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Palm SUNDAY

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THE HIGHEST.

- MATTHEW 21:9

Saint Philip the Apostle Parish
CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Christians are often exhorted to unite themselves with the Cross of Christ. We are told to 'offer it up' in the face of suffering and inconveniences: in all tribulation, says St. John of the Cross, "remember Christ crucified and be silent." It would be a mistake to see St. John's advice as a rebuke or a callous dismissal of our pains, even if the 'offer it up' advice of some others is precisely that. For St. John, like any and every genuine mystic of the Catholic Church, knew that the Cross was anything but the Father's callous dismissal, disinterest or even, as some Protestants claim, desertion of Christ in his suffering.

Indeed, St. Athanasius pointed out that the accounts we have of the Passion prove that the Divine intimacy of Son and Father was manifested most intensely on the Cross: for as the Son died the whole earth shook to its foundations, the dead sprang from their graves and the veil in the Father's own house was torn in two. At Calvary God gave irrefutable testimony of his paternity which caused the centurion to cry out: "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matt. 27:51-54)

As God did not abandon his Son in his suffering nor does he forget us in ours. It is then eminently suitable then for a Christian to maintain a deep and living devotion to Christ and him crucified, for on Calvary we too can experience the Father's loving care and find rest for our souls.

Indeed, St. Leo the Great described the Cross as "the source of all blessings and cause of all graces." If we want to be close to God and gain his favor, then our safest refuge is the foot of the Cross.

However, we should not only fly to Calvary for respite from suffering but also because it is the furnace of our purification. It is the place where we can become most like Christ and therefore most like what we are meant to be: children of God. Through our attachment to Christ's Passion and Death we learn to spurn the things which are not of God and that are detrimental to our very being and cling instead to the lasting Good, that which is most true and beautiful: God himself for whom we were made. Indeed, when St. Paul tells us that he has nothing in which to boast except the Cross of Christ by which "the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" we might think our devotion to the cross is not just fitting, but necessary (Gal. 6:14).

How then are we to form and encourage this devotion, and allow the graces from it to change our lives? Well, of course, this all comes down to prayer and meditation, but first we must commit ourselves to learning about how the event of Calvary affects our daily lives; we should seek out and learn what the Church teaches. From this basis we can begin our devotional life in whatever manner we find most conducive to entering the mystery. This of course is different for each of us and may change over time.

However, perhaps a useful beginning is giving more attention to when we make the sign of the Cross; we do it quite often after all! From this simple reflection we can move onto bringing Christ Crucified into our lives, perhaps making the sign of the Cross each morning, and offering the day to God: "Accompany me through this day Lord, as you accompanied your Son to Calvary. Bring my thoughts back to you through the day."

At whatever stage we find ourselves in the devotional life we must remember that our journey to Calvary is always one where we shed sin: we don't save it up under the guise of sorrow!

The Cross is not just a sign of mercy but a display of God's strength. It is better to reject the sorrows that come from folly or sin as we climb to the Cross rather than try and carry them with us. We should offer up undeserved or righteous sufferings with Jesus on the Cross and wipe out sufferings which have their origin in vice and sin by drawing strength from Christ's Passion.

So, for example, we should not say to Christ "I offer up the irritation I feel from my colleague's conversation with you to the Father as a sign of my love" but rather "I'm a bit weak; give me the strength to see the good in my neighbor that I may then be ready to pick up my cross and follow you."



Perhaps the best thing is not to overthink, but rather to get moving. The path is laid out before us, the burden is light and good to bear. With Christ crucified we can draw strength from the Father's love and return that to him through sacrificial living and pursuing ever closer union with him who made us.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

HOLY TRIDDUM

The Holy Triduum is the shortest but most important, liturgical season of the year. Beginning with the liturgy on the evening of Holy Thursday, it lasts three days until Easter Sunday.

Due to some unique rules for the Triduum, if you attend Triduum liturgies, you may hear one of the rarest of liturgical instruments: the Crotalus.

The what? Here's an explanation.

In the Roman Rite, altar bells are not supposed to be rung after the *Gloria* in the liturgy on the evening of Holy Thursday and are supposed to remain unused until the *Gloria* on Holy Saturday. This is supposed to make things more somber as we remember the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But, during this short period of time, is anything supposed to take its place? That's where the Crotalus comes in. The Church's liturgical rubrics don't prescribe a replacement for altar bells, but there is a long-standing tradition of using a wooden clapper or noisemaker in its place. This serves to both mark the same events as the altar bells, but in a less "sweet" way and thus maintain the somber tone.

The term "Crotalus" is a Latin term that comes from the Greek word "krotalon", which means "rattle." (As a result, "Crotalus" is also the name of a genus of rattlesnakes.)

