lift the burden of our failings by his loving mercy unlocked for us in the sacrament of confession. And when we are sick or even dying, he can come to us to heal and strengthen us through the anointing of the sick. The power of his passion and death to bring us a share in his resurrection.

As Roman Catholics, we need to face the sometimes-harsh reality of our lives. But we don't do this to be gloomy, or to make us feel bad. We do it so that we can and face it with Christ and be transformed by his love and mercy when we need it the most.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 availability for scheduling, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at 973-779-6200.



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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join Us in Song!

The **Choir of St. Philip** will resume its ministry with our first rehearsal on Monday, September 13th. Rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings 7:00-9:00 PM and the choir sings for the 10am mass on Sundays throughout the season. We welcome returning members, as well as new members who are interested in joining this ministry! If you are interested, please speak with our Director of Music and Organist, Frank Hydash, after mass with questions or for more information.



Ring Out!

Interested in participating in a music ministry but not a singer? **Handbells** are a great way to put that hand/eye coordination to good use! Rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. The **Handbell Choir** rings at seasonal masses on Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday and for 2 concerts during year. Prior music experience appreciated but not necessary. We encourage returning and new members to please join us for our organizational meeting and first rehearsal on Monday, September 27th at 6 PM.



All music ministries are open to persons high school age and up. For those preparing for Confirmation, participation in one of our music ministries is a great way to fulfill service hours! Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Rosary Society is our Ice Cream Social on Monday, **September 13th in Marian Hall**. The meeting will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

The Rosary Society **Communion Brunch** is being held on Sunday, **October 10, 2021**, in Marian Hall after the 10:00 AM. Mass. Our guest speaker is Fr. Jared Brogan. Tickets are \$28. Please call Elaine Vigilante at 973-472-9019 and leave a message.

COLUMBIETTES

National Day of Remembrance for the Aborted Saturday, September 25, 2021

After the 9:00 AM Mass join us for a Prayer Vigil in Marian Hall.

A time to memorialize the aborted and a time to ask for healing. Guest speaker is Msgr. Kevin Flanagan.

Sponsored by the Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. For information, please contact Sharon Festa 973-742-0926 or John Hughes 973-472-0061

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!

WEDDING BANNES

The following couple will be exchanging wedding vows:



- III. Trevor Bodnor & Quinn Fohlinger
- III. Michael Boeri & Francesca Variano
- II. Thomas Messina & Julianne Lorenzo

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THE DECEASED: Anita Lombana

THE SICK: Christine Kessler, Luca Ataide, Larry Pedroza, Skip Goltz

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

8:00 Nicholas Storms
10:00 Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert Family
 Mary Shashaty
 Jack McSweeney
 Francis DeBlaise
12:00 Catherine Hughes
 Stephen Amato

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

9:00 Fred and Mary Siwiec- 1st Anniversary
 Deceased Members of the Canavan Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

9:00 Giuseppe Spatola
 Gary Pollina

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

9:00 Jack McSweeney

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

9:00 Daniel Muller
 Sergio D'Alto

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

9:00 John Thiruvathukal- 6th Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

9:00 Stephen Mark Hansen
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

8:00 Gerard Arellano
 John Cerullo
10:00 Al Mayewski
 Generoso Spatola
 Jim Manturi- 49th Anniversary
 Jack McSweeney
12:00 Ella and Domenic De Benedello
 Joseph Dewland

Candle the Week of September 12th



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SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 6, 2020	\$ 19,257.00
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Weekly Collection	\$ 10,152.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,724.00
Total	\$ 17,876.00
2 nd Collection – Haiti and Cuba	\$ 1,419.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Jared
 10:00 AM Fr. Kevin
 12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

*You are invited to celebrate the
 Installation of our New Pastor*

Rev. David A. Monteleone



Sunday, September 26, 2021

12:00 Noon Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Kevin Sweeney

Light Luncheon Reception
 To follow in the Auditorium

Please RSVP for the Luncheon by dropping the form
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