

# Third Sunday of Lent

“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.”

POPE FRANCIS



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## Saint Philip the Apostle Parish

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to tell you a story today about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. In the story there was an important job which had to be done. Everybody was asked to do it. But Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Everybody knew that it was a job that Anybody could do. But in the end, nobody did it. Now this caused Somebody to become quite angry, because after all it was Everybody's job. But Everybody kept insisting, "Anybody can do it." And Nobody seemed to realize that Everybody would never do it. Only Somebody would.

Today's gospel calls us to be that Somebody who acts. It calls us to do this because there is an extremely important job that needs to be done: the building of God's Kingdom. All of us through our baptism have been called to cooperate with God in recreating the world. Now clearly, Everybody has been called, but Everybody is not going to do it. That is why Somebody has to act. Perhaps because we know that it is Everybody's job or perhaps because we know Anybody can do it, that so little action happens.

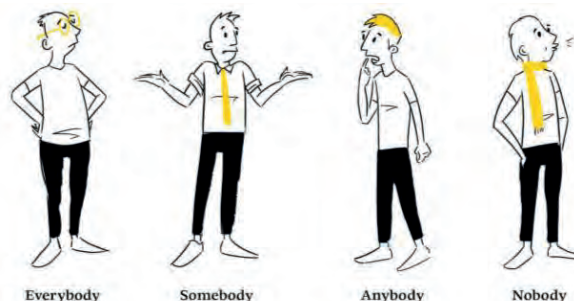
Today's gospel is all about that lack of action. We are compared to barren fig trees, trees that produce no fruit. God is that patient gardener who keeps fertilizing, and cultivating, and hoping that Someone would act to build God's Kingdom. Now the actions that build God's Kingdom are actions that Anybody can do, but Somebody needs to do them.

This is the third Sunday of Lent. We are about halfway through the Lenten season. How many of us can identify in our lives, over the last three weeks, some actions that have helped to build God's Kingdom? Are they there or do we find that it's pretty much business as usual (with maybe a little less chocolate and alcohol)? The challenge then that I give to each of us is this: identify one action, one action which you can do that will build God's Kingdom. Choose one action which will move the world a bit closer to unity, to peace, to justice. It might be picking up the phone to call a relative from whom you are estranged and simply letting that person know that the door is still open to reconciliation. It might be taking a few moments to educate yourself on current political or social issues that have a bearing upon the welfare of our country or of the world. It might be giving a bit of your time or energy to some group that is working against poverty or violence. It might be speaking up to someone in authority who is abusing their power and insisting you will not cooperate. It might be reaching out to someone in your neighborhood who is in need—a person who you have thought for some time could use some help, but so far you have never acted to help.

Now is the time for action. Now is the time to do at least one thing to produce fruit, so that there might be at least one fig on the branch of the tree which was previously barren. Any action we do builds God's Kingdom. I know that it's Everybody's job, and I know that Anybody can do it. But Somebody has to do it. That Somebody is you.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



## LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

**Beginning Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be an added  
7 AM Mass ONLY on Fridays of Lent.**

**Holy Hour is every Friday following 9 AM Mass.**

**Stations of the Cross is every Friday of Lent  
at 7 PM in Church.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every  
Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00 PM and every Monday of  
Lent from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Church.**

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2022**

***Palm Sunday***

**Saturday, April 9**

4:30 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday, April 10**

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

***Holy Monday***

**April 11**

9 AM Mass

***Holy Tuesday***

**April 12**

9 AM Mass

***Holy Wednesday***

**April 13**

9 AM Mass

## LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

### TRIDUUM 2022

#### *Holy Thursday* **April 14**

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Broadcast)  
8:30 PM to MIDNIGHT Eucharistic Adoration in the Auditorium

#### *Good Friday* **April 15**

3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7 PM Stations of the Cross

#### *Holy Saturday* **April 16**

1 PM Easter Food Blessing  
8 PM Easter Vigil

#### *Easter Sunday* **April 17**

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions will take place on Mondays throughout Lent in the Jubilee Wing Room of the Molloy Center at 11 AM. Fr. Monteleone leads the discussion on the variations of the Passion of Christ in the gospels.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The weather this week sure has been memorable! But the snow has melted away, spring is around the corner, and the daylight will last longer—what could be better than that?

