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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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Sunday..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

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Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

Please telephone the Parish Office
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Grief comes boxed in many different packages. The death of a loved one, a routine visit to the doctor reveals a fatal disease, the end of a marriage, a heart broken by betrayal, a young person caught up in drugs, the untimely death of a pet, job loss; the list goes on and on, and the consequent anguish comes in all shapes and sizes. And how we grieve is unique to every human being as well. Some of us share our grief with friends and family members while others stoically hide their agony. One woman abandoned by her spouse cries for days; another masks her suffering and carries on her duties as a banker and mother.

Meanwhile, people attempting to console the afflicted are often at a loss of words to say or do. Some offer awkward or inappropriate consolation because they feel the need to say something. Conversely, some say nothing, preventing from reaching out after a funeral or some other catastrophe because of feelings of inadequacy and fear.

Many public libraries have book titles such as "A Woman's Book of Grieving" and "You can Help Someone Who's Grieving: A How-To Healing Handbook." These guides I am sure are helpful, but here I offer my own observations on grief and healing, and how to help the grief-stricken. I too, have witnessed and experienced my share of sorrow and heartache.

Take time to feel the pain. Six weeks after my younger sister's death, one of my friends said to me, "You need to get over this and move on." I replied, "I will move on. But right now, I'm going to go on missing Michele." We need to allow ourselves to grieve and work our way through the sorrow. None of us enjoys suffering, but such a loss demands we feel the pain and allow that great healer, time to do its work. A therapist once told me that grief over the loss of a loved one can take up to three years before healing finally comes. So be patient with yourself and with those around you. Grief does not come with a timetable.

Presence is all. By presence I mean both the presence of those who are directly afflicted and the presence of those who are caring for them. Some of us who are hurting from a loss, or a betrayal are tempted to remove ourselves from our suffering. I've known men and women who went on shopping binges, spending money to keep the pain at bay. Others may turn to drugs or alcohol, throw themselves into work or seek diversion in games like tennis or golf. And those who want to help grieving friends and family members should know this: your presence means more than meals, money or words. Being there with the person, preferably physically, is the best gift you can give. A hug at a time like that means more than you may imagine.

Grief changes us. We may hug a little longer, may well up with tears when we see a movie or eat at a favorite restaurant that a loved one enjoyed. That is alright. Loss and grief leave some people bitter or cynical, unable to see the good in their lives and in the world. If we pay close attention, however, grief is a great teacher. It can deepen our empathy and love for others, it eventually gives us the power to cherish those we have lost, and even allows us to learn from those who have wronged us---the spouse who abandoned the marriage, the dead mother who wounded us, the business partner who brought us to financial ruin. Kate McGahan, author and hospice counselor, once wrote, "Grief will not let you go until you satisfy what it came to teach you."

I hope this letter brings some hope to those who are in pain from loss.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABERNACLE

Why veil the Tabernacle? The immediate and short answer is because the tabernacle in the desert had veils and because there was a veil shielding the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem Temple. The fact that this Temple veil was torn in two does not mean that we should abandon the use of veils and curtains. That would be simplistic, not to say childish, interpretation of that tremendous event.

In Catholic understanding, the purpose of the veil is not to hide something, but to disclose something. When we veil the tabernacle, we are saying something about its contents. Usually, the veils we use are actually curtains. This can be taken to express the fact that the Temple curtain was torn in two; access to God is granted through the death of Jesus Christ. However, we cannot see the face of God and we cannot see the Risen glory of Christ. We "see" Christ and receive the Christian mysteries in faith, and the veil represents our faith as well as speaking of the mysteries that we cannot see clearly in this life. These Mysteries are so great, so wonderful, so beyond our comprehension and our ability to focus, that we veil them to remind us of their magnificence and holiness.

In the instructions of the Roman Missal, we are told that the tabernacle should be veiled unless the doors are designed to be used without a veil. In other words, if veils are not used, the doors of our tabernacles must be beautifully designed and made, so that they proclaim the greatness of the Sacramental Presence. In the Old Rite the point was made that the veil is used to proclaim the Presence, as is the Sanctuary light. It must be said that some priests apparently took down tabernacle curtains without realizing their importance and often, scratched, stained and plain-looking doors were exposed which tended to suggest that the contents are not as important as

they thought to be! It may seem strange, but this is how some people have interpreted some of the things that were done in our Churches following the liturgical changes said to have come from Vatican II. Though tabernacle curtains and veils are no longer obligatory, unless the tabernacles themselves-or their doors - are particularly well-designed, veils or curtains should be used.

Looking in the dedication book of 1964 for our church, I saw that the tabernacle was originally veiled and felt it was time to bring back that custom. Also, I feel the doors of the tabernacle stand out more with fabric behind it. The tabernacle truly stands out now and the liturgical color of the day/season is more prominent. I wish to thank Phyllis Riccardi for all her time and talent to make the new veils for our church. Without her, this small but worthy undertaking would be very difficult.

Fr. Monteleone

WITH MANY THANKS

Fr. Monteleone would like to thank everyone who helped and attended his Welcome weekend. He would like to express his sincere gratitude most especially to Chef Todd, and the Hospitality Committee: Denise Attoinese, Pat Pinke, Janet Kolano, Mary Ann Peterson, and Bob Shaker for all their hard work.

MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

The 2022 Mass Book will open on Wednesday, September 29th at 9 AM.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Happy September!

This week, Kindergarten got right to the business of learning about citizenship.

We spent this week learning what it means to be a good citizen in our class community. We had discussions about what it means to be kind, to show forgiveness, and to show respect in class and at home. We are also working on having respectful conversations in class, both during instruction and during casual conversations.

What do kindness, respect, and polite conversations look like at home with your families? What does this sound like and feel like? These conversations can be very valuable in building a culture of kindness and respect in our community. We are very proud of our Kindergarten students for all their hard work so far!

We wish all Saint Philip families a happy and blessed school year full of joy and rigor!



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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

MUSIC MINISTRY

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.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 21 from St. Philip's is selling popcorn by the church doors this weekend. (September 18th & 19th) This is their primary fundraiser for the school year and funds activities such as camping, hiking, pinewood derby, & other events.

Please support scouting and buy some popcorn.

COLUMBIETTES

Columbiette Membership Drive

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, there will be an Initiation Ceremony soon. Membership is open to women, 17 years of age and older who are practicing Catholics. If you are interested in joining and would like more information, please call Cathie Murtha (973-471-1265) or Sharon Festa (973-742-0926).

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

THE PRIME TIMERS

After many months apart, the Prime Timers will be meeting on October 1st at 1pm in Marian Hall. Please join us for an afternoon for great entertainment and refreshments.

WEDDING BANNS

The following couple will be exchanging wedding vows:

III. Thomas Messina & Julianne
Lorenzo



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THE DECEASED: Geraldine Biggio, Joseph Pagani,
Giulia Rivituso, Mary Klikier

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

9:00 Frank Sardo
Evelyn Domingo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

9:00 Frank and Michael Sabella
Robert Mitchell

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

9:00 Mary Ruppel
Jim and Kitty Murha

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

9:00 Robert Mitchell
Patsy Sinisi

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

9:00 Corazon Nunag

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

9:00 Safeguarding for all Human Life
5:30 Marie D. Marrocco
Steven Amato
Jack McSweeney

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 John Robert Greco
Jimmy Tierney
Vincent A. Marino
Tadeusz Golaszewski
12:00 Elaine Cipolla
Joseph Dewland

Candle the Week of September 19th

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PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone
10:00 AM Fr. Nico
12:00 PM Installation Mass

*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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