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

October 24, 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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or in the hospital.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner,

This Sunday's Gospel passage tells us of the physical healing of a blind man – the gift of sight. Yet it also sets out for us a journey of insight which the man undergoes as he comes into contact with Christ and which leads not just to his being healed of a bodily handicap, but to his becoming a full disciple of Christ, to his following Jesus 'on the way,' that ancient phrase for being a Christian. It is as a story of insight that what happens to the man born blind becomes a model for all of us as we seek to understand what it means for us to be 'on the way' to and with Christ.

We see this journey of insight unfold in the different names the blind man uses for Christ, as he calls on Christ with ever increasing determination and as he becomes known to Christ.

Already at the beginning the blind man is himself named, as Bartimaeus. Not just a blind man, but someone known. Undoubtedly, because Bartimaeus was known to the early Church as a disciple of Christ – one of the Church's own members. However at the beginning of the narrative itself he is just a blind beggar on the roadside from Jericho to Jerusalem. A blind man, who hears that Jesus of Nazareth, the famed healer, is passing by. So, now is his own chance to get his own physical sight back.

And what he cries out is, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.' What does he mean by this? Is it just an honorific title, a way of getting attention, or does he recognize Jesus as the Messiah? At least, when others around him try to shut him up, he keeps on ever more loudly and insistently, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.'

So, the blind beggar has the words of recognition, but whether he knows their meaning is another thing. He wants the gift of sight, but at the same time he is also on the way to insight into who the Jesus of Nazareth really is, but how far he is along this way is uncertain.

And it is at this point that the blind man comes into an encounter with Christ. He has got Christ's attention, and, in his enthusiasm, the blind man casts off his mantle and rushes to where Christ is.

Now, when Christ's asks him what he wants Christ to do for him, the blind man changes the way he addresses Christ. No longer, 'Son of David, but 'Master' – a more intimate and committed term, a term no longer of distant recognition, but of one who confesses himself to be a disciple. In fact, the English of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible does not do full justice to the significance of the term being used, for the Greek text preserves the Aramaic 'Rabbouni,' 'My master, my rabbi,' the same term preserved in encounter between Mary Magdalene and the Risen Christ. 'My master,' the one to whom I come to for teaching and insight, the one in whom I have placed my trust and love.

So, the blind man has moved on to a greater recognition of who the Jesus of Nazareth is. How much he understands the term he is using at this stage, again we do

not know. But he is using the term and is right to do so. And certainly, some shift, some deepening in his insight into Christ, has taken place. When Christ asks him what he wants, even though he clearly still does want physical sight, he begins also to show that he is open to the gift of insight.

And, thus, when the passage ends, as the man is healed and sees again, he also comes to have the insight that Christ is more than just the miracle worker, more than someone who meets his immediate physical needs, that Christ is the Master from whom he wants to know and experience the truth about human life and flourishing. Not to go on his own way, but to follow Christ on Christ's way, the way of discipleship. The blind man has become the Bar Timaeus of the Church, one who in his encounter with Christ and in his own enthusiastic response to Christ has also to be recognized himself as more than a blind beggar, and as a human being with a distinct identity and value in the sight of God and his fellow human beings.

This journey of insight Bartimaeus is a model for us. For in our own encounter with Christ we too undertake a journey of gradually increasing recognition of who Christ is and a corresponding purification of our desires. As with Bartimaeus, it is only when we make demands on Christ and come closer to him and he to us that we find ourselves confronted with the question of who we really think Christ is and what we do want Christ to do for us. Are we using titles for him without any real grasp of their significance? Or is Christ the One who teaches us about the proper meaning and reality of human life – and who offers the realization of it.

When we make demands of Christ and as we ask this question, our ideas about him and desires are challenged and purified, as Christ becomes more than a figure of the past or of ancient texts or religious traditions, and becomes, 'My Master.' And it is at that point that we ourselves start to follow him on 'his way,' not 'our own way.'

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

## PARISH NEWS

Phyllis Ricciardi was presented with The Annual **2021 VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD** on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 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. Her faith is truly the center of her life.



*Congratulations, Phyllis!*

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The leaves are starting to fall and change colors, but the weather is bright and sunny! Enjoy it while you can!

This week in Primary, the first-grade students have been continuing to learn about the Rosary, as well as the objects and people in a church building.

In second grade, we are continuing to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. We had discussions about the importance of honesty, making moral choices, and the Ten Commandments. We continue to wish them well as they embark on this blessed journey.

In Intermediate, the 4th grade students began learning about the regions of New Jersey.