This week in Primary, the second graders are working on their Holy Communion preparation. They have been studying the parts of the Mass and becoming familiar with the church and all its moving parts. Little Reading Kaleidoscope celebrated Read Across America by having Mystery Readers. Families have been invited to send videos of loved ones reading some of their children's favorite books. The students are given clues before each video, to guess who the Mystery Reader is for that day. This is a special way to have families involved with their children's learning. We appreciate all the families that took the time to make the videos.

St. Philip Prep also completed their first bracket for March Madness, featuring selected Dr. Seuss books. Soon we will find out which book is our absolute favorite!



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

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### **Fish & Chips Dinner**

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM.

Tickets: \$15-Adults, \$8-children under 10. Eat-in or take-out Fish (or chicken) chips, coleslaw, coffee, tea, and dessert included. Soda, beer, and wine are available (beer and wine not for take-out).

All tickets must be purchased by Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. All sales are final. No returns or refunds unless event is cancelled.

Tickets are available at <https://knights-of-columbus-11671.square.site/> using the QR code below.



You may also call Mike Cervine at (973) 220-3095, Rich Donkersloot at (973) 650-3327, or Mike Andolino at (201) 953-4724. You will receive a confirmation email of your purchase.

### GIRL SCOUTS

#### **Cookie Sales**

Girl Scout Troop 97032 Annual Cookie Booth Sale will be all your favorite cookies the weekend of March 26th and 27th.

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<https://forms.gle/jnhw4R4sptR2bq197> or email our troop leaders at [gstroop97032@gmail.com](mailto:gstroop97032@gmail.com) for more information.



### BOY SCOUTS

#### **Palm Cross Fundraiser**

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be selling Palm Crosses before and after Masses the weekend of April 2-3 & 9-10, 2022. The Palm Cross price is \$14 and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. For pre-orders or more information please call Phil Jakimowicz at (973) 723-6111.

### COLUMBIETTES

#### **Morning of Reflection**

The Columbiettes will be hosting a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, April 30th, 2022. The morning begins at 9AM Mass in the Church followed by a continental breakfast in Marian Hall. Rev. Jared Brogan, Director of the Office of Worship, will be speaking on the Holy Eucharist. Tickets are \$10.

Reservations can be made by calling (973) 471-1265. All are welcome!

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES Cont'd

### CARNIVAL

Our next Carnival meeting will be Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A follow up email to the first meeting will be sent in the coming days with some updates and notes for the next meeting.

We will be finalizing chairpersons on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please try to attend if you are going to be involved or plan on volunteering.

### TRICKY TRAY THANKS

Our thanks and congratulations to Linda Valenti, HSA President, and her amazing Executive Board, in making Saint Philip Preparatory School Tricky Tray 2022 a huge success.

The highly anticipated event was filled with many current and past parents, teachers, and alumni, truly a gathering of community. A wonderful time was had by all.

See you next year!

Fr. David Montelone  
Principal Barbara Zito

## NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Emma  
Josephine*

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 14, 2021	\$ 18,309.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 13, 2022	
Weekly Collection	\$ 8,625.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,642.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,267.00</b>
Second Collection- Project Faith	\$ 1,617.00

### Upcoming Second Collections:

#### March 20 - Campaign for Human Development

Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and help break the cycle of poverty in the United States

#### March 27 - Project Faith

This collection is to provide resources for diocesan ministry, religious education, parish family life and social services.

## PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Jared

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

## WE PRAY FOR...

*May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...*

John Lyons, Ann Biehler

### *A Time to be Healed...*

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, John Riccardi,  
Debbie Werthmann, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs,  
Dominick Cappello, Raymond Fitzpartick

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

**8:00** Barbara Dujets  
Dominic Terrone

**10:00** Susan Spies  
Marcia A. Puluse  
Eugene DeBellis - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
Elaine Cipolla - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**12:00** All the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

**9:00** Mary Dudiak

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

**9:00** Anthony DeLallo

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

**9:00** Stanley J. Makowski- 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

**9:00** Rogelio Dela Cruz

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

**7:00** Timothy Cross

**9:00** Jack McSweeney

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

**9:00** Maria Campanella

**5:30** Joseph Belli  
Nancy Markey  
Thomas Spohn

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

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

**10:00** Pasquale DeBiasi  
Rosina Gioia

**12:00** Oksana Hrubec



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