The Crotalus used to be universally used but fell out of use in the last few decades. It seems, however, to have made a little bit of a comeback lately due to an increase of interest in traditional liturgy. When you attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at St. Philip, you will hear the Crotalus and at the Easter Vigil, the bells will ring out in joy again.



HOLY WEEK SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Monday

April 11

9 AM Mass

BIBLE STUDY

The last Bible Study session will take place on Holy Monday in the Jubilee Wing Room of the Molloy Center at 11:00 AM. Fr. Monteleone leads the discussion on the variations of the Passion of Christ in the gospels.

Holy Tuesday

April 12

9 AM Mass

Holy Wednesday

April 13

9 AM Mass

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

There will be NO regular Holy Hour on Good Friday
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

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Prep has been reaching out during this Lenten season to assist our brothers and sisters who are struggling due to the war in Ukraine. Last month the school raised \$3000 to help with Ukrainian relief efforts. Currently, one of our eighth graders is spearheading a drive to collect basic need supplies for refugees. This student has a relative in Ukraine who has partnered with a Catholic charity to create a volunteer community called "A Chance for Life." The main goal is to provide women and children with food, shelter, and transportation until they reach safety. Volunteers work tirelessly to distribute needed items, but supplies are dwindling.



The collection will run from April 6 - April 13. Each class has been given a box to collect donations of canned food, medical supplies, sleeping bags, socks, and personal hygiene items. These items will be distributed to communities in need in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine. The school prays to Our Blessed Mother daily to watch over the people of Ukraine and for peace to be restored to that country.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Monday, April 25th in Marian Hall. The meeting will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. Doody Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23rd at 7 PM in the Auditorium. This event benefits St. Philip Prep School students. This year, Msgr. Doody will be returning so we at St. Philip's can congratulate him on his now 51 years since Ordination. Ticketing information is below. Chicken alternative available if pre-requested. Tickets - \$40. All tickets must be purchased by Thursday April 21st. All sales are final. No returns or refunds unless event is cancelled.

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COLUMBIETTES

Columbiettes Membership Drive

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, there will be an Initiation Ceremony Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6 PM. Membership is open to women 18 years of age and older who are practicing Catholics. If you are interested in learning more about us, please call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265 or Sharon Festa (973) 742-0926.

Morning of Reflection

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Begins with 9 AM Mass followed by Continental breakfast

Guest speaker: Fr. Jared Brogan

Topic: The Holy Eucharist

Tickets: \$10

For reservations: Call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265

All men & women of the diocese are welcome!

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Thursday June 16 6-10 PM

Friday June 17 6-11 PM

Saturday June 18 6:30-11 PM

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RIDES GAMES FOOD DRINK

**Sponsorship Opportunities will be available shortly
Soda/Water Donations**

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

There will be another Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, April 24th at 11am in the Auditorium.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocese of Paterson Chancery Position
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Includes a variety of semi-skilled work in the maintenance, preventative maintenance, repairs, minor alterations including carpentry, plumbing, heating/air conditioning, minor electrical, and limited janitorial work of the buildings, facilities, and fixtures of various diocesan owned and leased facilities.

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GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Jordan Tyler

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 4, 2021	\$ 15,209.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 3, 2022	
Weekly Collection	\$ 12,358.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,132.00
Total	\$ 18,490.00
Second Collection -Beacon	\$ 2,090.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

April 10 - Ukrainian Relief

This collection will go towards Caritas International and the Archeparchy of Philadelphia for their Humanitarian Aid fund for Ukraine

April 17- Project Faith

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

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 (EASTER VIGIL)

8:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 (EASTER SUNDAY)

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...
Stanley Lacz

A Time to be Healed...

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Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs,
Dominick Cappello, Raymond Fitzpartick,
Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesi,
George Heyrich, James Jablonowski,
Elmer Rodriguez, Michele Bellisano,
Michael Barbetta



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 PALM SUNDAY

- 8:00** Johny Rios
10:00 Mario Velasco Sanz
 Barbara Palatella
 James Scancarella
 Arthur W. Feuerstein
 Al Kovacs
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

- 9:00** Catherine Kelly - 12th Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

- 9:00** Charles Marvin
 Miriam Francis and Kevin O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

- 9:00** Mary and James Quinn
 Guy Scafidi

TRIDUUM

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022 HOLY THURSDAY

- 7:30 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022 GOOD FRIDAY

- 3:00** Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:00** Easter Vigil - All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:00** Ilda Frazao
 Magaly Diaz
10:00 Donald Muller
 Family of Thomas and Margaret Lang
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12:00 Joseph Scafidi
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