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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure that, like me, many of you were glued to the Olympics over the summer. One of the reasons I enjoyed the Games so much was that it was so refreshing to get excited about winning, about who is fastest or strongest, who is the greatest in a particular sport or race. It felt good to celebrate achievement, when it so often seems that in today's United States achievement is something to be ashamed of: everyone's a winner; it's the taking part that matters; we should all get gold stars just for being. As if being the greatest is somehow offensive, or impolitic, or contrary to some nebulous notion of diversity. This way of thinking is dangerous and is creating a false sense of accomplishment.

The world is rather more comfortable with ambition, and achievement, and self-promotion: You are number one; nobody loves a loser; nice guys finish last—these echo deep values of our contemporary world. There are no gold medals and adulation for those who come last. It's that sort of mindset that see in the disciples in this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus is on his final journey to Jerusalem and says that there he will suffer and die. Far from expressing sorrow or sympathy, James and John skip the thought of suffering and move to the thought of resurrection and ask Jesus to let them sit at his right and left when he enters his glory. They want to be more important than anyone else. They want position, and power, and status. They want to win! Jesus answers that they may get what they ask for, but they certainly will follow his way of suffering.

But then the other ten disciples also miss the point and start shouting at James and John for they too want some share in power. Earlier in the Gospel of Mark when Jesus predicted that he would suffer their reaction was to argue about who would be the greatest, who would be first. Jesus then gives them a lesson on what power should be among those who follow him – those who followed him then, and those who choose to be his disciples today. Gentile rulers lord it over their subjects, and their great ones throw their weight around. Throughout the Gospel of Mark Jesus describes the way things work in the world – in a world that lives apart from the message he proclaims what people want for themselves: self-centeredness; saving one's own life; acquiring the world; being great; lording it over others; being anxious about wealth. But Jesus rejects this way in a ringing statement. “But it shall not be so among you.” Jesus speaks of his way of being powerful which is paradoxically the way of the loser: whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus points not to a way of being number one of lording it over and dominating others, but a way of service. True followers are to be available to others with help and service. If we must compete, we must compete in this way.

We must outdo each other in doing good. Jesus gives himself as an example of such service; he did not come to be waited on by others but to serve and give his life for others. Throughout the Gospel Jesus serves by being with the sick and suffering of this world, by feeding the hungry and speaking up for those who are weak and oppressed and marginalized and forgotten and despised. And he will give his life as a ransom. A ransom is a price paid to free. The price paid to free us from slavery – slavery to this world, slavery to ourselves. Jesus' offering was to be a liberating offering and we his followers are to be engaged in liberating service. We are to help free each other from all that would bind us and imprison us.

In simple terms the Gospel calls on us, you and I, contemporary followers of Jesus, to reject a life-path that leads to power and dominance of others – be that in the Church, or in business, or in college, or in our everyday relationships and personal encounters. So often it is among ordinary Christians that we see the example of Jesus lived out. This liberating service shines forth in parents at the bed of a sick child, in a spouse caring for another with Alzheimer's disease; in a person like St Marianne Cope who spent her life caring for the lepers of Hawaii; in a person like Sr. Dorothy Stang, a Notre Dame sister who was murdered in Brazil in 2005 for protesting the exploitation of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon. And whose last words as she was shot in the head were “Blessed are the poor in spirit”.

We do not have to look to Hawaii or Brazil to find examples of liberating service. So much good is done by our Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and the good people of our parish for the poor and less fortunate. Such service is at the very heart of the Church's Mission – it IS the Church's mission. Our mission is not to be served, but to serve, and to continue the work of Jesus on earth.

Of course, we are to think and to pray for the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel, the Good News of our Redemption in Christ. That Gospel can only effectively spread and take root in the hearts and minds of those who do not yet know Jesus if those charged with preaching it – that's you and me – live lives of service, really give of ourselves, really show our beliefs in the way we act and the way we love.

I have told the students at St. Philip School their main task is to learn and grow to the best of your abilities – and there is certainly a lot of competition here – both good and bad. But our fundamental task as Christians is not to be number one, but to become real losers, nice guys (and girls) who finish last – that is, last in the game of exploiting others and in pursuing selfish life goals, but who lose yourselves in serving others. After all Jesus said that the one who loses his or her life will save it, that is find true life – true, real, abundant, amazing, grace-filled life, in community with others and in union with Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD

Bishop Sweeney continues the annual tradition of recognizing individuals in each parish who are faithful stewards and personify love in action as described by St. Paul in his words, “*Vivere Christus Est* – for me to live is Christ.” Phyllis Ricciardi will be presented with The Annual *VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD* on **Sunday, October 17th** at 3:30 PM in St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. Phyllis has been an active member of St. Philip’s 1992. As a former teacher, she serves as a Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and Reader. She made the tabernacle veils at Fr. Monteleone’s request. Her faith is truly the center of her life. Please keep Phyllis in your grateful prayer and everyone is welcome to join us at the award ceremony.

