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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM  
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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,

*"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can, at the same time, speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."*

We should not underestimate the influence that Christ and the Christian faith has had on the world and on the lives of even those who are not Christians. One of the most famous and admirable of people of the twentieth century was Mahatma Gandhi, the man who led the Indian people to independence and who, in doing so, sought always to promote the value of non-violent struggle. Gandhi's non-violent approach to resolving political and social problems became a model around the world, as it provided an alternative to violent revolution or violent settling of racial or communal hatreds.

Mahatma Gandhi was not a Christian. He was a Hindu, but he was very much influenced by the person and teachings of Christ. Gandhi, like many other great figures in modern Hinduism, felt a great attraction to the ethical teaching found in the New Testament. And in developing his own understanding of non-violence he drew on Christian teaching.

For Gandhi, non-violence did not mean simply not doing harm to others. It meant a positive concern for the good, for the welfare, of others. In other words, it meant love in the Christian sense. And when Gandhi defined the term 'non-violence,' he acknowledged the debt he had to Christianity. As he put it, "Non-violence means love in the Pauline sense... Non-violence is not merely a negative state of harmlessness, but it is a positive state of love, of doing good even to the evil doer."

The promotion of this idea of non-violent struggle as the means to achieve just political and social goals was undoubtedly a kind of miracle in the history of human beings, which has otherwise more often been characterized by bloodshed and terror. We have only to think of the contemporary reality of religious violence around the world, including the horrific events in the Middle East and Africa brought about by some forms of Islam, to be reminded of fallen humanity's overwhelming tendency to violence, a story that began with Abel and continues to the present.

So, in terms of today's Gospel, Gandhi might well be said to be someone who did a miracle and who did so in the name of Jesus Christ. Gandhi was for Christ and for the Gospel of love and was quite up front in acknowledging this.

In the Gospel, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples to look to themselves. Not to object if other people are acting in his name even though they are not fully disciples. Rather, if other people do this it is a good thing. What the disciples should do is to think what kind of witness they give to Christ, whether they themselves act properly in his name, whether they do express the Gospel of love. And they should recognize and expel anything that compromises this, for their own salvation and for the salvation of others. Thus, Jesus calls his disciples to concentrate on cultivating perfect holiness and charity in their own lives, to be perfect in themselves and to be perfect witnesses to others. And this is of course as good advice now as it was then. Indeed, it is very good advice as we try to consider what our own response should be to our world and to the realities of violence, hatred, and selfishness. However intractable these realities may seem to be, the more the Church manifests in the lives of its members the reality that human happiness can only be achieved through love of God and love of neighbor, the more this will be likely to influence others, including all those who are not Christians themselves. This witness to love may often be rejected, but it will sometimes at least be welcomed and change the minds and hearts of those who encounter it.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

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

### BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study will resume on Mondays, beginning on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in the Jubilee Wing's Youth Room.



## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Happy September!

The Primary grades are so happy and in full swing with working in their Reading and Math Ability Groups. Focusing on all their fundamentals and being challenged with new learning topics. Students from Grades 2-8 are taking their first NWEA tests this week.

The 8th grade had their beautiful Ring Ceremony this week celebrated by Fr. Monteleone. What an incredible way to start off their 8th grade year!

What an eventful start to the school year!

Stay tuned for more to come!



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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Rosary Society **Communion Brunch** is being held on Sunday, **October 10, 2021**, in Marian Hall after the 10 AM Mass. Our guest speaker is Fr. Jared Brogan. Tickets are \$28 and must be purchased by September 30. Please call Elaine Vigilante at 973-472-9019 and leave a message. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## COLUMBIETTES

### International Dinner and Tricky Tray

Everyone is invited! Mary Ellen Valentin International Dinner and Tricky Tray Sunday, October 17, 2021. Serving in the Auditorium at 1 PM Tickets are \$25 Adults, \$10 Children 10 and under. Tickets will be sold after selected Masses or call 973-881-7977.

### 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).

### THE PRIME TIMERS

We're Back!

Come join us for a "Meet and Greet" and take an afternoon to enjoy Complimentary Refreshments and entertainment on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM in Marian Hall. Meet the current officers and members of the Prime Timers and see what we're all about! We would also like to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see in our senior's organization. We're looking forward to meeting you. No RSVP Necessary. Just stop in!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:00 PM.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to submit your registration to your parish office is Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

*Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



## WEDDING BANNES

The following couple will be exchanging wedding vows:



II. Justin Ryan and Dorothy Dobkowski  
II. Zachary Miller and Alexandria Rubino

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLYWEDS



*Michael and Francesca*

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 20, 2020	\$ 17,393.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 19, 2021	
Weekly Collection	\$ 7,768.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,007.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,775.00</b>

## PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 2, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

### OCTOBER 3, 2021

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

## NEW PARISHIONERS

**Saint Philip the Apostle Parish**  
welcomes new parishioners to register at any time.

Please call Linda at 973-779-6200 or stop by at the office  
from Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 3 PM.

## WE PRAY FOR...

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

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

**9:00** John Glenn Mount

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

**9:00** Elaine Cipolla  
Jim and Carol Vasselli

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

**9:00** John Cerullo

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

**9:00** Reid Charles Krevis  
Rudy Pohle

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

**9:00** Jack McSweeney

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

**9:00** Joseph Bay  
**5:30** All the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

**8:00** Francis, Miriam, and Kevin O'Brien  
Robert Graham- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**10:00** Irene Sadvary- 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Mary Gallagher  
Jack McSweeney  
Joseph Earl Pelan

**12:00** Lena Rean  
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