The 5th grade students began to work on their first research report. Their report is on the conservation of the National Parks. Each of them selected a park and they are researching how they can conserve its natural resources.

Hopefully we will continue to be blessed with more sunny days!

Saint Philip Preparatory School is searching for full time certified teachers. Qualified candidates please send your resume to: [barbara.zito@stphilipprep.com](mailto:barbara.zito@stphilipprep.com)

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

### PRIME TIMERS

The St. Philip Prime Timers will meet Friday, November 5 at 1 PM in Marian Hall. At that time the yearly dues of \$15 will be collected which includes monthly refreshments. Personal Trainer Karen Rigamonti will join us to demonstrate some exercises geared for seniors. Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 1 PM in Marian Hall. The cost is \$35 per person and will be catered by Francesco's Restaurant. Payment for the Christmas Party will be made at the November meeting or to Stasia Komorowski who can be reached at (973) 473-2068.

### NJ RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE

The NJ Right to Life Car Raffle tickets are \$10 Each.  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize:* 2022 Volvo XC 40 AWD SUV  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize:* Shop Rite Gift card valued at \$1,000.00  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize:* ShopRite Gift Card valued at \$750.00  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place Prize:* ShopRite Gift Card Valued at \$500.00  
As in past years, Debbie Harley will be in the vestibule of the Church selling tickets after all the masses on the weekend of November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please be generous as this is the only NJ Right to Life fundraiser for the year. The babies in the womb are depending on you!

## 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 wish to help, please mail checks to K of C Council 11671 c/o Mike Cervine, 5 Fair Hill Rd., Clifton, 07013

### Mass for the Disabled

Our Knights of Columbus Council 11671 has requested the Mass on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> be favored for those in our parish community who are disabled in any way. This is not a healing Mass; the sacramental anointing of the sick will not occur. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass of inclusion for those of us with special challenges.

### Medicare Information Training

Mike Cervine a Passaic County Volunteer SHIP Counselor will be hosting a three-session seminar in Marian Hall on October 26, November 2, and November 9. Each session will be from 2 to 3:30 PM and be repeated from 7 to 8:30 PM. The sessions are all free and open to anyone. Each session is building on the information from the preceding session. Please contact Mike by email or text ([michael.cervine@gmail.com](mailto:michael.cervine@gmail.com) text 973-220-3095) with your name and phone number if you'd like to attend so he can prepare enough materials.

Session 1 – Tuesday, Oct 26 – Medicare Parts A & B

Session 2 – Tuesday, Nov. 2 – Medigaps & Part 'D'

Session 3 – Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Medicare Advantage and Fraud and Abuse

## AROUND HERE



**Seton Hall Preparatory High School** – NJ's oldest Catholic Prep School – will be hosting its annual OPEN House for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration is required at [www.shp.org/openhouse](http://www.shp.org/openhouse).

Visitors will tour the campus and our 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, our state-of-the-art John J. Murphy '52 Science center, learn about the application process, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973) 325-6640 or visit [SHP.org](http://SHP.org).



## LAST WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S



A visit from  
the Little Sisters of the Poor

Confirmation Class  
(Year 2) began their  
in-person classes



## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Celine  
Dior

## WEDDING BANNERS

The following couple will be  
exchanging wedding vows:

III. Zachary Miller and  
Alexandria Rubino



## PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 30, 2021**

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

**OCTOBER 31, 2021**

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021**

**8:00 All the People of the Parish**

**10:00** Vincent Dujets- 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Donna DeMartino  
Gary Neubert- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Beverly Maggio

**12:00** Robert Jordan, Dr  
Juan Pizarra

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021**

**9:00** Don Muller  
Elaine Pohle

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021**

**9:00** Deceased Members of the Saam Family  
Frank Doran- 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021**

**9:00** Elsie Doychak- 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Millie Scrosia

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021**

**9:00** Peter G. Lutcza  
Donna DeMartino

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021**

**9:00** Corazon Nunag

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021**

**9:00** Diego Salazar  
Alonso Gomez  
**5:30 All the People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**8:00** Joseph Jasionowiz- 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sheila Starosolsky  
**10:00** Larry Less  
Marino "Mario" Sciancalepore  
Angela Cabiagao  
**12:00** Mary V. Crosby  
Mila C. Delafuente

## WE PRAY FOR...

**THE DECEASED:** Anne Kilcomons

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

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 18, 2020 \$ 14,719.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 17, 2021

Weekly Collection \$ 10,943.00

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