Congratulations, Phyllis!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions will resume on Monday, October 18th in the Jubilee Wing Room of the Molloy Center at 11 AM. We will study the Gospel of St. John and reflect on the words and actions of Jesus and more especially in Chapter 6, where Jesus promises us the Holy Eucharist.

This is most appropriate as we prepare for “The Year of the Eucharist” which begins in January of next year, emphasizing the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

RCIA

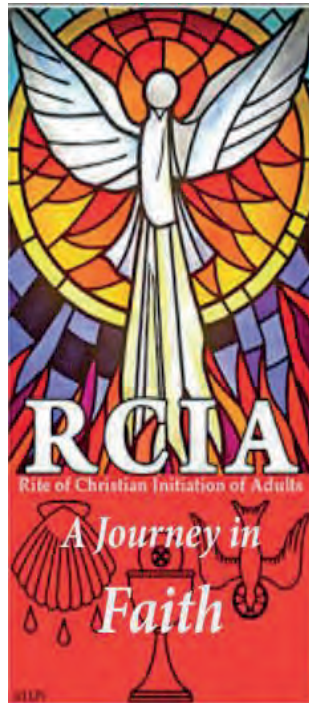
RCIA at St. Philip the Apostle is starting **October 19th**. We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM in the Molloy Center.

RCIA is the ancient process by which adults come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Various parts of the process are marked by Rites or Rituals. RCIA is not a program but rather a sacramental process that is meant to focus on faith development and maturing one’s relationship with God.

Consider RCIA if you are:

- An unbaptized adult
- A baptized non-Catholic adult who wishes to learn more about the Catholic Church
- A baptized Catholic who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist.



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Happy Fall!

In Primary this week, our second graders are beginning to learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be the first step on their way to preparing for and celebrating their First Penance. We wish them well as they embark on this blessed journey.

In Intermediate, in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage month, the students chose an important Hispanic person in history and have been conducting research about their cultures, biographies, and contributions. The Spanish and Social Studies teachers collaborated across multiple subjects to ensure the students’ learning was relevant, interconnected, and engaging.

In Middle School, the sixth-grade students adorned the bulletin board in the church vestibule with beautiful displays of the Mysteries of the Rosary. Don’t forget to stop by each month to see the amazing offerings that our St. Philip Prep students will be creating and sharing with our parish!

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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).

Columbiette Blanket Ministry

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome. For more information call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers group will meet on Monday, October 18th at 2 PM in Cerullo Hall in the Molloy Center. Counting on you to join us for prayers, socialization and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome!

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Monday, **October 18th in Marian Hall**. The meeting will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight's Coats for Kid's Drive

Our Council is greatly appreciative for generosity of our parishioners in the Coats for Kids drive. We'll be ordering our coats at the end of October. Thus far, we will be purchasing 14 boxes with 12 coats to a box and distributing them around Thanksgiving to needy children here in Clifton. If you want to help mail checks to K of C Council 11671 c/o Mike Cervine 5 Fair Hill Rd., Clifton, 07013

Upcoming Knight's Events

Oct. 23-24 Recruiting Weekend
Nov. 6 Mass for the Disabled
Dec. 11 "Needy" Kids Christmas
Dec. 19 Blood Drive
Jan. 29 Kids Free Throw Contest.

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Fr. Brogan speaks about St. Joseph...



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Weekly Collection	\$ 9,762.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 7,226.00
Total	\$ 16,988.00
Second Collection-Project Faith	\$ 1,607.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

8:00 Nicholas Storms
Margot Segarra- 4th Anniversary
10:00 John Strangeway- 5th Anniversary
Deceased members of the McNamara Family
Tom Tromellen- 2nd Anniversary
Vincenzo Corallo
12:00 John Satkowski
Jack McSweeney

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

9:00 Bobbys Ritchey

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

9:00 Dalila Reid

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

9:00 Elaine Cipolla

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

9:00 Susan Colon
Pable & Rosita Solaño Donaldo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

9:00 Jaime Ibarra

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

9:00 Special Intention for James Peri
5:30 Nancy Markey
Vincent Dujets
Rolando Roque- 10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Vincent Dujets- 1st Anniversary
Donna DeMartino
Gary Neubert- 40th Anniversary
Beverly Maggio
12:00 Robert Jordan, Dr
Juan Pizarra

Candle the week of October 17th

In Memory of Roland Roque

WE PRAY FOR...

THE DECEASED: Raymond Dhondt, Jr, Violet Carisi

THE SICK: Christine Kessler, Luca Ataide, Larry Pedroza

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 23, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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

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