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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 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
if you would like a priest to visit you
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I can remember telling my grandma that I wished she lived forever. She looked at me and said, "Honey I want to see God and your sister one day, I can't and don't want to live forever." My facial expression gave away how I felt about that answer. She hugged me and said quietly, "We live our lives in the shadow of death. It's a part of our life." As a teenager, I found the statement to be deep and life enhancing when understood correctly. In fact, merely hearing it brought about a desire to live my life to the fullest at every moment.

That statement has been true in 2020 maybe more than any other year as local and national media regularly report death counts from all over the world and daily public service announcements can be heard over the airwaves asking us to act responsibly.

But death is not new to us---despite the unprecedented times we live in. In fact, we live every day with the understanding that it may be our last. Not in a morbid, depressing way (shockingly so), but in the awareness and reality of understanding life.

Every time I get in my car to drive to the supermarket or home to my parent's house on Long Island, I know, instinctively that something tragic could happen to me or another driver. I also know full-well, that even if I don't leave my house, a medical emergency could befall me or someone I love. I am not immune from a cancer diagnosis or a brain aneurysm.

I have plenty of loved ones who unexpectedly received life-changing news or were tragically stricken.

As grandma said, "Life is lived under the shadow of death." The reality of it surrounds us every day of our lives. And even if we don't have a close one who recently passed away, we almost certainly know someone who has. Nobody escapes life alive.

But somehow it seems, human beings are able to both live with the knowledge of death and somehow function apart from it.

Death is inevitable. And yet, I am able to live wholly today, focused on the present and the future, as if it won't happen to me. I am aware of a coming death, but not paralyzed by it. It is a fascinating paradox and ability of the human mind when you think about it.

While the shadow of death does not paralyze me, in the quiet moments of life, when I celebrate a funeral Mass, the shadow motivates and sharpens the wisest among us.

Only a fool live as if their life will never end. We receive one life to live, with a limited number of days and a limited number of resources with which to accomplish our purpose. Almost all the resources we consume during our journey are limited: money, time, energy, space, focus, capacity, even the relationships we are able to pursue.

This reality of our finite nature is an incredibly important truth. It is one we should intentionally choose to focus on each day. Because when we do, it changes our actions, our motivations, and our pursuits. It changes us.

Because life is finite, we make better choices. Because time is finite, we append our day on things that matter. Because money is finite, we spend it on pursuits that will outlast us. Because our days are finite, we value relationships and love. We are not meant to hide and let life pass us by. We are not meant to hide and only see loved ones by Zoom meetings. Life is too short, and we do live in the shadow of death.

Life will end---indeed. And that realization should affect the decisions we make each day. But rather than causing us to throw down the towel and give up on life, this shadow of death will spark hope and resolve and passion to spend each remaining day of our life making the most of it.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions continue each week on Mondays at 11 AM in the Jubilee Wing of Molloy Center. We study and reflect on the gospel of St. John, and you may join 21 of your fellow parishioners.



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory School has had a great two months of school!

The Little Reading Kaleidoscope students have been very diligent reading their books! The first graders just finished Freckle Juice by Judy Bloom, and the third graders completed Lunch Money by Andrew Clement.

In third grade the students have been busy practicing their multiplication facts! They have been participating in mini challenges to see how many facts they know.

We ended the week by celebrating Halloween by having our annual Trunk-or-Treat! They were so excited to have it this year since they couldn't last year due to Covid-19. They all had a great time!

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.

1st Place Prize: 2022 Volvo XC 40 AWD SUV

2nd Place Prize: Shop Rite Gift card valued at \$1,000.00

3rd Place Prize: ShopRite Gift Card valued at \$750.00

4th 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 6th and 7th.

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!

COLUMBIETTES

| Columbiettes | Blanket | Ministry |
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| The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, November 4 and 18, 2021 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! For information or yarn and fabric donations, call Cathie Murtha. (973) 471-1265 | | |

BOY SCOUTS

Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **November 21st** from **12-5 PM** at the St. Philip Preparatory Auditorium.

Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Kids (4-11) \$5. Under 4 years free with an adult.

Dinner includes all you can eat spaghetti with homemade sauce, fresh salad, garlic bread, coffee, tea and dessert. Refreshments will also be served. Takeout orders are also available. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information

Contact: troop21cliftonnj@gmail.com



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,
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Mass for the Disabled

Our Knights of Columbus Council 11671 has requested the Mass on Saturday November 6th 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 text 973-220-3095) with your name and phone number if you'd like to attend so he can prepare enough materials.

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

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

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Brett Thomas

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 6, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Jared

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 25, 2020 \$ 13,462.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 24, 2021

Weekly Collection \$ 9,751.00

Online Giving Donation \$ 6,211.00

Total \$ 15,962.00

Second Collection- Mission Sunday \$ 1,930.00

WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

This month of November, we **remember** our loved ones who are with the Lord, we **celebrate** the gift of eternal life, we **believe** in God's gift of peace of the kingdom. A memorial list of our fellow parishioners who have gone before us will be displayed near the Ambo.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

8:00 Joseph Jasionowicz- 5th Anniversary
Sheila Starosolsky

10:00 Larry Less
Marino "Mario" Sciancalepore
Angela Cabiagao
Joseph Dewland

12:00 Mary V. Crosby- 31st Anniversary
Mila C. Delafuente

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021, ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00 All the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021, ALL SOULS DAY

9:00 All the Faithful Departed of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

9:00 Deceased members of the Pansini and D'Alto Families

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

9:00 Jerry T. Scrosia
Ludovico and Josefina Bulacan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021

9:00 Nicholas Gerald Storms

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

9:00 Mass for the Disabled

5:30 Marie Marrocco
Salvatore Capriglione
Jack McSweeney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Guy Scafidi- 25th Anniversary
Els Fohlinger
Vincenza and Giovanni Minervini
Ben Pesci

12:00 Luis E. Piedra
Manuel Cuzco

WE PRAY FOR...

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